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(1) ARTICLE 1: - NAME & COLORS

- a. This association shall be known as the Florida Softball Cricket Association, hereinafter referred to as FSCA. Its colors shall be yellow, green and red.
- b. The competitions shall be known as the Florida Softball Cricket League games.

(2) ARTICLE 2: - OBJECTIVES

- a. The objectives are to promote the playing of competitive softball cricket and cultural awareness, with strong emphasis on youth involvement.
- b. To ensure that the game is played in a disciplined environment and to maintain a strict code of fairness at all times.
- c. To comply with the laws of the State of Florida
- d. The Association shall have the powers as stipulated by the laws of the State of Florida relating to Non-Profit Association, to solicit, receive and maintain a fund, real and personal property and to apply the income and principal of the fund in fulfilling the aims and purposes of the Association.
- e. The motto of the association, will be "Unity Our Goal, Discipline Our Watchword".

(3) ARTICLE 3: - FISCAL YEAR and SEASONS

- a. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from 01 January to 31 December of each calendar year.
- b. The first season of each calendar year shall run approximately from January to July.
- c. The second season of each calendar year shall run approximately from September to December.
- d. The total amount of registration fees and monthly dues collected by FSCA in any season may not exceed its operating costs and expenses by more than 25%, or other limit prescribed by law, whichever is less.

(4) ARTICLE 4: - MEMBERSHIP.

- a. A player must complete an FSCA Registration form and be accepted by FSCA prior to becoming a member of the FSCA, before he is eligible to play in the FSCA competition.
- b. Each person (male or female) who wishes to be an honorary member of the FSCA shall submit a completed application form, including a non-refundable \$5.00 application fee, requesting membership into the FSCA. One can be a member of the FSCA without also being a member of a team. FSCA reserves the right to deny membership of any applicant for cause.
- c. Each team in good standing shall designate a Captain and a Vice-Captain. Any member of a team who is also a registered member of FSCA shall have the right to communicate directly with the FSCA Executive Body without requiring the prior approval of his team.
- d. The Executive Body shall determine the amount of the fees for each season.
- e. Each team that is in good standing with the FSCA shall send a minimum of two (2) representatives to all General Meetings. The President or the Secretary or the Treasurer or the Captain or the Vice-Captain, or a designated representative of the team shall be allowed to participate in discussion and to vote on any matter. Each team is allowed to cast one vote at the general meeting.
- f. By registering with the FSCA, each member agrees to abide by this Constitution.

(5) ARTICLE 5: - ELECTIONS

- a. Elections shall be held at each Annual General Meeting for the purpose of electing an Executive Body and a

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Management Committee.

b. Eligibility and Qualifications of the President:

- i. the applicant shall be at least eighteen years old and not be on a convicted felon list;
- ii. be knowledgeable of the statutory laws pertaining to non-profit organizations;
- iii. be knowledgeable of the rules of cricket;
- iv. must have been involved in a similar capacity at another organization or corporation for at least two consecutive years, or have been the Chairman of an FSCA Committee for at least two consecutive years, or have served as a member of any of the FSCA Committees for at least three consecutive years;
- v. shall have competent speaking and writing skills and shall be computer literate in commonly used word processing and spreadsheet applications and the internet;
- vi. must have the ability to communicate by cellular phone, fax and e-mail;
- vii. permanently reside in Central Florida;
- viii. not be the subject of any disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee over the past three years;
- ix. be willing and able to spend a minimum of sixteen (16) hours per week on the affairs of the FSCA.

c. Eligibility and Qualifications of the Secretary:

