

## Cricket Council USA welcomes Michael Chambers on its Advisory Board as a President

Director of the Cricket Hall of Fame Michael Chambers Sr., was recently welcomed on the Advisory Board of the Cricket council USA as a president. The first of six children of the late Ronald Chambers and Gloria Chambers, he was born in the district of Toll Gate, in the parish of Clarendon, Jamaica, West Indies. His father was the Principal of Toll Gate All Age School and his mother Assistant Principal.

In Jamaica, Michael attended the Toll Gate All Age School and Clarendon College (High School). He represented his high school in soccer, track and field and cricket. His leadership skills fostered his ability to captain both his High School cricket and track and field teams.



In July 1968, Michael migrated to the United States of America to further his education. He received an Associate degree in Electrical Engineering from Hartford State College, a Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Hartford, and a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Connecticut. He also pursued post graduate studies in Power Systems Engineering at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. He joined the staff of Hamilton Standard, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, as an Electrical Engineer in 1979, and worked with the company for 15 years. Presently, he is a self-employed real estate developer.

As a young cricketer in Jamaica, he was identified to be a promising pace bowler and a very brilliant fieldsman who was able to score runs on occasions. Michael likes to tell the story about Coach Taylor (an English man who coached in Jamaica in 1968) offering to take him to England to play county cricket. He did not accept the offer but instead, decided to visit the United States of America. Upon arrival in the U.S.A. in 1968, Chambers joined the Sportmen's Athletic Club of Hartford, Connecticut and became a valuable addition to the club's cricket team. During the seventies and early eighties, Sportsmen's was regarded as a championship team in the American Cricket League and later the Connecticut Cricket League. During this time, Michael was considered to be one of the hardest hitting, fastest scoring batsmen in North America. His ability to take difficult catches in the slips field was remarkable.

In 1979, Michael became president of Sportmen's and remained at its helm for seven consecutive years. Later he completed two additional years in the position at the club. During his term as president, Sportmen's expanded its leadership role in the cricketing community by establishing the world's first Cricket Hall of Fame, which was created to be used as a means by which the game of cricket could be developed and advanced in the U.S.A and Canada. With Michael as its Executive Director, for the past 15 years, the Hall of Fame now boasts an Annual Six-A-Side Tournament (attracting many international players), and an annual Humanitarian Awards Program that raises funds for charities in the West Indies.

Michael has two children, Michael Chambers Jr., a defense attorney and Krysta, an early childhood Special Education Teacher. His wife Marjorie is a nutritionist and is employed by the State of Connecticut's Department of Public Health as Director of the Women's, Infants' and Children's (WIC) Nutrition Program.