

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE NEW STANDING MINUTES BEING PROPOSED FOR THE ACTCA UMPIRES AND SCORERS COUNCIL

Introduction:

The Standing Minutes (SMs) of the ACTCAUSC have been reviewed and changes proposed with the following objectives in mind:

1. To cater for the incorporation of the scorers into our Council,
2. To take account of the amendments to the ACTCA Constitution passed in 2008,
3. To cater for the restructuring of the Council's annual awards system, and
4. To present the Standing Minutes in a 'tidier' format after the amendments that have been made to them over the years since they were first passed.

There are several Working Groups (umpires' appointments, the role of the Umpires' Observer, DoU/High Performance Manager etc) who are still discussing issues that are covered in the Standing Minutes. I have redrafted the Minutes to reflect the latest information available to me on those groups, and recognise that there may be further changes required to reflect the final outcomes of the groups' work. I have indicated in the table below where this is the case.

I have also made some 'policy' calls as to new or changed directions the Council may wish to go in. As above, I have indicated in the table below where I have done this, and any final decisions remain up to the Council's membership.

To assist members in thinking about the proposed changes, a table comparing the 'old' (or 'current') SMs with the proposed new ones is set out below. Comments on them are welcomed, and it should be emphasised that the new Minutes are proposals only. They have not yet been considered in detail by the Executive, and should be considered as a starting point for discussion by the membership. Any comments/suggestions/etc should be directed to Bryan Climas or the ACTCAUSC Secretary, Andy Turner.

Current Standing Minutes	2010 Draft Standing Minutes	Explanation
Introduction	Introduction	Existing Introduction has been completely reworded to cater for the new SMs.
Note	Note	Existing Note has been completely reworded to cater for the new SMs.
Table of Contents	Table of Contents	Existing Table of Contents has been rewritten to cater for the new SMs. It still requires some work to get it in a final, publishable format. I would suggest that this can best be done by someone with MS Word publishing experience.
SM1	SM1	1.1 - Reworded to take account of changes to the ACTCA Constitution. 1.1.1 - Provides more detail on different terms of office and NEW <u>suggestion</u> for limits on serving in the same office. 1.1.2 - Reworded to provide more detail on duties of the Executive. 1.2 - NEW provision for Scorers' Committee and associated issues (based on input from Scorers). 1.3 - Reworded to cover non-Executive positions (including NEW for Webmaster), and NEW details on Appointments and Recruitment & Training Panels. NB: The final form of words for the officeholders and their duties (particularly the High Performance Manager) depends on the outcome of discussions by the relevant Working Group.

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SM2	SM2	2.1 - No change. 2.2 - Increased amount of Executive write-off powers from \$200 to \$250. 2.3 - Increased annual donations amount from total of \$200 to \$300. No change in hospitality spending. 2.4 - Small change to give preference (where possible) in Council purchases to sponsors of the Council. 2.5 - Small change to include Scorers in the Development Levy. 2.6 - Bonus scheme - no change. 2.7 - Small change to include Scorers.
SM3	SM3	3.1.1 - Honorary Vice Chairmen - small change. 3.1.2 - Life Members - Change to include recommendations of WG on Awards. 3.1.3 and 4 - Small change to include Scorers. 3.1.7 - Small change. 3.3 - Small change to include Scorers and updating of procedures. Updated to reflect more of an 'applications' process than a 'nomination' to membership. 3.4 - Small change. 3.5 - Small changes in procedures to update, and include references to website etc. 3.6 - Small changes, including for State Panel.
SM4	SM4	Changes throughout SM including Appointments Panel duties, panels, selection criteria, and State Panel details.
SM5	SM5	Small changes, with references to ties being removed.
SM6	SM6	Miscellaneous small changes, mainly for updating purposes.
SM7	SM7	Small changes, including reference to ACTCA Constitution requirements.
SM8	SM8	Have updated for the introduction of the 2010 Code of Laws. Includes new words on bowlers being given friendlies before Law 42 is implemented. The final form of words here will depend on any advice on matters relating to the 2010 Code, and policy decisions as to whether or not the bulk of the material in this SM belongs here or somewhere on the Council's internet site.
SM9	SM9	Updating of Umpires Observer (UO) duties (based on Exec discussions and emails), including reference to website. Final words here will depend on further, ongoing discussions regarding the UO position and its duties, and on the role etc of the HPM.
SM10	SM10	NEW mention of avoiding potential conflicts in sponsorships.
SM11	SM11	Minor changes.
SM12	SM12	Extensive changes, based on recommendations of WG on Awards. Final words here will depend on further, ongoing discussions regarding the UO position and its duties.
Not Applicable	SM 13	New. Deals with the Council's website.
Annexes	Annex A	Previous Annexes removed, and new one on principles for umpiring appointments and recommendations inserted. The contents of the Annex are based on the latest information I have on the final report of the Working Group on the Appointment of Umpires. I believe there are ongoing discussions in this area also.

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