

Our Year in Review: 2024 Achievements and Plans for 2025

As we look back on 2024, we are proud to share what we've accomplished, reflect on the challenges we've faced, and outline the steps we're taking to make 2025 an even better year for our club.

What We Achieved in 2024

This year was filled with milestones that showcased the resilience, determination, and teamwork of our club members:

- **Hosted Four Tournaments:** Despite occasional differences, we worked through every challenge as a team, ensuring successful events.
- **Key Investments:** Purchased a new mat, new kits, and, for the first time, jerseys for our members.
- **Infrastructure & Growth:**
 - Established ourselves as a non-profit organization.
 - Opened a dedicated bank account for the club.
 - Launched a fully functional website to streamline registrations and payments.

- **Collaborations:** Partnered with UNR to host a new tournament and brought fresh excitement to the sport.
- **Community Support:** Secured funding from outside sources and sponsorships, including caps for all members and cash prizes for tournament finalists.
- **Future Planning:**
 - Invested in rollable trophies, reducing costs for the coming years.
 - Fostered interest in our club through targeted marketing campaigns.
 - Built relationships with funding prospects to secure long-term support.

Challenges we faced

We recognize that growth comes with its own set of challenges, and 2024 was no exception. Some of the difficulties we faced include:

- **Equipment Management:** A lack of proper organization made it difficult to keep track of club assets.
- **Logistics:**
 - Challenges with setting up the grounds and cleaning up afterward.
 - Struggles to secure a permanent ground and storage space for equipment.

- **Operational Issues:**

- Problems with umpiring decisions and scheduling.
- Losing time on trivial disputes that detracted from overall progress.

- **Volunteer Shortages:** A heavy workload due to insufficient support.

- **Funding Gaps:** Missed out on securing ongoing funding and partnerships, such as engaging with the school district.

Our Plan for 2025

To address these challenges and ensure our club continues to grow and thrive, we're implementing key changes:

- **Improved Equipment Management:** A detailed plan has been developed to better track, organize, and maintain club assets, and this will be handed to future committees.

- **Streamlined Roles:**

- **Committee Focus:** Responsible solely for running tournaments.

- **Directors Focus:** Devoted to the long-term development of cricket in our community by collaborating with similar groups and organizations.

- **Enhancing Logistics:**

- Better planning for setting up grounds and ensuring cleanliness.
- Proactively addressing umpiring issues with clear guidelines and training.

- **Volunteer Recruitment:** Launching initiatives to attract, train, and retain volunteers to reduce the workload on the committee.

- **Space and Funding:** Renewed efforts to secure a permanent ground, storage space, and stable funding, including reaching out to the school district and other potential partners.

Looking Ahead

While 2024 was a year of incredible progress, we acknowledge there's always room to grow. Through strategic planning, collaboration, and a commitment to excellence, we are confident 2025 will mark a new era for our club. Thank you to all our members, supporters, and sponsors for your continued dedication—together, we'll achieve even greater heights.