- i. the applicant shall be at least eighteen years old and not be on a convicted felon list;
- ii. be knowledgeable of the statutory laws pertaining to non-profit organizations;
- iii. must have been involved in a similar capacity at another organization for at least two consecutive years, or have been the Chairman of an FSCA Committee for at least two consecutive years, or have served as a member of any of the FSCA Committees for at least three consecutive years;
- iv. shall have competent speaking and writing skills and shall be computer literate in commonly used word processing and spreadsheet applications and the internet;
- v. must have the ability to communicate by cellular phone, fax and e-mail;
- vi. permanently reside in Central Florida;
- vii. not be the subject of any disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee over the past three years;
- viii. be willing and able to spend a minimum of sixteen (16) hours per week on the affairs of the FSCA.

d. Eligibility and Qualifications of the Treasurer:

- i. the applicant shall be at least eighteen years old and not be on a convicted felon list;
- ii. be knowledgeable of the statutory laws pertaining to non-profit organizations;
- iii. must have the ability to maintain the transaction register of a checking / savings account, reconcile monthly bank statements, prepare budgets, and provide reports pertinent to managing & reporting on the financial affairs of FSCA;
- iv. must have been involved in a similar capacity at another organization for at least two consecutive years, or have been the Chairman of an FSCA Committee for at least two consecutive years, or have served as a member of any of the FSCA Committees for at least two consecutive years;
- v. shall have competent speaking and writing skills and shall be computer literate in commonly used word processing and spreadsheet applications and the internet;

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- vi. should be computer literate with at least one common accounting software;
 - vii. must have the ability to communicate by cellular phone, fax and e-mail;
 - viii. permanently reside in Central Florida;
 - ix. not be the subject of any disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee over the past three years;
 - x. be willing and able to spend a minimum of sixteen hours per week on the affairs of the FSCA.
- e. **Eligibility and Qualifications of the members of the Management Committees:**
- i. the applicant shall be at least eighteen years old and not be on a convicted felon list;
 - ii. shall have competent speaking and writing skills and be computer literate;
 - iii. must have the ability to communicate by cellular phone, fax and e-mail;
 - iv. permanently reside in Central Florida;
 - v. not be the subject of any disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee over the past three years;
 - vi. be willing and able to spend a minimum of eight hours per week on the affairs of the FSCA.

(6) ARTICLE 6: - EXECUTIVE BODY

- a. The Executive Body of the FSCA shall comprise of three (3) separate individuals - a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These three individuals shall not hold positions in any Committee of the FSCA.
- b. The President shall be the Chairman. In his absence the Secretary will act as Chairman.
- c. No member of the Executive Body has the authority to make any independent decision regarding the affairs of the FSCA.
- d. In the event of a vacancy within the Executive Body, the remaining members shall have the authority to appoint an interim replacement.
- e. If the number of teams in good standing exceeds twenty (20), the Executive Body shall be supplemented by a Vice-President who will be elected at the next annual general meeting.
- f. The President shall preside at all meetings. In the event of a voting tie, he shall cast the deciding vote. He has the privilege of attending any Committee meeting, participate in any discussion and in the event of a voting tie, cast the deciding vote. He shall also have the authority to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer. He shall represent the FSCA at all functions. In his absence, he shall be represented by the Secretary who shall thereby exercise all of the powers of the President. The President is the Chief Officer of the Executive Body.
- g. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the FSCA seal and books. He shall attend to all correspondence, keep minutes of all meetings and convene all Executive Body meetings and Annual General Meetings. It is his responsibility to inform each team as to fixtures and meetings. The Secretary can attend any Committee meeting, participate in any discussion but cannot vote. The Secretary will assume the duties of the President, enjoying all the rights and exercising all powers of the President in his absence.
- h. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the finances of the FSCA. Upon written request by any member of the Executive Body, or Management Committee or Captain of a team in good standing, he shall report on the financial position of the FSCA within a reasonable period. The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all income and expenditure and shall deposit all monies in a bank in the name of the FSCA. At the end of the fiscal year, he shall furnish an annual statement, as required by law, to each team in good standing. Any member who desires to examine the books must

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give a minimum of three (3) weeks' written notice of his intention to the Secretary and the Treasurer. Where possible, arrangements will be made to accommodate the request at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the FSCA. The Treasurer can attend any Committee meeting, participate in any discussion but cannot vote.

