Proposal by Hugues "Hui" Scheers for CricHQ use across ACCSO competitions.

What is CricHQ?

CricHQ is a digital platform and app designed to support various aspects of cricket, including club cricket. It provides a digital platform for the collection and processing of match data on a ball by ball basis.

What are the benefits of using CricHQ?

Scoring and Statistics: CricHQ simplifies the scoring process by providing an easy-to-use digital scoring platform. This helps in maintaining accurate and up-to-date statistics for players and teams. It also allows for real-time scoring, which can be accessed by players, coaches, and fans.

Livestream scoring view on mobile phone.

Player Profiles: CricHQ allows you to create and maintain player profiles with detailed statistics, which can be useful for player development and team selection.

Example (FCDiv4) of player profile & Statistics.

Match Management: The platform helps in managing fixtures, scheduling games, and recording match results. This can make it easier to organise and plan club cricket events.

FC Division 4 Masculine 2023
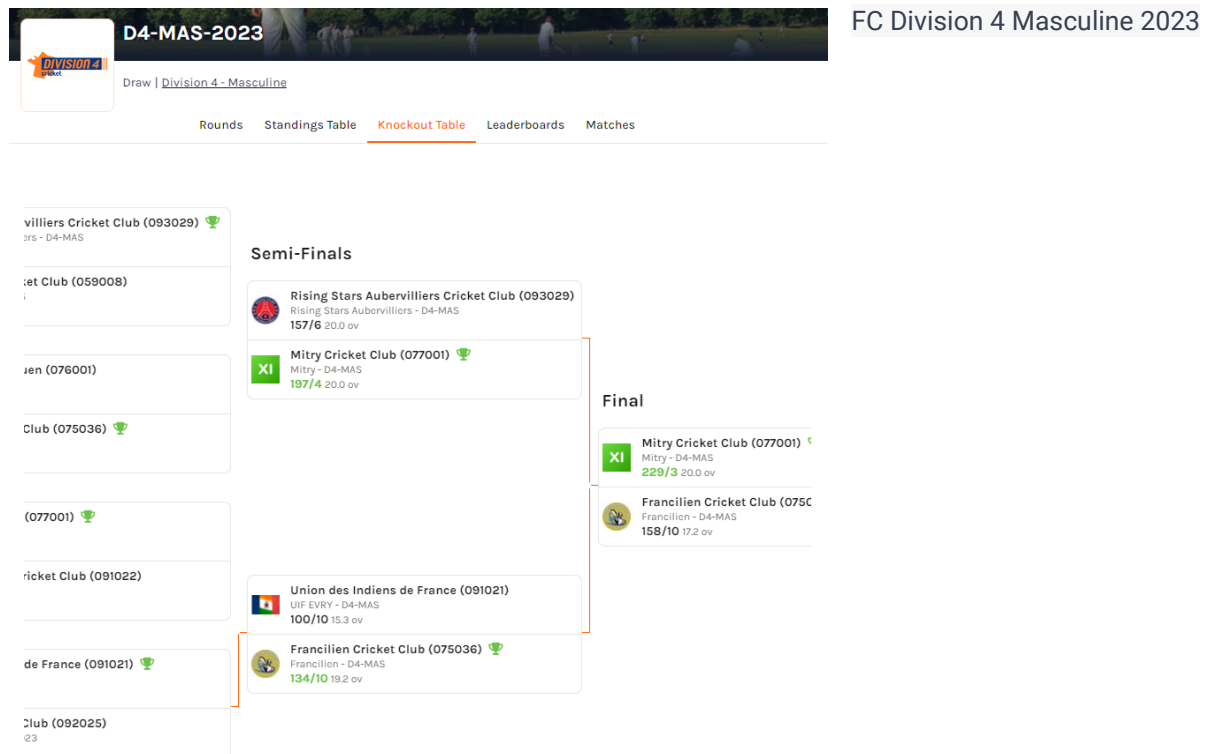
Data Analysis: The platform provides advanced statistical analysis tools that can help in assessing player performance, team strengths and weaknesses, and overall club performance trends.
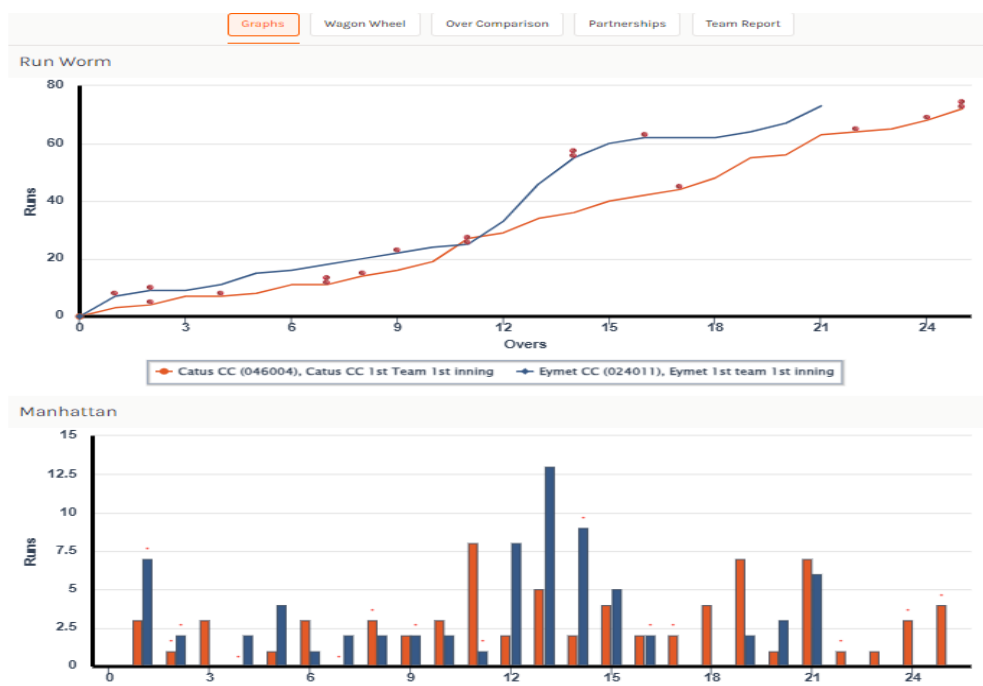
Example of available statistics (note the effect of Owais Mohammed innings overs 10 to 13 in blue).

