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Pakistan Cricket Board

**REGULATIONS ON SANCTIONING
OF PRIVATE CRICKET EVENTS**

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ARTICLE 1 INTRODUCTION, SCOPE AND PURPOSE

- 1.1** The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), the sole regulatory authority tasked with the responsibility to manage and control the affairs of the game of cricket in Pakistan, is conscious of the fact that cricket is the most popular game in Pakistan; as a result of which individuals and entities are actively trying to organize private cricket events and tournaments. Being a Full Member of the International Cricket Council (ICC), the PCB is also bound to ensure compliance with rules and regulations put in place by the ICC, including the ICC Regulations on Sanctioning of Events & Player Release (as amended from time to time).
- 1.2** These *Regulations* shall apply to all Private Cricket Events or Matches organised by the following in which any Centrally Contracted Player, Domestically Contracted Player, Registered Player, Registered Match Official, Registered Player Support Personnel, Coach, player or team representing a Registered Club, City Cricket Association or Cricket Association, or any individual or organization affiliated with the PCB participates.
- 1.3** The PCB has adopted these *Regulations* (which apply to both men's, women's and junior's cricket and therefore, references in these *Regulations* to the male gender should be read as encompassing the female gender as well) in recognition of the following fundamental principles:
- 1.3.1** *Domestic Cricket* must be given prevalence and be protected and promoted above all else, because it remains the main showcase of the sport, an aspiration for young players joining the sport, and the main driver of public interest and consequent commercial revenues which develop the sport further.
- 1.3.2** PCB must take into account players workload management; duration of the tournaments they are participating in; selected venues for the event(s); and that all other related segments meet the criteria of a reasonable and professional standard in order to avoid any undue harm to the players owing to mismanagement of any kind on part of the organizers.
- 1.3.3** PCB must also ensure that the scheduling of players' development activities which include, inter alia, skills involving bowling, batting and fielding techniques, at various cricket academies is not hampered due to a clash between the dates of such activities and the proposed cricket tournaments.
- 1.3.4** PCB must protect its own commercial interests, so as to avoid unwarranted conflict of interests at a later stage.
- 1.3.5** The PCB and its *Cricket Associations* should sanction the inclusion of cricket matches and events, whether private or as part of the PCB's domestic season, in their respective official calendars in accordance with the principles identified in these Regulations, and they should not sanction, and they and their players should not participate in, cricket matches and events which do not further those principles.
- 1.3.6** The PCB and its *Cricket Associations* should be empowered to take disciplinary action to enforce these *Regulations* as necessary to vindicate the collective interests of the sport as a whole.
- 1.4** These *Regulations* are to be interpreted and applied by reference to the fundamental principles described in Article 1.3 above (including, without limitation, where an issue arises

that is not expressly addressed in these *Regulations*). Such interpretation and application shall take precedence over any strict legal or technical interpretation of these *Regulations* that may otherwise be proposed.

- 1.5 Words and phrases that appear in these *Regulations* in italicised text are defined terms that have the meaning set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.6 *Cricket Associations* shall also take such steps as are necessary to implement these *Regulations* in their respective territories, making them binding on all persons under their respective jurisdictions, as soon as practicable after the *Effective Date*.

ARTICLE 2 SANCTIONING PRIVATE MATCHES AND EVENTS

Explanatory note: *These Regulations are aimed to enable the PCB and its Cricket Associations to ensure the uniform application of rules protecting the sport and its stakeholders throughout the country, wherever it is played, and to hold all participants accountable under those rules -- including anti-racism, anti-corruption, anti-doping rules and other rules and regulations designed to protect participants and/or to preserve the integrity of the sport -- in a fair and transparent manner. Accordingly, it is the exclusive right and responsibility of the PCB to retain control over cricket matches and events played within its territory, and therefore to determine whether or not a particular match played within its territory should be recognised or not.*

- 2.1 PCB shall the sole and exclusive right to sanction the staging of *Domestic Matches* within its territory.
- 2.2 The responsibility for sanctioning (i.e. approving) Private Matches and Events pursuant to these *Regulations* shall be exercised through the Tournament Evaluation Committee (TEC) constituted by the Chief Executive Officer.