- i. The Committee Members shall assist the Executive Body with the day to day operations of the FSCA. A Committee Member can attend any Committee meeting and participate in discussion but may vote only in the Committee in which he belongs.

(7) **ARTICLE 7: - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

a. **Disciplinary Committee:**

- i. The Disciplinary Committee shall comprise of five (5) members, a chairman who shall be appointed by the President and the remaining four who shall be appointed by the Chairman and the Executive Body. The Chairman shall be responsible for all communication with the FSCA Executive Body.
- ii. The Chairman shall be responsible for conducting the affairs of this committee and shall exercise his judgment in this regard. The results of the votes cast by the Disciplinary Committee shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed by any member. This Committee is responsible for ensuring that discipline and the rules of the FSCA are maintained at all times. In doing so, it shall closely follow the FSCA Disciplinary Committee Guidelines described later in this document.
- iii. If any vacancy exists in the Disciplinary Committee, e.g., due to death, illness, resignation, etc., prior to the next general meeting, the Executive Body shall appoint a replacement member.
- iv. No two members of the Disciplinary Committee shall be members or players of the same team.
- v. A member of the Disciplinary Committee whose teammate is involved in a hearing with the Disciplinary Committee shall be excused from that hearing. Where two or more members of the Disciplinary Committee have to be excused from a hearing, their temporary replacements will be appointed by the President or Secretary, and their names shall be made known to the Captain(s) of the team(s) appearing before the Disciplinary Committee. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall be present at all hearings, including those involving his team.

b. **Umpiring Committee:**

- i. The Umpiring Committee shall comprise of three (3) members, a chairman who shall be appointed by the President and the remaining two who shall be appointed by the Chairman and the Executive Body. The Chairman shall be responsible for all communication with the FSCA Executive Body.
- ii. The Umpiring Committee shall be responsible for promoting rules and fairness of the sport, for assisting with the organization of games with teams from other leagues, for coordinating the umpiring at major games, etc.

c. **Statistics Committee:**

- i. This Committee shall consist of a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President, and one member of each team. The Chairman shall be responsible for all communication with the FSCA Executive Body. This Committee shall be responsible for transmitting and coordinating the results of each game in the competition and for maintaining the statistics for each player.

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- ii. These shall be used in determining the awards of trophies, selection of players who shall represent the FSCA in certain games, etc.

d. Selections Committee:

- i. The Selections Committee shall comprise of three (3) members, the chairman who shall be appointed by the President and the remaining two who shall be appointed by the Chairman and the Executive Body. The Chairman shall be responsible for all communication with the FSCA Executive Body and Management Committee.
- ii. The Selections Committee shall be responsible for selecting the Captain(s), Vice-Captain(s) and players who shall represent the FSCA in games.
- iii. Only registered players are eligible to represent FSCA.
- iv. A player who is observing a suspension is not eligible to represent the FSCA until he completes his entire suspension and the first of his next regular scheduled season game.
- v. When appropriate, this Committee shall also appoint the umpires to rule FSCA games.
- vi. A player's availability and statistics shall not be the only factors used in the selection of players who shall represent the FSCA in certain games. The selectors shall also use their judgment.
- vii. Consideration should also be given to players whose selection shall ultimately benefit FSCA and the promotion of softball cricket and to acknowledge those players who have provided service to FSCA.

e. Ad-hoc Committee:

- i. At his discretion, the President shall appoint other committees to assist with special tasks.