Player Development: CriCHQ's performance tracking and analysis features can be invaluable for player development. Coaches can use the data to identify areas for improvement and tailor training programs accordingly.

Catus Cricket Club 1st Team trophies, best bowler & best batsmen based on crichq player statistics which players have been following all season.

Scorer Support: CricHQ provides tools for scorers to easily record umpire decisions, calculate net run rates, and help the umpire to manage other aspects of officiating.
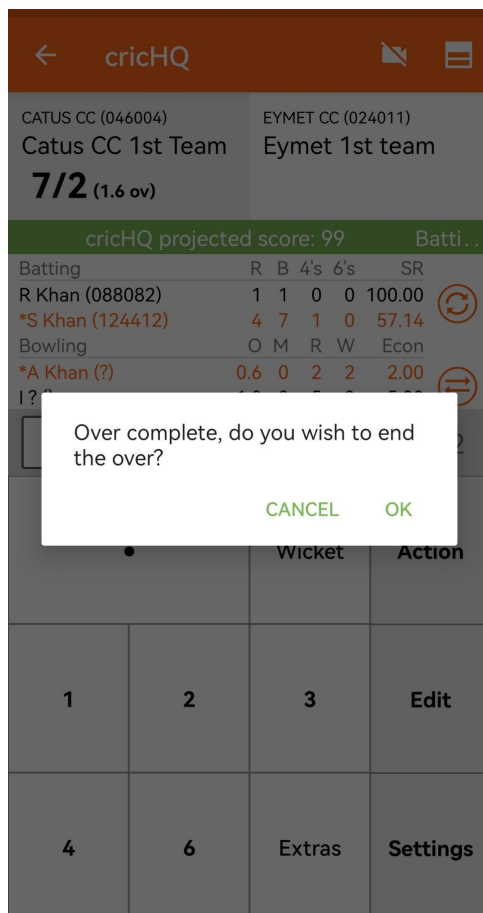
The scoring app allows for the scorer and umpire to easily and quickly relay and access information necessary to the correct and accurate recording of the game and acts as double check on the scorers and umpires who rely on this information (nr of balls left / bowler restrictions / facing batsmen etc..).

