

**Colorado Cricket League
2019 Annual General Meeting
Ford-Warren Library, 2825 High St., Denver, Colorado
December 14 2019 – 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Link to Live Streaming video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du6NAizppSU>**

Attendees:

BCC - 2 - Rakesh Dash, Suresh Talatoti
CCB - 1 - Manjeet Inamdar
CCCC - 7 - Anil Venkatesh, Ashish Singhal, Srinivasan Sundararajan, Satya Pushadapu, Shravan Kommu, Abhishek Vijapurapu, Mehul Soni
CSCC - 5 - Raymond Mascarenhas, Kervyn Dimney, Santosh Gaddam, Prasanna Damodaran, Biswas Palikhey
DCC - 1 - Sameer Chavan
DDCC - 3 - Suri Lakkadi, Naresh Ballampalli, Varun Konka
FCCC - 5 - Ravi Sharma, Naveen Kumar, Darshan Jinendra, Sagar Chandra, Shree Harsha
FRCC - 3 - Sumeet Khule, Murali Nallamothu, Poorvaj Venkatraman
LCC - 5 - Bodhayan Chakraborty, JayPathak, Rezwan Shuvo, Karthik Bhaskarabhatta, Chandrasekhar Aluru
RCC - 3 - Satish Kanagala, Kaushik Natarajan, Ravi Chinagandham
YCC - 2 - Shanti Bhaskar, Rajesh Ramisetty

Colorado Cricket League (CCL) held its 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on December 14th 2019 in Denver in presence of about 60 current and past CCL members. CCL Secretary, Kervyn Dimney hosted the AGM program. Presenting CACU report, its President Bodhayan Chakraborty informed about their busy schedule in 2019 for preparing and sending reports. He asked all clubs to be more professional and do better job in submitting reports to avoid unnecessary fines in future. Sumeet Khule and Raymond Mascarenhas shared about Team Colorado's tournament participation in California and Oklahoma respectively. Although both teams did not perform as expected, there were some individual achievements i.e. Bodhayan Chakraborty was declared the best batsmen; Manoj Acharya and Narayan Madabusi were declared Runner ups of best bowling. Sumeet and Raymond encouraged everyone to participate in future tournaments as it is an excellent networking and learning opportunity for players. In addition, CCL is being represented and recognized in state levels.

This year marked CCL 25th anniversary, where Hall of Fame awards were introduced. The Chief guest of the event, PK Kaiser handed over Hall of Fame awards to Nadeem Rafiq (FCCC), Sam George (CCCC) and Robert Lezama (CSCC). Sam and Robert shared interesting cricketing stories from their era covering challenges and progressive developments of their club and CCL. Both of them urged current players to play more games both in and out of Colorado. Sam put a challenge to CCL to set aside one weekend to fundraise for humanitarian cause so as to give back to the community. PK Kaiser also distributed 2019 CCL T20 and P40 cricketing awards to league winners.

CCL President, Raymond Mascarenhas talked about CCL's 2019 achievements and changes. 2019 saw the highest number of games in the history. Among other things, the newsletter was incepted, 2 teams were sent to out of Colorado tournament during Memorial weekend, CCL teams were broken into 2 divisions and CCL Hall of Fame Awards were introduced. He requested all club executives to work as nervous system to effectively and accurately disseminate information to their members and vice versa. He urged North Denver regions members to help get another cricket ground to avoid scheduling issues that CCL experienced due to limited number of grounds. He advised CCL and clubs to focus in youth development since Park and Recreation authorities are more interested in funding those types of programs. He urged everyone to take ownership of CCL by active participation in order to help flourish the game of cricket. Raymond also presented his personal award called "Torch of Colorado" to Bodhayan Chakraborty for his tremendous contribution to CCL in recent times.

CCL Treasurer, Shravan Kommu presented the league's financial report. He talked about him streamlining the report this year for example tying collection source with its corresponding expenditure areas. In the AGM, Vinod Murthy from Sports Starz Academy shared the Academy's vision and program in youth cricket development.

