



# ORANGE COUNTY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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## By-Laws

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## 1. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of OCCA is to promote the game of cricket in Orange County and to encourage the development of Quality Cricket. And to make sure the make sure the game is played in a dignified and friendly manner keeping in mind the tradition of cricket.

## 2. NAME

The name of this association is ORANGE COUNTY CRICKET ASSOCIATION referred hereinafter as OCCA.

## 3. OCCA OBJECTIVE

Promote the game of cricket in Orange County area with a social emphasis and encourage the development of good quality cricket infrastructure in Orange County, play the game in a true sportsmanship following rules of cricket as laid by OCCA.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. Membership can be obtained by making a **letter of intent** to the board; it is up to the discretion of the **Executive** Board to approve membership. (Refer Sec. 9)
- 4.2. The club is required to have a roster of at least 15 players, to be submitted with the letter of intent and proper cricket gear for the season.
- 4.3. The fees, Rules and regulations associated with any event of OCCA will be determined by the **Executive** Board.
- 4.4. Board reserves the right to revoke membership based on discipline, failure to pay dues, or conduct that is deemed as detrimental to OCCA.
- 4.5. It is the responsibility of each member club to conduct all duties as a member of OCCA.
- 4.6. It is required by all teams to have a representative present at the general board meeting.
- 4.7. **Voting members:**  
Following members shall be eligible to vote at annual general meeting (AGM) and other instances as required.
  - 4.7.1. BOD representing respective teams in current season (summer / winter, with no outstanding league dues)
  - 4.7.2. Chairman of approved committees as per by-law article 6.8. (COC, Infrastructure, Team Selection, Youth, Women and sponsorship)
  - 4.7.3. Chief umpire, OCCA team Manager and OCCA team coach (Officially appointed and selected by open interview process).
  - 4.7.4. If one person is holding more than one position, he / she shall be eligible for only one vote.
  - 4.7.5. If voting is OCCA president shall cast the deciding vote.

## 5. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (EGB)

- 5.1. The Board of Directors of OCCA consists of President, VP Administration and Operations, Secretary, Treasurer, Manager – Web Design & Statistics.

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- 5.2. An election of OCCA board of directors is held every other year.
- 5.3. Each team shall appoint a representative as a Board of Director to the OCCA Board of Directors.
- 5.4. Election shall be held in each odd year between winter and summer leagues (August / October).
- 5.5. If a board member is not performing his / her responsibilities, such member can be terminated and expelled from the Executive Governing Board or from Board of Directors by two third (2/3) majority votes from the Board of Directors.

## 6. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1. **President** - The president shall preside at all president shall be the official spokesperson of org. [Back to Top Page](#) and opinions of the organization in its relations with community at large. The president has further powers and duties as prescribed by that organization.
- 6.2. **Vice President (VP)** - The vice president presides at the organization meetings in the absence of president. He shall be responsible for proper coordination of all the meetings under OCCA and coordination with respective Board members. VP is responsible for all administration and operation of OCCA leagues.
- 6.3. **Treasurer** - The treasurer handles all financial affairs and budgeting of the organization. He maintains accounts for OCCA. The Treasurer will be responsible for publishing a budget before the OCCA season. Treasure is obliged to give a financial report on request by the Board of Directors.
- 6.4. **Secretary** - The secretary takes minutes at all meetings of the organization and submits required copies to all organization members. He maintains correspondence within the Board of Directors. He acts as the historian and maintains all records of the organization.
- 6.5. **Manager**- Web Design and Statistics, Responsible for managing OCCA web site and Scholastics in accordance with OCCA rules and regulations.
- 6.6. **Board of Director (BOD)** - The board member is responsible to communicate the OCCA meetings decision to their respective teams.
- 6.7. Immediate Past President shall serve as a Board of Director for the next term.
- 6.8. A resignation by any of the officer is given in writing to the president. The Executive Board shall make every effort to fulfill the position.
- 6.9. Approved committees shall be as follows: - Code of Conduct Committee; Infrastructure Development and Logistics Committee; Youth Cricket Development Committee; Women Cricket Development Committee; Web Design and Sponsorship Committee.

## 7. MEETINGS

- 7.1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in between summer and winter leagues as decided by Executive Governing Board.

- 7.2. Executive Board meetings will be held once a month or as required.
- 7.3. General Board meeting will be held quarterly or as required.
- 7.4. Ad-hoc meetings will be held at the discretion of the President or a majority of the Board.

