

# ❄️ Himalayan Winds – Our Next Chapter Together ❄️

Dear Members,

We are proud to announce that **Himalayan Winds is now officially registered as a Not-for-Profit Organization** in Toronto. This is not just a milestone for the club, but a moment for all of us to celebrate — because it opens doors to **greater opportunities, stronger foundations, and a brighter future for cricket within our community.**

## 💡 What This Means for You

- **Sponsorship Opportunities:** Being an NPO allows us to attract sponsors, helping reduce the financial burden on players.
- **Lower League Fees:** With more support, members will benefit from lower match fees and better access to facilities.
- **Greater Reach:** We will be competing in more leagues, with plans to play **intercity and inter-provincial tournaments** in the coming years.

## 🏏 Our Structured Journey – How We Climb

As our name *Himalayan Winds* suggests, growth is a journey — and like climbing a mountain, we are introducing a structured model to guide every cricketer in our club:

- **Base Camp** 🏠  
For beginners or those refining their basics. Here, you will work on fitness, fundamentals, and fieldwork under the guidance of a **Base Camp Lead**.
- **Advanced Base Camp** 🧳  
Once ready, you'll move into practice matches and lower-division leagues. This stage sharpens muscle memory, decision-making, and prepares you for competitive play.
- **The Summit** 🏔️  
The ultimate challenge — playing higher-division matches and tournaments across Toronto, GTA, and beyond. This is where experience, skill, and team spirit combine.

👉 **Update:** From the next season onward, every member will be placed into one of these camps. Each camp has **appointed leads**, and within these camps, **captains and vice-captains**

**will be chosen.** Leadership is open to everyone, but to be a captain, you must commit exclusively to **Himalayan Winds**.



## Our Two-Phase Journey

### Phase 1 – Winter Sessions (Indoor)

- This is the most crucial part of your journey. Based on **participation, form, and performance**, players will be placed into **Base Camp, Advanced Base Camp, or Summit teams**.
- **Minimum 12 sessions** attendance will be required to be considered for placement.
- Captains and Vice-Captains for each camp will be finalized by the end of winter sessions.

### Phase 2 – Summer Leagues (Outdoor)

- By summer, Base Camp, Advanced Base Camp, and Summit teams will be fully formed and ready to compete in various league divisions.
- **Base Camp** will continue welcoming new players into the club. Those showing strong performance will move up into **ABC or Summit matches**.
- This structure ensures growth for every player, while keeping Himalayan Winds competitive across all levels



## Expansion – Beyond Toronto

Himalayan Winds is growing stronger, and we are now **expanding into other cities as well!**

- Starting this season, we will have **indoor sessions in Kitchener**.
- We will also be **playing leagues in Kitchener**, managed under the guidance of the **Kitchener Lead**.
- This does **not mean mandatory participation** for Toronto players — it is primarily for the Kitchener-based team, but the sessions and matches will remain **open to everyone** who wishes to join.

This is the first step in building our multi-city presence, giving more players access to cricket and expanding the Himalayan Winds family.



## Exciting Update for Next Season



Himalayan Winds is gearing up for a bigger and bolder season ahead! Starting next year, we will be competing in **TDCA, MCL, BEDCL, and LCL leagues**. This means more matches, tougher opponents, and greater exposure for all of us.

So brace yourselves for a rough landing 🌪️ — it's going to be challenging, competitive, and an incredible opportunity to prove our strength as a team. Together, we rise, and together, we play the Himalayan Winds way! 🏏🌪️

## **Mandatory Requirements**

As a **formal and regularized club**, and in line with our bylaws, all members will now be required to:

- **Sign a Waiver and Release of Liability Form** (mandatory for participation).




## **Our Core Values – Non-Negotiable**

No matter how high we climb, our foundation remains strong:

- **Respect:** Treating each other as teammates and players, on and off the field.
- **Zero Tolerance:** We do not allow abusive language, disrespect, or negative behavior in any form.

## **More Than Cricket – A Community**

At Himalayan Winds, cricket is more than just a game — it's a way to connect and grow together. With our expanding family, you'll see more activities like:

- **Potlucks** ☐
- **Family Connect Events**   
- **Summer Socials** ☀️

We're building a space where players, families, and supporters all feel included, valued, and proud to be part of the HW journey.

## **Stay Connected – Official Website**

We now have our official website: <https://www.himalayanwinds.ca/>

Starting **1st September 2025**, all information about **league matches, events, and news** will be updated there regularly. Please make it your first stop for any official Himalayan Winds updates.



## Looking Ahead to 2026

- Starting next year, we will be introducing a **membership fee for the Indoor Winter Season**. This will help us streamline participation, avoid repeated follow-ups, and reduce non-value-adding activities — allowing us to focus on cricket and community.
- **Winter Indoor Season Dates** will be communicated by **late September or mid-October** so everyone has time to plan in advance.

*Let's climb higher, together. Let's play harder, together. Let's celebrate cricket, together.*

*We are Himalayan Winds. *