

# COLORADO CRICKET LEAGUE

## FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME



### CCL News

It was heartening to see the clubs take an active role in selecting the balls for the 2019 season. The white Newbery SPS 4 pc ball was the ultimate choice in both formats. Unfortunately weather played spoilsport on the two weekends set aside from practice games so the decision to move forward with the ball selection had to be made without teams getting the chance to thoroughly test the ball. The consolation is that the ball is being used in a reputable league such as the Northern California Cricket league which boasts of having some players on the National Team. The ball was also used at the 2018 RMSG.

The Scheduler has started getting ground availability for all the grounds. Next he will work with the tennis league scheduler and draft a tentative schedule. This year both leagues will be working together to avoid conflicts.

We have one new team joining the league this year. CSCC is fielding a third T20 team—Rising Stars. We welcome the new players to CCL.

The EC had released team tasks that will help us better our league. All clubs were asked to take up at least one task to work on during the year, either as a club activity or jointly with other clubs. Most clubs have made their choices. We will be following up with the rest and get this going.

The CCL Budget for 2019 will be released shortly. We want all the clubs to know how their dollars are being spent.

As a 501 C(3) organization, we can accept tax deductible donations. We request all our members to help us in this matter. The league could do so much more if we had more funds available to us.

### A synopsis of the 2019 season format

The Premier league will consist of 9 teams. Each team will play every other team in the league. Each team will play four home games and four away games. At the end of the league phase the top four teams will play semi finals for the championship. The bottom five teams will play for the plate.

The T20 league will consist of 18 teams. The teams will be placed in two groups (North and South) of 9 teams each. As far as possible, sister teams from the same club will be placed in different groups.

Each team will play every other team in the group. Each team will play four home games and four away games. All these games will also be considered part of the RMSG qualification. At every game an RMSG medal will be awarded to the Man of the Match.

At the end of the round, the top four teams from each group will be placed in Division 1. The bottom five from each group will be placed in Division 2. Points and scores from games played against teams placed in the same division, will be carried forward to the

respective divisions.

Teams will then play the other teams in their division that they have not played in round 1. In division 1 every team will play four more games and in division 2 every team will play five more games. This will be called round 2. At the end of round 2, the top four teams in each division will play IPL style playoffs for the divisional championships. The bottom teams (four in Div 1 and six in Div 2) will play knockout style playoffs for the plates.

The eight teams in Division 1 will also qualify for the RMSG playoffs. If any team withdraws from the RMSG playoffs, the next highest ranked team will take its place.

At the end of the season, top two teams from Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1 and bottommost team from Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 for 2020 T20 season. The 2020 season will begin with two Divisions. Any new team joining in 2020 T20 season will start in Division 2.

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## Vice President speaks

Hello all!! This is Bodhayan Chakraborty. I am the CACU President and CCL VP for the 2019 season. I have been playing in Colorado Cricket League since 2010 representing Littleton Cricket Club.

I am from a small village called Chapra in West Bengal, India. I have been playing cricket since my childhood and I always had a desire to play cricket. But, in our village, I could only play tennis ball cricket as we didn't have the facility to play leather ball cricket. I got the taste of playing leather ball cricket only after I moved to Mumbai for my first job. I was always a bowler who could hit some big shots down the order. Bowling has always been my passion and I always liked to bowl fast. Even though I started playing leather ball cricket in Mumbai, my true cricketing journey started back in Kolkata when I joined Cognizant and started playing for Cognizant Cricket team. I learned a lot playing for Cognizant Cricket team before I came to Colorado in 2009. My friend Joy Raha introduced me to LCC in 2010 and I thank him for doing that!! Ever since I started playing cricket in Colorado, it has been a wonderful journey for me since then. I met some wonderful persons and great cricketers in this league and they have become part of my extended family.

I not only wanted to play this beautiful game, I always wanted to learn from this game. I want this league to be more professional, more competitive and grow into a much bigger league. With that vision, I took the CACU VP position in 2016 and 2018 and became CACU president in 2019. I want to make sure being in CACU, we play cricket in our league as it is being played all over the world, following the same standards, same rules and with a true spirit.