## 8. RULES OF THE GAME

### 8.1. General

- 8.1.1. All teams are required to have a uniform for their team.
- 8.1.2. Captains shall submit two lists of players (First Name and Last Name) who are playing the specific game to umpires.
- 8.1.3. [Verification may be requested by Urr\\_](#)  
discretion or in an even a complaint is made before or after the game.
- 8.1.4. OCCA reserves the right of identification of the player in-case of any discrepancy.
- 8.1.5. **Match commences as per pre determined schedule in the morning or afternoon.**  
The designated home team is required to prepare the ground 10 minutes before the play commence. Exception may occur due to ground reservation restrictions.
- 8.1.6. The home team is responsible to bring wickets and marking of the crease and wide lines **including boundary line.**
- 8.1.7. **All team should be at the play field on time with out delay. In order to make the toss at least 7 players from the team shall be physically present at the field.**
- 8.1.8. OCCA follows the rules of ICC, if at any time there is a discrepancy of the rule, the umpires and the board will interpret the rules based on a case to case basis.
- 8.1.9. Each team is responsible to bring their own first-aid kit.
- 8.1.10. **Trash shall be collected and play field must be cleaned after each match to avoid any penalties that will be charged against the security deposit. Both teams playing are responsible for clean-up the mess. In case of a penalty situation, based on the receipt from the city indicating the fault and the amount charged, OCCA will charge both the teams, involved equally. If any team fails to make the payment before the next scheduled game, OCCA shall take appropriate disciplinary action against such team.**
- 8.1.11. **In case of an event that the umpire is late, the match will continue depending on the mutual consent of the both the team captains. Any dispute and results in termination of the game shall be informed to one of the Executive Board members to record dispute.**
- 8.1.12. **Teams that are qualified for the semifinals and finals shall declare eligible players in accordance with OCCA by-laws for the play-off at the end of the preliminary**

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round(s). Teams shall not field any play outside the approved eligible player list, such player (outside eligible list) shall be considered as an illegal player and Article 8.6.1 shall apply to address such event.

## 8.2. Roster

- 8.2.1. All clubs is required to submit a roster of the players before the deadline as specified in Registration for Summer League, Section 9.
- 8.2.2. Players are not allowed to swap teams once they play the first match under one team and shall remain until the respective season is over to change teams.
- 8.2.3. Roaster shall be limited to 20 players. Each participating teams shall submit the roaster with full name (first and last names, NO NICK NAMES), before the dead line as determined by OCCA.
- 8.2.4. Roster shall not be changed after 50% of | [Back to Top Page](#)  
(example: if 9 matches,  $9/2 = 4.5 = 5$  matches)
- 8.2.5. In order to add new players to the approved roaster with stipulated time period, (Refer. Sec. 8.2.4), the Director of respective team shall submit a written request to OCCA indication full name (s) of players adding and full name (s) of players deleting (if necessary), 48 hours before the start of the match.
- 8.2.6. Participating teams shall not exceed the number of players in the roster more than specified under 8.2.3. In the event that there are more than 20 players in the roster, OCCA will delete the name after the allowed number specified by article 8.2.3.

## 8.3. The Game

- 8.3.1. The maximum overs bowled per side are 25 overs or shall be predetermined by the Governing Board before the season.
- 8.3.2. Each bowler cannot exceed more than 5 overs per innings in 25 over match or one fifth (1/5) of total overs.
- 8.3.3. If the bowler is injured during his spell, other bowler can finish the over.
- 8.3.4. Winning Team is awarded 4 points per match. In case of a tie the points is distributed equally.
- 8.3.5. Points will be equally distributed due to weather causes.
- 8.3.6. Leg umpire to be provided by the Batting side with no fee. As courtesy the leg umpire can be changed once during the game from the fielding side.
- 8.3.7. Neutral umpires will be provided by OCCA, all decisions by the Umpires are final.
- 8.3.8. At end of each match, the umpires will reconcile the score card and get an acknowledgement from both the Captains of the team.
- 8.3.9. Approved copy of score sheet (signed by the officiating umpire) shall be scanned and emailed, hand delivered, faxed or mailed to the Manager Statistics or Statistician designated by OCCA and shall be received by THURSDAY mid night (12.00 AM) from the week-end of the game. Failure to submit score sheet and / or update web based statistics will result penalty. (Refer Sec. 8.6)

- 8.3.10. Break – There is an option to take a 10 minute break after 15 overs of each innings
- 8.3.11. A new ball will be provided for each innings, in case the ball is lost or not in playing condition, the umpire will replace the ball for play. Respective captains can retain the used ball for future use.
- 8.3.12. In case of an event that the Umpire is late, the match will continue depending on the mutual consent of the both the team captains. Any dispute and results in termination of the game would require an escalation to one of the executive board members to record the dispute.
- 8.3.13. The captain shall submit a printed copy of the playing eleven, printed from the official roster published by OCCA in the [Back to Top Page](#) umpire for particular game. Failure to submit the list of players will result penalty. (Refer Sec. 8.6.)
- 8.3.14. Score board shall be updated by the batting team at the end of each over.
- 8.3.15. **Field Restrictions**

8.3.15.1 At the most, five fielders can be on the leg side, at any given point of time.

8.3.15.2. In the first 7 (seven) overs of T25 game or first 6 (six) overs of T20 game, there cannot be more than two fielders outside the 30-yard circle.