The membership of the TEC comprises the following:

- a) Director High Performance
 - b) Director Security and Anti-Corruption
 - c) Director Commercial
 - d) Senior General Manager Finance
 - e) General Manager Domestic
- 2.3 Provided that in respect of high-budget commercial events or Private Matches or Private Events which do not fall under the categories of a private Club, CCA or CA Tournament:
 - 2.3.1 if the tournament budget for the proposed Private Cricket Event exceeds Pakistan Rupees Four Million (PKR 4,000,000/-), then an additional approval from the Chairman shall be required prior to issuance of the NOC; and
 - 2.3.2 if the tournament budget for the proposed Private Cricket Event exceeds Pakistan Rupees Eight Million (PKR 8,000,000/-), then an additional approval from the Board of Governors (supported by a recommendation from the Chairman) shall be required prior to issuance of the NOC.
 - 2.4 Any sanction granted under Article 2, through issuance of a No Objection Certificate (NOC), shall amount solely to recognition of the cricket match or event in question as Approved Cricket, and shall not amount to or be construed as approval by the granting body of any of the safety or security or other arrangements for the match or event. Instead, those arrangements shall remain the sole responsibility of the event organiser.
 - 2.5 Sanction / NOC may be granted on a conditional basis, with such conditions being at the sole discretion of the *Sanctioning Body* as it deems it appropriate. For example, (but without limitation):

2.5.1 the *Sanctioning Body* may specify that: particular matches or events must be played in accordance with and subject to codes of conduct, anti-corruption rules, anti-doping rules, and/or other rules, regulations, practices or procedures that are consistent with the rules, regulations, practices and/or procedures of the *Sanctioning Body*.

2.5.2 the *Sanctioning Body* must specify that no person who has been banned from participation in the sport for a period that covers the match or event may participate, directly or indirectly (e.g., through an interest in any participating team or franchise) in that match or event.

It shall be the responsibility of the *Sanctioning Body* to ensure compliance with such conditions.

2.6 At the sole discretion of the *Sanctioning Body*, and subject always to Article 2.10 below, a sanction may be granted on a multi-year or multi-edition basis provided that each edition of the match or event mirrors the arrangements in place for the original edition.

2.7 In determining whether or not to grant sanction under Article 2, the PCB shall act in accordance with their obligations as custodians of the sport, and shall comply with all applicable laws relating to the proper exercise of its regulatory powers.

2.8 Subject always to Article 2.4, the following (non-exhaustive) factors should be considered in deciding whether or not to sanction a proposed match or event:

2.8.1 The maintenance and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of all participants in the proposed match or event, including by the prevention of overplaying (players must have adequate time to rest and recover, as well as train, between matches and events), and by ensuring the safety and suitability of the venue(s) intended to be used for the proposed match or event.

2.8.2 The extent to which the proposed match or event may be accommodated within the existing official playing calendar of the PCB without conflicting with or otherwise compromising (i) *Approved Cricket* that is already in the calendar; and/or (ii) agreements to which the PCB is a party.

2.8.3 Whether the organiser of the proposed match or event is willing to make a binding, unqualified and unconditional commitment to stage the match or event in accordance with and subject to all applicable PCB and/or ICC regulations; and whether that commitment would be enforceable in practice, i.e., whether the organiser would be accountable to the PCB or ICC (as applicable) as regards its application and enforcement of those regulations in relation to all persons participating in the match or event.

2.8.4 The extent to which the proposed match or event would help to promote and develop the sport in the territory in question or would advance any charitable or benevolent purpose.

2.8.5 The extent to which the matches would be covered by appropriate anti-corruption and anti-doping services sufficient to ensure the practical implementation and enforcement of the relevant regulatory requirements.

2.8.6 Whether the broadcast of the proposed event causes conflicts with or harms the interest of PCB and its stakeholders/official partners.

