



Cricket Switzerland

REGULATIONS ON SANCTIONING OF MATCHES AND EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE TERRITORY OF SWITZERLAND

1. Introduction, Scope, and Purpose

1.1 The ICC has adopted Regulations (which apply to both men's and women's cricket) in recognition of the following fundamental imperatives:

1.1.1 International Cricket must be given primacy and protected and promoted above all else, because it remains the main showcase of the sport, the ultimate aspiration for young players joining the sport, and the main driver of the public interest and consequent commercial revenues that are the lifeblood of the sport.

1.1.2 The ICC and Cricket Switzerland (CS) are authorised to sanction the inclusion of cricket matches and events in their respective official calendars in accordance with the principles identified in these Regulations. They will not sanction, and Cricket Switzerland members and their *affiliated persons** must not participate in, cricket matches and events that do not further those principles.

1.1.3 The ICC and CS are empowered to take disciplinary action to enforce these Regulations as necessary to vindicate the collective interests of the sport as a whole.

1.2 The ICC Regulations have been adapted in part to the needs and requirements of cricket in Switzerland.

1.3 These Regulations are to be interpreted and applied by reference to the fundamental imperatives described in Article 1.1 above (including, without limitation, where an issue arises that is not expressly addressed in these Regulations) and by reference to the ICC Regulations. Such interpretation and application shall take precedence over any strict legal or technical interpretation of these Regulations that may otherwise be proposed.

2. Sanctioning of Matches and Events

2.1 The sanctioning authority within CS is the Membership and Compliance Committee (CSMCC) of the CS Board.

2.2 Matches or events will be granted a sanction (approval) unless there are valid reasons not to do so. **

2.3 The following (non-exhaustive) factors will be considered in deciding whether to sanction a proposed match or event.

- Accommodating matches or events within the time frames of the CS domestic season, without affecting the CS competitions. CS competitions take precedence over non-CS events where there is a scheduling conflict.
- Respecting all relevant ICC/Swiss Olympic/CS rules, including:
 - SO "Charter of Ethics" of sport
 - CS Social Media Code of Conduct
 - SO Doping Statute
 - ICC Anti-Corruption Code
 - SO Ethics Statutes

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***For regulations pertaining to International Matches refer to the ICC Regulations on Sanctioning of Events.*

Marketing or branding (that does not conflict with CS or other cricket-related names and images), including non-use of 'Switzerland' or 'Swiss' in the tournament name and/or branding.

- Participation (including by foreign teams and individuals), which may require an ICC sanction or approval by a national cricket federation.
- Health, safety, and welfare of all participants, including by the prevention of overplaying (i.e., participants must be given adequate time rest and recover).
- Suitability of the venue.
- How the event will help to develop and promote the sport in Switzerland or would advance any charitable or benevolent purpose.
- The status of a CS member-applicant in relation to CS subscriptions.
- Consideration of the value that is generated for its organiser by the event being held in the territory of Switzerland.
- Payment of a sanctioning fee when considered appropriate.
- 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 all applicable ICC/Swiss Olympic/CS regulations.
- 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.

2.4 A sanction may be granted on a multi-year or multi-edition basis provided that the arrangements for each edition are of no lower standard than the arrangements that were put in place for the match or event originally sanctioned and the nature of the event remains the same.

2.5 A sanction may be granted on a conditional basis with such conditions being at the discretion of the CSMCC.

3. Compliance

3.1 it is the responsibility of the organiser of the match or event to apply in writing for and obtain sanction for the match or event from the CSMCC. If the organiser fails to do so, then the match or event shall be deemed to be *Disapproved Cricket* (see 3.3 below).

3.2 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 material change in event structure, the teams and/or event owners, serious integrity concerns or where new information comes to light), the CS Board 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.

3.3 Any match or event which is not sanctioned by the CSMCC shall constitute *Disapproved Cricket*.

3.3.1 Participation in *Disapproved Cricket* is prohibited for all persons under the jurisdiction of the ICC and Cricket Switzerland. 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.

3.3.2 To ensure clarity, all decisions to sanction a match or event pursuant to Article 2.4 shall be confirmed in writing. An application for sanction may not be deemed approved unless and until such written confirmation is issued. Unless and until such written confirmation is issued, such match or event will be deemed to constitute *Disapproved Cricket*. Cricket Switzerland shall include details of all matches and events that it organises or has sanctioned in its own official fixture calendar. These calendars will be (a) made available by publication on the Internet or similar, and (b) updated regularly as necessary to ensure they include details of all *Approved Cricket*.

3.4 A person *affiliated** to CS may not participate in any *Disapproved Match or Event*.

3.5 No person who has been suspended or banned from participation in Swiss cricket for a period that covers the match or event may participate directly, or indirectly, in a sanctioned match or event.

3.7 Any sanction granted 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 CS 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.

3.8 CS will take disciplinary action against any *affiliated* person or persons who breach these provisions.

3.8.1 Other than in exceptional circumstances a person/persons *affiliated* to CS who participates/participate in *Disapproved Cricket* will not be permitted to participate in *Approved Cricket* for a minimum of one month thereafter. Further violations of these rules will result in longer penalties, as decided by the CS Disciplinary Committee.

3.8.2 Persons who are not affiliated to CS who participate in *Disapproved Cricket* will not be permitted to participate in *Approved Cricket* or CS competitions for two years thereafter.

3.9 If a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for a foreign player is required, it is the responsibility of the player to obtain the NOC from his or her Federation before participating in a match/event in Switzerland.

4. Dispute Resolution

4.1 Disputes as to alleged non-compliance with these regulations or any challenge to any decision of the CSMCC shall be resolved by the CS Board.

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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:

Affiliated means, amongst others, players, match officials, coaching or management staff affiliated to Cricket Switzerland or to any team affiliated to Cricket Switzerland.

Approved Cricket means any cricket match or event that is duly sanctioned in accordance with Article 2.

Disapproved Cricket means any cricket match or event that is not duly sanctioned in accordance with Article 2.

Domestic Match means any cricket match or event played under the sole control and auspices of, or within the territory of, Cricket Switzerland which does not involve National Representative Teams.

Effective Date means 21st May 2024.

Person/s means natural persons and corporate or other organisations.

Regulations mean these Regulations on sanctioning of events.