



## NorthWest Association of Cricket Umpires (NWCUC)

### 1.0 Introduction

The NorthWest Association of Cricket Umpires, hereby referred as NWCUC, is an organization responsible for the Identification, Development, Appointment and Assessment of Umpires for all cricket games conducted & recognized by NorthWest Cricket League (NWCL).

- 1.1 NWCUC will be administered by a three member Executive Committee (EC) comprising of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Scheduler.
- 1.2 The Vice-President (VP) of NWCL will hold the post of Chairman of NWCUC; will also be the key stakeholder in communicating the events between NWCL and NWCUC.
- 1.3 The Vice-Chairman and Scheduler positions will be kept 'open' for all the eligible members of NWCL 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 Vice-Chairman and Scheduler positions, elections will be conducted to these two posts alongside the NWCL elections at the AGM.
- 1.5 In the event of lack of volunteers for Vice-Chairman and Scheduler positions, Operations Manager of NWCL will take the responsibilities.

### 2.0 Executive Roles

- 2.1 **Chairman** – The Chairman will be the head of the NWCUC organization. Chairman will be its spokesperson and liaison.
- 2.2 **Vice-Chairman** – The Vice-Chairman will be responsible for the development of the organization. Vice-Chairman will organize umpiring clinics and certification programs.
- 2.3 **Scheduler** – The Scheduler will be responsible for assigning umpires to all NWCL games. Scheduler will work very closely with the NWCL Operations Manager.

**NOTE:** *Since we are done with our AGM for 2012, current NWCL management will handle the above executive roles, as a trial run and will decide to carry forward or not, in the future AGM.*

### 3.0 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 NWCUC and its umpires to be recognized at the highest level of USACA.



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### **4.0 Responsibility**

The NWCUC will be responsible for providing umpires to all NWCL recognized cricket matches. It 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. It will 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

### **5.0 NWCUC Guidelines**

NWCUC requests the support of all the registered clubs of NWCL in providing the list of umpires at the beginning of the season, until such time as the NWCUC becomes independent and self sufficient. As soon as a cricketing event or season calendar is published by the NWCL Operations Manager, the Scheduler will assign the umpiring responsibilities to the NWCUC members and the clubs. Members will be free to pick umpiring duties on a first come first serve basis. Scheduler will add the names of the umpires to the umpiring roster, as and when the names are made available. In the eventuality that not all games are covered voluntarily, the scheduler will ask the clubs to provide mandatory umpires for the outstanding games.

NWCUC will conduct its operations based on the following guidelines:

#### **5.1 Membership**

- 5.1.1 All certified umpires are members of NWCUC.
- 5.1.2 In order to continue being a certified umpire, each member will have to umpire at least one game during the season.
- 5.1.3 New members will have to be certified before they are considered full members of the NWCUC.
- 5.1.4 The clubs should have at least six (6) certified umpires on its roster.
- 5.1.5 Umpires will not be restricted to any fixed limit unless the NWCUC-EC decides against it.
- 5.1.6 NWCUC 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.



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### **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 Seattle, Redmond and Tukwila.
- 5.2.3 Special Umpiring sessions will be scheduled for teams outside WA.
- 5.2.4 Additional Coaching sessions will be conducted, as and when need arises.
- 5.2.5 NWCUC-EC will identify suitable personnel or coaches, assign them with the responsibilities to organize and conduct the coaching clinics for umpires.
- 5.2.6 “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)
- 5.2.7 NWCUC-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 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.
- 5.3.2 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 with alternative steps to ensure that the game begins without any further delay.
- 5.3.3 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.
- 5.3.4 Umpires should brief the captains with game’s conditions, rules & regulations, and collect team rosters before going for the ‘Toss’.
- 5.3.5 ‘Toss’ of the coin should happen 15 minutes, prior to the scheduled start of the game.
- 5.3.6 Umpires will decide the ‘Man-of-the-Match’ for each game and will include the name in their report to the NWCUC-EC.
- 5.3.7 Umpires will send a detailed Match Report to NWCL Management with emphasis on players’ attitude, decisions and incidents during the course of the game, no later than 5 PM PST on Mondays.

