



USA Project Manager, Eric Parthen Meets USYCA



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We are grateful to Mr. Eric Parthen, USA Cricket Manager and Mr. Ben Kavenagh, Regional Development Manager – ICC America, for meeting with USYCA Leadership and giving us an opportunity to share the work USYCA & NYCL has done in past few years and the positive impact we have made to youth cricket development in United States.

USYCA, founded in 2010, has dedicated itself towards grass root cricket development by reaching out to schools and community groups across united states. NYCL has brought together the youth programs across United States on one platform where they can compete, connect, and grow together. NYCL 2016 Championship featured 40 Youth Teams.

From USYCA, Ashok Dubey (Secretary), Priya Singh (NYCL Director) and myself attended the meeting that lasted about 90 minutes.

Meeting was very fruitful. Lots of positive changes are coming to USA Cricket in 2017 and beyond. USYCA and NYCL both have a strong role to play in achieving the vision that the ICC Leadership holds for USA Cricket.

Here are a few items that I perceived from this meeting, and I would like to share the same with our community and members.

- ❖ ICC met with USACA and Sustainable Foundation Advisory Group in Dallas, last week. Everyone was requested to leave their personal agendas and egos outside and the proposed constitution was discussed and brainstormed for quite a few hours, to finally come up with a proposed governance structure which every seemed to agree upon.

Once the amendments to the newly proposed constitution are made and approved, it will need to be formally accepted by USACA. The timeline to implement the new governance structure will follow that.

Elections were one of the major area of dispute between the cricket leaders in past. So before constitution is implemented, all the stakeholders might be required to join the NGB i.e. USACA, so they can participate in the elections for new leadership. Membership would most likely be free in the beginning just to get everyone onboard. And once the elections are completed, new governance model has taken effect and everything has settled, then membership dues might be put in place.

- ❖ When asked if USACA brand will continue? The answer was YES, at least until the new governance has taken the control of the operations in United States. After that, the new leadership can discuss on that.
- ❖ When asked about why other advisory groups are not so active? Mr. Kavenagh explained that current focus is on the governance model and constitution, hence the Sustainable Foundation Advisory Group is deeply involved at this moment while other are less involved. Once we are past this phase, the other advisory groups will become more active. All the advisory groups have strong role to play in shaping a new and better USA Cricket.
- ❖ There has been lot of talks on social media that ICC is running the cricket in USA. Mr. Parthen clarified that there is no such intent or reason. As soon as the new governance takes control, ICC would transition it all to the new leadership and work together. USA has huge potentials in terms of market and growth, and if everyone worked unitedly with a common purpose and goal, USA can become a Leader in World Cricket.

ICC put forward the [5 Year USA Cricket Strategic Development plan](#) last year and it is still very committed to help Cricket USA achieve that.

- ❖ Women's Cricket is going to be a huge focus in 2017. ICC Americas partnership with [NIRSA](#) and the [USA Women's Wildcard Entry in 2017 Europe T20 Qualifier](#), along with Focus on USA Women since the ICC Combines, is clear indication of the same.
- ❖ Question were asked about Youth Cricket Scholarships and Youth Development pathway to keep players motivated as they graduate from middle to high school. The focus will continue to be on building a strong U17 and U19 program and create national/international opportunities for them. But for grass root and junior level cricket, seemed like USYCA/NYCL will still have a strong role to

play in assisting the NGB with development and creating a strong pool of junior players who can be strong contenders for a spot in National team for U17 and U19.

I would like to thank Mr. Ben Kavenagh for setting up this meeting and giving USYCA an opportunity to meet Mr. Parthen and talk to him. As most of you might know, Mr. Kavenagh's term ends December 31st 2016.

Mr. Parthen is very humble and he is very receptive of new ideas. He listened with interest and appreciated all the good work USYCA & NYCL has done so far, and applauded our future vision and areas of focus. I am positive that with his leadership and commitment, USA Cricket will achieve new heights of success.

Thank You Again for meeting with USYCA and we look forward to working together.

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