(8) ARTICLE 8: - MEETINGS

- a. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held no later than the end of January, but at least before the start of the new season. The venue, date and time shall be fixed by the Executive Body. The Captain of each member team will be informed at least seven (7) days prior to the said meeting.
- b. A Special Meeting of the membership may be called at any time with a two thirds (2/3) majority of the membership. It must be supplemented by the said number of verified signatures. The members of the Executive Body and the Management Committee must be served written notice of the venue, date, time and purpose of the meeting at least fourteen (14) days prior to the said meeting.
- c. The Executive Body shall meet alone (or invite participants at its discretion, providing each member of the Executive Body is made aware of the names of the participants and that such participants have the approval of at least two members of the Executive Body) on the first Friday of each month – from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
- d. The Executive Body shall meet with the Chairman or representative of each Committee on the first Friday of each month – from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.
- e. Each Committee, with the exception of the Statistics Committee, shall meet on the first Friday of each month, from 6:00 pm to 7:00pm.

(9) ARTICLE 9: - UNIFORMS

- a. All players in FSCA competitions must be uniformed at the start of each game and remain uniformed until the completion of the game.

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- b. The interpretation of being in uniform is that all players of a team must wear full-length trousers of one color and shirts of one color. The shirt worn must have a collar and may be a woven polo type shirt. Jeans, shorts, T-shirts and similar clothing are prohibited. In the absence of his team uniform, a player is permitted to play in all whites, at the discretion of his captain.
- c. In maintaining the tradition of day-time cricket (and hot weather) it is suggested that players wear all whites.

(10) ARTICLE 10: - NON-LIABILITY

- a. The Executive Body and the Management Committee shall not be liable for any injury caused or inflicted on anyone during any activity sponsored by FSCA. Likewise no member of FSCA shall be liable for acts of the Association.
- b. The Executive Body may enter into contracts and employ legal and other services necessary in achieving the Association aims.
- c. The Executive Body and the Management Committee cannot have any other business dealing with FSCA without first disclosing such dealings to the membership. The Executive Body has the authority to approve or disapprove such business transactions.
- d. The Association shall not enter into any transaction in relation to real property, without the approval of the general membership.

(11) ARTICLE 11: - DISSOLUTION

- a. In the event of dissolution of the Association, any residual funds shall be donated to one, or more, recognized charity selected by the Executive Body and the Management Committee.
- b. No member of the Association shall be entitled to any distribution of any remaining assets.

(12) ARTICLE 12: - AMENDMENTS

- a. Any amendment to the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Executive Body at least two (2) calendar months prior to the next Annual General Meeting, to be dealt with at the next Annual General Meeting.
- b. At its discretion, the Executive Body may call an Emergency General Meeting and present the proposed amendment to the General Membership for debate and vote. Each team in good standing will be allowed one vote. A change in the Constitution will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

(13) ARTICLE 13: - LOGOS

- a. A member may not use the FSCA logo for any purpose other than for being part of his team's uniform.
- b. Any other use of the FSCA logo by a member will be allowed only after written request and written approval by the Executive Body.

(14) ARTICLE 14: - GENERAL CONDUCT

- a. When attending or participating in any of the FSCA sponsored activities, either as a player or spectator, all members should conduct themselves in a manner that is not embarrassing to the FSCA and that will not bring disrepute to the game of cricket, or to the members of the Executive Body or to the Management Committee.
- b. **Members are reminded that visitors / guests at some games and events may include local newspaper and television reporters, politicians and other invited community leaders. In the spirit of encouraging the growth and acceptance of softball cricket in Central Florida, it is imperative that at all times we conduct ourselves with the highest sense of regard and ethics.**

(15) ARTICLE 15: - PLAYING RULES

a. General Guidelines

- i. All games shall be governed by the rules in the following order: (i) the Constitution of the Florida Softball Cricket Association, (ii) the International Cricket Council (ICC) rules.
- ii. The Executive Body shall have the authority to amend these playing rules, but only prior to the start of the new season.
- iii. Situations may arise that are either partially covered or not covered at all by these rules. In such instances the Executive Body reserves the right to make decisions to address such situations.

