

**CONSTITUTION**

**OF THE**

**ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET UMPIRES**

**AND**

**SCORERS OF NIGERIA**

**(ACUSN)**

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS OF NIGERIA (ACUSN)

## ARTICLE 1

### NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

There shall be a body of Umpires of the game of cricket to be known as the ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS OF NIGERIA with acronym as 'ACUSN'.

## ARTICLE 2

### OBJECTIVE OF ACUSN

1. The ACUSN shall be responsible for the selection of Umpires, conduct Educational trainings and Officiating Cricket matches within the country, under the guidance and directive of the **Nigeria Cricket Federation** or any of its affiliated body.
2. The ACUSN shall be responsible for periodic grading of umpires, translating and interpretation of the laws of Cricket.
3. The ACUSN shall assist in educating young cricketers all over the country with the laws of Cricket.
4. To raise money through annual affiliation fees from State Chapters, Donations, Grants, Corporate and Individual sponsorship, etc. for the purpose of running the association efficiently.
5. To provide basic equipment needed to perform umpiring and scoring duties at National level.
6. To be accountable to National Committee.
7. To impose sanctions on any member guilty of misconduct or breach of the constitution.

## ARTICLE 3

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the association will be opened to deserving states with proven record of some certain level of cricket played in the state. New state chapter members shall be admitted under the following conditions;

## **RIGHT TO MEMBERSHIP**

The Right to membership shall include;

1. All States registered under the Nigeria Cricket Federation
2. A minimum of 15 members per state for strictly umpiring purpose
3. Payment of annual affiliation fees to the national body

For a state chapter to be considered for inauguration, the following shall have been met.

- i. A written application to the national body stating intent.
- ii. The intending state chapter shall send names and contact details of all their members to the national body for verification and database update.
- iii. An orientation/inauguration exercise to be carried out in the intending chapter with at least one (1) national executive present. State Chapter shall subsidize logistics fee of the national Exco(s) in attendance.

## **NATIONAL EXCO OBLIGATIONS**

1. The National Secretariat must respond within 1 month of receiving application from intending chapter.
2. Nominate a national exco member to be present at the inauguration event.
3. Conduct inauguration proceedings by the national exco present.

## **RESTRICTIONS TO NEW MEMBERS (PRIVILEGES)**

New chapters shall be restricted to certain privileges of the association such as;

- a) Not having the right to vote nor be voted for in the National elections for a minimum of **4 years**
- b) May not be invited to officiate at National events until they have passed the examinations as administered by the national body.
- c) Must show consistency with growth and development of Cricket in the state with evidence of at least Ten (10) schools playing the game and/or local competition(s) enough to engage the umpires. (Verifiable with the Nigeria Cricket Federation data base).
- d) Will only act as observers during the full council meeting with restriction on voting matters.

- e) Restrictions to certain privileges may be extended to new chapters beyond the **4 year** probation period if such chapter remains dormant and/or fail to conform to the laid down structure, rules and regulations of the association.
- f) In special cases, some privileges may be granted due to the level of growth of the sport in the state (such privileges to be determined by the National exco).

## **STATE CHAPTERS**

1. All existing state chapters must send updated record of their members with contact information at the beginning of every year.
2. Must conduct at least one (1) refreshers course/assessment for members annually.
3. Affiliation fees must be paid within the first quarter of the New Year.
4. Local programs and events for the year to be sent to the National Executives by the end of January.

## **DUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Dual membership of chapters is strictly prohibited as such; member shall be regarded as non-member PROVIDED THAT a member may wish to switch from one chapter to another with sufficient notice sent to the national exco for documentation and records.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **DUES**

All State Association shall pay annual affiliation fees of Ten Thousand Naira Only (10,000) or as may be fixed by the Executive subject to variation where the need arises by the general assembly.

