

Licensing Procedure for the German Cricket Championship (Bundesliga) for 2020



1 Qualification Criteria and Decision-Making Procedures

- 1) In order to become fully licensed to take part in the Bundesliga (National Division) of the DCM, clubs must correctly submit license applications and fulfill specific criteria divided into three groups.
- 2) Clubs that were represented in the DCM Divisions in the previous year, Bundesliga or Regionalliga, may submit a licence application for the Bundesliga. A Bundesliga license may not be granted if no such application is submitted.
- 3) The applying club must send proof of compliance with the criteria in the indoor and cricket season 2019 together with the licence application to the League Management and to the DCB General Manager by post no later than 31 October 2019. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.
- 4) A recommendation about the structure of the respective regional Bundesliga group will be drawn up by the League Management based on license applications received. These will be communicated to the DCB General Manager and the DCB Sports Director by 10 November 2019. The DCB Sports Committee only shall decide on the final structure of the Bundesliga by no later than 30 November 2019. Licenses will be issued on the basis of this decision.
- 5) An applicant club not awarded a license for the Bundesliga automatically qualifies for and is registered in the Regionalliga (Regional League), if it meets the general administrative criterion and therefore meets the regulations of the respective Regional Board.
- 6) Clubs not awarded a license for the Bundesliga may appeal the decision by 15 December 2019. The DCB SPA shall make a final decision on any appeal by no later than 15 January 2020.

2 Sporting Criteria

The sporting criteria are determined in accordance with regulations on promotion and relegation, Section 8.C.1. of the DCB SPO.

3 Development Criteria

- 1) Clubs that wish to obtain a Bundesliga license must demonstrate their commitment to the development of cricket in their region and Germany.
- 2) For the 2020 season, this criterion is automatically met by implementing the following projects:
 - a) Each club must have a team or an affiliated partnership (*Spielgemeinschaft*) in which at least 4 U19 players or 4 women participate in a league (standard cricket ball, U19 or younger or a women's league) that holds at least 5 league matches per team. Youth players or women who play in the men's leagues are not included.
 - b) In order to meet these criteria, each club must appoint members to the following three positions when making an application:
 - Youth Officer
 - Women's Officer
 - Umpire Officer

4 Administrative Criteria

- 1) Clubs that wish to obtain a Bundesliga license must demonstrate that their administration is up to date and it meets all the requirements of DCB membership, those of its Regional Board and its own statutes.
- 2) The following criteria must be met up in full:
 - a) Valid corporation tax exemption certificate (*Körperschaftsfreistellungsbescheid*).
 - b) Correctly filling in and submitting the DCB Survey.
 - c) Membership of their regional sports association (*Landessportbund*). If this is not possible for legitimate reasons, the club is obliged to send proof of their rejected application in writing to the DCB.
 - a) Holding an annual general meeting no more than 12 months before the application deadline or in accordance with the club's statutes.
 - b) No payment arrears to the DCB, the Regional or State Board.

5 Exceptional circumstances in which a club does not meet the development criteria in their first year

- 1) If a club does not meet the development criteria in one year, they may still participate in the Bundesliga in the subsequent year. However, they will be deducted one point at the beginning of the new season and receive an official warning from the DCB.
- 2) If the development criteria are still not met in the second year, the club will not be awarded a Bundesliga license.