b. Registration

- i. The Captain or Vice-Captain of each team must submit a completed registration form and the respective registration fees to the FSCA at least seven (7) days before the start of a season. Fees shall be paid by check or money order, made payable to Florida Softball Cricket Association. Registration fees are non-refundable.
- ii. Changes to the initial registration, or registration of additional players, will be allowed only within the first four (4) weeks of the start of competition.
- iii. Registration will re-open after the completion of each playing season.
- iv. Any player who is registered with more than one team will be deemed to be playing for the first team he represents in the competition.
- v. Each team shall register a maximum of twenty-five (25) players in any season. Each player must already be an approved member of the FSCA, in accordance with Article 4.
- vi. A player may not transfer from one team to another at any time during the competition.
- vii. Any team found using a player who is not registered or who plays under a different name will forfeit the game. The team will be subject to disciplinary action.
- viii. It is imperative that players, when registering, use their correct names together with their nicknames or "calling names" in parentheses. FSCA will not be responsible if statistics are incorrect due to inconsistencies of players' names on scoresheets.

c. Start of the Game

- i. Each game shall start on the time shown on the latest dated official FSCA schedule, with a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes grace period.
- ii. The host team will be responsible to have the wickets prepared and boundaries marked.
- iii. The boundary shall be in the shape of a circle of radius 175 feet from the central point of the pitch between the wickets. Where there are obstructions, e.g., trees, the maximum available distance should be taken for the boundary at those points of obstruction.
- iv. The Captains of each team shall exchange the list of players and designated 12th man at least fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled start of the game. No grace period shall be allowed for the exchange of these lists.
- v. At least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled start of the game, the Captains (or Vice-Captains, in the absence of the Captains) must be ready to spin the toss. The host team will have the privilege of tossing the coin.

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- vi. After the grace period is over, for every five (5) minutes that a team is late to start the game, one (1) over will be deducted from the number of overs that the late team has to bat. All minutes late are rounded to the nearest five (5), e.g. 12 minutes late is 2 overs and 19 minutes late is 4 overs.
- vii. A team that is not ready to start play within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled start of play will forfeit the game.
- viii. A team shall consist of no less than seven (7) players.
- ix. Each game shall consist of thirty (30) overs, with each bowler being allowed a maximum of six (6) overs.
- x. The Captains and Umpires may agree to reduce the overs due to unforeseen circumstances, in increments of five (5) overs. No game shall be less than fifteen (15) overs. If a game is reduced, a bowler's maximum number of overs shall not exceed one-fifth (1/5) of the total number of overs his team will have to bowl.

d. Delays to Start of Game or Resumption of Game

- i. No game shall be permitted to start or continue or resume if there is lightning activity in the area of the game.
- ii. If at least one (1) hour has elapsed since the scheduled start time, or the last time the game was stopped, and poor weather conditions persist to prevent the game from starting, then the game shall be deemed to be **ABANDONED**.

e. Results

- i. If less than fifteen (15) overs were completed for the team batting second, the result is an **ABANDONED** game. Also, all statistics relating to any such games will be considered in determining prizes.
- ii. If fifteen (15) overs or more were completed for the team batting second, then the average run rate for each team will be compared. The team with the higher average run rate will be awarded a **WIN**. If the average run rates are the same, the team losing fewer wickets will be awarded the **WIN**.
- iii. If play is stopped during an over, then the number of overs completed will be determined as follows: If 1, 2, or 3 deliveries have been bowled, then the score at the end of the preceding over will be used. If 4 or more deliveries have been bowled, then this over will be counted as completed. For example, if play is stopped in the 17th over after only 3 balls have been bowled, then the scores at the end of the 16th over will be used. If 4 or more balls have been bowled, then the scores at the end of the 17th over will be used.
- iv. If both teams have equal scores after completion of their innings, with the same number of overs and losing the same number of wickets, the result of the game is a **TIE**.

