FAO on the Model Constitution for Cricket Clubs

Does every cricket club need to have a dedicated ground, gymnasium and a PCB level-I coach?

There are three categories of recognition that may be granted to clubs under the Club Affiliation and Operation Rules 2020.

An Affiliate Member Club is not required to have any of the above in order to fulfil the criteria for recognition, but should have at least 18 playing members – irrespective of their status as voting or non-voting playing members – to become affiliated with its City Cricket Association.

An Associate Member Club is, amongst other things, required to have a dedicated net practice area of standard specification with an NOC or permission letter of the owner of relevant authority who owns the area and should also have for its team a coach, who has minimum PCB level-1 certification.

Moving up in the hierarchy, in order to be recognised as a Full Member a club, while fulfilling all the requirements of an Associate Member Club shall possess a dedicated cricket ground; dedicated multiple nets of a specific standard; more than three turf pitches; a gymnasium; ground equipment; water system for the ground; and have active junior teams of U13 and U16 age groups.

All three Club categories will have playing rights; however, only Associate and Full Member Clubs will have voting rights in the General Body of the City Cricket Association.

What is the difference between a Voting Member and a Non-Voting playing member?

A resident of the local area in which the club is located and an individual who is either a founding member or approved as a voting member by the other voting members becomes a Voting Member of a club.

A Playing Member or Non-Voting Playing Member is an individual who is selected or is available for selection for any team of the club, but is not a Voting Member as defined in the Rules and the Model Constitution for Cricket Clubs. Such Playing Member does, however, the right to attend all general body meetings of the Club but no voting rights.

Why an Affiliate Member Club doesn't have voting rights?

There are thousands of Clubs throughout Pakistan and due to limited resources, not all would have access to net practice areas, cricket grounds, certified coaching, multiple pitches and active cricket team of all ages. Cricket Clubs are eventually going to make the membership of the General Body of the City Cricket Association. The distinction between Affiliate, Association and Full Member recognition is based on each category's ability to ensure the development of cricket at the grass-root level.

The requirements for recognition as an Affiliate Member Club are minimalistic as PCB does not intend to curtail any Club's right to participate in cricket.

In contrast, an Associate or Full Member would be required to meet the specific criteria laid out for each and their resultant contribution towards the development of grass-root cricket would be significantly higher, which in turn provides them a right to vote at the CCA-level.

What is the status of the current clubs?

At this stage there are no Active Clubs recognised by the Board. All clubs will be required to apply for affiliation afresh and recognition will only be granted after due scrutiny by the PCB and subsequently by the City Cricket Associations, once formed.