



INTERNAL REGULATIONS

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Article 1 - DEFINITIONS

In these Internal Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

Articles of Association:	the KNCB's Articles of Association;
Board:	the Board of the KNCB;
Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Delegated Board Member:	the member of the Board appointed in that position;
Club Member:	a natural person as referred to in Article 4(1)(a) of the Articles of Association;
Club:	a Club as referred to in Article 4(1)(a) of the Articles of Association;
Competition Manager:	the competition manager as referred to in Article 18 of these Internal Regulations;
Competition Match:	Match in any Competition organised by the KNCB;
Competition or Competitions:	the cricket competition or competitions organised by the KNCB;
Competition Rules:	the competition rules as referred to in Article 19 of these Internal Regulations;
Director:	the person appointed by the Board to head up the KNCB Executive;
Division [<i>Klasse</i>]:	subdivision within a Competition on the grounds of strength and/or playing day;
Extraordinary member:	the category of members referred to in Article 4(1) of the Articles of Association;
General Membership Meeting:	the general membership meeting of the KNCB;
KNCB Executive [<i>Bonds bureau</i>]:	1. the executive organisation of the KNCB; 2. the physical office of the KNCB;
KNCB Team:	a Team composed by or on behalf of the Board;
KNCB Umpire:	the person designated as such under the provisions of the Competition Rules and appointed by or on behalf of the Board for the Match in question;
KNCB Year:	the calendar year;
KNCB:	the Royal Dutch Cricket Association;
Management Charter:	a division of responsibilities and powers between the Director and the Board that governs the relationship between the Board and the Director;
Match:	a cricket match organised by, on behalf of or under the auspices of the KNCB, by an organisation to which the KNCB is affiliated or by a KNCB Member;
Member or Members:	the member or members as referred to in Article 4(1) of the Articles of Association;
Membership Fees:	all fees payable by Members to the KNCB under the Articles of Association and these Internal Regulations, to the extent that they are not fines;
One-Day Competition:	competition form in which the standard number of overs is more than 20;
Player Support Personnel:	the person or persons supporting an athlete and/or Team and/or who is/are responsible for such support (including in any case training, coaching, managing and/or providing medical care) in and around the place where the sport is practised or where the athlete prepares. Sports practice includes both sporting activities and all activities directly related thereto. In these Internal Regulations, an umpire, not being a KNCB Umpire, and a scorer shall also be regarded as Player Support Personnel;
Player:	any person who is part of a Team;



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Playing Conditions:	the playing conditions referred to in Article 19 of these Internal Regulations;
Pool [<i>Poule</i>]:	a subdivision of a Division;
Season:	time period within a KNCB Year in which Competitions organised by the KNCB are played;
Team:	an eleven (or group of players of more or fewer than eleven) of a Club competing in any Match organised by, on behalf of or under the auspices of the KNCB;
Twenty20 (T20) Competition:	competition form in which the number of overs is 20.

For the sake of readability, persons and functions or roles in these Internal Regulations are referred to only in the masculine form. Wherever the text reads 'he' or 'his', this shall also mean 'she' and 'her'.

Article 2 - KNCB FLAG AND KNCB EXECUTIVE

1. The KNCB Flag is a blue banner bearing the Dutch Lion, the letters K.N.C.B. or KNCB and the number 1883 in gold colour.
2. The KNCB has its registered office in a place to be determined by the Board, after hearing the advice of the General Membership Meeting.

Article 3 - MEMBERSHIP AND DONORSHIP

1. The application for admission to membership of the KNCB by a Club must be accompanied by:
 - a. a copy of the applicant's articles of association;
 - b. an extract from the commercial register relating to the applicant;
 - c. a membership list of the applicant.
2. The Secretary shall send the decision on the application to the applicant as soon as possible. In case of non-admission, the applicant will be referred to the provisions of Article 6(2) of the Articles of Association. The Board may attach conditions to admission.
3. The Secretary shall ensure that the name of an admitted Club is announced on the KNCB website.
4. Application to be admitted as an extraordinary member shall be made in writing or electronically to the Secretary (c/o KNCB Executive), by submitting an application form and/or by providing the details requested by the KNCB.
5. The Secretary shall send the decision on the application to the applicant as soon as possible. A decision of non-admission cannot be appealed. The Board may attach conditions to admission.
6. Membership of merit or honorary membership can only be revoked by the General Membership Meeting, which requires a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes validly cast. Such a decision cannot be appealed. The Board shall notify the person in question in writing of the decision and the reasons for it. Prior to the decision, the disciplinary committee is given the opportunity to voice its opinion on the proposed decision.
7. An application to become a donor shall be made in writing to the Secretary (c/o KNCB Executive). The Secretary shall send the decision on the application to the applicant as soon as possible.