### **DEFAULTING STATE CHAPTERS PENALTIES**

1. No member from that state chapter will be called up for National assignments.
2. Refusal to pay for 2 years will lead to automatic revocation of affiliation to the National body (i.e cease to be a state chapter recognized by the National body).
3. Before a chapter can be re-accepted back, additional fines of extra 1 year of affiliation fees will be paid together with the years owed.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **ORGAN OF ACUSN**

The principal organs of ACUSN shall be as follows:

1. The ACUSN General Committee.
2. The Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **THE ACUSN GENERAL COMMITTEE**

1. The ACUSN General Committee shall comprise of One (1) representative each from the State ACUSN that is affiliated to National ACUSN and the National EXCO.
2. The General Committee shall be the highest policy making organ of ACUSN and shall deal strictly on policy matters referred to it by the National executive Committee.
3. The ACUSN General Committee shall meet once every year PROVIDED THAT where the means to so meet physically is not certain, the committee can meet through virtual means with over two-third of committee members and any decision so taken through such means shall be binding on all members.
4. The ACUSN General Committee shall elect an Executive committee from among themselves during the Biannual General meeting.
5. The ACUSN General Committee shall comprise of state chapters chairmen or a representative appointed by the chairman.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE “EXCO”**

There shall be an Executive Committee saddled with the task of running the day to day activities of the Association. This Exco shall be made up of the following officials:

1. The Chairman.
2. The Vice Chairman.
3. The Secretary.
4. The Assistant Secretary.
5. Treasurer
6. The Financial Secretary.
7. Public Relations Officer (PRO)
8. 1 Ex-officio (Immediate Past National Chairman).

**NOTE:** The position of Treasurer and Public Relations Officer shall be co-opted immediately by the Executive Committee and contested for in the next general election from 2021.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **(i) DUTIES OF THE EXCO**

- a) The Exco shall administer the Association for a period of two (2) cricket seasons.
- b) The Exco shall organize from time to time, seminars to keep members up to date with the laws of the game.
- c) The Exco shall be responsible for registering the Association with International body if any exist.
- d) The Exco shall report its stewardship to the general meeting of the house every two cricket season. All communications shall be to the Exco, which will also be responsible for the allocation of Umpires to games in Nigeria.
- e) The Exco shall draw up the code of conduct for ACUSN, which shall be operated after ratification by the general house at General meeting. The Exco shall be responsible for testing and grading of Umpires.

### **(ii) DUTIES OF THE EXCO**

#### **1. CHAIRMAN**

- (a) To instruct the Secretary to call meetings and shall preside at all meetings.
- (b) To approve all expenditure of the Association.
- (c) To be mandatory signatory 'A' to the Association Account.
- (d) To present Chairman address/report bi-annually.
- (e) To have the final vote in case of tie on any matter in the Exco.

#### **2. VICE CHAIRMAN**

- (a) To preside meeting in the absence of Chairman.
- (b) To be in charge of training programs upon approval by exco.
- (c) To perform any other duties assign to him by Chairman.

#### **3. SECRETARY GENERAL**

- (a) Call meeting on the directive of Chairman.
- (b) Take minutes of meetings.
- (c) To be one of the signatory 'B' to the Association account.
- (d) Present Secretariat report in every General Meeting
- (e) To be in charge of all correspondence.
- (f) Any other duties assign to him by the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

**4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL**

- (a) Assist Secretary General in performing his duties.
- (b) Performing any other duties assign to him by Secretary General.

**5. FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

- (a) Keep account record of the Association financial dealings.
- (b) Present financial report of the Association in every general meeting
- (c) Performing any other duties assign to him by the Chairman.

**6. TREASURER**

- (a) Shall be a mandatory signatory 'B'
- (b) Receive and Disburse funds on behalf of the Association
- (c) Shall keep copies of all financial transaction receipts and records
- (d) Reconcile documents with the Financial Secretary to aid the smooth presentation of financial report.

**7, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE (P.R.O)**

- (a) Shall be the official communication channel from the Exco to the general public and vice versa.
- (b) Shall be one of the custodians of the Exco's various social media platform accounts.
- (c) Shall update News, information and others items as directed by the Chairman/Secretary

**ARTICLE 9**

**MEETINGS**

- a) General Meetings of the Association will be called by the Secretary with a minimum of Fourteen (14) days' notice PROVIDED THAT emergency meeting shall be called by the Chairman without such length of notice and shall be for issue of extreme urgency.
- b) General Committee meetings maybe held annually provide that the exco can call for such meeting of the committee on emergency matter through virtual means.

- c) Member shall be punctual to all meetings and are entitled to attend always. Any state chapter absent three (3) consecutive times without any written prior notice shall pay a fine of Thirty Thousand Naira only (N30, 000).

