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Guideline Criteria for Full Membership of ICC

A country applying for admission as a Full Member of ICC should use the following criteria. An inspection of the country applying for membership is necessary and should include the following:

- **an accurate and efficient administration, recording and accounting system**
- **a co-ordinated and developed general coaching programme**
- **a co-ordinated and developed system of talent identification and coaching for talented cricketers qualified to play for the country**
- **a co-ordinated and developed programme to train coaches and umpires**
- **a co-ordinated and developed system to organise special events, to develop cricket awareness within the local population**
- **maintain close and regular links with the print and electronic media to maximise coverage**

Administration, recording and accounting system

This should include accurate and up to date records on the number of cricketers, talented cricketers for further enhancement, clubs, qualified coaches, qualified umpires, coaching activities at clubs and schools, inventory of equipment which should all be accountable within each regional body responsible for administering first class cricket. It should be able to produce a yearly coaching and development plan to meet the needs of all players, based around a calendar of activities. It should have a structure of communication/liaison with the Government sports body. There should be plans to put in place (if not already established) a set of offices and staff utilised on a full time basis by the country's cricket authority so that cricket is run as a full time business.

General coaching programme and talent identification - primary aim is to increase the level of awareness and enjoyment of cricket by participation of all ages as part of a co-ordinated development program.

National Coaching Director - to oversee all aspects of coaching, and to foster an environment in which talented cricketers are given every opportunity and encouragement to develop to their full potential. To prepare elite cricketers for participation in first class/Test cricket.

Training of coaches, umpires and other key personnel

To maintain and increase the number of active qualified coaches and umpires. To plan and co-ordinate courses to accommodate coaching at all levels and to target individuals who are enthusiastic and knowledgeable of the game and encourage them to become active in coaching, umpiring, scoring, groundsman-ship, administration.

Special events

To be able to stage Test, ODI and first class cricket at various venues in accordance with requirements of ICC regulations.

Once the above has been established, the following issues should be considered in forming criteria against which any application can be assessed:

1 Playing

1.1 High performance

- **record of national team in:**
 - **three/four day matches against first class teams including matches against national teams of existing Full Members**
 - **One Day International tournaments**
 - **other representative cricket e.g. against MCC**
 - **three ICC Trophy events**
- **performance of individuals in overseas first class cricket**

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- performance of Second XI/'A' Team
- performance of U19 team in Under 19 World Cup and regional tournaments

1.2 Cricket Structure

- a country must play regular first class cricket (domestic 3/4 day competition) before playing Test cricket
- must demonstrate improvement over time
- improvement should be monitored by the Cricket Committee - Playing (a flexible approach to be taken and not one based on 'win rate').
- club cricket - adult, youth cricket, schools cricket, women's cricket
- number of teams and players - sufficiently large pool of players to draw from capable of performing at the highest level of the game.
- National Coaching Director - this appointment is not specifically necessary

2 Development

- development plan - refer to ICC Development Committee

3 Grounds and Facilities

- number of grounds available to host Test and One Day Internationals must conform to ICC criteria, quality of turf pitches, standard of outfielders, standard of covers, practice facilities, human resources (number of curators, stewards, and other essential ground staff), player changing facilities/toilets, media facilities, public facilities - refer Cricket Committee

4 Financial

- must have the ability to fund domestic programmes without Test status
- it should not be necessary to totally fund tour guarantees, as they are generally funded by television revenue, which is not always possible, when a country does not have Test status
- business plan (not current financial status) to be examined in early stages

5 Standing of cricket in society

- government control and/or regulations
- cricket culture

6 Media - level of coverage of domestic game. Facilities for media at major venues.

7 Other relevant information

- timing and duration of home cricket season
- suitability of hotel accommodation
- suitability of internal travel