Article 4 - OBLIGATIONS OF CLUBS

1. Clubs must send the continuous text of their articles of association to the Secretary. In case of amendment of the relevant articles of association, the amended continuous text must be sent within four weeks after the amendment being adopted. If a notarial deed as referred to in Section 2:43(5) of the Dutch Civil Code is drawn up of said amendment, the period of four weeks shall commence on the day the relevant deed was drawn up.
2. Clubs are required to register their Club Members with the Secretary by 1 May each year, broken down in the following categories:
 - a. male playing members who had reached the age of seventeen on 1 September of the previous year;



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- b. male playing members who had not reached the age of seventeen on 1 September of the previous year;
 - c. female playing members who had reached the age of seventeen on 1 September of the previous year;
 - d. female playing members who had reached the age of seventeen on 1 September of the previous year;
 - e. non-playing members and other members.
3. This registration shall be effected by entering these persons in the registration tool or website made available for that purpose by or on behalf of the Executive Committee, whereby of each Club Member, insofar as it concerns a playing Club Member, at least their address with postal code, their telephone number and date of birth shall be stated, all this with due observance of the provisions of Article 23 of these Internal Regulations.
 4. The KNCB shall provide each Club with a registration number, with due observance of the instructions of the KNCB. This number is not released upon termination of the membership of the respective Club Member.
 5. Additions to the Member's membership file should be notified as soon as possible in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3.
 6. Clubs are required at any time at the Secretary's written request to provide the Secretary with a printed list of members and/or any additions thereto, complying with the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4. The Secretary may allow submission in electronic form, provided that the requirements specified by him are met.
 7. Clubs are always obliged, upon the Board's written request, to provide in writing any information which the Board must reasonably be expected to know.
 8. The KNCB and the Clubs shall ensure that all Player Support Personnel are Club Members or have submitted to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the KNCB.

Article 5 - FINANCES

1. Testamentary dispositions may only be accepted by the KNCB under the benefit of inventory.
2. If subsidies, donations or legacies involve charges or other obligations for the KNCB, the Board shall notify the General Membership Meeting.
3. The Membership Fee set by the General Membership Meeting shall remain in force until the General Membership Meeting amends it.
4. The Membership Fee referred to in Article 9(2) of the Articles of Association comprises one or more of the following components:
 - a. a basic membership fee;
 - b. a fee per Team entered by the Club in a Competition managed or organised by or under the responsibility of the KNCB;
 - c. a fee for each Club Member appearing in a season on the membership list referred to in Article 4 of these Internal Regulations.

Withdrawal of a Team after the classification of the Competition will not affect the fees payable, unless the Board determines otherwise in a particular case.

5. The apportionment [*hoofdelijke omslag*] on which the General Membership Meeting may resolve pursuant to Article 9(4) of the Articles of Association may never exceed fifty per cent (50%) of the Membership Fee for the relevant Club in any one KNCB Year. The allocation of the costs of the KNCB Umpires among those Clubs whose Matches are overseen by these KNCB Umpires does not constitute an apportionment within the meaning of this article.
6. The Membership Fee set for a KNCB Year must be paid within 30 days of the invoice date. In case of late payment, the Board shall have the power to impose default interest for each month that the amount due is paid after the due date, not exceeding five per cent (5%) of the amount due. For this purpose, a part of a month is considered a full month.
7. Clubs whose membership commences after 1 September shall not owe fees for the current KNCB Year.



