

[Translation of 1992 original French document]

Association des Clubs de Cricket du Sud-Ouest (ACCSO)

Constitution

Registered Office : Mairie de Damazan

Article I

The **Association des Clubs de Cricket du Sud-Ouest (ACCSO)**, an association regulated by the law of 1st July 1901 and the decree of 16th August 1901, is hereby established.

Article II

Objectives : This association is established to promote and to develop the sport of cricket in the south-west of France, and in particular by:

- i) co-ordinating the activities of existing clubs
- ii) encouraging and helping the development of new clubs
- iii) organising and managing competitions among the clubs, defining and regulating such competitions and qualifying those who participate therein
- iv) recording the performances of players in member-clubs
- v) establishing a list of umpires who may stand in official matches and who may train other umpires
- vi) organising - or helping individual clubs to organise - training sessions, demonstrations; junior cricket and other activities which help general promotion
- vii) encouraging clubs to develop, within reasonable geographical limits.

Article III

The Association does not have a pre-defined "life".

Article IV

The Association's registered office is at the Mairie at Damazan.
This address can be transferred by a decision of the Association's Committee.

Article V

Membership of the Association is open to all cricket clubs of good standing or to those sporting clubs which include cricket in their official activities, provided that these operate within the Grand Sud-Ouest, are in accord with the Association's objectives and are up-to-date with payment of the annual membership fee.

Article VI

Committee: The Association shall be managed by a Committee comprising:

a) Elected Officers as follows:-

- President [Chairman]
- Vice-president
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Competitions Secretary
- Development & Training co-ordinator.

Together with:

b) Club Representatives: one such nominated for each member-club.

i) Elected Officers and Club Representatives alike shall be in office for one year, at the end of which they may stand for re-election or re-nomination, as appropriate, and without restriction on total length of time in office.

ii) The election of Officers will take place in December each year at a full meeting of the Committee at which each member of Committee shall have one vote.

iii) Nominations for Elected Officers must be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary before the end of November each year. Each such nomination must be proposed and seconded by two different member-clubs.

iv) Should an Elected Officer leave the Committee ahead of the normal expiry date of his term, the Committee must elect a replacement, either from within the existing Committee or from outside.

Should a Club Representative step down ahead of time, the Club concerned may propose a replacement representative.

v) The Committee shall meet when the President (or, in his absence, the Vice-president) deems it necessary. A meeting of the Committee may also be called at the joint request of at least three member-clubs.

vi) The Secretary will give at least a fortnight's notice of each Committee meeting, together with the relevant agenda. For the annual (December) meeting the agenda

will include a list of the persons proposed for election as Officers for the following year.

vii) Quorum for any meeting of the Committee shall be at least two-thirds of the member-clubs.

viii) Upon joining the Association, a new member-club shall be invited to nominate a person who will represent that club for the remainder of the current year. With immediate effect, that person will be eligible to participate in the procedure for the nomination and election of Officers, on a par with existing member-clubs.

Article VII

The financial resources of the Association comprise:

- subscriptions payable by member-clubs
- grants, gifts, sponsorships and the net income from all events.

i) Member-clubs shall pay an annual subscription, which will be set – and modified - by a simple majority vote of the Committee.

ii) A member-club which has not paid its subscription by the end of January may, at the discretion of the Committee, be stripped of its membership for the current year.

iii) The Committee shall have the discretion to obtain funds from various sources and by various means; however, the Committee shall not enter into any loan arrangement without the prior authority of the entire Committee.

iv) Monies derived from subscriptions, gifts, grants and sponsorships shall be spent only on the Objectives defined above.

Article VIII

The Committee may enter into agreements with commercial sponsors. The Committee shall be the judge of the appropriateness of such agreements but they shall not affect the right of individual member-clubs to enter into an agreement with the same sponsor(s) and this shall not be held to be conflictual.

Article IX

The Association may, if the Committee so wills, seek to be recognised by or affiliated to the Fédération Française de Baseball Softball et Cricket. This shall not prevent individual member-clubs deciding for themselves their own relationship with the Fédération.

Article X

Disbandment/dissolution: In the event that the Association is to be disbanded – a decision which requires the support of at least two-thirds of the member-clubs – a

liquidator shall be nominated by the Committee and the Association's assets – if such there be – shall be disposed of according to Article IX of the law of 1st July 1901 and the decree of 16th August 1901.

Signed by :

Mme F. RIZZOLATTI, Présidente

J-C. RIEUDEBAT, Secrétaire

Mme W. LEWIS, Trésorière

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