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Letter from the Executive Board

Greetings Team Owners,

On behalf of the Executive Board, we welcome you to the simulation of the Indian Premier League at **THE SOLACE SUMMIT 2026**.

First and foremost, what one must understand is that you will be representing the franchise or teams that are currently a part of the prestigious Indian Premier League. Thus, you will be required to analyse and prepare your strategies accordingly. Secondly, we expect that the owners will come informed about how the IPL Auction takes place with no more than two franchises indulging in the bid of an individual player. In case a third franchisee wants to join in, they can join in but please maintain the decorum of the auction.

Teams must come and research the past two years' IPL Statistics of the players and their current ICC Rankings for Men's T20Is. All the International, domestic, and List A stats of the past year will also be considered. If you are well-researched about the player's statistics and form, be proactive during the auction.

Thirdly, teams must keep in mind not to bid on players without a strategy in mind but rather plans on why they need the particular player and for what position. Keep track of the squad limit, overseas limit and the funds remaining with the franchise.

Most importantly, "value for player" should be the approach, rather than overbidding on your favourite players. The franchise owners must comply with the Rules of Procedure. Further, we would love to guide the delegates for any help required and give you all an enriching experience.

Please note this will be a 2026 IPL Auction House and will be played on respective home grounds. A list has been attached as well.

Regards,

Vishesh Kumar

Head Auctioneer, THE SOLACE SUMMIT 2026

Kislay Trivedy

Deputy Auctioneer, THE SOLACE SUMMIT 2026



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Introduction to the Committee

The Indian Premier League (IPL) is one of the most celebrated and commercially successful professional Twenty20 cricket leagues in the world. Launched in 2008 by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the IPL revolutionized the landscape of cricket by blending sports and entertainment on a grand scale. Modeled after the franchise system popular in American sports, the IPL features city-based teams owned by prominent business houses, Bollywood celebrities, and international conglomerates, making it a unique confluence of cricketing talent and corporate investment.

Held annually, the IPL usually spans over two months during the summer season, attracting top-tier cricketing talent from across the globe. The league currently comprises ten franchises representing major Indian cities, including Mumbai Indians, Chennai Super Kings, and Royal Challengers Bangalore. These teams battle it out in a double round-robin format followed by playoffs and a grand final, delivering high-intensity matches that captivate millions of fans worldwide.

The IPL has played a transformative role in modern cricket by introducing innovations like strategic time-outs, cheerleaders, and auction-based team selections. It has become a launchpad for emerging Indian cricketers, providing them with exposure alongside seasoned international players. Moreover, it significantly contributes to the Indian economy through employment, tourism, sponsorships, and broadcasting rights.

Broadcast in multiple languages and streamed globally, the IPL commands an enormous viewership, making it not only a sporting event but a cultural phenomenon. Its ability to merge tradition with innovation has ensured sustained popularity and continued growth. With its ever-increasing global footprint, the IPL stands as a testament to India's passion for cricket, redefining how the sport is played, perceived, and celebrated.



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Rules of Procedure

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DAY 1 - Player Auction

- **Squad Size:** Each franchise shall field a squad of exactly 12 players.
- **Playing XI + Impact Player:** The playing lineup consists of 11 players plus 1 designated Impact Player.
- **Overseas Limit:** A maximum of 4 overseas players are permitted in the squad.
- **Uncapped Player Requirement:** Franchises must purchase at least 1 uncapped Indian player — a player who has not yet represented India at the International level. The capped/uncapped status of each player will be mentioned in the shared player pool.
- **Total Purse:** The total budget available to each franchise is 100 Crores.
- **No Retention System:** There is no retention mechanism for this auction. All players enter the auction pool.
- **Bidding Decorum:** No more than two franchises should be actively bidding on a player at one time. A third franchise may join, but decorum must be maintained at all times.
- **Strategy Mandate:** Teams must bid with a clear strategy — know the position and role of every player you target. Track squad composition, overseas slots, and remaining purse continuously.
- **Value-First Philosophy:** "Value for player" is the guiding principle. Avoid overbidding on marquee names at the expense of squad balance.
- **End-of-Auction Submission:** At the conclusion of the auction, each franchise must submit a Press Release containing their final squad, home ground, and Playing XI.

DAY 2 - Owners Meet

- Franchises will deliver speeches on the below mentioned topics for 90 seconds each speech.
- Post each speech, one Point of Information (question) will be asked by the other franchises.
- Point of Order (Factual Inaccuracies) can be raised only via chit in a time frame of one successive speech.
- Speeches can be in favour or against the tabled topic.
- Speeches can be bilingual — both in Hindi and English.
- Points of Information can be raised via EB chit; however, the maximum cap of chits is 6 chits per speech round robin session.



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Agendas for the Owners Meet

No.	Agenda Item
1	Deliberation upon the Impact Player Rule introduced in 2023.
2	Discussing the share of broadcasting rights, sponsorship deals, ticketing, and merchandise
3	Discussion on handling of on-field controversies and media interactions by players, owners and
4	Deliberation upon League-wide sustainability measures.
5	Analyzing the agenda of usage of multiple home stadiums.

QUICK REFERENCE KEY AUCTION PARAMETERS

- **Squad Size:** 12 Players
- **Playing XI:** 11 Players + 1 Impact Player
- **Max Overseas Players:** 4
- **Min Uncapped Indian Players:** 1
- **Total Purse:** 100 Crores
- **Retention System:** None

"Cricket is more than a sport — it is a culture, a passion, and a way of life."

We wish all franchise owners an exciting and strategic auction experience!