

## France Cricket, proposed changes to Coupe de France 2019

FC have been looking at how to change this competition so as to encourage regional clubs to take part. With the finer details still to be confirmed, the purpose of this document is to outline what might emerge. Please gather the thoughts of your members to aid meaningful discussion / decision at the ACCSO AGM.

**Format of Competition** (40 over matches)

*(Assumption: All matches for ACCSO Clubs will be scheduled for a Sunday)*

It is proposed to divide all the clubs into 8 regional pools of which ACCSO would comprise one. If the BF Cup is re-instated in 2019, the idea is to recognise its winner as qualifying for the Quarter Finals phase. This pool phase to be completed on or before 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

The Quarter Finals phase (4 matches ) are likely to be staged on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019. Winners of the Quarter Finals would go forward to the Semi Finals, likely 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019. The Final will be definitely be in Paris, likely 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019.

FC are very favourable to the idea of the winners of the BF playing their quarter-Final match at home (it would likely be a 11h00 start). They are looking at ways to subsidise the travel and accommodation costs of away sides in the quarters.

It is also possible that, if the BF Cup winner gets through to the semis, then that match also might be played here, in-region. This is pragmatism on FC's part: a 40-over Cup match ties up a Paris ground for a whole day: a luxury they don't have!

**Entry Fees** (300€)

The planning assumption is that these fees (covering ground use, umpire fees and balls) are waived for ACCSO Clubs

**Funding**

**The BF Cup, pool, phase:** will be treated as in 2015 and before with ACCSO providing some funding for the Semi Finals and Final. (*Assumption:*) This being 100€ per match, close to the amount proposed in item 16.e of the AGM Agenda for using a clubs facilities.

**The Quarter Finals phase :** (*Assumption:*) home match for the winners of the BF Cup. Would not be funded by ACCSO, a more substantial than usual between innings meal being provided by the club.

**The Semi Final phase:** details have still to be proposed / decided.

**The Final:** ACCSO have put 500€ in the draft Budget-2019 towards travel and accommodation.

A condition of the proposal is that, by entering the BF Cup competition, ALL clubs **commit** to playing in all the later FC stages in the event they win the BF Cup.

An unfortunate aspect of the proposal is that the next FC discussions will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018, rather close to the AGM on 10<sup>th</sup>, but I will try to communicate details in advance.

There will need to be discussion and vote.

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