



## **NOVA SCOTIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

### **Provincial Report 2017 – Cricket Canada AGM**

*- Jay Vyas, Treasurer & Provincial Director*



# 1. Governance

- **Elected Board (2017)**
  - President – Amit Joshi
  - Vice-President – Neel Patel
  - Secretary – Steve Smith
  - Treasurer – Jay Vyas
  - Director at Large – Andrew Irving
  - Director at Large – Arslan Khan
  - Director at Large – Sagar Mandan
- **Regions**
  - Halifax Cricket League
  - Annapolis County Cricket Club
  - Pictou County Cricket Club
  - Antigonish Cricket Group



## 2. Structure & League

- **Halifax Cricket League**
  - 4 T20 teams (increasing from 3 in previous year).
  - 90 players with no forfeits, 70 players registered within a month.
- **HCL Winners Overall – Team Gold**
- **Deonarine Cup - Team Gold**
- **40 Overs Cup – Halifax Citadelles**
- **Maritime Trophy – Team Nova Scotia** 🏆
- **Eastern T20 – Team Nova Scotia** 🏆
- **PEI T20 Tourney – Team Nova Scotia** 🏆





## 3. Development

- **Coach – Reeze Telling** : Hiring of a coach resulted in better quality cricket overall. Coach got funding to travel to Toronto & Saint John for upgrading his coaching skills and getting a NCP Accreditation.
- **High Performance** : Creation of dedicated HP development squad with year round training.
- **Kids Program** : Most kids programs run in a year – we held 14-15 sessions all year.
- **In-door league**: Successful indoor league for winter paid dividends by keeping players active in off-season.
- **Player Success Committee** : Appointing a dedicated player success committee help address areas of improvement in participation.
- **Club-Structure** : Increased participation and growing numbers is helping moving towards a club structure. Planning and work commenced with implementation in 2019 playing season.
- **Community Events** – Held 3 open house events and for creating local awareness and fund raising for cricket.



## 4. Financial Health

- **Cricket Canada:** Thankful for continued support which is critical to our survival and growth.
- **Sport Nova Scotia:** Increased funding for coaching and development activities from local body.
- **Sponsorships:** Raised large sponsorship/donations from Scotiabank and community members.
- **Fund Raising:** Successful fund raising along with community events, a successful formula.
- **Funding Applications:** 100% success rate on applications for funding with local and provincial bodies.
- **Bank Balance:** A positive bank balance with more buffer for next year.



## 5. Challenges

- **Kids Program Follow-up:** NSCA does an excellent job of running successful kids program with the help of local bodies and dedicated volunteers to get kids interested. However, due to lack funding and options for more volunteers – there is limited follow-up mechanism to continue development of kids. Grass-root level needs more financial and infrastructure support.
- **Female Participation:** Continue to struggle finding women interested in playing cricket.
- **Certified Umpires and Coaches:** Having a larger pool of certified umpires for officiating and coaching.
- **Fund Raising/Sponsorship:** Funds are always sporadic and heavily dependent on player connections for sponsorship.
- **Development outside Halifax:** Most efforts concentrated in the city only.
- **Player satisfaction and competition:** Continued efforts to maintain balance between increased opportunities for players vs promoting health competition.



## 6. Highlights

- **Growth** : NSCA struggled with participation numbers the previous year, but this year we grew.
- **On-field performance** : Clean sweep with all inter-provincial trophies.
- **Coach**: Having a dedicated coach with continued heavy investment in his development has increased performance.
- **HP Program**: Year round training and fitness focused improvement has taken the players to the next level.
- **Club Structure work**: Lot of planning and co-ordination underway to move to CS in 2019. This will have cascading effect with growth in the rest of the province and kids program.
- **Healthier Finances**: Having more money for buffer has helped focus more on development.



## 7. Ask from CC

- **Pitch Upgrade:** NSCA is in dire need of an upgrade to the pitch. This will require increased support from CC and local authorities. We request CC to work with us and help us raise funds to cover the cost for the new pitch upgrade.
- **Coaching:** We ask CC to continue supporting our efforts in getting more certified coaches.
- **Officials:** We ask CC to continue supporting our efforts in getting more certified umpires and support training opportunities..
- **Board Representation:** We request CC to have increased participation and opportunity from NS and Atlantic Canada at the national level in the form of BOD position or DAL to be part of committees to understand the unique set of circumstances that pertain to Atlantic provinces in growing the sport.





## 8. Thanks

- Lastly, we would really like to thank CC for all the support and encouragement. We would like to thank the entire board for giving us a voice at this level. Special thanks to **Ranjit Saini**.
- We would also like to thank our major annual funding provider Sport Nova Scotia for their continued support through the Support 4 Sport program; as well as Cricket Canada and ICC Americas for their funding support and valued guidance for junior cricket development.
- A massive thank you goes out to all the volunteers we have had involved in cricket in Nova Scotia throughout 2017, especially those on the board, but also the coaches, committees, umpires, scorers, team captains and managers, and everyone else that helped in some way to ensure cricket matches were organised and ensure people could enjoy themselves.
- People are donating what is their most valuable commodity and that is their time, NSCA will forever be thankful to our volunteers.



***"You continue to inspire us" - NSCA***