11 CCL clubs were present for the proposals section of the AGM. Those clubs included LCC, CSCC, FCCC, FRCC, BCC, CCCC, RCC, YCC, CCB, DDCC, and DCC. MCC and ABQCC were the two missing clubs. *Proposals 1, 2 and 3 were deemed important and were discussed at the end. The results of the proposals are shown below:

Proposal #1*: Add a T10 tournament to CCL's schedule	
Result	Passed
Yes	9 (LCC, CSCC, FCCC, FRCC, BCC, CCCC, RCC, DDCC and DCC)
No	0
Absent	2 (CCB and YCC)

Proposal #2* The CCL season should include 3 major tournaments in total based on the proposed tournament calendar	
Result	Decision not made. It was agreed to have all clubs think about this thoroughly and then make decision in the LMC.

Proposal #3*: Reserve 3 weeks for T20 playoffs	
Result	Passed with amendment (Can be completed in 2 weeks if first qualifier and second qualifier can be played in the same week without losing home field advantage)
Yes	9 (LCC, CSCC, FCCC, FRCC, BCC, CCCC, RCC, DDCC and DCC)
No	0
Absent	2 (CCB and YCC)

Proposal #4: Scheduler should use previous year's schedule to alternate home and away games every year in both P40 and T20 formats	
Result	Passed with amendment "...if possible"
Yes	10 (LCC, CSCC, FCCC, FRCC, BCC, CCCC, RCC, DDCC, CCB, YCC)
No	0
Absent	1 (DCC)

Proposal #5: If home and away games cannot be distributed evenly, teams with home grounds should get the extra home game as far as possible	
Result	Passed
Yes	7 (LCC, CSCC, FCCC, BCC, CCCC, DDCC, YCC)
No	3 (FRCC, RCC, CCB)
Absent	1 (DCC)

Proposal #6: Playoff games should only be umpired by someone who has previously umpired in CCL. It cannot be someone's very first umpiring duty	
Result	Passed
Yes	10
No	0
Absent	1 (DCC)

Proposal #7: Increase the umpiring fee to \$30 for T20 and \$50 for Premier	
Result	Did Not Pass
Yes	4 (BCC, DDCC, YCC, RCC)
No	6 (LCC, CSCC, CCB, FRCC, CCCC, FCCC)
Absent	1 (DCC)

Proposal #8: Scoring by the leg umpire	
Result	Did not pass
Yes	1 (YCC)
No	9 (LCC, CSCC, CCB, FCCC, FRCC, BCC, CCCC, RCC, DDCC)
Absent	1 (DCC)

Proposal #9: Amendment of the CCL Umpires certification process	
Result	Did not pass
Yes	1 (CCCC)
No	9 (LCC, CSCC, CCB, FCCC, FRCC, BCC, RCC, DDCC, YCC)

Absent	1 (DCC)
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Proposal #10-A: Top 2 regular season teams are automatically promoted, and the bottom two teams are automatically relegated	
Result	Did not pass
Yes	5 (LCC, CSCC, CCCC, DDCC, YCC)
No	6 (CCB, FCCC, FRCC, DCC, RCC, BCC)

Proposal #10-B: Regular season winner or the most bottom team is automatically promoted or relegated, second team to be promoted or relegated to be decided with Playoffs	
Result	Passed
Yes	11
No	0

Proposal #11-A: Remove the need for Home Team Captain's Report or Umpiring Report on weekly basis	
Result	Passed
Yes	8 (FRCC, FCCC, CCCC, BCC, RCC, DDCC, YCC, DCC)
No	3 (LCC, CSCC, CCB)

Proposal #11-B: Captains report and Umpiring report should be submitted in CricClubs.	
Result	Did not pass
Yes	1 (LCC)
No	10 (YCC, CSCC, CCB, FCCC, FRCC, BCC, CCCC, RCC, DDCC, DCC)