2.8.7 The status of players participating in the proposed event or match i.e. whether they are facing disciplinary actions or serving any kind of penalty, including the imposition of a period of ineligibility from participating in any cricket-related activity for any duration.

- 2.8.8** The impact of the PCE on the integrity and reputation of the game of cricket (including but not limited to, by reference to whether the event organizer(s) and promoter(s) are deemed fit and proper to be granted this form of official PCB endorsement).
- 2.8.9** Any other factor deemed necessary to consider at the material time.
- 2.9** It is the responsibility of the Applicant organiser of the match or event to apply for and obtain sanction for the match or event from the relevant *Sanctioning Body* identified in Article 2. If the organiser fails to do so, then the match or event shall be deemed to be *Disapproved Cricket*.
- 2.10** In the event that the basis upon which a sanction previously granted changes significantly, such that had the sanction been applied for on that basis the sanction may have been refused (for example, any of the conditions on which a sanction is granted are not complied with in full, there is a significant change in event structure, the teams and/or event owners, serious integrity concerns or where new information comes to light), the *Sanctioning Body* shall have the right to immediately revoke its sanction of the *Domestic Match* in question at any point up to the start of the relevant match or event (in which case the match or event shall become an *Unsanctioned Event*) or revisit the conditions attached to such sanction, as it sees fit.
- 2.11** Any match or event which is not sanctioned by the appropriate *Sanctioning Body* identified in Article 2.2 or 2.3 above shall constitute *Disapproved Cricket*.
- 2.12** Participation in *Disapproved Cricket* is prohibited for all persons under the jurisdiction of the PCB or any of its *Cricket Associations*. It is the responsibility of each such person to establish that a particular match or event constitutes *Approved Cricket* and not *Disapproved Cricket* before participating in it.
- 2.13** To ensure clarity, all decisions to sanction a match or event pursuant to Article 2 shall be confirmed in writing.
- 2.13.1** An application for sanction may not be deemed approved unless and until such written confirmation is issued.
- 2.13.2** Unless and until such written confirmation is issued, such match or event will be deemed to constitute *Disapproved Cricket*.

ARTICLE 3 ISSUANCE OF NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES

- 3.1** An Applicant may request the *Sanctioning Body* for grant of NOC for any of the following categories of Private Cricket Events:
- a) Cricket Club Tournaments (not part of the Domestic Cricket calendar)**
- i. **Eligibility:** NOC for such tournaments can only be requested by Club Presidents, CCA and CA
 - ii. **Participating teams:** Clubs registered with the PCB, in any of the three categories, can only participate with their registered names, PCB data base will be referred too for final list of such clubs.
 - iii. **Participating players:** Players registered with the participating clubs will be allowed to participate, PCB data base will be referred too for final list of such players.
 - iv. **Tournament Monitoring Committee:** Will be formed which will consist of three members of the CA management committee. They will observe and file a report regarding the tournament and the organizer/s.
 - v. **Guest Players:** No guest players will be allowed.
 - vi. **Contracted Players:** No NOC will be required for the “contracted players” who are registered with the participating club, in such tournaments.

- vii. **Fee:** Fee as per the following will be charged as Sanctioning Fee.

1. Non televised tournament	No fee
2. Televised final match	PKR 500,000/-
3. Televised tournament	PKR 2,000,000/-

Fee will be paid to the relevant CCA.
- viii. **Recurring NOC:** If NOC for a second club tournament is requested from the same CCA/CA for the same format of cricket in the same year (1st September – 31st August) then, only 50% of the clubs who participated in the previous tournament can participate, and so on so forth. However, if 100% clubs of the CCA have participated in the first tournament then the same clubs can participate in the recurring tournament, regardless of the format.
- ix. **Umpiring panel:** CCA panel of Umpires (if available) will supervise these tournaments, their fee will be fixed by the CCA.
- x. **Process:** Request for NOC will be generated through the relevant CCA. The tournament documentation will be compiled by the CCA and then sent to the relevant CA for its recommendation, after which they will send it to the PCB Tournament Evaluation Committee for its final evaluation and approval.
- xi. **Security and Anti-corruption:** If the tournament is televised then Security and Anti-corruption personal of the PCB will be appointed by the DS&AC for the tournament. Their fee and other arrangements, as per the PCB protocols, will be paid by the organizers.

b) Private Club, CCA, CA Tournaments

Private Club Tournament: a) Any club tournament where the participating teams are not from the same CCA; and b) where the registered Club are allowed to play guest players.