8.3.15.3 There can be a maximum of five fielders outside the fielding circle, after the first seven for T25 or after the first six overs for T20 game.

#### **8.4. Schedule**

- 8.4.5. All schedules are final. In case of unforeseen and valid reason, team shall make an official request to EGB for consideration and approval.

#### **8.5. Semi Finals And Final Games**

- 8.5.1 In order to qualify to play in semifinals and final games, any player listed in approved roster of respective club must play **at least (33%) rounded to the whole number matches during the summer league.**
- 8.5.2 **In the event team finishing on equal points, the right to play in the semifinals and finals will be decided in the following order of priority.**
- 8.5.3 **The team with more wins in the group stage will be placed in the higher position.**
- 8.5.4 **If there are teams with equal points and equal wins in the Group stage then in such case the team with the higher net run rate in the Group stage will be placed in the higher.**
- 8.5.5 **If following the net run rate calculation above there are teams which are still equal, then the team with the higher number of wickets taken per balls bowled**

in the Group stage in which results were achieved will be placed in the higher position.

- 8.5.6 If still equal, the team which was the winner of the head to head match played between them will be placed in the higher position.
- 8.5.7 SEMI FINAL – if a semi-final is tied, the teams shall complete in a over per side eliminator to determine which team progresses to the final. If following a tie, weather conditions prevent the one over eliminator from being completed, or if the match is a no result, then the team which progresses to the final shall be determined as follows.
- 8.5.8 The team with more wins in all previous matches (both the group preliminary stage and super teams (4, 6 or 8) series.
- 8.5.9 If still equal, the team with the higher net run rate in all previous matches (both the group / preliminary stage and super teams (4, 6 or 8) series in which results are achieved.
- 8.5.10 If still equal, the teams with the higher number of wickets taken per balls bowled in all previous matches (both the group / preliminary stage and super teams (4, 6 or 8) series in which results are achieved.
- 8.5.11 If still equal, by drawing lots. FINAL - If [Back to Top Page](#) shall compete in a one over per side eliminator to determine which team is the winner. Refer attached Appendix 7. If weather conditions prevent the one over eliminator from being completed, the teams shall be declared joint winners. In the event of a no result, provided weather conditions permit, the teams shall compete in a one over per side eliminator to determine which team is the winner. If weather conditions do not permit, the teams shall be declared joint winners

## 8.6. Complains / Penalties

### 8.6.5. Illegal player

Board of Director of a team can make a complain to OCCA, at any time during the league, 7 days before the scheduled semi final / final (if no semi final) match, if he finds out that a team engaged an illegal player for any game. Any team found guilty in using an illegal player, shall be penalize 2 points by OCCA based on the result of investigation. The match points will be awarded to the other team, irrelevant whether the team at fault win or lose the match. Individual performances of the players of the team that used illegal player(s) shall not be recognized and shall not be eligible for any awards for the game (MOM award). Individual performance(s) by the illegal player(s) will be ignored and shall be not eligible for any awards. The score card shall be inputted by the legal winning team (not the team at fault) and individual performances of the player of the team at fault will be recognized.

### 8.6.2. Fortified / delayed games.

- 8.6.3. If the game is delayed 15 minutes (three) overs will be deducted from the delayed team as the penalty. If seven (7) players are physically not present at the field, within 30 minutes from the scheduled start time, match will be forfeited.



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8.6.4. If BOD if respective team informs OCCA in writing that the team represented by the above BOD will not be fielding any particular game, OCCA will inform the other team accordingly, and inform umpires and gardener not to report for their duties on that day. The game will be considered as forfeited.

8.6.5. General

- A forfeit is a loss to a team’s record.
- Forfeited games will not be rescheduled.
- Team subject to forfeit shall not be allowed to use forfeited game for minimum number of games for player qualification for the semifinals and finals.
- Other (team which is ready to play) team shall declare the team, hand over the list of player to officiating umpire at the field and input information to OCCA website and email the list to Secretary, OCCA.

8.6.6. Rules of Forfeit

A. Penalty

A.1.	First	offence	-	\$	25.00
A.2.	Second	offence	-	\$	75.00
A.3.	Third	offence	-	\$	150.00

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Teams are allowed to pay the penalty during the course of the league, before the play-offs. Any unpaid penalties will be recorded and added to subsequent tournament.