8. The apportionment determined by the General Membership Meeting shall be collected by the Treasurer within three months of the relevant resolution. The provisions of the second sentence of paragraph 6 of this article shall apply by analogy.
9. Accounts of the KNCB with banking institutions should be in the name of 'Koninklijke Nederlandse Cricket Bond' or 'KNCB'.
The KNCB's payments shall be made as far as possible through these accounts.
10. The Treasurer is authorised by the Board to dispose of the accounts referred to in paragraph 9.
11. The Board shall describe in the Management Charter the powers of attorney granted by the Board to the Director.

Article 6 - BOARD - NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES AND APPOINTMENT

1. Candidates for appointment to the Board shall be nominated as follows:
 - a. by the Board: by stating the name of the candidate in the written notice referred to in Article 16(5) of the Articles of Association;
 - b. by at least five Clubs acting jointly: by submitting the name of the candidate and the names of the Clubs submitting the nomination in writing to the Secretary, provided that this notice is in the possession of the Secretary at least five times twenty-four hours before the start of the General Membership Meeting. Before the start of the General Membership Meeting, the Secretary shall announce the name of the candidate and the names of the members submitting the nomination. A written declaration (which may also be an email message) by the candidate of his willingness to accept the appointment, as well as a list of all his paid and unpaid (ancillary) positions, shall be submitted along with the nomination.
2. If no candidates have been nominated, the General Membership Meeting is free to make the appointment, provided the appointee declares his willingness to accept the appointment.
3. The General Membership Meeting shall determine the number of supervisory directors on the proposal of the Board, with due observance to the provisions of Article 10(1) of the Articles of Association.

Article 7 - BOARD - POWERS AND BOARD MEETINGS

1. The amount as referred to in Article 11(3) of the Articles of Association is one hundred thousand euros (€ 100,000).
2. The Board meets at least once per calendar quarter.
3. Board meetings are also held as often as the Chairman or at least two other members of the Board deem necessary.
4. Board meetings are convened by the Chairman, or the Board Members referred to in the previous paragraph, or on his or their behalf by the Secretary.
5. In addition to Board Members, persons invited by the Board shall be admitted to Board meetings. A Board Member may be represented at the meeting by another Board Member in writing.
6. The Board may adopt resolutions in a meeting only if at least three Board Members are present or represented.
7. Insofar as the Articles of Association or these Internal Regulations do not prescribe a larger majority, resolutions of the Board shall be adopted by an absolute majority of the votes cast. In case of a tied vote on matters, the proposal is rejected. If the votes are tied in an election of persons, drawing of lots will decide the issue.
If in an election between more than two persons none of the candidates obtains an absolute majority, a second vote shall be taken between the same persons, on the understanding that the candidate who obtained the lowest number of votes shall drop out. This procedure is repeated until one of the candidates obtains an absolute majority or the votes between the last two candidates are tied.



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8. The Board may also adopt resolutions by other means than in a meeting, provided that all Board Members are able to vote and none of them opposes this method of decision-making. A resolution is then adopted if the required majority of all Board Members have declared themselves to be in favour of the proposal.
9. The Chairman chairs the Board meetings. In his absence, the Vice-Chairman chairs the Board meetings. If he too is absent, the Board meeting will provide its own chairmanship. This paragraph also applies to the powers referred to in paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of this article.
10. The opinion of the Chairman pronounced in the Board meeting that a resolution has been adopted by the Board meeting shall be decisive. The same applies to the content of an adopted resolution, insofar as a vote was taken on a proposal not recorded in writing. However, if the correctness of the aforementioned judgement is contested immediately after it is pronounced, a new vote shall be taken, if a Board Member present so requires. This new round of voting renders the original vote invalid.
11. The Chairman shall determine the manner in which votes shall be taken at Board meetings, provided that if a Board Member so requires, votes on persons shall be taken in writing.
12. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings at Board meetings by the Secretary or by a person designated by the Chairman. The minutes shall be adopted at the next Board meeting and signed by way of confirmation by the Chairman and the Secretary, digitally or otherwise.

Article 8 - CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman is in charge of and supervises the KNCB.
2. He is the KNCB's official spokesperson.
3. He may determine that outgoing documents, not relating to the representation of the KNCB in and out of court, shall be signed by him.
4. He heads up the KNCB and oversees the implementation of the resolutions of the Board.
5. In the absence or temporary inability to act of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall deputise for the Chairman.