- a. Points will be awarded as follows:

WIN	4 points
TIE	2 point
ABANDONED	1 point
LOSS	0 point

- v. Any points resulting against a team that is either disbanded or expelled during any competition will stand, and will be included in the final count of points. Also, all statistics relating to any such games will be considered in determining prizes.
- f. **Net Run Rate** - In the event that teams are tied in points, the following rules will be applied to determine who will

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advance to the play-off:

- i. If two teams are tied with the same points, head to head clash will determine the team that will advance to the play-off. If the two teams' head to head clash game was abandoned, the net run rate differential rule will be applied.
 - ii. The team batting first, regardless of how many overs it batted, will have its score divided by the allotted overs as per the competition. This rule recognizes the advantage of bowling the team out before their allotted overs are completed.
 - iii. If the team batting second wins, the run rate will be decided by the amount of overs batted to make the target score. This rule recognizes the advantage of winning within the allotted overs.
 - iv. If the team batting second loses, that team's run rate will be determined by dividing their score by the allotted overs.
 - v. In the event of a tie among three teams, head to head clash will determine the team that will advance to the play-off. That is, if one of the three teams beat the other two teams, then that winning team will advance. If head to head clash cannot determine which team will advance, then the net run rate will be applied.
- g. **Rescheduling**
- i. Rescheduling (of a regular season game) prior to the start of game will be entertained only if the venue should become unavailable, and only with prior approval from the Executive Body.
 - ii. The play-off games, semi-finals and final will be re-scheduled if weather conditions or unavailability of venue prevent a result from being determined for said games. The Executive Body shall determine the new date / time / venue.
- h. **Score Sheets**
- i. It is the **sole** responsibility of the team Captains to ensure that the Score sheets are submitted with correct names within seventy-two (72) hours after the game is over to the Chairman of the Statistics Committee. Score sheets received after the prescribed time will result in the statistics not being credited to the players of those teams.
 - ii. The names of players who did not bat in the inning should be written on the scoresheet, below the names of the batsmen. This will be used for determining the eligibility of players for the play-off games.
 - iii. Statistics will be prepared and updated immediately after the completion of each game and the tournament.
- i. **Breaks**
- i. With Orlando temperatures being among the hottest, a break of three (3) minutes is allowed for refreshments at the end of each ten-over interval.
 - ii. A break of ten (10) minutes is allowed between innings.
 - iii. Each team is responsible for its own refreshments.
- j. **Equipment**
- i. A wicket shall comprise of four (4) stumps, be twelve (12) inches wide overall, and twenty eight (28) inches high. Wickets are required at each end of the pitch. Two bails shall be used at the wickets at each end. The length of the pitch from wicket to wicket shall be twenty (20) yards.

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- ii. The bowling crease shall be a rectangle of nine (9) feet wide x four (4) feet long. The length of nine (9) feet is comprised of one (1) foot for the stumps and four (4) feet from the edge of the outer stumps.
- iii. The batting crease shall be the width of the pitch x four (4) feet long.
- iv. The wide lines on the batting crease shall be marked at twenty-four (24) inches from the two end stumps.
- v. No metal stumps or wickets are allowed.
- vi. If the host team fails to mark the pitch and boundary, it shall be deemed to have forfeited the game.
- vii. A bat must not exceed four and a quarter inches (4 1/4") in width.
- viii. FSCA will provide balls for all competitions. No other balls may be used. Prior to the toss of the coin, each Captain must provide the Umpires with two (2) balls for the game. It will then be solely the Umpires' decision to allocate the balls as they deem equitable for each innings. Each Captain may request to see all four (4) balls prior to the start of the game. It is mandatory that a minimum of two (2) balls be used per innings. In the thirty (30) over competition, the ball must be changed after the completion of the fifteenth (15th) over.
- ix. Should the ball be changed due to being damaged or lost before the completion of the fifteenth (15th) over, a replacement ball of similar condition to the lost ball may be used. A new ball must be taken at the start of the 16th over.