### **5.4 Umpire Performance Review & Approach**

- 5.4.1 NWCL Management, based on umpires report, will take the necessary action on the players.



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- 5.4.2 Umpires performance will be assessed by the NWCUC-EC and will take additional steps and measures to address any shortcomings. Performance assessment will be done based on the Captain's report and Umpire ranking system (**TBD**).
- 5.4.3 NWCUC-EC will meet monthly/weekly 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 NWCUC will present its annual report at the NWCL AGM.

## **5.5 Finance**

- 5.5.1 NWCUC will charge every club a fixed fee (**TBD**) per team at the start of the season.
- 5.5.2 The NWCL treasurer will manage the funds in a separate account.
- 5.5.3 NWCUC-EC will review the payment structure for the umpires (**TBD**).
- 5.5.4 Umpires will receive their fee in form of checks, issued by NWCL Treasurer. These checks will be issued on a monthly basis to all of the umpires that have performed duties for that month.
- 5.5.5 Once the "Umpire Ranking System" is implemented, pool of umpires from each club will be divided into 2-tiers based on their rankings or scores.
- 5.5.6 NWCUC-EC will work closely with NWCL Management, Umpiring clinic coaches and BOD to determine the 'Cut-off' point for the two-tier system.
- 5.5.7 The Tier-I umpires from each club will be paid \$ (**TBD**) per game and the Tier-II umpires from each club will be paid \$ (**TBD**) per game.

## **6.0 Umpire Ranking System**

- 6.1 Upon completion of every game, Captains from both the teams should complete a "Match Report" with a section at the bottom of the report on "Umpire's" performance.
- 6.2 Captains from both the teams should send the report to NWCL Management and NWCUC-EC, no later than 5 PM PST on Mondays.
- 6.3 The report should indicate the umpires' performance on a 1-10 scale, 1-being LOW and 10-being HIGH.
- 6.4 Captain's reports will be kept "confidential" and will be used by NWCL Management and NWCUC-EC only.
- 6.5 NWCUC will keep track of the cumulative score per game, by combining the scores from the 1-10 scale, received from both the Captains.



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- 6.6 At the end of the season, Average Score 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 NWCL games per season, at minimum.
- 6.8 NWCUC will take these rankings into consideration while assigning umpiring duties for all the games, going forward.

## **7.0 Penalty**

- 7.1 Failure by a club to provide umpires upon the request of the Scheduler will result in a penalty of \$100 and a loss of points accumulated from one match in descending order of points gained (TBD).
- 7.2 Failure of Umpires showing up on time will be closely monitored by NWCUC-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 NWCUC-EC’s requests in changing their behavior towards their responsibilities then the corresponding clubs will be penalized accordingly.

## **8.0 Exceptions**

NWCUC, at its’ discretion, will allow including the following, on case to case basis 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 NWCL recognized games.
- 8.2 A qualified or certified umpire should or will be allowed to umpire without any restrictions on 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, NWCUC may request umpires from non-playing team to perform the umpiring duties even though that particular team is not scheduled for umpiring, to improve the quality and standards of umpiring.
- 8.5 “Uncertified” members or umpires will be allowed to perform “Square-Leg Umpire” responsibilities only, that too, on mutual consent of both the captains but will neither be included in the captain’s report nor the ranking system.



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### **9.0 Recommendations**

- 9.1 Add “Captain” & “Wicket Keeper” field to our online scorecards on the NWCL website.
- 9.2 NWCL Management should develop a “Captains Report” template and should make it available for the captains. This template should have “Umpire Performance” section.
- 9.3 NWCUC-EC should develop an “Umpires Report” template and should make it available for the umpires. This template should have “Man of the Match” section.

### *Appendix*

This proposal was prepared based on the contributions/feedback from the following:

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