Article 9 - SECRETARY

1. The Secretary shall keep the records of the KNCB, insofar as this has not been assigned to others.
2. He conducts correspondence in consultation with and on behalf of the Board.
3. He shall keep copies of such correspondence.
4. He may delegate the conduct of correspondence to others in certain cases, but remains responsible for it.
5. He shall keep the records referred to in Article 6(5) of the Articles of Association.
6. The care of the KNCB archive is entrusted to him.
7. He is charged with taking minutes of Board meetings, insofar as this has not been assigned to others.
8. At the spring meeting, he will present the annual report.
9. In the absence or temporary inability to act of the Secretary, his duties shall be performed by a Delegated Board Member appointed by the Board from among its members.

Article 10 - TREASURER, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT

1. The Treasurer is responsible for financial management and for monitoring the budget approved by the General Membership Meeting. He oversees expenditure and receivables.
2. As the Board Member primarily responsible, he is obliged to keep such records of the financial position of the KNCB and of everything concerning the activities of the KNCB in accordance with the requirements arising from these activities, and to keep the books, documents and other data carriers belonging thereto in such a way that the rights and obligations of the KNCB can be known at all times.
3. He shall not make payments from the KNCB's funds except against proper discharge.



4. In consultation with the management committee [*dagelijks bestuur*] he shall deposit all cash balances in excess of five thousand euros (€ 5,000) with a banking institution designated by the Board or, to the extent that they are not needed to meet current expenses, invest them in non-risk-bearing funds.
5. The Treasurer is authorised to make payments independently up to the amount of five thousand euros (€ 5,000) per case. Making payments of amounts exceeding five thousand euros (€ 5,000) also requires the written approval and/or signature of another member of the management committee, unless the payment is made in execution of a Board Resolution.
6. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget of income and expenses for the current KNCB Year and submit it to the Board for approval no later than six weeks before the spring meeting is held at which the budget is to be adopted.
7. No later than five weeks before the spring meeting, the Treasurer shall prepare the balance sheet as at the end of the past KNCB Year and the statement of income and expenditure for the past KNCB Year and submit them to the Board for approval before that time, along with the required documents.
8. The Treasurer shall assist the audit committee referred to in Article 15(1)(c) of the Articles of Association in its work and shall ensure that it can properly exercise the powers conferred on it by the Articles of Association.
9. A corresponding obligation rests on him towards the Board, which may call him to account at any time.
10. If required by the audit committee, he is also obliged to render interim account to this committee.
11. In the absence or temporary inability to act of the Treasurer, his duties shall be performed by a Delegated Board Member appointed by the Board from among its members.
12. In case the Treasurer resigns prematurely, he shall have his books and cash audited by the audit committee before the date he steps down. Within one month of being instructed this committee shall report to the Board, which shall bring this report to the notice of the General Membership Meeting.
13. The KNCB is obliged to engage an auditor to audit the financial statements.
14. The General Membership Meeting shall appoint an auditor on the proposal of the Board. The engagement may be withdrawn at any time by the General Membership Meeting and by the KNCB Board if it has granted the engagement. The engagement may only be withdrawn for valid reasons.
15. The auditor shall report on his audit to the Board, to the director and the audit committee and present the result of his audit in an opinion.
16. The Board is discharged for the conduct of its financial policy by a resolution of the General Membership Meeting.

Article 11 - DIRECTOR

1. The Director is appointed and dismissed by the Board.
2. The Director is charged with the day-to-day management of the KNCB Executive. The Board and the Director lay down their mutual relationships and responsibilities in a Management Charter. The current management charter is published on the KNCB website.
3. The Director acts on behalf of the Board, within the limits laid down in the Management Charter. The Director renders account to the Board.

Article 12 - DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

1. The disciplinary committee referred to in Article 15(1)(a) of the Articles of Association shall consist of at least five adult natural persons who are not members of the Board, the appeals committee or the audit committee, or the persons referred to in Article 10(11) of the Articles of Association appointed by the audit committee.



