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OSCL

*United we play,
United we achieve*

Article 1. General Provisions

Section 1.1 Name

The name of the Cricket League shall be the Orlando Softball Cricket League (OSCL), hereinafter referred to as the "League." Any business of the organization shall be conducted under that name or acronym.

Section 1.2 Emblem

The emblem of the League shall be two green palm trees and the inscriptions , "United We Play United We Achieve" in a golden background and encircled in green as represented in Figure 1.

Section 1.3 Colors

The Colors of the League shall be Green and Gold.

Section 1.4 Office

The registered office of the League shall be located at an address or a location that may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 1.5 Nonprofit Organization

The league shall be organized as a nonprofit organization, whether or not it has acquired or maintained a tax-exempt status.

Section 1.6 Season

OSCL fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

Article 2. Purpose and Powers

Section 2.1 Objectives

The objectives of the league are:

- a. To promote and conduct organized cricket competition between registered clubs/teams, leagues, and other associations (within the United States and abroad) as deemed appropriate by the governing bodies of the league.
- b. To procure, maintain, and provide facilities to support cricket and competition.
- c. To encourage and foster growth of the sport of cricket.
- d. To provide all members with equal opportunities, rights, privileges, benefits, and conveniences of association to the league.
- e. To foster a culture of a league of the membership, by the membership, and for the membership.

Section 2.2 Powers

Pursuant to its objectives, the league shall have the following powers:

- a. To affiliate with, establish, support or aid in the establishment or support of any league, association, society, fund or the like, which is intended to benefit or promote the sport of cricket.
- b. To promote and conduct either singularly or jointly with any other leagues, associations, clubs, persons, meetings, competitions, matches, and social events for the sport of cricket, and to offer, give or contribute towards awarding of prizes, medals and awards.
- c. To amalgamate, cooperate or affiliate with any other league, association, or society having objectives, which are wholly or in part similar to those of the league.
- d. To open and operate any bank account.

- e. To accept payment of all kinds whether by subscription, donation, affiliation fees, membership fees, and others and to hold or dispense with the same in furtherance of any of the objectives of the league.
- f. To levy charges, raise fees, impose fines or penalties.
- g. To sue, counter-sue, and defend the league and its members from suit with respect to activities related to cricket.

Article 3. Membership

Section 3.1 Membership Eligibility

a. OSCL membership is open to individual(s) seeking to participate in organized competition for the sport of cricket under the rules and guidelines established by the league and with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Item 3.1.1 Member Player

a. All individuals declared on the rosters of member clubs, or registered during the course of an OSCL season using the New Member Registration process are designated as member players.

b. Members are either active or inactive players.

Item 3.1.2 Umpire

a. Individuals not affiliated with a member club but willing to serve as an umpire during OSCL league cricket games may be accepted as an Umpire in the league at the discretion of the EC.

Section 3.2 Membership Admission

Item 3.2.1 Admission of Clubs

a. Every new cricket club or every cricket team seeking affiliation with the league shall be admitted at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the league.

Item 3.2.2 Admission of Member Players

a. Every member player seeking affiliation with the league shall be admitted at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the league.

Item 3.2.3 Admission of Umpires

a. Every Umpire seeking affiliation with the league shall be admitted at the discretion of the EC.

Section 3.3 Membership Expulsion/Disbandment

Item 3.3.1 Disbandment of Clubs

- a. Any club/team which disbands at any time during the competition or determines that it is or will be unable to fulfill its scheduled fixtures, for three or more games can be released at the discretion of the EC. All outstanding fees due to the league will be the responsibility of all registered players of the said team.

b. Once the club/team is released by the EC, the club/team will cease to be affiliated to the league and will not be a liability to the league.

c. The club/team will have to re-apply to seek membership to the league, if it decides to participate in competitions held under the auspices of the league in future.

Item 3.3.2 Expulsion of Clubs

a. The Board of Directors of the league, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting, may expel any club from the league on the following grounds:

- i. The club/team membership fees are in serious arrears by three (3) weeks.