Fan Engagement: The platform can engage fans through live scoring, video highlights, and social media integration, creating a more vibrant club cricket community.

Sharing of the live scoring has increased fan engagement with club "fans" following and encouraging from multiple continents.

Compliance and Administration: It can help with compliance to cricket association rules and regulations, making it easier to manage the administrative aspects of club cricket.

The automatically generated match report contains all the information that is currently requested on the Team sheet and match report (ACCSO) as well as the e-filing roster (FranceCricket).

Catus CC (046004), Catus CC 1st Team vs Eymet CC (024011), Eymet 1st team
Tied

Date: Sun 17 Sep 2023
Location: France
Match Type: Twenty 20
Scorer: Ken Sutton (037949)
Toss: Catus CC (046004), Catus CC 1st Team won the toss and elected to Bat
URL: https://www.crichq.com/matches/1116116

	Catus CC (046004), Catus CC 1st Team		Eymet CC (024011), Eymet 1st team
Score	76-10	Score	76-10
Overs	16.0	Overs	15.5
	Ahmadshah Dawlatzai (124625)		Adnan Mohammad (106623)
	Farouk Hossain (124370)		Ahmadzai Rahmad (110842)
	Ikram Karimi (121130)		Ahmed Shehzad (124366)
	Karim Khan (088080)		Ali Khan (?)
	Rahim Khan (088082)		Asad Iqbal (124352)
	Ruhul Amin (124362)		Enayet Hossain (124353)
	Sakib Ahmed (124724)		Imran ? ()
	Saqib Khan (124412)		Mazudin Khan (121479)
	Shafik Khan (088081) *		Owais Mohammad (095286)
	Ulfat Haidari (120923)		Sandeep ? ()
	Waheed Ahmadzai (120753)		Sultani ? ()

Live Streaming:	CricHQ offers live streaming capabilities, enabling you to share matches with a wider audience and engage fans who cannot attend games in person.

The digitisation of the scoring data allows for an easy integration of the data into livestream video, though this requires a further investment towards a quality video system (Catus cc will be further experimenting with this in 2024 season).

Community and Engagement:	CricHQ can help in building a cricket community by facilitating communication and engagement among players, coaches, and fans. It allows for sharing match highlights and updates on social media, which can boost the club's visibility.

The integration of CricHQ has allowed us to better engage with our local non-cricket playing community to assist them to better understand the game (and hopefully integrate future players from the local community), this allows a better understanding not only for persons following the results remotely but also for curious onlookers who can better follow the game through the ball by ball commentary on their mobile phone.

Accessibility: CricHQ is available as a mobile app, making it convenient for players, coaches, and fans to access information and updates on the go.

More than 75% of persons in France own a smartphone and therefore are able to get immediate access to match information. It should also be noted that when not on the field, most of our players have their phone in hand watching some form of cricket.

Sponsorship Opportunities: The ability to livestream matches and share highlights can attract sponsors looking for exposure, potentially providing a source of revenue for the club.

All cricket clubs in France require financial assistance should they wish to grow. The use of a digital platform with all of the benefits as listed above allow for a broader reach through increased exposure. Not only does this increase the appeal to sponsors but also increases the awareness of cricket in a country that has yet to understand the future potential of this sport.

What is required to run CricHQ?

   1) CricHQ profile

To run CricHQ, clubs require a cricHQ "club" profile on the CricHQ website (www.crichq.com), this can be created by any existing "player" profile which is created by your email address & personal password when signing up on the website. The following clubs (that played Catus cc in the 2023 season) all have active profiles.

|	Clubs	Fixtures	Organisations	Competitions	Grounds	Match Types		
Search by name ✕								New
Name ∧					Location		Type	
Catus CC (046004)					France		Club	
Damazan CC (047008)					France		Club	
Eymet CC (024011)					France		Club	
St Aulaye CC (910037)					France		Club	
Toulouse Cricket Club (031016) ⚙					France		Club	
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Each club profile has a minimum of one administrator (any player profile can be administrator), the administrator then has full access to edit the following (amongst others):