Private CCA Tournament: Senior CCA teams or U-19 CCA team or other age group CCA team can participate in these tournaments.

Private CA Tournament: Senior CA teams or U-19 CA teams or other age group CA teams can participate in these tournaments.

Note: The participating teams will not be sold to private third parties / entities.

- i. **Eligibility:** NOC for such tournaments can be requested by CCA, CA, Private limited companies, Private organizers, Sports bodies and Government entities.
- ii. **Participating players:** Players registered with the CCA will be allowed to participate. If CA and/or CCA teams are participating then the CA head coach and CA coaching staff (CA/CCA selection committee, wherever applicable) will be involved in finalizing the selection of the players.

Note: Foreign Player will not be allowed to be part of the tournament in any capacity. The organizers will not be allowed to conduct trials.
- iii. **Tournament Monitoring Committee:** Will be formed which will consist of three members of the CA management committee. They will observe and file a report regarding the tournament and the organizer/s.
- iv. **Guest Players:** Guest players (registered with any CCA) will be allowed to participate.
- v. **Contracted Players:** All contracted players will be required to procure an NOC for the said tournament, even if the tournament has received an NOC. Contracted players cannot be advertised by the tournament organizers before a formal NOC has been granted to such players for the said tournament.
- vi. **Fee:** Fee as per the following will be charged as Sanctioning Fee.

For Private Club Tournament.	
1. Non televised tournament	No charge
2. Televised final match (Only)	PKR 500,000/-
3. Televised tournament	PKR 2,000,000/-
For Private CCA Tournament.	
1. Non televised tournament	No charges
2. Televised final match (Only)	PKR 800,000/-
3. Televised tournament	PKR 2,500,000/-
For Private CA Tournament.	
1. Non televised tournament	No charges
2. Televised final match (Only)	PKR 1,000,000/-

3. Televised tournament PKR 3,000,000/-

Fee will be paid to the relevant CA.

- vii. **Recurring NOC:** One tournament per category will be allowed in CA/CCA, per season (September to August). If NOC request for more tournaments is received for the same CA/CCA then a process of bidding will be followed.
- viii. **Umpiring panel:** Members of PCB panel of Umpires and Referees will be appointed by the organizers. They will be paid as per approved fee by the TEC.
- ix. **Process:** Request for NOC will be generated through the relevant CA, at least 2 months prior to the scheduled date. The tournament documentation will be compiled by the CA and then sent to the PCB for its final evaluation and approval and grant a provisional NOC. After provisional NOC, the final NOC will be given 30 days before the start of the tournament when finalized documentation has been submitted and approved. After final approval, the organizers can advertise the details of the tournament.
- x. **Security and Anti-corruption:** Security and Anti-corruption personnel of the PCB will be appointed by the DS&AC for the tournament. Their fee and other arrangements, as per the PCB protocols, will be paid by the organizers.
- xi. **Sponsorships / Partnerships:** An cumulative of six sponsors can be engaged for the tournament. A sponsor who has been part of PCB/PSL/PJL/PWSL/Pathway Programme within the last two years cannot be engaged in the tournament. Every potential sponsor will be vetted by the Commercial Department via 'Request for Sponsor Approval' in a written memo to the Director Commercial. Any sponsors engaged in sale or distribution of Tobacco, Online video games, digital content producers considered to be potentially invoking violence etc. will not be approved. Any channel or media partners for the event may not be engaged unless written approval is sought from the PCB.
- xii. **Submission of additional documents:**
 - 1) Audited bank accounts of the company or organization will be required to gauge the financial capacity to execute the tournament.
 - 2) Fresh police report of the organizers and the directors of the company.
- xiii. **Support staff:** Support staff working with the PCB, whether on permanent or contractual basis will also be required to procure an NOC from PCB.