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2. The members of the disciplinary committee are appointed and dismissed by the General Membership Meeting. Their term of office shall be a period not exceeding three years. The members of the disciplinary committee shall resign according to a roster to be drawn up by the committee and may be reappointed not more than twice consecutively after their resignation. The disciplinary committee shall appoint one of its members as chairman and one of its members as secretary and shall ensure these appointments are announced on the KNCB website. Other members of the committee may deputise for the chairman position and the secretary position in a manner to be determined by the disciplinary committee itself.
3. Candidates for appointment to the disciplinary committee shall be nominated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(1)(a) of these Regulations.
4. The chairman of the disciplinary committee assigns the hearing of each case to a panel consisting of preferably at least three members of the disciplinary committee to be appointed by him, who are not in any relationship to the persons or clubs involved in the case to be heard that might give rise to a conflict of interest. The panel will have the same powers as the disciplinary committee.
5. Members and bodies of the KNCB, as well as Club Members, KNCB Umpires, players and Player Support Personnel of the KNCB teams and furthermore those who are subject to the Articles of Association and/or regulations of the KNCB, are obliged to provide the disciplinary committee with such information as it requires for the performance of its duties.
6. The disciplinary committee decides by majority vote.
7. The disciplinary committee will decide as soon as possible and send its decision in writing (by email) to all concerned.

Article 13 - APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. The appeals committee referred to in Article 15(1)(a) of the Articles of Association shall consist of at least five adult natural persons who are not members of the Board, the disciplinary committee or the audit committee, or the persons referred to in Article 10(11) of the Articles of Association appointed by the audit committee.
2. The members of the appeals committee are appointed and dismissed by the General Membership Meeting. Their term of office shall be a period not exceeding three years. The members of the appeals committee shall resign according to a roster to be drawn up by the committee and may be reappointed not more than twice consecutively after their resignation. The appeals committee shall appoint one of its members as chairman and one of its members as secretary and shall ensure these appointments are announced on the KNCB website. Other members of the committee may deputise for the chairman position and the secretary position in a manner to be determined by the disciplinary committee itself.
3. Candidates for appointment to the appeals committee shall be nominated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(1)(a) of these Regulations.
4. The shall decide in the highest instance on the appeals referred to in Article 6(2) and Article 7(5) of the Articles of Association, as well as on the appeals referred to in Article 23 of the disciplinary regulations of the KNCB and further on the disputes referred to in Article 22 of the Articles of Association, including disputes on decisions referred to in Article 19(2) last sentence of the Articles of Association.
5. Members and bodies of the KNCB, as well as Club KNCB Umpires, Players and Player Support Personnel and furthermore those who are also subject to the Articles of Association and/or regulations of the KNCB, are obliged to provide the appeals committee with such information as it requires for the performance of its duties.
6. The chairman of the appeals committee shall assign the hearing of an appeal or a dispute to a panel consisting of preferably at least three members of the appeals committee to be appointed by him, who are not in any relationship to the persons or clubs involved in the case to be heard that might give rise to a conflict of interest. The panel will have the same powers as the appeals committee.