- Club members - Administrators have the ability to add & remove club members from the club profile. For Catus cc in 2023 we added all of our club members to our club profile including non-playing members, social members as well as our licensed playing members (FC Licensed players had their licence nr added to their name). This gives us a good overview of members in good standing with the club. It is encouraged to ensure that club membership forms include the signed authorisation to enter First + Last Name to the CricHQ database
- Teams - Administrators can create and populate their respective teams that exist within their club by creating a "team" profile. The Team/s can be populated from the list of members within the club (as registered under "club members"). The team is not limited to 12 players and should ideally contain the entire playing squad so as to make selection by the scorer easier throughout the season. Teams can also be created within a club should you wish to play friendly/social games internally and use CricHQ for scoring various formats of cricket (including indoor).
- Profile Pictures, Logos and contact details. Administrators can manage the look of the publicly viewable profile by editing their profile pictures and logo's. This is highly recommended as there can be many similar club profiles on crichq.

2) The CricHQ App (for scoring).

The CricHQ App (available on Google Play and IStore) is free to download and runs on most smartphones. The App allows features such as following a live score of any game in process as well as viewing player profiles & receiving notifications though it's main feature is for the scoring functionality.

- The Scoring function on the APP allows you to create any "unofficial" match at any time, thus allowing you to easily create internal games (or friendly) in a variety of different formats (including indoor). Note that these matches and all their data is recorded and saved, though player data is not accumulated towards the players profile.
- The Scoring app also allows you to access "official" matches through a 6 digit passcode. These official matches are matches that have been scheduled accordingly by a competition organisation (ACCSO/FC). The scorecard and player data is directly linked to the scheduled matches on the organisation's CricHQ profile allowing for the competition results to be collected seamlessly. Player data is then recorded on the player profile, giving accumulated results throughout the competition.
- There is a function that allows for the transfer of the scoring between phones should there be a problem with a scorer or his phone's battery (though a battery booster pack is highly recommended).
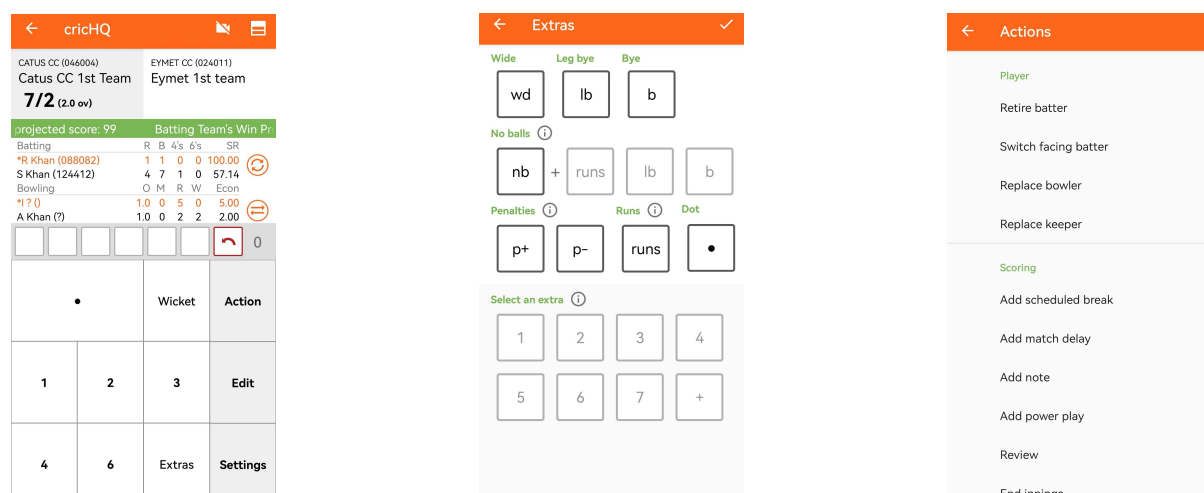
The App has an easy to use scoring interface which handles the complexities of cricket quite well. It is fairly intuitive to use though one needs to be aware of where to correctly record/correct certain inputs that need to be corrected (incorrect signals from umpire, appeal retractions, decision reversals etc..).

