



# **ICWC Wheelchair Cricket Bylaws**

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## **General Remarks:**

In these bylaws and all other related rules and regulations of ICWC words importing singular number or masculine gender shall include the plural number or feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice versa and references to persons shall include firms and corporations.

## **1. Name & Authority**

**1.a** ICWC Wheelchair Cricket is the international governing body for wheelchair cricket; ICWC is governed by the ICWC Constitution. The legal entity for International wheelchair cricket is ICWC. Headquarter in Muscat Oman.

**1.b** ICWC shall be the sole competent authority for rules and regulations.

**1.c** In case of any questions or matter arising, which is not provided for in the present bylaws, such questions or matters shall be dealt with by the ICWC Executive Committee, in compliance with rules and regulations and bylaws. Its decision will be binding on all members until the next General Assembly meeting when the matter will be resolved.

**1.d** ICWC internal regulations govern the conduct of the Standing Committee and General Assembly like AGM, unless otherwise defined in these bylaws and the ICWC undertakes to ensure compliancy on all occasions.

**1.e** The ICWC has the right to recommend sanction of players or ICWC member countries to the ICWC Executive committee when violating rules, bylaws or regulations of ICWC.

**1.f** ICWC member countries are entitled to right of appeal to ICWC Executive Board.

## **2. Equality**

ICWC shall maintain absolute political and religious neutrality and shall not tolerate any form of discrimination, racial, cast, gender, or otherwise.

## **3. Aims & Objects**

ICWC shall develop and support the game of wheelchair cricket in all countries worldwide.

To this end, ICWC shall promote, supervise and direct the game of wheelchair cricket throughout the world.

In particular ICWC shall:

- Serve as the official body, for the scheduling, award, conduct of all international competitions and championships in the game of wheelchair cricket like World Cup & Asia Cup both men & Women and other international T-20/40 Overs ODI series for which ICWC has responsibility.



- Encourage the growth and development of the game in all member countries of the world through an organized program of education, awareness and seminars, conferences, workshops and associated information to the relative ICWC affiliated entities.
- Establish friendly and loyal cooperation between all members of ICWC for the benefit of the game of wheelchair cricket between nations throughout the world.
- Collaborate and associate with the International Cricket Council (ICC) through ICWC in respect to the mass participation.
- Establish the official wheelchair cricket rules, competition regulations, the specifications for equipment and facilities, the internal regulations that govern the conduct of the Executive Committee and wheelchair cricket entities and ensure that they are enforced on all events.
- Maintain and draft classification rules and regulations governing international competition for men and women wheelchair cricketers and ensure their application and registration in ICWC official and sanctioned events.
- Anti-doping regulations of ICWC are valid for international events. Local bodies' stakeholders also ensure that they are enforced in all national occasion where necessary for game transparency.
- Establish and maintain program to the highest standards for the training, certification and licensing of referees, match officials, trainers, coaches, umpires, commissioners and examiners in the game of wheelchair cricket.
- Organize and manage the game to the benefit of the members, including the establishment and maintenance of databases in ranking, classification and results and directories of accredited officials, analyst, and technicians.
- Develop the international calendar of official wheelchair cricket events.
- Represent ICWC to all bodies and organizations concerned with wheelchair cricket internationally on which it has membership or in which its interests are involved. Develop the infrastructure for wheelchair cricketers.
- Publish all relevant rules and regulations in a handbook and on its website and maintain archives of the history of the sport.
- Foster the conditions for collaboration with International cricket bodies and national cricket boards, and other international agencies promoting the sport of cricket worldwide.
- Encourage the self-determination of special ability athletes and the active participation of ex-cricketers in all aspects of sports management.

#### **4. Membership**

Nations are allowed to participate in the official and sanctioned competitions or programs of International wheelchair cricket circle through membership of ICWC.

Furthermore, only those ICWC members in good standing, that have sent at least one member/player to an official and sanctioned IWC competition in the last two playing seasons (including the current season) are allowed to send delegates to the ICWC AGM, (nominate candidates), put forward motions and to vote in elections and for motions. All other ICWC members in good standing are allowed to take part as non-voting observers at the General Assembly.