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **QUORUM AT MEETING**

The Quorum to be formed at any meeting shall be two-third of those that are expected to be at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **ELECTION**

1. Elections to the exco shall be 1 month before the expiration of the tenure of office of the outgoing exco.
2. For election there shall be a returning officer who himself can vote but will not stand for any office of his choice. The returning officer shall be the General Manager of the Nigeria Cricket Federation (or his representative where the need arises) who can vote in case of a tie.
3. There shall be no lobbying or canvassing (at election venue) for votes before any election. Election shall be by secret ballot or any form agreed by majority.
4. Candidates vying for any position must be physically present on the day of election.
5. Electoral Committee: The Executives of ACUSN national shall nominate persons, not more than seven (7) in numbers from state chapters, with the endorsement of the general committee, to be appointed into the electoral committee.
6. Any member can be nominated/appointed into the committee with exceptions of chairmen of state chapters.
7. Executives of ACUSN national shall not serve as members of the electoral committee.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **RESIGNATION FROM EXCO**

Resignation from the ACUSN or the Exco shall be in writing to the secretariat. The Exco shall inform the house at general meeting or emergency meeting called by the Chairman.



## **ARTICLE 13**

### **EXPULSION OF MEMBER**

1. Expulsion of any member shall be by secret ballot at a meeting where the member concerned would have been given ample chance to defend himself. Any member thus expelled shall forfeit all rights to claim upon the Association and shall forfeit his chances to umpire any game of cricket on behalf of ACUSN.
2. Any member who is guilty of misconduct during the course of a match, or who is guilty of committing a breach of this Constitution, or who is guilty of acting otherwise to the detriment of this Association, shall be liable to expulsion or suspension or to be otherwise dealt with by the Executive Committee.
3. Any member accused under this clause shall be given ten (10) days' notice in writing of any charge that is brought against him/her, and if such member fails to appear/respond, the matter may be dealt with in the absence of the member.
4. Any member who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Executive Committee under Article 13(2) shall have the right of appeal to a Committee of three (3) members of the Association who were not involved in the original decision to hear the appeal and whose decision will be final.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **PROFESSIONAL FEES**

1. A member shall not, except for professional service (as agreed by the National Exco), receive fee, emolument or profit from funds or transactions of the Association. Every Umpire/Scorer officiating on behalf of ACUSN must pay 10% of his officiating fees to the Association, failure which will warrant penalty to be decided by the Exco.
2. All Cheques drawn on any account operated by the Association must be signed by any two (2) of nominated signatories.
3. The accounts of the Association must be audited by an Auditor at the end of each financial year. The report of such audit must be appended to the statement prepared by the Financial Secretary and submitted to the Association for discussion and approval at the next General Meeting.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

There shall be a code of conduct to be drawn by the Exco and passed at general meeting of the Association.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **CODE OF DRESSING**

The Association member on duties must be adherent to the following dress code

- a) Colored shirt or long sleeve shirt.
- b) Black Trouser.
- c) Black shoes with White Soles.
- d) Any other dress code approved for the officiating official for such competition as may be determined by ACUSN Exco.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **UMPIRES/SCORERS' LICENSE**

The Association shall have umpire/scorer license, to enable members be accorded the recognition needed in the course of their officiating at matches. The license will be paid for by all members and be renew every year at a fee to be decided at the General meeting.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

1. There shall be an ad-hoc disciplinary committee independent of the executive to be selected from respected members of the association by the exco.

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES**

1. Any article of this constitution may be repealed or altered or a new article may be added by a resolution at a general meeting or a special meeting summoned by the Chairman once every seven (7) years or at any time where the need arises and such resolution can be passed by a majority of at least 2/3 of the members voting therein. The Secretary must give at least twenty-one (21) days' notice by email to each member of the Association of such proposed amendment.
2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to make, alter or repeal Bylaws for the carrying out of this Constitution, provided that such By-laws are not inconsistent with any existing article or Resolution of this Association.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **FINAL NOTE**

The Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers of Nigeria (ACUSN) states categorically that all operations and activities administered by the association are in partnership with the **Nigeria Cricket Federation**.

### **AMENDMENT NOTE:**

This review of this constitution was done by the six (6) Man Committee set by the Exco viz:

**Abraham Oviawe Esq. ===== Chairman**

**Ehizoje Musa**

**Olumide Akintokun**

**Enesi Dahiru**

**Oluseyi Sonde**

**Ikem Asika**

**THIS CONSTITUTION IS AMENDED BY A RESOLUTION AND APPROVAL OF OVER TWO-THIRD MAJORITY OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MADE UP OF ALL CHAPTER CHAIRMEN, REPRESENTATIVES AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ON THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**