

IICUS membership

Since IICUS was formed over three years ago, we have continued to produce modern training courses for umpires and scorers that incorporate all the latest teaching techniques with a thorough, comprehensive understanding of the Laws. To achieve this we embarked upon a rigorous accreditation process working closely with Edexcel, to satisfy the high standards required to reach that pinnacle. IICUS constantly delivers the best umpire training courses available and the only such training that leads to a formal qualification. Having achieved that level of expertise it is only natural that we expand and build on that success.

As you may know, IICUS was formed to offer modern training methods (and an alternative to the ailing ACU&S), we also provided membership benefits to individuals who sought insurance cover for their cricket activities. Now, as we look to the future, we have been re-assessing our position in relation to membership and have been in discussion with our Trustees on how best to move forward.

I am happy to announce, that together, we have agreed to concentrate our resources and energies towards our core activity of education and by ceasing the operation of a membership requirement. This will allow IICUS to continue its expansion and provide training to bodies and individuals around the world who seek to utilise the high quality courses we deliver

In recent months, we have run courses around the globe for several cricket authorities and we are negotiating new venues to continue our growth. The response has been very good indeed and our training has been hailed as some of the best ever produced. However, we must not rest on our laurels. To remain innovative leaders in the field of umpire training, we must continue to invest in our product. Running an extensive membership base with all its associated costs, particularly in relation to high insurance premiums, has detracted from our main objective and in the current financial climate has made the maintenance of such a base, uneconomical.

No membership fees have been taken from most people for over 12 months and therefore members have effectively had free cover since the expiration of their yearly fee. This will cease with immediate effect.

For those people requiring insurance cover for cricket activities, you should contact the secretary of your local umpires association for details of available and appropriate insurance.

Members can continue to access the website using their current personal reference code while we consider changing private section of the site to accommodate the formally IICUS/Edexcel qualified rather than members only.

In conclusion, may I thank everyone who has taken membership of IICUS and supported our programme. I know you will understand the reasons for our decision.

If anyone has any queries on the above, please address them to CEO@umpires.tv

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