#### **5. Council Structure**

Clarification of notation:

- The Executive Committee of ICWC that is the governing body for wheelchair cricket will be called ,ICWC Wheelchair Cricket Executive Committee (ICWCEC).
- The members of this committee will be names ICWC Executive Committee Members.
- The Annual General Meeting of countries participating in the sport of wheelchair cricket, held Every year, is called the General Assembly or AGM, the financial year ended on 30<sup>th</sup> June every year.
- The General Assembly of ICWC member countries the stake holders of the incorporated supporter so established to govern wheelchair and wheelchair game is called "ICWC General Assembly".
- The abbreviation ICWC HQ stands for "ICWC Headquarter".

**5.a** The ICWC General Assembly of member countries is the final authority in respect to general policies of international wheelchair cricket game, its practice and management activities.

**5.b** The ICWC General Assembly of member countries is the technical policy making and ruling organ of international wheelchair cricket and is composed of representations from the member associations of ICWC participating in the game of wheelchair cricket, involved in the technical aspects of the sport 's management. The ICWC general assembly is entitled to make recommendation outside of the technical aspects of the sport 's management to the ICWC General Assembly through the ICWC Executive Committee.

**5.c** IWCEC is a Standing Committee of ICWC and established by the General Assembly. IWCEC members are elected on a quadrennial basis by the ICWC General Assembly in accordance with ICWC constitution/standing orders and Assembly and Election procedures to manage the game of international wheelchair cricket.

**5.d** ICWC as the legal and financial entity for the game is the ultimate authority in



these regards and acts as Treasurer for the ICWCEC. A wheelchair cricket game specific account will be held at the ICWC HQ.

## **6. Operational Structure**

### **6.a ICWC Executive Committee (ICWCEC)**

The management of the ICWC in between General Assemblies is entrusted to an Executive Committee (ICWCEC).

### **6.b Structure of the Executive Committee**

The ICWC Executive Committee consists of 10 members that are elected on a quadrennial basis by the ICWC AGM/General Assembly

- Chairman
- President
- Secretary General
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Executive Officer
- 5 Members At Large (May appoint as ceremonial and honorary positions)

**6.c** The immediate former Chairman of the ICWC has the right to be present at all the ICWCEC sessions in an advisory capacity.

**6.d** In the event of death or resignation of the Chairman, the Secretary General performs the Chairman's duties provisionally until the next assembly, during which time the elections of a new Chairman will be organized.

**6.e** In the event of an ICWCEC member's death or resignation or absenteeism for two years, even if excused, he will be replaced by the candidate not elected who received the greatest number of votes at the General Assembly.

### **6.1 Obligations and duties of ICWCEC members:**

#### **6.1 a Chairman**

The Chairman drives the powerful position take executive orders in executive management of the council. Furthermore he/she

- Convenes and presides over ICWC General Assemblies and its Executive Committee Meetings, overseeing and ensuring the execution of the agreements of same.
- Drives the sport's administrative and economical/Financial management, in accordance with the current rulings and ICWC regulations, assisted by the other ICWCEC members, especially the Secretary General.
- Is the liaison person with ICWC HQ and from this source informs all ICWCEC members of relevant ICWC policies and principles and changes thereto impacting on ICWC management.
- Prepares in collaboration with the Secretary General the agenda for all meetings and assemblies.
- Represents IWC in all international organizations.
- Prepares and presents the following reports:
  - \* Annual to ICWC AGM, ICWC Executive Board and General Assembly
- Will have a deciding vote in case of a draw in Executive Committee

Meetings.

- Has the responsibility jointly with the ICWC Secretary General to authorize expenditure from the ICWC Wheelchair cricket account
- Has the responsibility to delegate special tasks to other ICWC members.

### **6.1 B) Secretary General**

The General Secretary is responsible for the communication between the ICWCEC members and also with the nations on wheelchair cricket technical matters.

Especially the duties of the Secretary General are:

- He/She will carry out and authorize, with the Chairman's signature, the minutes of the meetings and assemblies
- He will keep the book of minutes.
- He will facilitate all necessary information to the executive members in order for them to develop their functions and responsibilities.
- He will carry out and ensure comprehensive databases of all ICWC activities – of athletes, referees, classifiers as well as maintain a contacts directory and an up-to date directory of relative ICWC member countries. He/ She will offer an annual report of the activities.
- He will answer all general correspondence and inform the Chairman immediately and all executive members regularly of same and ensure that any subsequent associated task or activity is completed.
- Establishes the detailed annual budget of the ICWCEC with additional explanations as needed.
- Has the responsibility to maintain financial records and supply all justification and supporting documentation for the ICWC Audit process as requested
- Has the responsibility jointly with the ICWCEC Chairman to authorize expenditure from the ICWC Wheelchair Cricket Account

### **6.1 c The President**

The President is one of the elected ICWCEC members at large. He

- Represents the Chairman in case of absence, vacancy or illness.
- Helps the Chairman when needed and carries out his job according to instructions.