7. In case of illness or inability to act of a member of the appeals committee, he shall be replaced by another member.
8. An appeal as referred to in Article 6(2) and Article 7(5) of the Articles of Association and a request for settlement of a dispute as referred to in Article 22 of the Articles of Association must, on penalty of inadmissibility, be lodged or submitted by filing a substantiated notice of appeal or petition with the secretary of the appeals committee (c/o KNCB Executive).
9. The secretary of the appeals committee shall immediately send a copy of the notice of appeal or petition to the Board or to the opposing party or parties in question; the defendant shall be entitled to send a statement of response to the appeals committee within a period to be determined by the appeals committee. The secretary of the appeals committee shall immediately send a copy of the statement of response to the person who lodged the appeal or submitted the petition.
Both the person who lodged the appeal or submitted the petition and the defendant may request to be heard by the appeals committee.
10. Submission of a dispute as referred to in Article 22 of the Articles of Association is subject to costs, with the exception of disputes between bodies of the KNCB.
The costs are two hundred and fifty euros (€ 250) if the dispute is submitted by a Club (such amount to be paid by each of the parties involved if it concerns a dispute as referred to in Article 22(2) of the Articles of Association) and one hundred euros (€ 100) if the dispute is submitted by a natural person. The appeals committee shall not commence hearing any appeal until the costs due have been credited to one of the accounts of the KNCB, provided, however, that the appeals committee shall declare that the applicant or applicants has/have no case if said costs have not been paid within four weeks of the dispute being submitted.
In the case of a dispute as referred to in Article 22(1) of the Articles of Association, the appeals committee may stipulate in its judgment that said costs shall be refunded in full or in part by the KNCB if the appeals committee finds wholly or partly in favour of the person who submitted the dispute.
In the event of a dispute as referred to in Article 22(2) of the Articles of Association, the appeals committee may determine in its judgment that the aforementioned costs must be reimbursed in full or in part by one of the parties to the other party or parties if the appeals committee considers there are grounds for doing so.
11. The appeals committee decides by majority vote.
12. The appeals committee shall decide as soon as possible and shall send its decision in writing (by email) to the person who lodged the appeal or to the person or persons who submitted the dispute and to the defendant.
13. In the event that the appeals committee wholly or partially upholds an appeal, the decision given by the appeals committee shall replace the decision against which an appeal was lodged.

Article 14 - AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. The audit committee referred to in Article 15(1)(c) of the Articles of Association shall consist of three adult natural persons who are not members of the Board, are not members of the disciplinary committee and the appeal committee of the KNCB and are not employed by the KNCB.
2. The members of the audit committee are appointed and dismissed by the General Membership Meeting. Their term of office shall be a period not exceeding three years. The members of the audit committee shall resign according to a roster to be drawn up by the committee and may be reappointed not more than twice consecutively after their resignation. The audit committee shall appoint one of its members as chairman and shall ensure these appointments are announced on the KNCB website.
3. Candidates for appointment to the audit committee shall be nominated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(1)(a) and (b) of these Internal Regulations.
4. The audit committee advises the Board on the financial affairs of the KNCB in the broadest sense.



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5. The audit committee is authorised to inform the Board of its wishes and objections concerning the financial affairs of the KNCB and to make proposals.
6. The Board shall give the audit committee the opportunity to advise the Board on any decision to be taken by the Board or by another association body regarding:
 - a. setting of and changes in membership fees and/or apportionments;
 - b. the financial terms and conditions of employment of staff employed by the KNCB;
 - c. entering into or amending agreements in the name of the KNCB whose financial importance is significant.

Article 15 - COMMITTEES AND ADVISERS

1. The Board determines the composition of the committees referred to in Article 15(3) of the Articles of Association. The committees appoint a chairman from among their members.
2. The Board shall establish instructions for the committees, which shall in any case include a remit and the conferral of powers, as well as the duty to report to the Board at least once a year on the activities carried out.
3. The Board shall announce the establishment, composition and remit of committees on the KNCB website. The Board shall also announce changes in the composition of the committees there.
4. The members of the committees referred to in Article 15(3) of the Articles of Association are appointed for a maximum term of office of three years.
5. Committee members are eligible for reappointment after the expiry of their term of office. No later than two months before the expiry of the term of office of its members, the committee may make recommendations to the Board for its composition in its next term.
6. The Board shall dismiss committee members early if the interest of the KNCB so requires.
7. The Board has the power to appoint advisers to advise the Board in the area for which the advisers are appointed. Advisers are appointed for a period of one year unless otherwise specified at the time of appointment.