- ii. The club/team has failed to comply with a lawful requirement of the league, and such failure warranted expulsion.
 - iii. The club/team, acting as a body or deemed to be acting through any of its members, has conducted itself in such a manner that, in the determination of the governing bodies of the league is likely to bring the league or cricket into disrepute.
 - iv. The club/team has failed to uphold the constitution or Standard Playing Conditions of the league.
- b. When a club/team is expelled from the league that club/team will no longer be entitled to field a team in any of the competitions held under the auspices of the league.

Item 3.3.3 Suspension of Member Players

- a. Member Players may be suspended to participate in league sponsored events and competition(s) or a part there by the Disciplinary Committee.
- b. Suspended Member Players will be ineligible to participate in any league-sponsored event until the suspension is served.
- c. Notification of suspension will be delivered in writing to the member club/team that the player belongs to, and will include: (i) reasons for suspension (ii) violations (iii) the process to appeal the decision.
- d. The member club/team will have 72 hours to appeal the disciplinary committee's decision.
- e. Suspension will remain effective while the case is being appealed and reviewed.

Item 3.3.4 Expulsion of Member Players

- a. Serious infractions and repeat suspensions by member players may result in expulsion from the league by The Disciplinary Committee.
- b. Expelled Member Players will immediately cease to be affiliated to the league, and will be ineligible to participate in any league-sponsored event.
- c. Notification of expulsion will be delivered in writing to the member club that the player belongs to, and will include: (i) reasons for expulsion (ii) violations and (iii) the process to appeal the decision.
- d. The member club/team will have 72 hours to appeal the judiciary committee's decision.
- e. Expulsion will remain effective while the case is being appealed and reviewed.

Item 3.3.5 Suspension of Umpires

- a. The Board of Directors may suspend an umpire for not upholding the laws of the game or league guidelines.
- b. Notification of suspension will be delivered in writing to the umpire, and will include: (i) reasons for suspension (ii) violations and (iii) the process to appeal the decision.

Item 3.3.6 Expulsion of Umpires

- a. The Board of Directors may expel an umpire for repeatedly not upholding the laws of the game or league guidelines.
- b. Notification of expulsion will be delivered in writing to the umpire, and will include: (i) reasons for expulsion (ii) violations and (iii) the process to appeal the decision.

Section 3.4 Member Player Transfers

Players are not allowed to transfer during a playing season.

Article 4. Officers

Section 4.1 General Provisions

- a. The league shall be managed by two governing bodies: (i) Board of Directors. ; And (ii) Executive Committee. The Board of Directors, by a two third majority vote, shall elect the President to serve for a period of two (2) years. The President can be re-elected for any additional terms. The President shall appoint the Secretary and Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for a period not to exceed two (2) years. The Secretary and Treasurer can be re-appointed for any additional terms.
- c. The term of an officer filling a vacancy due to an officer's resignation or removal shall be the remainder of the removed or resigned officer's term.
- d. Each governing body may have no more than two (2) officers who are the members of the same club serving simultaneously.
- e. The members of the Executive Committee can also be the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4.2 Executive Committee

- f. The executive committee (EC) shall be responsible for managing day-to-day operations of the league.
- g. The Executive Committee (EC) shall consist of the following officers: (i) President (ii) Secretary (iii) Treasurer.

Item 4.2.1 President

The President shall:

- a. Report to the Board of Directors.
- b. Serve as the primary representative of the league at all ceremonial occasions, official meetings – within and outside the confines of the league.
- c. Develops and approves plans to ensure objectives of the league are carried out.
- d. Chair all meetings and ensure that business is conducted constitutionally and in accordance with the guiding policies of the league.
- e. Approve financial budget and expenses of the league.
- f. Serve as a signatory authority for the financial institution of the league.
- g. Call meetings of the league in cases of emergency or special circumstances.

Item 4.2.2 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Report to the President.
- b. Manage finances for the league in accordance with the governing rules and regulations.
- c. Prepare financial budget annually for approval by the President, and monitor the budget during the course of the financial year.
- d. Maintain an accurate account of the league's finances and be prepared to report on the financial status of the league, as requested.
- e. Prepare: (i) statement of income and expenditure; (ii) balance sheet; and (iii) budget analysis for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.
- f. Maintain all financial reports, bank statements, financial transactions, and other applicable financial documents, and make them available to the membership at a reasonable notice.