### **6.1d CEO, CFO & Members At Large**

The members at large will carry out the tasks given to them by the Executive Committee and by the Chairman in their name. Each member at large will be designated a role to oversee the functioning commission of ICWC. One of these five members at large acts as by appointed any extra position in the committee like Executive Director, Managing Director etc. The CEO of ICWC will responsible to oversee the operational matter and the global game development task by ICWC. The CFO is the authorized position to oversee the financial control matters and other financial issues of the ICWC.

## **7.1 Promotion, Advertising and Publicity Commission**

- i. It will be responsible of establishing the development plans for wheelchair cricket in all countries around the world attributed to ICWC.
- ii. It is the responsible commission for stimulating and coordinating the activities of the attributed federations to ICWC for the advertising and development of wheelchair cricket.

- iii. It is responsible for promoting advertising for our game/sport.
- iv. It will propose modifications related to the media and publicity for wheelchair cricket.
- v. It will act in the name of the IWC with the media. And advertising aspects of wheelchair cricket.
- vi. It is responsible for the technical part and – in cooperation with ICWCEC – the content of the ICWC website.

#### **7.1 A) Medical Council**

- i. It is a special Council of the ICWC and cannot be presided by an Executive Member but by a classifier expert designated by the Executive Committee.
- ii. It will be in charge of establishing the classification of all wheelchair cricketers.
- iii. It will develop the necessary modification in the classification system, raising proposals to the ICWCEC for them to be approved and presented to the General Assembly.

#### **7.1 B) Disciplinary Council**

- i. Dealing with all infractions of the regulations, of the discipline or of sport ethics in the ICWC.
- ii. It will develop a disciplinary ruling that affects athletes, referees, organizers and all other entities involved in wheelchair cricket in compliance with those of ICWC.

#### **7.1 C) Athlete Council**

- i. Its mission is to examine all issues that concern the athletes and present suggestions or recommendations to any of the ICWC commissions.
- ii. Its members are designated by elections among the active athletes to choose their representative.

### **8.1. ICWC AGM/General Assembly**

The ICWC AGM is the highest authority in regard to the technical management of wheelchair cricket. It will be held once in a year in any authorized wheelchair cricket competition. The General Assembly is convened by the ICWC Chairman/Chairperson. ICWC Secretary General acts as Nominations Officer to the General Assembly and will apply ICWC Procedure Regulation for nominations.

The ICWC General Assembly shall deal with elections and motions on technical rules and regulations and recommendations to ICWC General Assembly.

ICWC member nations will be called to attend the AGM/General Assembly by ICWC HQ with ICWC rules and regulations related to notification period, call for motions and mandates. Only those ICWC members in good standing, who sent at least one athlete to an official and sanctioned ICWC competition in the last two playing seasons (including the current season), are allowed to send delegates to the ICWC AGM and to vote in elections and for motions. All other ICWC members in good standing are allowed to take part as observers in the General Assembly.

Quorum for conduct of business of General Assembly is 50% of ICWC member nations participating in the sport of wheelchair cricket.

Motions shall be passed by a simple majority (more than 50%) of nations present and allowed to vote at the Assembly. Only motions concerning these bylaws and/or recommendations to ICWC Executive Board/General Assembly will require a 2/3 majority of voting members present.

Minutes of the Assemblies are circulated by the ICWC Secretary General to member countries and Executive Committee through ICWC HQ no later than 4 weeks subsequent to meeting.

## **8.2. ICWC Executive Committee Meetings**

**8.2 a** The Executive Committee Meetings of ICWC will convene at least once a year by the Chairman/Chairperson on the occasion of the major international events or may call on the consensus of all members agreed date and time and venue, in the World Cup & Asia Cup or other official competition of ICWC. Nevertheless, the Chairman will be able to convene other meetings aside from the annual ones whenever necessary or if at least three Executive Members request it.

**8.2 b** In the case of absenteeism of a member of the Executive Committee for two consecutive meetings, except through unavoidable circumstances, of which the Executive Committee will be the sole arbiter, the party in question will be regarded as having resigned and will be replaced by the candidate not elected who received the greatest number of votes at the Electoral Congress,

**8.2 c** Executive Committee Meetings must be announced at least 4 weeks before the relevant date to ensure that each member has the possibility to join the meeting.