Article 16 - VOTING RIGHTS

1. The number of additional votes that a Club may cast at the General Membership Meeting, as referred to in Article 17(5) second sentence of the Articles of Association, shall be specified as follows:
 - a. at a General Membership Meeting held before the first of May: the number of Teams with which the Club participated in the competitions run by the KNCB in the previous Season;
 - b. at a General Membership Meeting held on or after the first of May: the number of Teams with which the member participates or has participated in the competitions run by the KNCB in the same Season.
2. Participating in a Competition means that the Club has entered a Team for that Competition and did not withdraw this Team nor was it taken out of the Competition.
3. In this article, a Competition run by the KNCB means a Competition as referred to in Article 17(1)(a) of these Internal Regulations, with the exception of:
 - I. the competitions mentioned in Article 17(1)(c) of these Internal Regulations, other than the U11, U13, U15 and U17 competitions, and
 - II. the competitions mentioned in Article 17(2)(e) of these Internal Regulations.
4. The number of votes that a Club may cast per Team pursuant to paragraph 1 in conjunction with paragraph 3 of this Article is:
 - a. two votes per Team as referred to in Article 17(1)(a) of these Internal Regulations, with the exception of the Competitions mentioned in Article 17(2)(c) of these Internal Regulations
and
 - b. one vote per Team in the youth competition as referred to in Article 17(2)(c) of these Internal Regulations to the extent it concerns a Team in the U11, U13, U15 and U17 Competitions.



Article 17 - COMPETITION

1. The KNCB runs the following competitions:
 - a. regular Competitions;
 - b. Twenty20 Competitions;
 - c. other Competitions to be determined by the Board.
2. The Competitions referred to in paragraph 1 can be divided into:
 - a. men's competitions
 - b. women's competitions
 - c. youth competitions;
 - d. recreational competitions (e.g. ZAMI, ZOMI and veterans' competitions);
 - e. other Competitions to be determined by the Board.
3. The Board shall determine for each Season the classification into Divisions of the Competitions referred to in paragraph 1 and/or paragraph 2. A Division may be subdivided into Pools.
4. The Board shall ensure timely publication of the classifications referred to on the KNCB website.

Article 18 - COMPETITION MANAGER

1. Every KNCB Year, the Board shall appoint a Competition Manager for each Competition referred to in Article 17(1) and/or (2) of these Internal Regulations. A Competition Manager may be appointed simultaneously for several Competitions.
2. The Board may replace a Competition Manager early if the interest of the KNCB so requires.
3. The Board shall announce the appointment and a replacement on the KNCB website.
4. The Competition Manager is in charge of the actual organisation of the Competition in question and of the administrative processing of Competition data.

Article 19 - COMPETITION RULES AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

1.
 - a. For every Competition as referred to in Article 17(1), the KNCB has adopted Competition Rules applicable to all Matches organised by the KNCB in that Competition. Competition Rules may apply to multiple Competitions.
 - b. For each Competition referred to in Article 17(2), the KNCB has Playing Conditions that apply to all Matches organised by the KNCB in that Competition. Playing Conditions may apply to multiple Competitions.
2. The Competition Rules and the Playing Conditions are set by the Board.
3. The Board shall give the General Membership Meeting the opportunity to advise on the content of the Competition Rules and the Playing Conditions, unless urgent interests of the KNCB dictate otherwise.
4. Decisions as referred to in Article 19(2), last sentence, of the Articles of Association, shall be laid down in Competition Rules.
5. The Board shall ensure that the Competition Rules and the Playing Conditions are published on the KNCB website.

Article 20 - PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITION MATCHES

1. A Club may only allow players to participate in a Competition Match who are registered as members of the Club in question in the manner described in Article 4 of these Internal Regulations and who have not been denied the right to participate in matches.
2. The Competition Rules set out further rules regarding the playing eligibility of:
 - a. a Club Member who transfers as a member of a Club to a different Club;
 - b. a Club Member who, having already participated in one or more Competition Matches for a Club during the current KNCB Year, wishes to participate in Competition Matches for a different Club during the same KNCB Year;
 - c. a Club Member who, having participated in Competition Matches in one or more Teams of a Club, wishes to participate in a Competition Match in the same KNCB Year in a lower ranked Team;



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- d. a Club Member who is registered as a member of a Club after the start of the Season in the manner described in Article 4 of these Internal Regulations and who wishes to participate in Competition Matches for the relevant Club in the same KNCB Year.
- e. a non-EU/EEA passport holder.
3. The Board decides on the eligibility of Clubs/Teams to play in foreign competitions and tournaments and may impose further conditions when granting permission.

Article 21 - PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITION MATCHES BY KNCB TEAMS

In derogation from and in addition to the provisions of Article 20, the Board may allow KNCB Teams to participate in Competitions.