3.2 Any event or tournament which does not fall in the above categories as mentioned in Article 3.1 above and involves Contracted or Retired Players will require an additional approval from the BOG, subject to the recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer.

3.3 The procedure to be followed by Applicants wishing to organise a Private Cricket Event shall be as follows:

3.3.1 An application in the name of TEC shall be filed at the Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore, not less than six (06) months prior to holding of such Private Cricket Event. Documents required to process the NOC are listed under Appendix 2. In addition, the Applicant shall be bound to provide any other information as required by the TEC in order to process the application and grant NOC.

3.3.2 In case TEC is satisfied with regard to modalities of the Private Cricket Event, the organizer will be asked to submit to PCB a Sanctioning Fee as per category of the tournament defined Article 3.1, which may be revised from time to time at the sole discretion of PCB, through a Wire Transfer / Pay Order / Bank Draft in favour of "Pakistan Cricket Board".

3.3.3 Upon payment of the Sanctioning Fee, the TEC will issue a provisional NOC to the Applicant within seven (07) days of receipt of such payment by PCB.

3.3.4 In any other case, the TEC shall communicate its objection(s) to the Applicant within fifteen (15) days from the date of the application.

- 3.3.5** Where TEC requires the Applicant to remove any objection(s), the Applicant shall do the needful within seven (07) days from the date of issuance of such objection(s) and revert to PCB with the rectified application/documentation.
- 3.3.6** After removal of the objection(s) by the Applicant, TEC shall either:
- 3.3.6.1** issue a provisional NOC to conduct the Private Cricket Event, which may be conditional (in which case the condition shall be required to be fulfilled by the Applicant); or
- 3.3.6.2** communicate its order of rejection stating reasons in writing to the Applicant within fifteen (15) days.
- 3.3.7** The TEC will issue an NOC after receiving and approving the finalized document of the Private Cricket Event.
- 3.3.8** Where PCB has a reason(s) to believe that the organizer of the Private Cricket Event is in violation of any terms and conditions of the NOC once it has been issued, PCB may immediately withdraw the NOC by stating reasons in writing. In addition to withdrawing the NOC, PCB may also impose penalty (ies) as provided under these Regulations.
- 3.4** Any Applicant aggrieved by a decision of the *Sanctioning Body* may prefer an appeal under Clause 37 of the PCB Constitution.

ARTICLE 4 PARTICIPATION OF PLAYERS IN PRIVATE EVENTS

- 4.1** On the basis that participation in any form of *Domestic Cricket* shall always take priority over participation in any other form of cricket, the release of players who want to play in PCB Events and/or in *Domestic Matches* for the *Domestic Cricket Teams* shall be mandatory.
- 4.2** Any contractual provisions agreed by a Private Cricket Event organiser with a player must be consistent with these requirements.
- 4.3** A *Foreign Player* may not participate in any Private Cricket Event unless the National Cricket Federation to which the *Foreign Player* is *affiliated* has issued a valid No-Objection Certificate for the *Foreign Player* confirming that it has no objection to their participation in that match or event.

Explanatory note to Article 3.4: For the avoidance of any doubt, the ICC Member to which the *Foreign Player* is *affiliated* is the only body capable of granting a No-Objection Certificate for a *Foreign Player* pursuant to this Article 3.3. Accordingly, all such applications must be made directly to the particular National Cricket Federation and not to any other third party.

The requirement to obtain a No-Objection Certificate applies to all Players affiliated to a National Cricket Federation / ICC Member, whether they are contracted to them or not, or whether they have retired from cricket or not.

ARTICLE 5 COMPLIANCE

- 5.1** A person *Affiliated* to the PCB may not participate in any *Disapproved Cricket*.

