

## ACCSO AGM 2022 – Secretary General's report

My second season with ACCSO as secretary general went really well with all the competitions (League, BF Cup & T20, once again with reduced teams).

I was able to contribute again during this season as pool umpire for TCC as well as T20 Finals Day that helps me in improving my skills on organizing part & match official.

The season nearly went well even though many league matches had preferred 30/35 overs due to overheat (which needs to be considered for the upcoming season) as well as timing issues for T20 days (timing needs to be strict in terms of start time as well as time taken during overs). The playing conditions & grounds were overall good, but we observed quite a lack of time / support from the participating teams once again to provide the HOME Qualified umpires and sometimes difficulty in scoring too where it was done very basic without much details **(for sure a concern area of 2023 competitions again)**.

Some teams complained about the over-appealing, not respecting umpires' decision with arguments & not adhering to helmets need (and ignoring despite warning by umpires / opposition playing team captain requests). This needs to be reviewed / looked at as well.

This season we could not organize any D4 year ending matches but with uncertainty on the FFBS / FC things, its better to wait and organize properly during upcoming seasons.

Hopefully more teams would be able to participate for the upcoming 2023 season along with providing 2 quality umpires (as no more pool umpires except for the knockouts), better scoring (preferably using an application, to have all statistics recorded easily & properly). Hoping for the best....

Also, hopefully we will have better discipline on the field by every involved people (including mutually agreed timings, player behaviors, usage of helmets ...).

Let's all hope for much better season with more teams involved and complete / thorough entertainment with smooth conduct & discipline.

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