k. **Fielders**

- i. No game shall start with a substitute fielder.
- ii. At the instant of delivery there may be no more than five (5) fielders on either side of the wicket (onside or offside). In the event of an infringement of this rule either umpire may call "no ball".
- iii. The Captain of a team whose wicket-keeper has been warned of unfair play at least twice in the same inning may be instructed by the umpire (upon request by the batting team's Captain) to have the wicket-keeper complete the game in a different fielding position. A substitute fielder will not be allowed to be the wicket-keeper.

l. **Disciplinary Committee Guidelines**

- i. Exemplary behavior and sportsmanship must be exhibited by all players and members at all games. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary measures. Please also see I.C.C. Code of Conduct as adapted by the FSCA.
- ii. The following penalties, approved by the Executive Body, will automatically be applied to the respective infractions:

	INFRACTION	PENALTY
(a)	Physical assault on an umpire	Automatic expulsion from FSCA.
(b)	Physical assault on a player	One year suspension and possible expulsion from FSCA.
(c)	Physical assault on a member of the FSCA Executive Body or Management Committee	One year suspension and possible expulsion from FSCA.
(d)	Verbal abuse of an umpire or of a member of the	Six games suspension

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	FSCA Executive Body or Management Committee.	
(e)	Deliberate act of knocking down the wicket	Four games suspension
(f)	Arrest and conviction for drug use or alcoholic consumption by a player or member of FSCA during a game, in violation of Parks' rules.	One year suspension
(g)	Any act or behavior that brings disrepute to FSCA or cricket.	Suspension of number of games and / or expulsion from the Association, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee.

- iii. It is the responsibility of the Captain (or Vice-Captain in his absence) to eject a player upon the instruction of an umpire (who is not a player in the game). Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game. A substitute will not be allowed for an ejected player.
- iv. CAUTIONS: Based upon his judgment and discretion, an umpire (who is not a player in the game), may caution a player for the following:
 - (a) Tampering of the ball or boundary markers.
 - (b) Crude or abusive language, or offensive gestures.
 - (c) Showing of dissent with an umpire's decision.
 - (d) Appealing or approaching the umpire with intimidation.
- v. When an umpire officially cautions a player, it is imperative that he makes his intentions known to the second umpire and to the Captains of both teams.
- vi. Any player(s) who is issued two (2) cautions in a game by an umpire (who is not a player in the game), and that player is also reported by the umpire (in writing to the Disciplinary Committee chairman and with supporting reason(s)), will be suspended for the next two (2) games, if the Disciplinary Committee deems the player is at fault.
- vii. The aforementioned infractions and cautions are not inclusive of all potential infractions and cautions. All Managers, Captains and team members collectively are responsible for ensuring exemplary behavior and sportsmanship. Regardless of the penalties stipulated above, depending upon the severity of any incident, the Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to consider instituting further penalties which may include expulsion from the FSCA.

m. Complaints

- i. A complaint to the Disciplinary Committee must be filed in writing within three (3) business days of the occurrence to the chairman of the Committee and copied to the President of the FSCA.
- ii. Relevant information that must be provided in a notice are: the date & venue of the occurrence, the teams involved, the nature of the infraction(s), the correct names of the players involved and witnesses, if any.
- iii. The matter will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting, or sooner if it so desires.
- iv. The Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion, call upon any of the Captains and / or the affected players

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and / or the witnesses to make their respective statements at a special meeting.

- v. Within five (5) business days of the later meeting, but no later than fifteen (15) days from the infraction, the Committee shall issue its written recommendation to the Captain(s) of the player(s) being penalized, with a copy to the President of the FSCA.
- vi. The team Captain is responsible for communicating the recommendations to the affected players.

