



Colorado Association of Cricket Umpires

1. Introduction

The Colorado Association of Cricket Umpires, hereby referred to as CACU, is an organization responsible for the identification, development, appointment and assessment of umpires for all cricket games conducted & recognized by Colorado Cricket League (CCL).

- 1.1. CACU will be administered by a three member Executive Committee (EC) consisting of President, Vice President (VP) and Scheduler.
- 1.2. The Vice President of CCL will hold the post of President of CACU, and will also be the key stakeholder in communicating the events between CCL and CACU.
- 1.3. The VP and Scheduler positions will be kept 'open' for all the eligible members of CCL and will be assigned to those who are willing to volunteer themselves to accept the responsibilities.
- 1.4. In the event of more than one volunteer for VP and Scheduler positions, elections will be conducted to these two posts alongside the CCL elections at the AGM.

2. Executive Roles

- 2.1. President – The President of CACU will be the head of the organization. The President will be its spokesperson and liaison.
- 2.2. Vice President – The Vice President will be responsible for the development of the organization. VP will organize umpiring clinics and certification programs.
- 2.3. Scheduler – The Scheduler will be responsible for assigning umpires to all CCL games. Scheduler will work very closely with the CCL Secretary.

3. Vision

To develop a system that provides a platform and support to aid umpires in their development to ensure highest possible quality and standards of decision-making. In addition, provide opportunities for CACU and its umpires to be recognized at the highest level of USACA.

4. Responsibility



CACU in coordination with Individual clubs will provide umpires for various games. The coordination will be the responsibility of the scheduler. CACU will strive to improve the standard of umpiring and provide interested members with all the possible opportunities to assess, perform and develop themselves in the art of umpiring. CACU will strive to ensure that umpires have good knowledge and understanding of the following areas of the game:

- Game's Rules & Regulations
- Communication
- Decision Making
- Dealing with Pressure
- Handling Issues with Players and Teams

5. Guidelines

CACU requests the support of all the registered clubs of CCL in providing the list of umpires at the beginning of the season, until such time as the CACU becomes independent and self-sufficient.

CACU will conduct its operations based on the following guidelines:

5.1. Membership

- 5.1.1. All certified umpires are members of CACU.
- 5.1.2. In order to continue being a certified umpire, each member will have to umpire at least one game in 3 consecutive years.
- 5.1.3. New members will have to be certified before they are considered full members of the CACU.
- 5.1.4. The clubs can have any number of certified umpires on its roster.
- 5.1.5. Umpires will not be restricted to any fixed limit unless the CACU-EC decides against it.
- 5.1.6. CACU will strive to provide the "BEST" umpires possible from the available list.
- 5.1.7. "Uncertified" members or umpires will not be allowed to perform any means of umpiring duties on the ground.
- 5.1.8. CACU or L1 certified umpire from any other club will be able to recertify de-certified umpires as per proposal passed in 2019 AGM meeting
- 5.1.9. If a player plays for 2 teams in two different formats, he should not umpire a game where one of his teams is playing. If it happens, CACU will penalize the umpiring team \$100. This is added as per proposal passed in the 2019 AGM meeting.

5.2. Coaching

- 5.2.1. At least 3 clinics will be organized before the start of the season.



- 5.2.2. One each at Fort Collins, Denver and Colorado Springs.
- 5.2.3. Additional Coaching sessions will be conducted, as and when need arises.
- 5.2.4. CACU-EC will identify suitable personnel or coaches, assign them with the responsibilities to organize and conduct the coaching clinics for umpires.
- 5.2.5. “Interactive” questions will be included in the certification process to enhance the decision-making skills for the umpires. (for e.g. Media files and pictures showing LBW decisions)
- 5.2.6. CACU-EC will put in efforts to invite “professional” and “certified” coaches to participate in one of our umpiring clinics OR will make arrangements for selected umpires to attend umpiring coaching clinics in other parts of the country. (Financial aspects in this regards – TBD later)

