

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

between

*British Columbia Mainland Cricket Association, commonly known
as British Columbia Mainland Cricket League*

Party A, called “BCMCL.”

and

Vancouver Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association

Party B, called “VCUSA.”

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this MOU is to identify each party's roles and responsibilities as they relate to the maintenance and enforcement of mutual respect and discipline amongst players, team and Club officials, match officials and the executives of the BCMCL and VCUSA.

In particular, this MOU is intended to:

- Enhance the enjoyment of the game of cricket for all parties involved
- Increase mutual respect and all individuals involved in playing, organizing and officiating the game of cricket.
- Establish the expectations of each party from the other
- Reduce disagreements and disengagement of either party from the sport.

II. BACKGROUND

The BCMCL has organized the sport of cricket in the Lower Mainland since 1913. The BCMCL coordinates with all clubs playing under its banner, maintain a registry of all players, and schedules all games to be played at the various grounds each year. The BCMCL has the final responsibility to ensure that the sport is played according to the Spirit of the Game and that all BCMCL's governing rules and playing rules are followed by all.

The VCUSA is engaged by the BCMCL to schedule umpires and scorers (“match officials”) to officiate at the games. VCUSA has been in charge of training and ensuring that all match officials are conversant with the current laws of cricket and their application in the playing rules of the BCMCL...The match officials are expected to officiate the game according to the playing and governing rules laid out by the BCMCL while at the same time making every effort to ensure that BCMCL's Code of Conduct is not violated by anyone involved in those games.

III. BCMCL RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

1. The BCMCL shall inform all clubs that any bad behaviour will be dealt with strictly, and the penalties under the BCMCL Code of Conduct shall be levied in all cases of badbehaviour.
2. All written reports received by the BCMCL from match officials about Player or supporter behaviour and incidents shall be acknowledged to the Secretary and President of the VCUSA.
3. The BCMCL agrees to expedite the Protest and Discipline processes and will make all reasonable attempts to arrive at a decision within 18 days following the receipt of the incident report from the VCUSA.
4. All decisions taken by the Protest and Discipline Committee ("P&D") shall be conveyed in writing to the VCUSA Secretary, along with the subject club that is being named in the report, within 24 hours of such decision being taken.
5. All P&D decisions shall include the original charge laid on the Player and shall also state the clause of the Code of Conduct under which the match officials had charged such Player. Such detail shall also be reflected on the BCMCL website page that shows all P&D decisions.
6. BCMCL may find that a special accommodation needs to be made in a particular circumstance to award a lenient view for a penalty on charges laid on the Player. BCMCL shall communicate such rationale with VCUSA and levy a financial penalty to the individual Player or the Club involved. Such financial penalty shall range from \$400 for a Level 2 charge, \$650 for a Level 3 charge and \$1,000 for a level 4 charge. The above said particular circumstance should not be any ordinary circumstance and should hold compelling weight; for instance, an individual charged has National Selection prospects.
7. The decisions of the Appeals Committee must be in writing, and reasons shall be provided for upholding or overruling the decisions made by the P&D Committee. These written reasons must be provided to the Club, Player and VCUSA in a timely manner and published on the website as soon as possible.
8. Any written report received by the BCMCL from a captain of a team against a match official shall be forwarded to the VCUSA Secretary and President for the appropriate disciplinary process by the VCU&SA.

IV. VCUSA RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

1. The VCUSA match officials shall make reasonable efforts to make a written report of all reportable incidents at games. A constructive effort shall be made to get rid of the presumption that match officials pick and choose what incidents to report.
2. VCUSA shall, as soon as practical, establish a Disciplinary Committee, comprising at least three members of the VCUSA.
3. Any match official that does not follow the VCUSA Code of Conduct and a written complaint of the same is received by the VCUSA shall face disciplinary proceedings.
4. The VCUSA Disciplinary committee shall, within 72 hours of receiving a written complaint from the BCMCL regarding a match official, arrive at a written decision and convey the same to the BCMCL President, the P&D Committee chair, the match official concerned and the VCUSA Secretary and VCUSA President.
5. If the match official appeals, the VCUSA Appeals Committee shall render a decision within 72 hours of receipt and convey it in writing to all of the above partners. The penalty levied by the VCUSA Disciplinary committee shall remain in place until the VCUSA Appeals Committee renders such a decision.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

1. Match officials shall not be reportable for having made an incorrect decision during a game. However, they may be reported for an incorrect application of the BCMCL playing rules, and any rude behaviour. The VCUSA official is expected to maintain a professional demeanour throughout their presence on the field.
2. Player behaviour should be a reportable offence irrespective of the fact whether the player later apologizes for his or her actions.
3. The VCUSA shall not take any suspension action directly aimed at any club or team.
4. The BCMCL shall not take any suspension action against the VCUSA.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

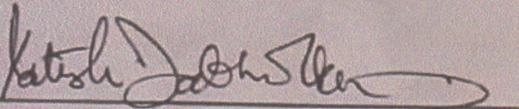
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BCMCL and VCUSA indicate their agreement with this MOU by the signatures of the authorized signatories of each party.

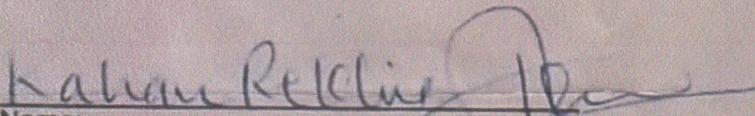
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BRITISH COLUMBIA MAILAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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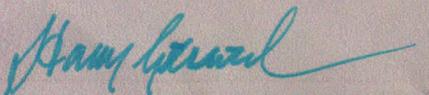

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Position: PRESIDENT

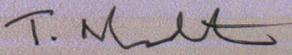
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Name: _____
Position: Member at Large
PSD CHAIR

VANCOUVER CRICKET UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

By:


Name: HARRY GREWAL
Position: PRESIDENT


Name: _____
Position: (V. President)

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