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1. **Scope of this document:** This document is a summary of the regulations for competitions organised by ACCSO. The **Full version** should be used for complete understanding.
2. **Force Majeure:** Only ACCSO Committee can decide on questions of "force majeure".
3. **The Laws of Cricket:** All matches will be played according to the Laws of Cricket (MCC 2017 Code, 3rd Edition 2022), as modified by these regulations.
4. **General**
 - 4.1. **Disciplinary Procedure:** The ACCSO Disciplinary Procedure will apply to all matches.
 - 4.2. **Protection of players:** All batsmen are strongly advised to wear a helmet.
 - 4.3. Players under the age of 19 on the 1 January 2023 (shown on the Team List) must wear a helmet. Clubs must put in place and carry out the ECB Concussion Protocol.
 - 4.4 **Match scheduling and start times:** League and Cup matches will initially be scheduled for 1pm on Sundays. The Toss will be decided 15 minutes before the programmed start time in all matches.
 - 4.5. **Fixture lists** are published on the ACCSO web site. The club named first is at home.
 - 4.6. **Clothing:** The standard dress code for players in ACCSO competitive matches is white tops/shirts, white trousers and white pads. However, a team can play in coloured tops/shirts; but only if all the players wear them.
 - 4.7. **Balls:** Cup and League matches and any Final hosted by the club are played with the colour of ball chosen by the home club. The ACCSO T20 tournament is played exclusively with pink balls, supplied by ACCSO.
 - 4.8. **Pitch markings:** Home clubs must pay particular attention to the quality of the marking of creases and to the line 35 in (89cm) from the middle stump for Off-side wides, and the length of the popping crease.

4.9. Umpires: All ACCSO matches should be umpired by qualified umpires. **See the Complete Regulations for details.**

4.10. Scorers: All teams – home and away - should be able to keep score throughout the entire match. **See the Complete Regulations for details.**

5. Eligibility: Clubs and players

ACCSO competitions are open only to:

- ACCSO member-clubs which have paid their Full ACCSO membership fee for 2023

–ACCSO member-clubs which have affiliated to France Cricket before the first match day of the published fixture list

- Players who possess a current 2023 competition-level licence at the ACCSO club in question.

A member of a non-affiliated club can play for an affiliated club but must first take out a competitive licence via the affiliated club for which he will be playing. He must appear on the affiliated club's team-list.

Age limits for players: Minimum age is 16 on the day of the match. Exceptionally, 15 (subject to parental/legal authority).

Player restrictions: Anyone who plays one or more matches for a given club in one of the competitions cannot play for another club in the same competition.

6. Competition structure and Match Regulations

See Appendices A, B & C for regulations specific to an individual competition – notably C the T20 competition.

6.1. Overs

The number of overs which constitute a match varies from competition to competition. See Appendices A, B and C. 6.1.2. No player can bowl more than 20% of his side's overs.

6.2. Minimum team size: 7 players.

6.3. Start times and duration of matches: Umpires are authorised to modify the programmed start time and/or reduce the number of overs.

Both teams must be at the ground 15 minutes before the scheduled time – for the toss, validation of team sheets and getting changed.

6.3.4. In the event of a Delayed start (up to 40 minutes): If one of the teams is not present with at least 7 players, it loses 1 batting over for every 4 minutes delay.

6.3.5. In the event of a Delayed start (40 minutes): If one of the teams is still not present with at least 7 players, the other team will be awarded the match.

6.4. Intervals: Change-over between innings: Normally 20 minutes, T20 10 minutes. **Drinks breaks:** as agreed at the toss.

6.5. Over rate: Each innings must be completed at a rate of 15 overs per hour of play

6.6. Playing conditions: From the scheduled start time onwards the umpires are the sole judges of whether the playing conditions are suitable for play to continue (Law 2.7).

6.7. Tied/Incomplete matches: Rules vary according to each competition. See Appendices A B and C for details.

6.8. Dangerous Bowling: Bouncers and Beamers (Laws 41.6, 41.7 and 41.8):

6.8.1. Bouncers: Laws 41.6.1, 41.6.2 and 41.6.3 are replaced with the following:

All short-pitched balls ("bouncers") above shoulder height will be No-Balled,

6.8.2. Beamers: High, non-pitching deliveries, above waist height will be treated according to Law 41.7.

6.9. Wides: Law 22 is modified as follows:

Off-side deliveries: Off-side deliveries which pass on or outside a line painted 35 inches (89 cm) from the middle stump will be called "Wide" unless the delivery touches the bat or the batsman.

Leg-side deliveries: All balls, not struck by or striking the batsman, passing behind the profile of the batsman in his normal guard position, are to be called "wide".

6.10. No Balls:

All deliveries not landing completely on the pitch (carpet/mat) will be called a No-Ball (Law 21.7).

No-Balls do not result in a Free Hit, except in the case of front-foot faults occurring in the T20 competition.

6.11. Unfair deliveries ("throwing") is defined in Law 21.3.

7. Fielders: No more than 5 fielders are allowed on the leg-side (addition to Law 28.4).

8. Re-scheduling a match before the day of the Match.

8.1. Re-scheduling for good and sufficient reason before the day of the match:

A club wishing to re-schedule a match for such reasons must e-mail ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) at least 7 days before the scheduled date. If the request is made less than 7 days before the original planned date, the opposing club is equally at liberty to decline, and will be awarded the match.

8.2. Re-scheduling for reasons of weather before the day of the match:

A club wishing to postpone any competitive match on meteorological grounds (canicule alerts by the relevant *préfecture* or reliable forecasts (www.meteofrance.com) of rain or shade temperatures of 35° or more) must inform – by telephone in the first instance – the other club with e-mail confirmation to ACCSO Secretary at least 24 hours before the scheduled start time.

9. Re-scheduling of match on the day of the Match.

Agreement will be reached between the host and visiting captains with advice from umpires and ACCSO as necessary. (See full version of regulations).

10. After the Match.

The two umpires sign both score books / scoring software application, validating the scores.

The two captains and the umpires complete and sign the ACCSO Match Report Form. The captains may enter any relevant remarks about the umpires, playing conditions, etc.

The winning side e-mails a digital image of the Match Report Form to ACCSO (competitions@cricket-sw-france.org,) within 48 hours of the end of the match.

The umpires e-mail a digital image of the Team Sheets to ACCSO (competitions@cricket-sw-france.org,) within 48 hours of the end of the match.

10. Discipline. Laws 41 and 42 apply in full, apart from the modifications (above) on bouncers and beamers. Club captains are responsible for their team's discipline, good conduct, respect for the laws and spirit of the game. A captain must respect – and ensure that his team respect – any remarks or requirements from the umpires.

Players must respect all umpiring decisions. Where player(s) do not do so, or show verbal or physical dissent, the umpires will call "Dead Ball" and will decide whether to de-fuse the situation or whether the circumstances warrant disciplinary action under the Laws.

The umpires are the sole judges of what constitutes fair play.

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