

MUNSTER CRICKET UNION



APPROVED AND DISAPPROVED CRICKET POLICY

EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST APRIL 2017

The Munster Cricket Union (MCU) recognises Cricket Ireland (CI) as the sole governing authority for cricket in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and is duly directly responsible for all cricket arranged and played in Ireland at every level.

CI recognises MCU as being responsible for all domestic cricket played under its supervision in the area under its jurisdiction. CI has pre-approved any cricket event organised, conducted and managed by MCU. In practical terms, this pre-approval extends to the following cricket events:

1. All matches played in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 of the Munster Cricket League and in the Munster Senior Shield.
2. All matches played in the Munster Senior Cup, Junior Cup, Minor Cup and Munster T20 Cups at any of these levels.
3. All matches arranged by MCU for its adult representative sides outside of Cricket Ireland Interprovincial matches.
4. All matches arranged by MCU for its youth interprovincial sides outside of Cricket Ireland Youth tournaments.
5. All youth and school cup and league tournaments organised by MCU and, in addition, any youth “friendly” matches organised between two MCU affiliated clubs.
6. Adult “friendly” matches organised between two MCU clubs or between an MCU affiliated club and a visiting club from another Irish Union or overseas.
7. Local 20 over competitions run in distinct parts of the area under MCU jurisdiction. Current examples include the Co Kerry 20 Overs League and the Cork 20 Overs League. Management of these competitions has been delegated by MCU to local committees in each case.

Approval procedures

Any other matches played in the area under MCU jurisdiction will require to be approved by MCU and/or CI. Any such application will need to be made in writing to MCU and/or CI not less than 30 days before the scheduled start of the match or event.

(It is likely that CI approval will be necessary if the match/event involves players from outside Ireland).

Applications for approval should be submitted to the Hon Secretary of MCU. Applications requiring CI approval should be submitted to:

Simon Dyke
Cricket Operations Manager
Cricket Ireland,
Unit 22 Grattan Business Park
Clonshaugh
Dublin 17

The application should set out full information in relation to the following:

- i. Name of the applicant and any other match organiser, their relationship to the match and their authority to make the application.
- ii. Date, timing and format of the proposed match or event;
- iii. Proposed venue(s) of the match or event.

Criteria for approval

- iv. Potential conflict with matches or events already in the CI or MCU cricket calendars;
- v. The extent to which the match/event will have any meaningful role in the promotion and development of the sport or any other charitable or benevolent purpose;
- vi. The maintenance and promotion of the health and welfare of players by ensuring the safety and suitability of the proposed venue(s);
- vii. The impact of the event on the integrity and reputation of the game of cricket;
- viii. Any other factor MCU or CI consider relevant to the best interests of cricket.

Form of approval

The match or event must be approved by the MCU Executive Committee and/or the Cricket Ireland Cricket Committee.

Conditions of approval

- ix. The organiser must be eligible to participate in cricket matches/events played under the jurisdiction of MCU or CI and, in the case of a player, must not be suspended, ineligible or have participated in any form of disapproved cricket in the previous twelve months;
- x. A valid No Obligation Certificate (NOC) has been issued in respect of each foreign player. This will also apply to Ireland players under contract to CI or their relevant Provincial Unions;
- xi. The organiser must undertake to implement adequate safety and security arrangements which shall be the sole responsibility of the organiser. MCU or CI shall not be liable in any way for safety and security;
- xii. The organiser must undertake to observe applicable anti-doping and anti-corruption rules, regulations and codes, observance of which shall be the organiser's sole responsibility and not that of MCU or CI;
- xiii. The matches shall not be held and shall not be described as being held under the auspices of MCU and/or CI;
- xiv. The organiser must satisfy MCU and/or CI that he or she had obtained third party liability, public liability if required, or any other insurance as required by MCU or CI.
- xv. Appropriate warranties and/or indemnities that any actions on the part of the organiser will not give rise to a claim against neither MCU nor CI under any of its commercial contracts.

Disciplinary procedures

Any player registered with MCU who participates in a cricket match or event for which approval should have been sought under this code but approval has not been granted shall be referred to the MCU disciplinary committee who will be asked to review the situation and recommend the appropriate sanctions.

Minimum recommended sanctions where this code has been breached are:

- Cricketer – disqualification from participating in MCU or CI official matches for one year;
- Organiser – disqualification from cricket/events for a period of three years.