What does CricHQ cost?

So far all the matches recorded by Catus cc this season have been entirely free though all the matches are listed as "unofficial" with the match being created on the day. All the data is recorded but not recorded towards any competition.

- The App is entirely free (though you can subscribe for $5/month to get less advertising and access to matches that have video).
- The CricHQ Club & player profiles are also entirely free.
- CricHQ DOES charge a fee (unpublished though they do claim one price for all organisations) for access to an "organiser" profile which will allow ACCSO competitions to be recognised as "official" on the CricHQ platform with all results being recorded and published as per the published ACCSO schedule of competitions.

As France Cricket currently has an organiser profile (no doubt funded by ICC) and that all ACCSO club members (playing competitive cricket) are licensed to France Cricket then it is only fair that our competitions are at least recognized with the same CricHQ status that all other FC licensed clubs are receiving. *In other words for it to be free, ACCSO will have to "negotiate" with France Cricket for us to either:*
1) Receive an organiser (regional organiser) profile as ACCSO on CricHQ so that we may publish our own match schedule.
2) France cricket publishes our schedule (once confirmed) under their own organiser profile and gives us full access.
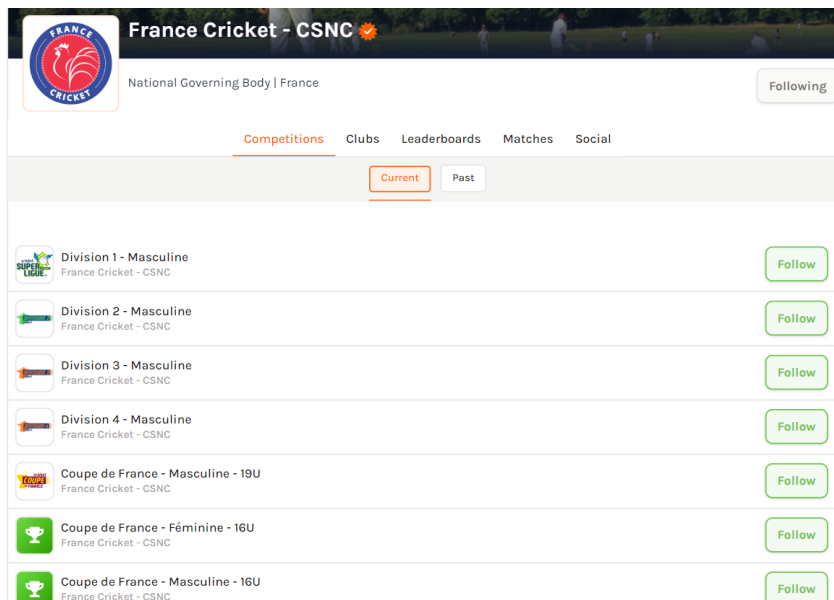
Some of the 18+ competitions held ("organised") this year by France Cricket on their CricHQ profile.

What do ACCSO clubs need to do to make the system work?

In order for the CricHQ system to work seamlessly across all our competitions each club will have to put in a small effort to provide the following.

1) 1 * club administrator (ideally the one that deals with the licensed players) that can become the "administrator" of their CricHQ profile and ensure that all licensed players are correctly input into the club profile and assigned to the relevant team. This should not be too time consuming and will usually only be required at the start of the season. *I myself (Hugues "Hui" Scheers) am willing to assist with any training required to do this, though each club will need to take responsibility (going forward) for their own profile.*

2) A minimum of 1 scorer per club that is willing to go through a training document that I will compile (before the start of the 2024 competitive season) which explains the process of scoring using the APP. This scorer should then be recognised as the official scorer for the club and needs to ensure that all club members asked to score are aware of the process. *For this I am also willing to assist for the training as well as assist telephonically (when available) on match days should there be any issues.*

Does this replace the current scoring (paperbook)?

No. In our experience from the testing this year, as seamless as the scoring digitally can be, it can be very useful to have a traditional scorer at hand when first starting to use the system. A traditional scorebook allows you a bit of a backup should the digital scorer need a few moments to correct something. The use of the system should not prevent traditional scorers from continuing with the paper system should they choose to.