Proposal #12: Decision Review System (DRS)	
Result	Did not pass
Yes	1 (YCC)
No	10 (LCC, CSCC, CCB, FCCC, FRCC, BCC, CCCC, RCC, DDCC, DCC)

Proposal #13: Remove trophies for plate league and third place	
Result	Passed
Yes	6 (LCC, CCB, FCCC, DCC, RCC, BCC)
No	5 (CSCC, FRCC, CCCC, DDCC, YCC)

Proposal #14: Rotating Trophy for the winning teams every year	
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Result	Did not pass
Yes	5 (LCC, CCB, FCCC, RCC, DDCC)
No	6 (CSCC, FRCC, BCC, CCCC, YCC, DCC)

Proposal #15: Man of the Match Medal for each game	
Result	Passed
Yes	9 (LCC, CSCC, FRCC, RCC, CCCC, BCC, DDCC, YCC, DCC)
No	2 (CCB, FCCC)

Proposal #16: Create a group of three committees for CCL development	
Result	Passed
Yes	11
No	0

Proposal #17: Allocate the fines collected to a set of categories	
Result	Passed
Yes	11
No	0

Proposal #18: Incentive to teams for video recording their home games	
Result	Passed
Yes	11
No	0

Proposal #19: LCC Home team to provide the scoreboard. If the scoreboard is not present the home team should be penalized and not the away team.	
Result	Passed
Yes	11
No	0

Proposal #20: LCC – A newly certified umpire will work as a leg umpire in his first game.	
Result	Did not pass
Yes	2 (LCC, CSCC)
No	8 (CCB, FRCC, FCCC, CCCC, BCC, RCC, DDCC, YCC)
Absent	1 (DCC)

Proposal #21: LCC - CACU will recertify decertified umpire	
Result	Passed with amendment , L1 umpire of another club can recertify.
Yes	10 (LCC, CCB, CCCC, FRCC, CCCC, RCC, BCC, DDCC, YCC)
No	0
Absent	1 (DCC)

Proposal #22: 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	
Result	Passed
Yes	10 (LCC, CCB, CCCC, FRCC, CCCC, RCC, BCC, DDCC, YCC)
No	0
Absent	1 (DCC)

AGM attendees unanimously elected following officers for the next year.

President: Raymond Mascarenhas

Vice President: Shravan Kommu

Secretary: Kervyn Dimney

Treasurer: Murali Krishna Nallamothu

CACU President: Shravan Kommu

CACU VP: Poorvaj Venkatraman

Scheduler: Naveen Kumar Kp

CCL 2019 Proposals

SCHEDULE

#1 Club: CSCC

Proposal: Add a T10 tournament to CCL's schedule.

Reasons:

1. It will provide Div 2 teams a chance to play against Div 1 teams.
2. It can be completed in just three weekends.
3. Eventually it can be expanded to teams outside of CCL.
4. CSCC can make it a part of RMSG.
5. T10 will become a popular format in the near future, with plans to include T10 Cricket in the Olympics.
6. It will be fast paced and a lot of fun.

Implementation:

1. Div 1 and Div 2 teams will be combined evenly into 4 groups of 5 teams each.
2. Each team will play 4 league games- Two game per weekend.
3. Each group will play in a location close to home – Fort Collins, Longmont, Littleton and Colorado Springs.
4. 5 games will played at each venue on one weekend at 8, 10, 12, 2 and 4.
5. Top two teams from each group qualify for the playoffs
6. Playoffs will be played in Colorado Springs during a RMSG weekend (Last weekend of July) as the RMSG tournament.
7. RMSG will provide medals to all Man of Matches during the league games.
8. This can be easily integrated into the CCL schedule as follows:
 - a. Between 5th of April and 25th of October we have 30 weekends.
 - b. The weekend of 25th October will be set as a makeup weekend.
 - c. We have 3 long weekends where there are no games.
 - d. We allocate 4 weekends for playoffs.
 - e. We allocate 10 weekends for T20 league games.
 - i. Assuming 10 teams in each Div, and each team playing the other 9 teams, that's a total of 45 games per division, or 90 games total.
 - ii. We play 9 games per weekend. That will give each team one weekend off.
 - f. We allocate 9 weekends for Premier games.
 - i. Assuming 10 teams in Premier, and each team playing the other 9 teams, that's a total of 45 games.
 - ii. We play 5 games per weekend.
 - g. Let's do the math. $1 + 3 + 4 + 10 + 9 = 27$ weekends.
 - h. The balance 3 weekends will be used for the new T10 tournament.
9. Finances:
 - a. Entry fee will be same as any other CCL tournament (currently \$50 per team).
 - b. Entry fees collected will go towards paying the RMSG registration fees and tournament awards.
 - c. Umpiring fees will be \$15 per umpire.

- d. All teams playing at each venue will share the Ground fee for that venue. For example if 5 teams play on week 1 at Memorial Park, each team will be charged \$25 for a total of \$125.
- e. Ball cost for the league games will be borne by the teams.
- f. CSCC/RMSG will take care of all expenses during the playoffs (Lunch, Drinks, Grounds, Balls and Umpires).

#2 **Club:** FRCC

Proposal: The CCL season should include 3 major tournaments in total based on the proposed tournament calendar:

T15: April 1 - June 30

P40: April 1 - June 30

T20: July 1 - Oct 21

Reason(s):

Members interested in shorter formats only can play throughout the season (T15 + T20) without schedule gaps

Potentially increase CCL participation through the short T15 tournament calendar by working with CTCL/other avenues

Members playing in both CTCL and CCL (currently 60+ players) should have a healthy and accommodating schedule, especially during playoffs.

Logistics:

Format	Number of teams per division	Approximate number of games per team	Schedule
T15	9	10 (8 regular + 2 playoffs)	April 1 - June 30
P40	9	10 (8 regular + 2 playoffs)	April 1 - June 30
T20	10	11 (9 regular + 2 playoffs)	July 1 - Oct 30

Note:

The T15 and P40 games will almost always take place on the same day. This implies that each team (not club) will have to choose one of these two tournaments.

T20 is open for all based on the Div-1, Div-2 format being enforced from CCL 2020 season.

RMSG games will be incorporated into the July Calendar.

Ground availability has to be discussed in-line with this proposal.

The T15 tournament can also be replaced by a T10, if needed.

#3 **Club:** FCCC

Proposal : Reserve 3 weeks for T20 playoffs

Reason : So we can accommodate the IPL style playoffs properly

#4 **Club:** CCCC

Proposal : Scheduler should use previous year's schedule to alternate home and away games every year in both P40 and T20 formats.

Reason : Make it fair for all teams.

Example: If CCCC has played a P40 away to LCC the previous year, it should be a home game for CCCC against LCC this year.

#5 Club: CCCC

Proposal: If home and away games cannot be distributed evenly, teams with home grounds should get the extra home game as far as possible.

Reasons:

- 1) It does not make sense for teams with home grounds to travel more than teams without a ground.
- 2) This is a good incentive for teams to look for home grounds.
- 3) It will be cheaper for teams without grounds as they have to pay for one day less.

GAME RULES

#6 Club: FCCC

Proposal : Playoff games should only be umpired by someone who has previously umpired in CCL. It cannot be someone's very first umpiring duty.

Reason : We do not want playoff games to be compromised due to poor umpiring. This proposal merely complements the excellent initiative taken by EC for improving the 2019 playoffs umpiring.

#7 Club: BCC

Proposal: Increase the umpiring fee to \$30 for T20 and \$50 for Premier

Reason : Apart from just umpiring, the umpire needs to do scoreboard check, sending the report etc. to name a few. A lot of times towards the end of the season, we find it difficult to fill the umpiring slots, so this added incentive might help.

