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**Constitution**

**1.0 Aim**

To promote the training, development and interests of Umpires and Scorers in Lancashire.

**2.0 Objectives**

2.1 Delivery of training, assessment and support for the personal development of umpires and scorers who are members of ECB ACO.

2.2 Increase membership of ECB ACO within Lancashire through training, information and regular communication.

2.3 Represent the views of Umpires and Scorers in Lancashire to the LCF or the ECB ACO Board.

2.4 Promote the status and standards of umpiring and scoring within Lancashire.

**3.0 Membership**

3.1 Membership is open to all current members of ECB ACO who designate their home county with ECB ACO as Lancashire (Lancashire comprises the counties of Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire but may include others who reside outside of these counties but who officiate within them).

**4.0 President**

4.1 A President of the LACO shall be elected on a 3 year basis and shall be eligible for re-election.

**5.0 Vice Presidents**

5.1 Any Member, who is deemed to have given outstanding support and/or service to the ECB ACO and the LACO in particular, may be designated a Vice President of the Association following a resolution duly passed at an AGM. Vice Presidents have no automatic right of membership of the Committee.

5.2 Nominations for Vice Presidents must be received in writing by the Secretary on or before 31 December of each year.

**6.0 Committee Membership**

6.1 The LACO Committee shall comprise of the following: -

President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer;

Education Officer, Scorers Officer; Performance Officer; Appointments Officer, Member Services Officer and four other members.

6.2 The roles and responsibilities for the above posts will either be determined by the ECB ACO and amended by the LACO to meet local requirements or if no national guidance then by the LACO Committee .

6.3 If any post becomes vacant during the year the Committee have the power to co-opt to the post until the vacancy can be filled at an AGM.

6.4 The LACO may appoint sub-committees as and when required in order to undertake various aspects of its work during the year. Any such sub-committees will be required to present regular reports to the LACO Committee (At least once per year). The Chairman of the LACO is entitled to attend any such sub-committee.

**7.0 Duties**

7.1 The LACO Committee will undertake the following: -

* Produce an annual business plan including financial projections;
* Elect representatives to relevant committees of the LCF;
* Organise an Annual General Meeting of the LACO;
* Organise training and development events for umpires and scorers which may form part of the AGM;
* Coordinate the training and development of umpires and scorers in accordance with the guidance from the ECB ACO including the provision for observation and assessment; and
* Communicate regularly with members and act as a forum to enable Members to air their views and opinions and seek guidance;

**8.0 Meetings**

8.1 The quorum for Committee meetings shall be four members plus one of the four main officials (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary)

8.2 An Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the end of March in each year.

8.3 All current members of LACO shall have one vote at the AGM with changes to the Constitution requiring a two thirds majority and all other votes a simple majority. (In the event of a tie the vote will be lost)

8.4 Nominations for all vacant posts shall be received by the Secretary in writing by the end of January in the year of the AGM. If no nominations have been received by the due date then nominations can be taken from the floor at the AGM.

8.5 Officers shall serve for three years and shall retire on the following rotation commencing at the AGM 2016: -

* Year 1 – President, Vice Chairman, Scorers Officer and two Committee members
* Year 2 - Secretary, Treasurer, Performance Officer, Appointments Officer, Member Services Officer and one Committee member
* Year 3 – Chairman, Education Officer, Member Services Officer and one Committee member

Retiring members will be eligible for re-election

8.6 A special AGM shall be called if a request in writing is made to the Secretary by a minimum of 20 members or if there is a requirement for such a meeting as determined by the Committee.

**9.0 Finance**

9.1 The financial year shall be from the 1st January to the 31st December

9.2 Any single payment in excess of £500 must be approved by the LACO Committee

9.3 All payments will require authorisation from any two of the following officers – Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer

**10.0 Amendments to the Constitution**

10.1 Amendments to the constitution should be received in writing by the Secretary by the 31st January in the year prior to the AGM. The agreement to change the constitution can only be made if there is a two thirds majority vote in favour at the AGM.

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