

## **SCC League Structure, Promotion and Relegation Guidelines – DRAFT 4.0**

### **1. League Structure**

The Committee will aim to structure the league with Divisions of 10 teams such that Member Clubs will have an 18 game league season.

Exceptions may exist, such as:

- (a) at the lowest Level of The League (resulting in less than 10 teams in a Division)
- (b) where a team is withdrawn after fixtures have been published
- (c) if a team is expunged from The League by The Committee
- (d) where a new team has joined (resulting in 11 or 12 teams in a Division)

### **2. Entry of New Teams**

The Committee will aim to have teams of similar playing ability in a Division and, as such, will use evidence of playing ability to judge the appropriate Level for new teams to enter the League. Ordinarily, this will be at the lowest Level of a Tier (i.e. at Levels 1,5,9 or 12).

If a space is generated by a team leaving the league, The Committee may offer this place to a new team.

### **3. General Guidelines**

#### **3.1. Positions in a Division will be decided according to the following criteria in order:**

- (a) Points
- (b) Least number of concessions
- (c) Highest number of wins (including wins by concession)
- (d) Highest number of ties
- (e) Highest number of winning draws (Tier 1 only)
- (f) Highest number of equal draws (Tier 1 only)
- (g) Highest number of losing draws (Tier 1 only)
- (h) Results from matches between the teams (following (a) – (f) above)
- (i) Highest number of wickets
- (j) Highest number of runs
- (k) Highest position in previous season
- (l) Drawing of lots

### **3.2. Cases where promotion cannot take place**

If a team is unable to be promoted due to:

- (a) not meeting the requirements to move to a higher Tier
- (b) too many concessions in a season
- (c) another team (or teams) from the Member Club playing at the higher Level such that all teams from a Member Club cannot be accommodated in separate Divisions at that Level
- (d) Member Club declines to have the team promoted

then the following criteria will apply for promotion in order:

- (a) the next team in the lower Division
- (b) teams from the higher Level that would have been relegated (using the criteria in Section 1 to order teams) will not be relegated

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### **3.4. Distribution of Teams to Divisions within a Level**

For all levels with multiple divisions (Levels 3 to 12), the following criteria will apply in order when determining which teams play in which Division:

- (a) Teams from a Member Club will be placed in different Divisions
- (b) The Committee will aim to minimise travel time for Member Clubs between their main home grounds

### **3.5. Cascading relegation**

If a team is relegated to a Level where that Member Club already has a team (or teams), then the teams of the Member Club will be placed in separate Divisions at the lower level. If there are more teams of the Member Club than Divisions available, then the lower ranked of these teams will also be relegated.

## **4. Promotion & Relegation Guidelines**

### **4.1. Tier 1**

#### **Premier Level; One Division: Premier**

The top team will be SCC Champions.

The bottom **two** teams will be relegated to Level 1.

#### **Level 1; One Division: 1**

The top **two** teams will be promoted to the Premier Level.

The bottom **two** teams will be relegated to Level 2.

### **4.2. Tier 2**

#### **Level 2; One Division: 2**

Subject to meeting the requirement to play in Tier 1, the top **two** teams will be promoted to Level 1.

The bottom **three** teams will be relegated to Level 3.

#### **Level 3; Two Divisions: 3 East, 3 West**

The top **one** team in each division will be promoted to Level 2.

The **two** teams finishing second in each division will be ordered using the criteria listed in section 3.1, with the higher ranked club promoted to Level 2.

The bottom **two** teams from each division will be relegated to Level 4.

#### **Level 4; Two Divisions: 4 East, 4 West**

The top **two** teams from each division will be promoted to Level 3.

The bottom **three** teams from each division will be relegated to Level 5.

#### **Level 5; Three Divisions: 5 East, 5 Central, 5 West**

The top **two** teams from each division will be promoted to Level 4.

The bottom **three** teams from each division will be relegated to Level 6.

### **4.3. Tier 3**

#### **Level 6; Three Divisions: 6 East, 6 Central, 6 West**

Subject to meeting the requirement to play in Tier 2, the top **three** teams from each division will be promoted to Level 5.

The bottom **three** teams from each division will be relegated to Level 7.

#### **Level 7; Three Divisions: 7 East, 7 Central, 7 West**

The top **three** teams from each division will be promoted to Level 6.

The bottom **three** teams from each division will be relegated to Level 8.

#### **Level 8; Four Divisions: 8 East, 8 Central A, 8 Central B, 8 West**

The top **two** teams from each division will be promoted to Level 7.

The **four** teams finishing third in each division will be ordered using the criteria listed in section 3.1, with the highest ranked club promoted to Level 7.

The bottom **three** teams from each division will be relegated to Level 9.

#### **Level 9; Four Divisions: 9 East, 9 Central A, 9 Central B, 9 West**

The top **three** teams from each division will be promoted to Level 8.

The bottom **three** teams from each division will be relegated to Level 10.

#### **4.4. Tier 4**

#### **Level 10; Six Divisions: 10 North East, 10 North West, 10 North Central, 10 South Central, 10 North West, 10 North East**

Subject to meeting the requirement to play in Tier 3, the top **two** teams from each division will be promoted to Level 9.

The bottom **three** teams from each division will be relegated to Level 11.

#### **Level 11; Six Divisions: 11 North East, 11 North West, 11 North Central, 11 South Central, 11 North West, 11 North East**

The top **three** teams from each division will be promoted to Level 10.

The bottom **three** teams from each division will be relegated to Level 12.

#### **Level 12; Six Divisions: 12 North East, 12 North West, 12 North Central, 12 South Central, 12 North West, 12 North East**

The top **three** teams from each division will be promoted to Level 11.