Article 22 - ENTRY TO MATCHES

1. Honorary members, members of merit, members of the Board, members of the disciplinary committee, of the appeals committee and of the audit committee, and the Competition Manager, as well as those who are eligible in the opinion of the Board shall have free entry to all Competition Matches.
2. The persons referred to in paragraph 1 and donors designated by the Board may be granted the right of free entry to Matches organised by the KNCB outside the context of Competitions run by the KNCB.

Article 23 - PERSONAL DATA, CONFIDENTIAL ADVISER, COMPLAINT PROCEDURE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

1. The Board will ensure compliance with all legal obligations incumbent on the KNCB regarding the protection and processing of personal data. To this end, the Board will periodically set, review and publish its policy on the KNCB website.
2. The Board will appoint a privacy officer.
3. The Board will appoint a confidential contact person to deal with reports of transgressive behaviour.
4. The Board will appoint an anti-corruption officer.
5. The Board shall ensure that a complaints procedure is in place, covering at least the matter of transgressive behaviour.
6. In respect of the matters referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5, the Board shall, to the extent permitted and possible, report annually to the General Membership Meeting.

Article 24 - INCOMPATIBILITY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. There should be no close business, family or similar relationships within the Board.
2. The Board should act with integrity and transparency and guard against conflicts of interest. In this regard, the Board fosters an open culture of deliberation, decision-making and accountability.
3. A conflict of interest exists when someone is faced with such an incompatible interest that there is reasonable doubt as to whether he has been or will be guided in his actions solely by the interest of the KNCB. When deciding whether this is the case, all the relevant circumstances of the particular case must be taken into account.
4. A conflict of interest means: mixing of the interest of the KNCB with the (personal) interest of the person concerned or that of persons with whom he has a business, family or similar relationship as a result of which proper and objective decisions or actions in the interest of the KNCB are no longer guaranteed.
5. If the Board believes that there is a structural conflict of interest of material significance to the KNCB, the Board member concerned shall be obliged to resign.



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6. If the Board concludes that a Board member has an incidental conflict of interest with the KNCB or there is a conflict of interest or the appearance thereof that is otherwise undesirable for the KNCB, the following shall apply:
 - a. any legal acts involving a conflict of interest or undesirable appearance thereof will be agreed on terms customary in the market;
 - b. account shall be rendered of these legal acts in the annual report.

Article 25 - CONFIDENTIALITY AND ETHICS

1. The members of the Board and the committees mentioned in these Internal Regulations will treat as strictly confidential all information and documentation they receive in the course of their duties that may reasonably be considered confidential, even after their resignation.
2. For positions involving special confidentiality and/or for which integrity and good manners are an important feature, the KNCB will require a Certificate of Good Conduct. The Board may also adopt a code of conduct.
3. Upon termination of membership of the Board or a committee, the person in question is obliged to immediately transfer all documents, records and other data carriers in his possession relating to his position to the Board or, if they are digital files, to delete them from his computers, data carriers and/or email accounts.

Article 26 - ENFORCEMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND REGULATIONS

1. Insofar as this task is not assigned to other bodies of the KNCB by the Articles of Association and/or these Internal Regulations, the Board shall be responsible for the enforcement and interpretation of the provisions of the Articles of Association and regulations.
2. Bodies, Members and KNCB Umpires are authorised to request a ruling from the Board on the interpretation of the Articles of Association or regulations, but only if no dispute on the same issue is pending before the appeals committee.
3. A dispute concerning the interpretation of the Articles of Association or the regulations shall be submitted to the appeals committee in the form of a dispute as referred to in Article 22(1) of the Articles of Association.

Article 27 - AMENDMENT OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS

1. These Internal Regulations may only be amended by a resolution of the General Membership Meeting with due observance of the provisions of Article 25(2) of the Articles of Association.
2. The Board shall ensure that any amendments of these regulations are published without delay on the KNCB website.

Article 28 - FINAL PROVISIONS

1. These Internal Regulations shall take effect on 17 December 2023.
2. At the time when these Internal Regulations take effect, the Internal Regulations currently in effect shall be repealed.