- g. Serve as the primary signatory authority for the league for the financial institution.
- h. Receive all fees, fines, and other monies tendered by clubs and other parties, and deposit all monies received as such into the bank account of the league.
- i. Attend all EC meetings and present a financial report when requested.

Item 4.2.3 Secretary

The secretary shall:

- a. Attend all meetings and keep minutes of all meetings.
- b. Receive and respond to all correspondence, and make such available to the membership at meetings of the league.
- c. Maintain a correspondence log of the all correspondence sent by or on behalf of the league. The correspondence log will be made available to the membership upon request.

Section 4.3 Board of Directors (BOD)

In the event of death, resignation, or illness of any member of the BOD, the vacant position shall be filled by a replacement with two-thirds majority vote by the remaining BOD.

- a. BOD ensures league operations are aligned with the underlying mission of the league.
- b. BOD provides independent oversight of the day-to-day operations of the league.
- c. BOD establishes performance objectives, evaluates EC performance based on objectives established, and implements preventative and corrective actions to continuously improve league operations and achieve underlying objectives.

Item 4.3.1 Chairman

The Chairman shall:

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote of its membership every 4 years and can serve additional terms.

- a. Ensure that league operations are being conducted in compliance with the OSCL constitution and other guiding documentation.
- b. Ensure that league funds and activities are being conducted to further the goals and objectives of the league.
- c. Engage organizations and individuals to obtain resources for the league, including but not limited to monetary or non-monetary sponsorships, new fields, etc.

Article 5. Roles and Committees

Section 5.1 Management Committee

- a. Management Committee is synonymous with EC, and as stated, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the league.

Section 5.2 Disciplinary Committee

- a. A Disciplinary Committee, consisting of at least (3), and no more than five (5), members shall have the power to hear and determine, in accordance with the Standard Playing Conditions and constitution of the league, every and all report(s) made against any player, official, or any affiliated club consistent with the procedures described in the OSCL Constitution.
- b. One (1) Disciplinary Committee member shall serve as the Chairman.
 - c. Disciplinary Committee will investigate and diagnose the charge(s) reported, and conduct hearings in accordance with the OSCL Constitution.

d) The Disciplinary Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the EC and shall serve for a period not to exceed two (2) years. The Chairman can serve additional terms.

Section 5.3 Competition Committee

a) The Competition Committee, consisting of at least (3) and no more than (5) members shall have the power to hear all discrepancies of the game(s) and determine the outcome in accordance with the standard playing rules of the game as set forth by the ICC rules and the current Bylaws of OSCL.

b) The Competition Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the EC and shall serve for a period not to exceed two (2) years. The Chairman can serve additional terms.

Section 5.4 Ad-Hoc Committees

a. Special ad-hoc committees may be established by President and/or Chairman of Board of Directors to conduct special projects for the league that are different from the everyday operations of the league.

Section 5.5 General Meetings

Item 5. 5.1

a. There will be one (1) Annual General Meetings of the league:

b. Annual General meetings are mandatory for all member clubs to attend.

Section 5.6 Special Meetings

a. A Special Meeting of the league may be convened by a written request to the secretary that states the purpose for which the meeting is being called. No other business shall be conducted at the special meeting except the issue(s) that forms the basis for the meeting request.

Section 5.7 Committee Meetings

a. Committee Meetings may be called by Committee Chairman, President, or Chairman of Board of Directors, as needed.

Article 6 Competition

a. All games will be governed by the ICC Rules and the OSCL Standard Playing Rules and current By-laws.

Article 7. Financial Assets

a. The bank of the league shall be such bank as determined by the EC from time to time, and the league account shall stand in the name of the league. The bank shall be a financially sound and reputable financial institution.

b. The Treasurer and the President shall be authorized to sign bank checks on behalf of the league.

c. The income, property, sponsorship or any material benefits of the league shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the league and shall remain the property of the league.

d. No portion of income, property, sponsorship or any material benefits shall be paid, transferred, or distributed directly or indirectly to any member of the league unless it is in return for authorized and bona fide services rendered to the league.

