



Association des Club du Cricket du Sud Ouest.

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Les Essards

ACCSO Presidents Report 2025

Dear Presidents and club members,

I thank all clubs for their support in 2025 in what was another challenging year. I would particularly like to thank all club administrators, players, umpires and scorers for all their efforts in making the season a success.

Despite the difficulty in scheduling the three-team pool in Nouvelle-Aquitaine and the disappointment of the early withdrawal of Nimes from Occitanie pool the season was completed successfully. I know some clubs would have preferred more cricket and options for this and this will be discussed at the AGM.

Once again we had to reschedule the league final but the match was completed in late September. Congratulations to Eymet on their victory over fellow pool winners Toulouse Bears. Eymet were also crowned T20 champions with another victory over Toulouse Bears, commiserations to Bears.

I was extremely disappointed not to be able to attend the BF Cup Final held at Catus. Hui was able to deputise as vice-president and I am told the day went well. Congratulations to Toulouse Wolves on their victory and once again commiserations to the Bears, however making all three finals is a huge achievement in its own right. I would like to thank all at Catus for organising the day and laying on what I am sure was an outstanding spread for our sponsors, their guests and the players.

I would like to thank my friends and colleagues on the ACCSO committee for their support and hard work. The positions of treasurer and vice-president are up for election by rotation for a two-year period. Hui has indicated he is willing to continue as your vice-president however Mehul who has increased work commitments is looking to step away from his role as your treasurer. He is willing to stand but it will be his final year. If anyone is interested in coming forward for either position they would be very welcome.



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Colin Goodall and Peter Townsend have indicated they are willing to continue contributing with their non-committee ACCSO duties and I thank them for their time and support.

The position of Secretary General has a huge remit and we will consult over the coming year on how we might split some of the duties possibly into two committee positions or a competitions co-ordinator. In addition, we are looking for help in a number of other areas that will be outlined at the AGM, these will be non-committee positions so will not require election. We would be grateful for anyone who is able to help support our cricket.

I will leave it to Mehul to report on the detail of your association's finances but I will mention that we were once again extremely pleased to receive generous financial support from Blevins Franks. I would like to thank Rupert and all at Blevins Franks for their critical financial support. However, Rupert will be retiring from Blevins Franks and it is extremely likely that 2025 is the last year we will receive any support from them. We wish Rupert all the best for his retirement and thank him for his and Blevins Franks long running support and his contribution to cricket in the South West. Your association has been planning for the loss of this financial support for some time and as a result is well placed in the short and medium term to deal with the position we find ourselves in.

I would also like to mention that we receive a huge amount of support from administrators, umpires and scorers either simply covering their own costs or via the tax donation scheme. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their time and donations without which clubs costs would be substantially increased.

Your committee proposes that ACCSO as a whole including the Association des Clubs de Cricket du Sud-Ouest should affiliate to the ASPTT. This would allow the Committee to work on your behalf with ASPTT cricket committees and in the future potentially apply for funding for cricket across our two regions. As a result this would require that ALL ACCSO Full-member-clubs to be affiliated with the ASPTT and they would no longer be able to affiliate with other Omni-Sport bodies.

As most of you know we have transitioned our electronic scoring to Cricheros after the unfortunate collapse of CricHQ. Many clubs are keen to use Cricheros to provide match reporting and there will be an opportunity to discuss this at the AGM.



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ACCSO have no intention to remove the traditional method of match reporting but clubs will have to comply with one or other method approved by the AGM. I am afraid to report that a number of clubs were unable to manage reporting successfully in 2025.

I mentioned earlier in my report that we will discuss the league format for 2025. Eymet have a proposal that has been sent to clubs and we will discuss this and other potential options at the AGM. I remind you it is completely legitimate to defer a final decision to the EGM in January/February. We must also discuss the T20 format, there was once again difficulty at the three-way T20 pool in the north this year and we feel that this format is no longer an option. I have said in previous years clubs needed to get through the schedule and for various reasons not entirely due to the clubs involved this did not happen.

I am sad to report that Nimes have indicated they won't be joining ACCSO cricket in 2026 after their early withdraw in 2025 due the fact they were not willing to travel. It was also disappointing they were not able to complete their promised artificial wicket. It is unfortunate that their players will not benefit from ACCSO cricket next year but the club propose to concentrate on their ground and their school/youth development. I am sure we all wish them the very best with this really important cause.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who make our cricket possible - the ACCSO committee and management, the committees of clubs, umpies and scorers, ground staff, Blevins Franks and most importantly the players.

I look forward to the AGM and to seeing many of you then.

Sincerely,

Peter Brown

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