### Howzzat Answers

1. A - Any part of a glove worn on the batsman's hand not holding the bat.
2. B — 4.25 inches / 10.8 cm.
3. B — 10 feet / 3.05 m.
4. B — After the toss.

This is very heartening for me to see that most of the clubs are now recording their games. This not only makes a good memory, it also helps CACU to analyze the game later in case there is any issue. I want all the clubs to do that.

In my view, our league is going to the right direction and we are getting lot of new talents in our league. The number of clubs are growing and we are playing a lot more games. At this moment, we need more grounds for our league. The EC will be working hard this year and in coming years to procure new grounds.

I have captained Team Colorado for last few years and as Team Colorado, we have done excellent in last few years. At home, we have been dominant and beat our neighboring leagues convincingly. In 2015 and 2016, we travelled to Chicago for Unity cup and 2017 and 2018, we travelled to Los Angeles for Labor Day tournament. Even though we could not win the tournaments, we did well to beat a few teams being underdogs. We also travelled to Utah in 2017 and beat them at their home. So, we are definitely progressing as a league and people respect us when we travel outside. The main obstacle in our progress so far is lack of sponsorship. Once we start getting more money for our league and Team Colorado, we can grow leaps and bounds.

The 2019 season is about to start. I wish all the clubs best of luck for this season. I personally cannot wait for the season to start. My message is not complete without thanking my family and thanking all our families for allowing us to play this beautiful game that we all love. When possible, bring your families in the ground and share your joy with them.

All the best!! Let the season begin!!

## Treasurer's report

CCL 2018 Finances are now completely updated with no pending payments.

Balls for T20s ordered - Expected delivery date is April 3rd, 2019.

Balls for P40s ordered - Expected delivery date is April 19th, 2019.

2019 Budget has been sent to LMC for review and approval.

2019 Budget to be approved by March 10th, 2019.

CCL Fees due by March 20th, 2019.

## Featured Club - Denver Cricket Club (DCC)



**DCC 2018**

Denver Cricket Club is a team with character and an exciting concoction of youth along with experience players. Like-minded people hailing from Southeast Denver area formed DCC in 2017. DCC is one of the emerging teams in Colorado Cricket League and is the only leather ball team from the SE Denver area. A lot of players with prior experience in CCL (Manjinder Singh, Sameer Chavan, Sanket Wagh, Umang Bhatt and Ashwani Kharb) joined DCC, which helped the club in its first year. Few players like Jaswinder Singh and Harpreet Singh brought in multiple years of experience from playing club cricket for various leagues across the states, their experience and knowledge helped in making DCC's transition from a new club to a well established club in its two years of existence. DCC faced a lot of challenges in its first year, from securing a ground to recruiting new players but with hard work and determination it overcame these hurdles.

During its rookie year, DCC's goal was to make sure they have playing XI in each game. But thanks to collaborative efforts from all its players, DCC was able to secure few wins along the way. DCC's players showed a lot of character in team building and spent time discovering everyone's roles in the team. Although DCC was a new team, it showed tremendous resilience against big teams in the league. DCC could not win matches against well-established teams but showed a good fight all the way through. DCC players had a lot of good performances during the season; Jaswinder Singh became the first DCC player to pick a five-wicket haul. Prasanth Thiru made 70 runs in first P40 game against a very fine bowling attack of FRCC that resulted in DCC making a score of 200+ in its first P40 game. Deepak Rajendran won the best wicket keeper in CCL and Sameer was the 3<sup>rd</sup> runner



**DCC 2017**

up in best fielder category.

After gaining some experience from the first year. DCC has now become a reasonably formidable team in the league. DCC was in Top 4 of Div 2 and lost some close games in the T20 league. Sanket Wagh became DCC's first player to take a hat trick along with a five-wicket haul against Yorkers Cricket Club in T20 league. Manjinder Singh became the first player to score a century for DCC against Littleton Cricket Club-T. Couple of notable wins for DCC came in P40 format against FCCC and CCCC. In the game against CCCC, Pranveer Singh and Sameer Chavan had a 150 runs partnership, which was also a 2<sup>nd</sup>-runner up for the best partnership of the year.