Article 8 OSCL Code of Conduct

- a. The OSCL Code of Conduct applies to all players, clubs, umpires, executive committee members, and board members. All members must adhere to the following when representing the OSCL while playing, officiating, or conducting any activity on behalf of the league.
- b. OSCL is a non-profit, amateur cricket organization with a primary objective of organizing and promoting competitive cricket among its members. OSCL members must not indulge in any activity that violates the league's stated charter, objectives, Standard Playing Rules, brings disrepute to the organization, creates criminal or civil liability for the organization and its members, and/or jeopardizes its ability to conduct its activities in the U.S.A. and any other foreign country.
- c. The members of the Executive Committee and the Board must not represent the clubs that they may belong to while carrying out their duties as EC and/or Board members.
- d. Member clubs, players, umpires, EC members, and Board members must uphold the league charter and conduct themselves in accordance with the constitution and the Standard Playing Rules of the league.
- e. All OSCL members, especially the EC members, Board members, the team captains, and the umpires must conduct themselves with utmost integrity and professionalism while carrying out their respective duties.
- f. OSCL members must not engage in any illegal or unethical behavior or activities while representing OSCL and/or conducting any OSCL sanctioned business.
- g. The President and Treasurer must ensure responsible stewardship of the league's finances at all times. The league President and the Treasurer must reconcile the league's finances at the end of each season and provide a financial statement to the membership at the AGM.
- h. Umpires are responsible for maintaining control of the game that they are officiating at all times.
- i. The captains are responsible for the behavior of their respective players at the ground.
- j. Dissent of any kind by the players towards the umpire will not be tolerated. The umpires reserve the right to penalize the individual concerned and his team in such situations.
- k. All players are responsible for ensuring that the playing field and spectator areas are kept clean and free of litter at all times during and after the game. Players and/or teams reported to have littered, in any way defaced, damaged the playing field, or associated property may face suspension and will lose the privilege of using that ground/facility in the future. The offending team will be responsible for paying any costs that may be incurred because of their acts. The fielding teams are encouraged to let the batsmen leave the field first before walking off the field themselves. This is one of the oldest and most respectful traditions of cricket, which should be upheld and fostered throughout the league.
- l. Host teams are encouraged to provide water and light refreshments to the visiting team players.
- m. Players and umpires must uphold the spirit of the game of cricket at all times while playing and officiating. It is impossible to list all examples of how and when the spirit of the game is violated, however, excessive appealing, jeering, delaying the game, and cheating while scoring,

playing or officiating are some instances of when the spirit of the game is damaged and the purpose of this league undermined.

Article 9

Infractions

Physical assault on any umpire(s)
Physical assault on any player(s)
Physical assault on a Member of any of the Committees
Verbal abuse of the Umpire(s), OSCL official
Verbal abuse of another player(s)
Deliberate act of knocking down the wicket or throwing the ball during the match
Illegal drug use or alcoholic beverage consumption during a game by player(s)
An umpire's report of two cautions to a player in a game
Any act or behavior that brings disrepute to the OSCL
Any Captain failing to perform his duty: First offense:
Second Offense:

Team using unregistered players, player under a different name or suspended player

Any team forfeiting game

Any players selected to represent OSCL will not be allowed to represent any other Team in the same competition.

Any player not selected to represent OSCL and desirous to represent any other team will need to seek approval from EC

Penalty

Automatic LIFETIME expulsion from the OSCL
One (1) year suspension from the OSCL
Two (2) years suspension from the OSCL
Six (6) games suspension
Three (3) game suspension
Two (2) games suspension

One (1) game suspension
One (1) game suspension

Four (4) games suspension
One (1) game suspension Two (2) games suspension and no longer allowed to captain any team

1. Team will forfeit match
2. Team shall be responsible for **all** umpire(s) fees
3. Player(s) involved four (4) suspension in addition

Shall be responsible for the full umpire(s) fee

Failure to adhere will result in eight (8) game suspensions for all of your team SCHEDULE GAMES. 2nd offense will result in a one (1) year from all OSCL games and thereafter will result in expulsion of membership From OSCL.