- B. NRR shall not be changed.
- C. OCCA will not consider forfeited game for minimum number of games played by respective team. (Only for the team instigate the forfeit)
- D. OCCA will count the forfeited game for the rule 8.2.4.
- E. Playing 11 of the team not involved in forfeiting the game shall be submit submitted to OCCA (Secretary) before the dead line of entering of score board. (Thursday mid- night 12.00 PM)

8.6.7. Any unprofessional conduct will be reported to the board; the board will conduct an investigation and penalize the team at fault. (Such penalties can be but not limited to Banning of players from certain number of games, warning letters, reduction of points from total points, etc.)

8.6.8. If statistics and score card is not entered by 12.00AM Thursday one point will be deducted from the total points.

8.6.9. Penalty on field cleaning – refer section.

8.6.10. Any profanity is not allowed inside and outside the field during the play and on premises. Executive Governing Board reserves rights to investigate such complains and impose appropriate disciplinary action against any OCCA member found guilty for such offence.

8.6.11. Every Team is responsible to update the score board at the end of every over.

**9. REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER / WINTER LEAGUES**

- 9.1. The Executive Governing board shall evaluate available play fields, teams interested joining OCCA, strength of the support staff and shall arrive at the number of teams that can be accommodated in the following season by October 30<sup>th</sup> / **May 31<sup>st</sup>** each year.
- 9.2. Treasurer shall prepare the budget based on information of current league budgets and historical information. He shall submit a report to the Executive Governing Board with recommendations on the league fee and advance payment for the following year by October 31<sup>st</sup> / **June 15<sup>th</sup>** each year.
- 9.3. Executive Governing Board shall review, agreed any amendments necessary and submit the final budget to all board of directors by November 15<sup>th</sup> / **June 30<sup>th</sup>** each year.
- 9.4. Board of Directors review the proposed budget and shall reach an agreement with the Executive Governing Board by November 30<sup>th</sup> / **July 15<sup>th</sup>** each year.
- 9.5. Any team interested in the summer season of the following year shall pay the advance payment by December 31<sup>st</sup> / **August 30<sup>th</sup>** each year.
- 9.6. Balance payment shall be paid by March 15<sup>th</sup> / **September 30<sup>st</sup>** each year.

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- 9.7. Refund policy
  - 9.7.1. Advance payment is nonrefundable.
  - 9.7.2. Balance league fee shall be refunded, if any team submit a withdrawal in writing due to reasonable excuse (as decided at the discretion of the Executive Governing Board) and a replacement team is available for the respective summer season.
- 9.8. OCCA summer league matches shall be scheduled from April onward and Ramada Season shall be avoided. **Winter league matches shall be scheduled from November through February.**
- 9.9. OCCA members with good standing will be given the priority over the new teams for registration. After the dead line advance payment, December 31<sup>st</sup> / **July 30<sup>th</sup>** each year, other teams shall be requested to pay the advance and teams will be accepted on first come first serve basis until the vacancies are filled. Any other remaining team will be kept in the stand-by list.
- 9.10. Once the team list for the summer league is finalized, no exceptions will be made.
- 9.11. All registered teams shall appoint a Director (Board Member) for the season, he / her shall attend the **MANDATORY** kick-off meeting held in a central location in Orange County. In case the Director cannot attend he / she shall nominate a representative for the meeting.
- 9.12. Each director shall have one vote.
- 9.13. If two teams are playing the league from one cricket club, each club is entitled for a Board Member (Director) who will have one vote each. **Such team is treated as separate teams in OCCA league.**

**10. OCCA ROASTER SELECTION**

- 10.1. Team selection committee comprising one EGB and four BODs shall be selected at the general meeting.
- 10.2. Term of the selection team shall be same as EGB (Refer section 5)
- 10.3. Team section committee shall request all teams to submit certain number of players to the OCCA pool. The selection team reserves rights to invite any player whose performance is superior, and did not proposed due the limitation of number of players from each team.
- 10.4. Selected players shall play several matches of the same format that the team is expected to prepare for. Selection team will select the OCCA roaster for specific tournament based on trial match performance and team balance.
- 10.5. Names of the roster shall be forwarded to EGB and BOD for review and comments.
- 10.6. Upon reconciliation, roster will be published to the players.

**11. DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

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- 11.1. Any member (s) hold the OCCA ransom to achieve a goal / expelled after an investigation by a committee appointed by EGB in agreement with disputed party / parties.
- 11.2. Any member (s) who uses profanity to confront another member (S) of the organization shall be suspended / expelled after an investigation by a committee appointed by EGB in agreement with disputed party / parties.
- 11.3. Any member (s) who intimidate, insult, use demeaning and derogatory language or behavior, whether written or spoken against a member of organization shall be issued a written warning on the first occurrence, ban for a specific time period and expel from the organization on the second occurrence after an investigation by a committee appointed by EGB in agreement with disputed party / parties. (New law)

**AMMENDMENTS**

Blue – 2009 amendments

Pink – 2009 amendments at AGM

Green – 2012 amendments at AGM

Red – 2013 amendments at AGM

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