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Attention TDCA Membership:

Re: Report on detrimental activities of Ontario Cricket Association harming cricket interests in the GTA

Dear Members,


It is with a heavy heart that we write to you today to report on some very damaging activities being carried out by the current Ontario Cricket Association executive. If these activities fall upon deaf ears it will end up causing irreparable damage to the reputation as well as the development of cricket in the Greater Toronto area and Canada in general.

As you know, cricket development in the GTA has been pioneered by the five long established leagues namely T&DCA, BEDCL, HDCL, CCAT and SCA. The very fabric of cricket development in the GTA which has been painstakingly put together for years by these major leagues stands threatened today. Some misguided individuals at the OCA led by its President are trying to unravel what took years to build with efforts and sacrifices by the major leagues.

As you may know this started almost 2 years ago when T&DCA was left with no choice but to resign its membership with the OCA. Our demands were quite simple; wanted fair and equitable voting rights for every league so we asked for proportional representation. We wanted to develop our grounds to enhance playing conditions for our member clubs so we asked OCA to release funds that were allocated to us by the Ontario Government for infrastructure improvements. We wanted fair representation for BEDCL (second largest member league after T&DCA) so we asked for their full membership to be approved.

However all our demands, regardless of how fair or just they were, fell on deaf ears and every roadblock was put up by OCA led by Mr. Kendall to deny T&DCA and BEDCL what was just fully our right. We were left with no choice but to resign from OCA and regroup in an attempt to raise a new body in Ontario to run cricket properly. Upon intervention of Cricket Canada we agreed to return back to OCA with promises that our demands for proportional representation and infrastructure funding would be met in due course of time. In the best interest of cricket, we returned to OCA unconditionally almost a year ago. Committees were set up to deal with our demands and several hours, days, weeks and months of useless discussions have gone on. But, regrettably our demands remain un-fulfilled even to this day.

As is this was not enough, we faced increased meddling in our last board elections, which was carried out behind the scenes by the OCA led by Mr. Kendall. He has also been instrumental in raising numerous rival leagues in the GTA. Some of these leagues are yet to play even a single game yet they are out campaigning for grounds against T&DCA. We have invested years of resources to develop these grounds for our membership but the OCA executive is driving all kinds of propoganda and has the City hall under a siege to take our ground permits away.



After the loss of some of their supporters in our last T&DCA elections, OCA's misguided team has been out spreading all kinds of unfounded stories to the media regarding the election process and waging a campaign with our member clubs to declare them unconstitutional. We would like to remind you all that we are a league, run 100 % by volunteers who share a strong passion for cricket, its development and fair administration. Our executive members sacrifice several hours of their family & Professional time everyday to run the affairs of a league the size of ours with no remuneration. Is it fair play for these individuals who have been tasked with the development of cricket in our province to run a campaign like this against our league?

In spite of all the unscrupulous and misguided efforts of the OCA led by Mr. Kendall, T&DCA has shown a strong will and resilience to get our playing season going this year. We have secured our ground permits, accepted new teams including a new Ladies team and our season is well underway. You may know this first hand that T&DCA has invested years of development into our junior program. We continue to work on developing our turf wickets so that our members clubs can raise players of an international caliber. Our junior player development program continues to deliver performers on the Canadian national team. Is it fair that after years of all this development work, our league is now having to fight propoganda that threatens our very existence?

We would like to our note to you today with these thoughts to ponder over. We hope you will be able to intervene before it is too late. We urge you to take some concrete steps to curb the detrimental and cricket destroying activities of OCA led by Mr. Kendall and his misguided team. We remain at your disposal to discuss these matters further in person if required at any time convenient to you. Please feel free to call any of your board members if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Regards

T&DCA Board