Explanatory note: *this prohibition will apply to, amongst others, players, match officials, coaching or management staff affiliated to PCB or to any team affiliated to the PCB or its Cricket Associations.*

- 5.2 A *Cricket Association* or a *Franchise Team* may not participate in any *Disapproved Cricket*.
- 5.3 PCB shall not grant any *Affiliated* person a No-Objection Certificate to participate in *Disapproved Cricket*.
- 5.4 Cricket Associations and Franchise Teams shall:
 - 5.4.1 take whatever action is necessary (e.g., by way of implementation of these *Regulations* into its own rules and regulations) to ensure that these provisions are enforceable against persons under its jurisdiction;
 - 5.4.2 take prompt and effective disciplinary action against any *Affiliated* person who breaches these provisions;

Explanatory note: *Where any Affiliated person breaches these Regulations by participating in Disapproved Cricket, the PCB and its Cricket Associations are entitled to exclude them from the benefit of participation in Approved Cricket for an appropriate period.*

The period of exclusion to be imposed in such cases will depend upon the facts and circumstances of each particular case, as well as the requirements of applicable law. However, considering the importance of solidarity amongst the PCB and its Cricket Associations to ensure the long-term future of the sport, the need to protect the benefit of their collective effort for the sake of the sport as a whole, and the need to ensure that third parties are not able to derive advantage from the collective efforts of the PCB and its Domestic Cricket Teams to develop the sport, it is the view of the PCB that, other than in exceptional circumstances, a person who participates in Disapproved Cricket should not be permitted to participate in Approved Cricket for a minimum of six months thereafter.

- 5.4.3 recognise and give effect within its own jurisdiction to any restriction, exclusion or ineligibility imposed on a person for breach of these *Regulations*;
- 5.4.4 make it a condition of eligibility to participate in any of its *Approved Cricket* that the person in question has a valid No-Objection Certificate issued by the Cricket Association / Franchise Team to which they are *affiliated*; and
- 5.4.5 make it a condition of eligibility to participate in any of its *Approved Cricket* that the person in question has not participated in any *Disapproved Cricket* in the six months prior to the *Approved Cricket* in question.
 - 5.4.5.1 Such person may apply to the *PCB* to avoid all or part of this six-month period for good cause shown, provided that the circumstances will have to be exceptional to justify such avoidance.
- 5.5 The PCB may take appropriate disciplinary action against any *Cricket Association* / *Franchise Team* that fails to comply with these provisions in accordance with Article 6 below.

ARTICLE 6 PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- 6.1 Any event held without obtaining a prior NOC from the TEC shall be considered as "Disapproved Cricket".
- 6.2 The team(s) of any club, cricket association or any Contracted Player, Registered Player(s), Registered Match Official(s), coach(es) or Registered Player Support Personnel participating in the Disapproved Cricket event may be declared as ineligible for selection,

participation in any team/tournaments organized at any level by PCB or bodies operating under the auspices of PCB or affiliated with PCB for not less than two (02) years.

- 6.3 The overall management of the tournament (organizers / organizing committee / company / organization) will be solely held responsible for any financial irregularities/discrepancies (either made by the management or the people affiliated with the league / tournament) arising from within the said tournament. This may result in blacklisting the league/tournament and people affiliated with it from further being part of any event which is being organized by the PCB or executed by procuring NOC from the PCB.

