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To
All Heads of Postal Circles

Subject: GUIDELINES RELATING TO ALL INDIA POSTAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The following guidelines will govern the conduct of All India Postal Cricket Tournament from the date of issue. These will be superseding all previous instructions issued in this regard:-

1. **CIRCLE LEVEL COMPETITIONS AND SELECTION:**

- 1.1. Since Cricket is a team event, therefore, the Circle Sports Boards shall conduct Circle level competitions by either having trials or by conducting tournaments for selecting the best possible Circle teams for representing their Circle in the All India Postal Meet.
- 1.2. Preliminary screenings at Regional level should be completed well in time. The results of the Circle Tournament, together with a list of 15 players selected to represent the Circle in All India Postal Cricket Tournament. may be sent to the Organizing Secretary, of the host Circle

2. **CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT**

- 2.1. The tournament will be held on league cum knock-out basis for a total period of 7 days as below:
 - League matches - 4 days
 - Quarter-finals - 1 day
 - Semi-finals - 1 day
 - Finals & 3rd place match- 1 day

**The number of days allotted as above may be adjusted by the host Circle, if required, but should not exceed the overall limit of 7 days under any circumstance.*

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- 2.2 The league matches should be played of 20 overs a side. Detailed instructions on T- 20 rules are enclosed in annexure for information and guidance.
- 2.3 From quarter-final stage, the match will be played of 50 overs each side. As regards the 3rd place match, it will be played of 20 overs each side.
- 2.4 Each bowler shall not be allowed to bowl more than 1/5th of the total number of the overs allowed for an inning.

3. TIMING:

- 3.1. Morning Session 9.30AM to 1.00 PM
Lunch interval 1.00 PM to 1.45 PM
Afternoon Session 1.45 PM to 5.15 PM

The host Circle may change the timings depending upon weather conditions.

- 3.2 One drinks interval will be permitted after 10 overs have been bowled up to quarter final stage and from semi-final stage. The drinks break will be after every 17 overs are bowled.
- 3.3 In the matches, where the start is delayed or where play is suspended, the object should always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both the teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 15 over each side). The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on an average rate of 15 over per hour in the time remaining before close of play.
- 3.4 If the number of overs of the side batting first is reduced, no fixed time will be specified for the close of its innings and in the event of the team fielding second falling to bowl, if necessary, the reduced number of overs in a match, the hours of play shall be extended until the required number of overs have been bowled or a result achieved, provided in the opinion the Umpires the light and weather are suitable to continue the match.
- 3.5 If owing to suspension of play during the innings of the team batting second, it is not possible for that team to have the opportunity of batting for the same number of over as the team batting first, they will bat for a number of overs to be calculated as in 3.3 above.
- 3.6 The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter has been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.

4. DRAW

The participating teams should be drawn into four groups and the draw of the tournament should be held during the Manager's meeting.

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While selecting the draw, each of the four semi-finalists of previous year tournament shall be placed in each different group and other quarter finalists barring the semi-finalists shall be drawn by lot and placed as second team of the each group. Rest of the participating teams shall be put in a lot and drawn equally into the groups.

From Quarterfinal stage, matches shall be held on following basis

(i) Quarter Finals (50 Overs)

QF 1- Winner of Group A vs Runner of Group D

QF 2- Winner of Group C vs Runner of Group B

QF 3- Winner of Group D vs Runner of Group A

QF 4- Winner of Group B vs Runner of Group C

(ii) Semi-finals (50 overs)

SF 1- Winner of QF 1 vs Winner of QF 4

SF 2- Winner of QF 2 vs Winner of QF 3

(iii) 3rd vs 4th Place (20 overs)

Loser of SF 1 vs Loser of SF 2

(iv) Finals (50 overs)

Winner of SF 1 vs Winner of SF 2

5. **RESULT:**

- 5.1 A result can be achieved only if both teams have batted for at least 15 overs or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than that of 15 overs. All other matches in which one or both teams have not had an opportunity of batting for a minimum of 15 overs shall be declared as drawn matches.
- 5.2 In the matches, in which both teams have had opportunity of batting for 35/40 overs in an uninterrupted match, the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner. If the scores are equal, the winner shall be the team which has lost lesser number of wickets.
- 5.3 If the team batting second does not get the opportunity to complete the agreed number of overs, and has neither been all out nor has passed its opponents score, then the following shall apply:-
- i) The result shall be declared by taking into consideration the total number of runs scored by the team batting first at the end of the number of overs, where the Innings of the team batting second is Interrupted. The team having higher score at the stage shall be declared as winner.

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