#8 Club: YCC

Proposal : Scoring by the Leg umpire

Reason : Avoids any scoring errors

Limits the time to identify the scorer

Also limits the scorer to yell to get the bowler's name

#9 Club: CCCC

Proposal:

Amendment to the CCL Umpires certification process: "Along with the written test, a new umpire needs to "shadow" an umpire in a CCL match before he is certified. He should stand behind the bowling-end umpire for 7-10 overs as well as stand behind the square-leg umpire for 7-10 more overs in a CCL match to observe the umpires umpire a CCL match".

Reason: This will give the new umpire a better understanding of what is expected of him when he umpires a CCL match. We added a minimum of 7 overs so that in total there will be 14 overs or a "session" between drinks breaks in a P40 and a maximum of 10

overs (20 in total) as it is in the best interest of the playing teams to not have this umpiring candidate around for too long as well.

#10-A Club: CSCC/CCCC

Proposal: For teams promoted from Div 2 to Div 1:

- Top 2 Regular season teams are automatically promoted.

For teams relegated from Div 1 to Div 2:

- The bottom two teams in the "regular" season standings are automatically relegated.

Reason: This proposal is intended to make the "regular" season matches the sole criteria for promotion / relegation.

#10-B Club: CCCC

Proposal:

For teams promoted from Div 2 to Div 1:

- Regular season winner is automatically promoted (based on league standings)
- Second team to be promoted will be the Playoff champion. If the Playoff champion is same as the regular season winner, the Playoff runner-up will be promoted (based on playoff standings).

Using 2019 standings as an example:

- At the end of league stage, BCC finished 1st and DCC 2nd.
- At the end of playoffs DCC finished 1st and BCC 2nd.
- Had we used this proposal for 2019 standings, BCC would have been automatically promoted before playoffs and DCC will be promoted because they were playoff champions. If BCC are playoff champions and league winners both, then DCC will be promoted as the playoff runner up.

For teams relegated from Div 1 to Div 2:

- The last team in the "regular" season standings is automatically relegated but can participate in the Playoffs as we want every team to play as many games as possible. Even if the last ranked team wins every game in the playoffs, they will still be relegated (Based on league standings)
- The second team to be relegated will be the last one in the playoffs (Other than team ranked last during the league stage who are automatically relegated) (Based on playoff standings)

Using 2019 standings as an example:

- At the end of league stage, FRCC-K finished last and RCC finished second last.
- At the end of playoffs FRCC-K finished last and DDCC finished second last.
- Had we used this proposal for 2019 standings, FRCC-K would have been automatically relegated (but would have still played the playoff games) and DDCC would have been relegated because they finished last in the playoffs (FRCC-K is already relegated as the finished last in the league standings).

#11-A Club: CCCC

Proposal: Remove the need for Home Team Captain's Report or Umpiring Report on weekly basis.

Reason: Since we primarily use CricClubs to capture most details on balls, timings, scores etc. there is no need for Home Captain's and Umpire's reports anymore to be submitted on a weekly basis, as we feel it is redundant and adds to the overhead for captains, umpires and the EC/CACU as well.

In case there is anything which is not captured in CricClubs which needs to be reported by either captains or the umpires (like disciplinary action, ball conditions or any incident for that matter). EC to provide an Online Portal to record these incidents (for e.g.: this could be on CricClubs under the scorecard or on the website or some other place - whatever works) – CCL can take CTCL's help as a starting point who have already implemented this.

Till we get in synch with the online portal, as a backup, we can always have an updated manual report (with the redundant CricClubs data removed) in case the online portal does not work. CCCC will assist EC/CACU on developing this if this proposal passes.

#11-B Club: LCC

Proposal: Captains report and Umpiring report should be submitted in CricClubs. EC should work with CricClubs if there is any customization needed in the Captains' report and umpiring report forms.

#12 Club: YCC

Proposal : Decision Review System (DRS)

Reason : This gives a chance for the umpires to review any decision they made.