Another moment to remember for DCC players was P40 game against CCCC in plate league semifinals, although DCC came up short in that game, but the fight that DCC's players put on that day with only 8 players on the field was quite commendable. Harpreet Singh became CCL's highest wicket-taker of the year in T20 format and was awarded the best bowler of the year in the league along-with being the 4th runner up for the best all-rounder of the year in CCL. Pranveer Singh was named second runner up rookie of the year and also the first runner up umpire of the year.

For the upcoming season DCC is inspired to put up a challenge and once again show its metal with the ultimate goal of bringing its first title home.

DCC is trying to get its own ground, which will be enormously helpful in the long term not only for the club but also to the entire Colorado cricket community.



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#### Expanded Awards List for 2019

Champion Premier League  
 Runner Up Premier League  
 Plate Champion Premier League  
 Plate Runner Up Premier League  
 Champion T20 Division 1  
 Runner Up T20 Division 1  
 Plate Champion Division 1  
 Plate Runner Up Division 1  
 Champion T20 Division 2  
 Runner Up T20 Division 2  
 Plate Champion Division 2  
 Plate Runner Up Division 2  
 Best Batsman Premier  
 Best Batsman T20  
 Best Bowler Premier  
 Best Bowler T20  
 Best All Rounder Premier  
 Best All Rounder T20  
 Champion of Champions (MVP) Premier  
 Champion of Champions (MVP) T20  
 Man of the Finals Premier  
 Man of the Finals T20  
 Rookie of the year Premier  
 Rookie of the year T20  
 Fielder of the year Premier  
 Fielder of the year T20  
 Wicketkeeper of the year Premier  
 Wicketkeeper of the year T20  
 Highest Partnership Premier  
 Highest Partnership T20  
 Best batting performance Premier  
 Best batting performance T20  
 Most centuries Premier  
 Most centuries T20  
 Best bowling performance Premier  
 Best bowling Performance T20  
 Umpire of the year  
 Best new article of the season  
 Best disciplined club of the year

## Did you know?

- ◆ Bhuvneshwar Kumar is the only bowler in cricket history to get his first wicket in all three formats of the game as bowled.
- ◆ Chanderpaul holds the record of most unbeaten centuries in test cricket. He made 18 unbeaten centuries out of his 30 centuries in Test matches.
- ◆ Faf du Plessis is the only player in the history of cricket to have played 100 consecutive innings without getting dismissed for a duck from his debut.
- ◆ Australia is the only team to whitewash every single Test playing nation, in the Test cricket.
- ◆ Sourav Ganguly is the only player, to have won four consecutive awards in ODI cricket.
- ◆ Muttiah Muralitharan holds the record for the highest number of maiden overs i.e. 1992 overs, bowled in the international cricket.
- ◆ Wasim Akram is the only bowler who has taken 2 hat-tricks in Test as well as ODI cricket.
- ◆ MS Dhoni holds the record of closing out a match with six, on nine occasions for India, in ODI cricket.
- ◆ KL Rahul is the only opener who has scored a century in his maiden innings as an opening batsman, in ODI as well as Tests.

## Howzaat? Laws 3 & 4 (The Bat and the Pitch)

### (Answers on Page 2)

1. Which of the following would NOT be considered as the ball striking or touching the bat?
  - A. Any part of a glove worn on the batsman's hand not holding the bat.
  - B. A batsman's hand holding the bat.
  - C. Any part of a glove worn on the batsman's hand holding the bat.
2. At its maximum width, ignoring any permitted covering, the width of the bat shall not exceed?
  - A. 4 inches / 10.2 cm.
  - B. 4.25 inches / 10.8 cm.
  - C. 4.5 inches / 11.4 cm.
3. What is the width of the pitch?
  - A. 22 yards / 20.12 m.
  - B. 10 feet / 3.05 m.
  - C. 2 yards / 1.83 m.
4. When do umpires become responsible for the use and maintenance of the pitch?
  - A. On arrival at the ground.
  - B. After the toss.
  - C. At the call of play.