n. Appeals

- i. Within two (2) business days of the date of issue of the disciplinary action, the Captain of a team whose player / member is involved in the infraction may appeal the Disciplinary Committee's decision by providing written notice to the President of the FSCA and copy it to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.
- ii. Unless an appeal is completed within these guidelines, the penalties stipulated by the Disciplinary Committee are final.
- iii. The President shall either confirm the decision of the Disciplinary Committee or request that the matter be revisited by the Disciplinary Committee at a special meeting. Either of these actions shall take place within five (5) business days of the date of receipt of the Appeals letter.
- iv. The Captain whose team has missed two (2) consecutive games in a single competition will be asked to appear before the Disciplinary Committee to explain his team's future participation in the remaining competition.
- v. A team that has missed (or is unable to field at least seven (7) players in three (3) consecutive games will be deemed to have dropped out of the competition, unless it has received a special waiver of the Executive Body. Such waiver must be posted on the FSCA website.

o. Clean-up

- i. The captain of each team is responsible for cleaning all garbage that resulted from the cricket game and its spectators.

p. Alcohol

- i. FSCA would like to remind you that it is illegal to consume alcoholic beverages in Orange County and City of Orlando parks.

q. Umpires

- i. Each team is required to have at least five (5) of its regular players (including the Captain and the Vice-Captain) attend the FSCA seminar on umpiring. They will be the main persons called upon to assist with umpiring during the regular season games.
- ii. An umpire's decision is final. Any team or player found to be abusive or aggressive towards the Umpire(s) during or after the game will be subjected to disciplinary measures as described above.
- iii. FSCA wishes to make the distinction that some games will be ruled by *fill-in umpires* who are also players of the opposing teams and that this should not be used as an opportunity to exploit the rules of the game for the purpose of penalizing a player or a team. Disciplinary action will be taken against *fill-in umpires* who seek to use their authority to exploit FSCA's inability to arrange for paid umpires who are not also players.

r. Umpiring Decisions - Wide Ball

- i. A ball will be deemed a wide only if it is not, at any time, in the zone of play. The zone of play is the rectangle

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formed by the line of the stumps, the front crease, the two wide lines. The position of the batsman or his distance from the ball shall not be taken into account to determine if a ball is wide.

- ii. A penalty of one (1) run shall be scored for a *wide*, plus any other runs the batsmen may have scored, e.g., additional runs being taken if a wide ball passes the wicket-keeper.

s. **Umpiring Decisions - No Ball**

- i. A penalty of one (1) run shall be scored for a *no ball*, plus any other runs the batsmen may have scored.
- ii. If a full-pitched delivery passes a batsman above the shoulder, or would have passed him above the shoulder if he were standing in an upright position, either umpire shall call and signal a *no ball*.
- iii. If a delivery that is not full-pitched passes a batsman above the shoulder, or would have passed him above the shoulder if he were in a crouching position ready to receive the ball, either umpire shall call and signal a *no ball*.

t. **Play-offs and Finals**

- i. Only players who have played in at least four (4) scheduled matches for his team during the regular season are eligible to play in these games. Proof of eligibility will be obtained from the submitted scoresheets.
- ii. A player who is designated as a *12th man* in one or more games cannot use those as the qualifying games to determine his eligibility.

u. **Action Against Teams That Are In Financial Arrears**

- i. All monthly payments are due to the FSCA treasurer by the 1st day of the month.
- ii. Teams that are in financial arrears are deemed non-financial and are disallowed from playing.
- iii. All points and statistics gained prior to timely payment shall be ignored by the Selections and Statistics Committees.
- iv. Only points and statistics recorded after timely payment shall be used for determining the teams' standings for play-off games and its players' eligibility for selection in other FSCA tournament games.
- v. A team that continues to be in a non-financial standing shall be subjected to disciplinary action, at the recommendation of the treasurer or president.
- vi. If a team that is in financial arrears is disbanded, then each player of that team is responsible to FSCA for a proportional amount of the arrears owed to FSCA. This proportional amount (to be calculated by the treasurer) must be paid in full to FSCA, prior to a player being eligible to participate in future FSCA games with this team, or any other team. A player who plays, but refuses to pay, will be subject to disciplinary action.

v. **Awards Presentation and Dance Event**

- i. Each registered team must purchase at least fifteen (15) tickets for this FSCA event.

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