ARTICLE 7 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 7.1 Any private organizer/company/organization to whom NOC is granted by the *Sanctioning Body*, shall be under an obligation to abide by the applicable PCB Playing Conditions and/or rules for domestic events and PCB's Anti-Corruption Code for Participants or any other rules as formulated by PCB from time to time. For the sake of clarity, it is expressly provided that it shall be the sole responsibility of such private organizers(s) and Private Cricket Event participants to acquaint themselves with the applicable rules and code(s).
- 7.2 PCB may send its representatives to attend and/or monitor any such Private Cricket Event in respect of which an NOC has been granted by the *Sanctioning Body* to ensure that the applicable conditions, rules and Code as aforesaid are being followed in true letter and spirit, failing which the NOC may be revoked with immediate effect by PCB along with imposition of any other applicable penalty.
- 7.3 Save as otherwise provided hereunder, the role of PCB shall be limited to approval/disapproval of an event only. There will be no financial or material support by PCB for Private Cricket Events.
- 7.4 It is further clarified that the issuance of an NOC by PCB to conduct/organize a Private Cricket Event neither grants any rights to the private organizer in relation to the use of PCB's intellectual property (including, but not limited to, the PCB/PSL/Franchise trademarks/logos) nor creates any sort of association between the private organizer and PCB. No private organizer shall utilize the PCB's intellectual property in connection with the Private Cricket Event.

ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION

- 8.1 These *Regulations* may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time by the PCB's BOG, with such amendments coming into effect on the date specified by the PCB.
- 8.2 The headings used for the various Articles of these *Regulations* and the explanatory notes are for the purpose of guidance only and shall not be deemed to be part of the substance of these *Regulations* or to inform or affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.
- 8.3 These *Regulations* shall come into force and effect on 24 September 2022 (the "*Effective Date*") and will replace the PCB Rules for Private Cricket Events with effect from that date. These *Regulations* shall not apply retrospectively to matters pending before the *Effective Date*.
- 8.4 If any Article or provision of these *Regulations* is ruled to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal for any reason, it shall be deemed deleted and these *Regulations* shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

APPENDIX 1 DEFINITIONS

In these *Regulations*, words importing the singular shall include the plural, and *vice versa*, and the following words and expressions have the meanings set out opposite them:

<i>Affiliated</i>	means (in the case of a <i>player</i>) eligible to play for the <i>National Representative or Domestic Cricket Team</i> or (in the case of other persons) under the jurisdiction of PCB and/or its <i>Cricket Associations (as applicable)</i> .
<i>Applicant</i>	The following individuals and/or entities may apply for issuance of NOC to hold <i>Approved Cricket</i> under these Regulations: (a) Club Presidents of Associate and Full member clubs; (b) City Cricket Association; (c) Cricket Association; (d) private organizers; and (e) registered sports bodies in Pakistan; and (f) Government entities.
<i>Approved Cricket</i>	means any cricket match or event that is duly sanctioned in accordance with Article 2.
<i>BOG</i>	means the Board of Governors of the PCB.
<i>Centrally Contracted Player</i>	means a player(s)/cricketer(s) engaged by the PCB under the Central Contract which retains him on a full-time basis in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contract, including players who have represented the national team at any level over the past one and a half year (from the date of the initial request of the NOC) who may not have a central or domestic contract also fall in this category.
<i>Chairman</i>	means the PCB Chairman.
<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	means the PCB Chief Executive Officer.
<i>Cricket Association (CA)</i>	means a regional entity which is a member of or is recognised by the PCB as the entity governing the sport of cricket in a jurisdiction recognised under the PCB Constitution.
<i>City Cricket Association (CCA)</i>	means the City Cricket Associations constituted under the PCB Constitution and recognised by the PCB.
<i>Disapproved Cricket</i>	means any cricket match or event that is not duly sanctioned in accordance with Article 2.
<i>Domestic Cricket</i>	means PCB <i>Events</i> and <i>Domestic Matches</i> and any other form of cricket involving matches between <i>Domestic Cricket Teams</i> .
<i>Domestic Cricket Teams</i>	means domestic cricket teams representing the Cricket Associations.
<i>Domestic Match</i>	means any cricket match or event played under the sole control and auspices of the PCB, or within the territory of Pakistan, or a <i>Cricket Association</i> which does not involve <i>National Representative Teams</i> .
<i>Domestically Contracted Player</i>	means a player(s)/cricketer(s) engaged by the CA/CCA under the Domestic Retainer Contract which retains him on a full-time basis in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contract.