## **8.3. Election Process for the ICWCEC**

**8.3 A** The Chairman/Chairperson of ICWC, the Secretary and the Five Members at Large are elected by at the ICWC General Assembly during the period of 4 years

**8.3 b** They are eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.

**8.3 c** The voting for all position is conducted by Raise Hands.

**8.3 d** To become member of the ICWCEC the candidate must be presented by his corresponding National Federation, which is a nation of good standing in ICWC, be at least 25 years of age on the date of elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs

**8.3 e** Being a member of the ICWCEC is incompatible with the National roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain and the founding member of the association or board.

**8.3 f** The elections take place in the following order

1. Chairman
2. General Secretary
3. Five Members At Large (one as CEO) & President, Vice President

No person can hold more than one of these positions (but can candidate for more than one position).

As soon as an election was made, the elected person must accept or resign this election. If this person accepts and has candidature for other positions, he has to be withdrawn from further elections.

Each member country that is allowed to vote has one vote for Chairman, Secretary General, President and five votes for Members at Large.

For the election of Chairman or Secretary General the candidate must have the absolute majority of the votes. If there are more than two candidates and no one has the absolute majority, there will be a second ballot of the two best candidates. In this ballot the person with the simple majority of votes is elected. If there is only one candidate, he must receive more votes for than against him.

For Members At Large the five candidates voted most are elected. If there are candidates with an equal number of votes, there will be a second ballot of these candidates. The Chairman, from among the elected Members At Large, will appoint the other key positions.

## **9. Operational Regulations**

All official notifications of General Assemblies and events where membership status verification or issues concerning ICWC member nations, or potential members are involved must be conducted through ICWC HQ.

All contracts and agreements involving the game with another legal entity must be reviewed by the ICWC Executive Committee and signed off with the sport and the third party by the President/Secretary General ICWC.

All elected officers and accredited/appointed/authorized personnel acting on behalf of the ICWCEC are bound by the ICWC Constitution (Memorandum & Articles of Associations) and bylaws (Internal Regulations).

## **10. Financial Issues**

The ICWC executive committee is bound by the financial regulations as defined within the ICWC organization and operational regulations. All financial activities of the Committee are subject to annual audit in accordance with the statutory fiscal policies and standard operating practices of an incorporated body registered in law. The financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> July onwards.

The ICWC General Assembly approves an annual budget allocation to the ICWC within the ICWC budget, for which the ICWCEC is accountable and responsible for justification and reporting for audit to the ICWC HQ in June of each year.

Furthermore, the Chairman of the ICWC Executive Committee has to present a detailed report of the financial activities to the ICWC executive members and a summary to the ICWC General Assembly.

In addition, ICWC is entitled to raise funds by inviting contributions, fees and honoraria (associated with competitions and officials, classifier training and licensing situations), donations and sponsorship, provided that it shall not undertake any permanent trading activities, subject to approval/ endorsement of all related contracts/agreements.

### **11. Other Rules & Regulations**

- The Technical Rules and Regulations concerning the regulations of wheelchair cricket, its handling in competitions and technical aspects on wheelchair cricket equipment are described in the Official Wheelchair cricket Rulebook.
- Rules and Regulations for the Organization of World Cup & other competitions, World and Regional Championships are described in the Rules of Competitions.
- The Regulation for calculating the International Ranking List as well as the World Cup Ranking List is described in the Calculation of Ranking Lists.

### **12. Relationship**

ICWC as an Executive Committee of ICWC will ensure that the internal regulations and bylaws in wheelchair cricket are consistent with ICWC regulations.

ICWC regularly is in contact and relationship with national cricket boards, ICC & local wheelchair cricket association of existing and new member countries to ensure the quality of wheelchair cricket in international contest.

### **13. Language**

English will be the official language of the ICWC, in the ICWC General Assembly and Regional Assemblies. In the case of dispute regarding the interpretation of bylaws, rules and internal regulations, the English version shall prevail.

### **14. Amendments & Duration**

Amendment proposals to these bylaws must be sent at least 2 months before the ICWC AGM as motions to the ICWCEC through HQ. These motions must be voted for with 2/3 of the legal nations present at the General Assembly.

These bylaws become effective following the IWC General Assembly in July 2024 and can be amended at following IWC General Assemblies. Amendments and appendices may be made by the ICWCEC to ensure the validity and correct interpretation of regulations and internal regulations. These changes must be confirmed by the following IWC General Assembly.