5.3. Umpire Responsibilities

- 5.3.1. All illegal bowling actions should be reported. If the umpire finds the action of a bowler illegal, the umpire reserves the right to ban the bowler from taking part further in the game. Further, the umpire should report the bowler’s action to the CACU committee. The CACU committee should take further action to make sure that all illegal bowling actions are hashed out from the game.
- 5.3.2. Designated Umpires must make necessary arrangements to show up on time for all the games, 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
- 5.3.3. In the event of running late for the game, umpires should contact one of the captains, letting him know the reasons for being late and providing alternative steps to ensure that the game begins without any further delay.
- 5.3.4. Umpires must inspect the ground and playing conditions prior to the scheduled start of the game, should determine that the conditions are within the satisfactory limits of having an injury free game for the players.
- 5.3.5. Umpires should brief the captains with the game's conditions, rules & regulations, and collect team rosters before going for the ‘Toss’.
- 5.3.6. ‘Toss’ of the coin should happen 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
- 5.3.7. Umpires will decide the ‘Man-of-the-Match’ for each game and will include the name in their report to the CACU-EC.
- 5.3.8. Umpires will submit an umpire report from the CricClubs website. Deadline to submit this report is Tuesday Midnight following the match weekend.

5.4. Performance Review & Approach

- 5.4.1. CACU-EC will convey their decision on players’ attitude to CCL-EC, based on the umpire's report and it’s up to the CCL-EC’s prerogative to take the final action on the players.



- 5.4.2. Umpires performance will be assessed by the CACU-EC and will take additional steps and measures to address any shortcomings. Performance assessment will be done based on the captain's report and ranking system.
- 5.4.3. CACU-EC will meet monthly during the season to review the progress made by its members and organization, as whole, and any off /on-field issues. Media for these meetings will be either teleconference, electronic or face to face meetings.
- 5.4.4. Awards will be presented to outstanding umpires, at the end of each season.
- 5.4.5. CACU will present its annual report at the CCL AGM.

5.5. Finance

- 5.5.1. CACU will charge every club a fixed fee of \$100 per team at the start of the season.
- 5.5.2. The CCL treasurer will manage the funds in a separate account.
- 5.5.3. CACU-EC will review the payment structure for the umpires, annually.

6. Ranking System

- 6.1. Upon completion of the game, Home Team Captain will submit a Match Report in the Cricclubs itself. The Away Team Captain can also submit this report but it is an optional for him.
- 6.2. The Home Team Captain should submit the report in Cricclubs, no later than 23:59:59 MST on Tuesdays.
- 6.3. The report will indicate the umpire's performance based on fields present in the report.
- 6.4. Captain's reports will be kept "confidential" and will be used by CCL and CACU only.
- 6.5. CACU will keep track of the Average Ratings per game, by getting the average from the Cricclubs report, submitted by the Captains.
- 6.6. At the end of the season, Average Rating per game is calculated to decide the rankings for the umpires.
- 6.7. An umpire will/shall be deemed "eligible" to be graded for ranking, only if he has performed umpiring duties for two CCL games per season, at minimum.
- 6.8. CACU will take these rankings into consideration while assigning umpiring duties for all the games, going forward.

7. Penalty

- 7.1. Failure by a club to provide umpires upon the request of the scheduler will result in a penalty of \$100 and one point per umpire (2013 AGM).



- 7.2. Failure of Umpires showing up on time will be closely monitored by CACU EC and will deduct points from the individual's score in the ranking system based on the reasons and justifications put forth.
- 7.3. If umpires fail to respond to CACU-EC's requests in changing their behavior towards their responsibilities then the corresponding clubs will be penalized accordingly.
- 7.4. There have been instances in the past, where umpires have been manhandled. If the umpire feels threatened, the umpire deserves the right to leave the game. There will be strict action taken against any untoward behavior towards the umpire. Penalties include, banning an individual/team from x number of games to life time ban.

8. Exceptions

CACU at its' discretion will allow to include the following, on case to case and exceptional situations:

- 8.1. A qualified or certified umpire should not necessarily be an active member or part of any club to umpire any of the CCL recognized games.
- 8.2. A qualified or certified umpire should or will be allowed to umpire without any restrictions on the number of the games.
- 8.3. Preferences will be given to people to umpire the games on Saturday or Sunday so that they can participate in their team game the following or the previous day. This is applicable to people having "travel" constraints.
- 8.4. Based on the scheduling, CACU may request umpires from non-playing teams to perform the umpiring duties even though that particular team is not scheduled for umpiring, to improve the quality and standards of umpiring.

9. Revision History

- 9.1. Apr 2021, Rajdeep Dhaliwal updated the document based on proposals passed in the 2019 AGM meeting.

10. Appendix

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