

Approved and Disapproved in Ireland

With effect from 1st January 2016

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The following guidelines for the approval of cricket in Ireland are in accordance with the Regulations on Approved and Disapproved Cricket and Domestic Cricket Events of the International Cricket Council (ICC), which came into force on 1st June 2009.

1 Rationale and Requirement for the Approval of Matches

- a) Cricket Ireland (CI) is the sole governing authority for cricket in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (known as Ireland in this document), and is duly directly responsible for all cricket arranged and played in Ireland, at every level.
- b) It is the exclusive right and responsibility of CI to retain control over cricket matches and events played with Ireland and therefore to determine whether or not a particular match within Ireland should receive its approval to take place.
- c) Accordingly, all matches in Ireland or cricket events held in Ireland require the approval of CI unless they are already specifically approved or pre-approved in accordance with Clause 2.
- d) Provincial Unions are responsible for all Domestic Cricket played under their supervision in their respective jurisdictions, and each Provincial Union must ensure that approval is sought from CI for any Domestic Cricket played within its jurisdiction. Where approval is granted, this should be documented in a manner that protects every CI interest.
- e) In determining whether a match or event should receive approval, CI will consider its responsibilities as custodian of cricket in Ireland, and whether the proposed match or event is in the best interest of the sport of Cricket, and in the best interest of CI.

2 Approved and Pre-Approved Cricket

- a) The list of matches that have received the approval of CI are attached to this document as Appendix 2.
- b) No further approval needs to be sought for these matches/events.

3 Procedure for Submitting Requests for Approval

- a) Any application for approval of a cricket match or event must be made in writing to CI not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the scheduled start of the match or event. However, in exceptional circumstances, CI may, in its sole discretion, consider applications received less than thirty (30) days in advance of the scheduled match or event.
- b) The application should be addressed to:
*Cricket Operations Manager
Cricket Ireland
Unit 15C Kinsealy Business Park
Kinsealy Lane
Dublin K36 YH61
Republic of Ireland
Email: info@cricketireland.ie*
- c) In particular, each application should set out full and details information in relation to the following:

- i. Name of the applicant and any other match organiser, its relationship to the match and its authority to make the application
- ii. Date, timing and format of the proposed match or events
- iii. Proposed venue(s) of the match or event.

4 Criteria for Approval

- a) Any conflict with matches or events already in the International or Domestic Cricket calendar and/or agreements to which CI and/or the ICC or other ICC Members are party.
- b) The need to ensure a fair and equitable allocation of calendar space among different events and matches (including formats of matches) to create a properly structured calendar.
- c) The extent to which the match/event will have any meaningful role in the promotion and development of the sport, or any other charitable or benevolent purpose.
- d) The maintenance and promotion of the health and welfare of players, including by the prevention of overplaying and by ensuring the safety and suitability of the proposed venue(s).
- e) The impact of the event on the integrity and reputation of the game of cricket.
- f) The safety and suitability of the proposed venue(s).
- g) Any other factor that CI may consider relevant to the best interests of cricket.

5 Form of Approval

- a) No match/event may take place unless and until the CI Cricket Committee has given written notice to the applicant of its approval for the specific match or matches to which an application related and then strictly in accordance with the conditions to which the approval is subject.
- b) If a match or event has not been approved by CI, it will be deemed to be disapproved for the purposes of these regulations.

6 Conditions of Approval

The following conditions must be satisfied in order for approval to be granted:

- a) The Organiser must be eligible to participate in cricket matches/events played under the jurisdiction of CI and, in the case of a Cricketer, must not be suspended, ineligible or have participated in any form of disapproved cricket for at least twelve (12) months.
- b) A valid No Objection Certificate (NOC) has been issued in respect of each foreign player. This will also apply to Ireland players under contract to CI or with their relevant Provincial Union.
- c) The Organiser must undertake to implement adequate safety and security arrangements, which shall be the sole responsibility of the Organiser. CI shall not be liable in any way for safety and security.
- d) The Organiser must undertake to observe applicable anti-doping and anti-corruption rules, regulations and codes; observance of which shall be the Organiser's sole responsibility and not that of CI.
- e) The matches shall not be held and shall not be described as being held under the auspices of CI.
- f) Appropriate warranties and/or indemnities that any actions on the part of the Organiser will not give rise to a claim against CI under any of its commercial contracts.
- g) Compliance with any requirements imposed by the ICC in respect of the relevant match shall be the responsibility of the Organiser and not CI.

- h) The Organiser is responsible for ensuring compliance by players, venue owners and match commercial partners with all requirements, rules, regulations and conditions governing the staging of the match, and this should be reflected in all contracts with relevant third parties.
- i) The Organiser must satisfy CI that he or she had obtained third party liability, public liability if required or any other insurance as required by CI.

7 Disciplinary Procedure and Sanctions for participating in a Match or Event that is not Approved

If any Provincial Unions or a Cricketer qualified to represent Ireland participates in a cricketing event for which approval should have been sought under this code, but where approval has not been granted, or in the case of a Provincial Union, allows such an event to be staged at any ground which have been used by that Provincial Union within the last two (2) years to stage Domestic Cricket, then the matter shall be referred to the CI Disciplinary Committee who will be asked to review this situation and recommend the appropriate sanctions.

Minimum recommendation sanctions where these regulations have been breached are as follows:

- a) Cricketer – Disqualification from participating in official matches or events for a period of one (1) year.
- b) Organiser – Disqualification from cricket/events for a period of three (3) years.

Appendix 1 Definitions

“Approved Cricket”	Means cricket for which approval has been sought and granted in accordance with these regulations
“Cricketer”	Means a player who has been selected to form part of the Ireland Team or a Provincial Union Team
“Disapproved Cricket”	Means a cricket match or event that has not been approved by Cricket Ireland in accordance with these regulations
“Domestic Cricket”	Means all cricket below international level, including first-class cricket, Inter-provincial cricket or any cricket match or event played between Provincial Unions or among cricket clubs that:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Is staged at a ground(s) that is used for international, first-class cricket or Inter-provincial cricket, or is deemed suitable by Provincial Unions for the playing of club cricket matchesc) May involve an entry charge for admission to spectatorsd) May be scheduled to be televised, whether in whole or in part
“International Cricket”	Means cricket played between one or more ICC Member country within Ireland, organised and hosted by CI
“Organiser”	Means the individual or organisation seeking approval of a particular cricket match or event
“Pre-Approved Cricket”	Means cricket that falls into one of the categories outlined in Appendix 2, and for which no application for approval is required.
“Provincial Union”	One of the Member Board constituting the Cricket Ireland Board i.e. Connacht Cricket Union, Leinster Cricket Union, Munster Cricket Union, Northern Cricket Union, North-West Cricket Union
“CI Disciplinary Committee”	Means the Committee established by Cricket Ireland under the CI Code of Conduct

Appendix 2 List of Approved Cricket Events

Correct for the period 1st January to 31st December 2020

- 1 Any Cricket Event organised, conducted and managed by Cricket Ireland
- 2 Any Cricket Event organised, conducted and managed by a Cricket Ireland affiliated Provincial Union
- 3 Any Cricket Event organised, conducted and managed by a Cricket Ireland affiliated Provincial Union Club, including those involving one or more of its junior teams (ie U19 or below)
- 4 Any Cricket Event or match organised, conducted and managed by Irish Schools
- 5 Any Cricket Event or match organised, conducted and managed by Irish Universities