<i>Effective Date</i>	means 24 September 2022.
<i>Foreign Player</i>	means a player who is not eligible to represent <i>the National Representative Team or Domestic Cricket Team in Pakistan</i> .
<i>Franchise Team</i>	means any of the franchise team(s) participate in a cricket league organised by the PCB.
<i>PCB Event</i>	means the cricket events, tournaments and matches organised by or played under the jurisdiction of the PCB; and any other event organised or sanctioned by the PCB from time to time which the PCB deems it appropriate that these <i>Regulations</i> should apply.
<i>Match</i>	means a cricket match of any format and duration in length played between representative teams (male or female), in which Affiliated persons are participating.
<i>National Representative Team</i>	means a cricket team selected to represent the PCB in <i>Test, One Day or Twenty20 Matches</i> or in an <i>PCB Event</i> at U19 level or below.
<i>No Objection Certificate (NOC)</i>	means the approval issued by the Tournament Evaluation Committee for conducting/organizing the Private Cricket Event under these <i>Regulations</i> .
<i>One Day Match</i>	as defined by the ICC Classification of Official Cricket (as it may be amended from time to time).
<i>person</i>	means natural persons and corporate and other organisations.
<i>Private Cricket Events</i>	means domestic cricket event(s) organized and conducted by a private organizer, including any person or entity which does not have any affiliation with the Board in any manner whatsoever. The terms "Private Tournament(s)" or "Private Match(es)" shall be construed in a similar manner. The formats of cricket in respect of which the NOC may be issued include: (a) Three Day Cricket; (b) Two Day Cricket; (c) One Day (50 Overs); (d) 45 Overs; (e) 25 Overs; and (f) 20 Overs. Applications in respect of any other format shall not be considered under these Regulations.
<i>Registered Club</i>	a club registered with the PCB in any of the three categories i.e. Affiliate, Associate or Full Member of the relevant CCA.
<i>Registered Match Official</i>	includes the match umpire and referee and means the person performing functions in the said capacity (ies) under a contract/engagement with PCB or any cricket association or club affiliated with PCB.
<i>Registered Player</i>	means the player registered with PCB or any cricket association or club affiliated with PCB
<i>Registered Player Support Personnel</i>	means any player support personnel performing functions in the said capacity (ies) under a contract/engagement with PCB, or any cricket association or club affiliated with PCB.
<i>Regulations</i>	means these Regulations on Sanctioning of Private Cricket Events.

<i>Retired Player</i>	means a former player who has played International or First Class Cricket.
<i>Sanctioning Body</i>	means the PCB (acting through the TEC, Chairman or BOG (as applicable)) with the right to sanction a particular match or event.
<i>Test Match</i>	as defined by the ICC Classification of Official Cricket (as it may be amended from time to time).
<i>Tournament Evaluation Committee (TEC)</i>	means the committee constituted under these Regulations for grant of NOC for Private Cricket Events.
<i>Twenty20 Match</i>	as defined by the ICC Classification of Official Cricket (as it may be amended from time to time).

The meaning of any term not defined hereinabove shall be interpreted in accordance with the PCB Constitution, Model Constitutions for Clubs/City/Cricket Associations and/or any other by-laws, codes, rules & regulations formulated by the PCB from time to time as may be applicable.

APPENDIX 2

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

1. Duration, dates and timings of the proposed event
2. Format of the proposed event
3. No. of matches taking place in the proposed event
4. Names and logos of teams
5. Names of participating match officials and players
6. Names and details of team administrators and officials
7. The purpose of organizing the proposed event
8. The details of sponsors, any associate corporates and broadcasters (if any) along with the terms and conditions finalized with them. The final list of sponsors may be provided to the Tournament Evaluation Committee (TEC) up to seven (07) days prior to the commencement of the proposed event
9. Proposed venues to be used
10. If the event budget exceeds Rs. 3 million, the league/event organizers must submit audited accounts of the event within 6 months of the conclusion of the event. Failing which no further NOCs will be issued
11. Overall event budget (Revenues and Expenses).