Umpires are also human and sometimes they make a decision in a hurry, this review process will help the teams and minimize the complaints against umpires.

Implementation:

Each team to get 2 chances per inning

DRS to be used only for LBW and Caught behind the Wickets

DRS to be reviewed by both umpires and they can talk to the Batsmen, Wicket Keeper and either of the umpires for clarification.

This process should limit to 5 minutes at maximum.

DRS can be called by the batsmen or the fielding captain in less than 15 seconds

AWARDS

#13 Club: FCCC

Proposal : Remove trophies for plate league and third place.

In other words the only team trophies that we should have are division 1 winners and runners AND division 2 runners and winners

Reason : There's just way too many trophies today, making them irrelevant. It's becoming like the "participation trophies" that all kids get in KG and preschool

#14 Club: FCCC

Proposal : We need to have a big and impressive champions trophy that will act as a rotating trophy for the winning teams every year. This needs to be given out to the winners on the finals day on the ground. The winning team keeps this trophy for 6 months and returns it back to CCL at the beginning of the season (or beginning of the next season playoff's).

At the AGM, the winners and runners can get a small team trophy which they can keep with them forever.

The money CCL is currently spending on buying the plate league trophies and third place trophy can be used to buy this big rotating champions trophy.

- #15 Club:** YCC
Proposal : Man of the Match Medal for each game.
Reason : Good appreciation for the performance
- Celebration of well played
- Hoping more players to be motivated

LEAGUE MATTERS

- #16 Club:** CCL EC
Proposal: Create a group of three committees for CCL Development.
a. Outreach Committee to promote cricket and CCL
b. Grounds Committee to actively seek new grounds
c. Youth and Women's Cricket Committee to expose cricket to the youth and women
These three committees will each have three members on the committee. The people on these committees will be volunteers picked by the EC (after being nominated by the clubs). They will report to the EC on a monthly basis.
Reasoning: If we want to become a top class league, we need to be known in the community. The three committees can really help us grow as a league. We need publicity, grounds and a youth program.

- #17 Club:** CCL EC
Proposal: Allocate the fines collected to a set of categories. A tentative approach (these percentages and categories can be discussed further) would be as follows:
a. 25% goes to Team Colorado
b. 25% goes to Youth/Women's Cricket
c. 25% goes to subsidizing umpires fees.
d. 25% goes to training – umpiring clinics, coaching clinics, First Aid/CPR classes etc.
Reasoning: We collect these fines every year and it is just going back to CCL account. Instead of accumulating the money, we need to spend it wisely on things that will grow the league. Team Colorado is in need of funds. Our players shell out a lot of money from their own pockets and it can get expensive to participate in outside tournaments. If we are moving forward with a youth program, we will have to fund it as well. Some of the money can go back to the clubs in the form of subsidies. Training can only make us better. It is wise to invest in that.

- #18 Club:** CCL EC
Proposal:
An incentive for video recording home games.

If a team does video recording for at least 80% of their home games, EC will reimburse 75\$ at the end of the season to each team in each format.

So for eg: if FRCC has 2 T20 teams which comply, they will get 75\$ each.
Teams will need to ensure they upload the videos on any public platform they desire to be considered for credits at the end of the season.

P40s: If a team does video recording for at least 80% of their home games, EC will reimburse 75\$ at the end of the season to each team.

So for eg: if FRCC has 2 P40 teams that comply, they will get 75\$ each.
Teams will need to ensure they upload the videos on any public platform they desire to be considered for credits at the end of the season.

If this proposal passes, this agreement can be added to the enrollment form.

Reason:

1. Video links can be shared with your friends and family.
2. Snippets of the recording can be added to the scorecards.
3. It is a great place to go back and cross-check a lot of things like disciplinary issues, bad decisions, overs bowled on time, score miscalculations, etc.
4. It's a good publicity tool for the league.

#19 Club: LCC

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