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United States of America Cricket Association re-recognised by ICC

The ICC today announced that it was re-recognising the United States of America Cricket Association (USACA) as an Associate member of the organisation with immediate effect.

USACA had been suspended for a second time by the ICC Executive Board in March 2007 after failing to meet conditions imposed.

Those conditions, imposed after a previous suspension that ran from June 2005 to March 2006, included a new constitution and the holding of USACA office-bearer elections under that constitution.

All of the above has now happened following a process overseen by the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) and, following a report presented to the ICC Board, the suspension has been lifted.

Commenting on the USACA's return to the ICC, President Ray Mali said: "ICC is pleased to welcome USA cricket back into the international fold.

"We congratulate all elected representatives to the USACA Executive, Board and Regional Administrations and hope that this newly elected group of people, with a new constitution to operate within, can now truly represent a fresh start for cricket in the United States.

"We are grateful to the West Indies Cricket Board and its representatives, especially past and current presidents Ken Gordon and Dr Julian Hunte, for all their work on this matter, together with USA cricket's stakeholders, over the past 12 months.

"And we are also grateful for the work of Chris Dehring, who played a significant role in finding a solution to the process as an independent third party.

"Everyone at the ICC now trusts that, following these processes, those now charged with the important responsibility to govern for the good of the game in the USA will be able to do so with distinction as a team.

“The ICC now looks forward to the USA’s involvement in all our international cricket activities and also playing a role in supporting the further development of the game there alongside our ICC Development Program and its Americas Regional office,” he added.

In the immediate term, this re-recognition allows the USA team to compete in the upcoming ICC World Cricket League (WCL) Division 5 event in Jersey from 23-31 May.

And, from this position, the USA team can now focus on looking to progress through the WCL divisions and attempt to qualify for the next ICC Cricket World Cup in Asia in 2011.

Under the terms of the latest suspension USACA did not receive the annual ICC grant that would otherwise have been paid in April 2007.

The USA was also withdrawn from the WCL Division 3 event held in Darwin, Australia in May 2007 and was relegated down to Division 5.

USACA also did not receive the national team preparation grant for that event nor any direct funding support from the ICC Americas Region Development Program in the time it was suspended.

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