

CLIFTON CRICKET CLUB



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PART 1: PRELIMINARY

1. Name

The name of the Club shall be Clifton Cricket Club.

2. Premises

The clubrooms, headquarters and premises of the Club shall be at Manchester Road, Clifton, or at such other address as the Club may in General Meeting determine.

3. Objects

- (a) the provision of opportunities and facilities for the playing of cricket, for recreation, social intercourse and refreshment for the benefit of its members;
- (b) the provision and maintenance of a Club House at Manchester Road, Clifton, M27 6NB

4. Status and Composition

The Club shall be a members' Club and shall consist of Full Members (i.e. Life Members, Honorary Members, Vice-Presidents and Players 18 years and over) junior playing members as detailed in rule 14 Patrons and Associate Members 18 years and over.

PART 2: MEMBERSHIP

5. Admission

Membership is open to all and no application will be refused on other than reasonable grounds, i.e. there will be no discrimination on grounds of race, occupation or religious, political or other opinion, etc. Every candidate for full membership must be proposed by one member of the Club and the proposal must be seconded by another member, both the proposer and the seconder being full members and both vouching for the candidate's fitness for membership. The name and address of every candidate proposed for full membership, together with the names of their proposer and seconder shall, for a period of at least two clear days before such candidate is elected, be posted in the Club in the manner prescribed in Rule 29. The election or refusal of a

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candidate will be by a simple majority vote of the Committee. No reasons shall be given to any candidate in the event of their rejection.

6. Special Classes

Honorary members, who shall not be liable to pay any entrance fee, or subscription but shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, may be elected by the Club in General Meeting, so, however, that there shall not at any one time be more than twelve honorary members.

6.i) Life Members, who shall not be liable to pay any entrance fee or subscription but shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, may be elected from time to time by the Club in General Meeting. Eligibility for Life Membership will take account of outstanding service to the Club over a sustained period of time.

6.ii) Vice Presidents may be elected by the Club, as provided in rule 5, in the General Meeting. They shall pay a subscription and be entitled to all the privileges of full membership so, however, that there shall not at any one time, be more than twenty-five Vice Presidents. In addition to the provisions in Rule 15 any Vice President whose subscription is unpaid for two or more consecutive years shall have their membership terminated by the General Committee.

7. Visiting Teams

On match days; the visiting team, being members of another Club, may be admitted to the Club.

8. Subscription Condition

No person shall be admitted to membership until having been elected as provided in Rule 5, they shall have paid to the Treasurer their first annual subscription.

9. Waiting Period

No person, whether as full or honorary member, shall be admitted to membership, or be admitted as a candidate for membership to any of the privileges of membership, without an interval of at least two clear days between their nomination or application for membership and their admission.

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PART 3: COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

10. General Committee

The affairs of the Club in all matters not in these Rules reserved for the Club in General Meeting, or expressly delegated under these Rules, shall be managed by the General Committee of the Club. The General Committee shall consist of the President, Cricket Secretary, Special Events Secretary, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, and eight non-playing full members and ten playing members of the Club, which may include former playing members who have played for the Club for five or more seasons, who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, with the exception of the President, who shall be invited annually by each General Committee at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. They shall all go out of office every year, but shall be eligible for re-election. The General Committee shall meet regularly and ordinarily on the last Thursday in each month and shall conduct the general business of the Club other than matters expressly delegated under these Rules. Non-Committee members shall be allowed to attend but not take part, providing there is no objection by any General Committee member. The General Committee may appoint one or more sub-committees for such purposes as it may deem appropriate and may delegate powers to them. Unless these Rules expressly provide that a sub-committee has authority to make decisions, sub-committees shall make recommendations only and may only be put into effect if approved. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the General Committee, and two a quorum of a sub-committee. For the avoidance of doubt, the General Committee shall have no authority in relation to Staffing Matters, which are reserved exclusively to the Finance Committee under Rule 10A.

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10A. Finance Committee (Staffing Authority)

The Finance Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, the Trustees, and such other members as the General Committee may appoint from time to time. The Finance Committee shall be the sole committee of the Club with authority in relation to all matters concerning the engagement, supervision, management, direction, control, payment, suspension and termination of employees, workers and contractors ("Staffing Matters"). All powers of the Club relating to Staffing Matters are hereby delegated exclusively to the Finance Committee.

Decisions taken by the Finance Committee within that authority:

- are decisions of the Club;
- shall take effect immediately; and
- shall not require approval, ratification or review by the General Committee.

The General Committee and any other committee or officer shall have no authority to act in relation to Staffing Matters unless expressly authorised in writing by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee may authorise an officer to implement its decisions, but responsibility for Staffing Matters shall remain vested solely in the Finance Committee. Two members shall constitute a quorum. No action taken by any person outside the Finance Committee shall bind the Club in relation to Staffing Matters.

11. Officers

There shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected from time to time by the Club in General Meeting from among the full members of the Club; and such other officers of the Club as the Club may in General Meeting appoint. The Secretary, the Treasurer and every such officer shall act in all matters only in accordance with these Rules and any authority expressly delegated under them. The Secretary may on behalf of the Club, engage domestic staff or workers and may lawfully terminate any such engagement only where expressly authorised to do so by the Finance Committee in accordance with Rule 10A.



PART 4: TRUSTEES

12. Appointment

There shall be three Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Club in the General Meeting from among full members who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during their life, or until they resign by notice in writing given to the General Committee, or until a resolution removing them from office shall be passed at a General Meeting of the Club by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

13. Property

All property of the Club including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as necessary and practicable, for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the General Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment by the Club in General Meeting of a new Trustee in their place; and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all club property in the names of the Trustees as constituted after the said appointment. The Trustees shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club with the consent of the General Committee; but no purchaser, lessee or mortgages shall be concerned to enquire whether such consent has been given.

PART 5: SUBSCRIPTIONS

14. Subscriptions

The annual subscription for a full member shall be such a sum as the General committee may from time to time determine. At the discretion of the General Committee a full member may be allowed to pay a reduced subscription for any period less than a year. The current subscription rates for all membership categories are set out in the Club Subscription Schedule, which is maintained by

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the General Committee and posted prominently within the Club premises, on the Club website and other social media channels.

15. Due Date

Annual subscriptions shall be payable on election as provided in Rule 8, and thereafter without demand on the first day of April in every year. The General Committee may terminate the membership of any member whose annual subscription remains unpaid on the 30th June.

16. Accounts

The Treasurer shall keep such proper books of account as will enable them to present at every Annual General Meeting of the Club, or at any other time if required (on reasonable notice to them) by the General Committee, an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the Club, for the preceding year, or for the current year as the case may be, and shall present such report and statement accordingly.

PART 6: LICENSING

17. Supply of Intoxicating Liquor

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor on Club premises shall be as determined by the General Committee from time to time, in accordance with licensing regulations. The current permitted hours shall be set out in the Club Licensing Schedule, which shall be displayed on the Club premises, on the Club website and other social media channels. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to members or to any other persons on the Club premises otherwise than by or on behalf of the Club. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for payment to any person on the Club premises other than a member.

18. Compliance

The General Committee shall arrange the supply of intoxicating liquor by the Club to members and to other persons on the Club premises, and shall secure the due observance of the provisions of the applicable licensing legislation, and of any conditions attached to any registration certificate granted in respect of the Club premises.

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19. Profit Restriction

No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or which with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

PART 7: GENERAL MEETINGS

20. AGM

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of December in every year, and there shall not be more than fifteen months between one Annual General Meeting and the next. Notice of the day and time of the Annual General Meeting shall be posted in the Club in the manner prescribed in Rule 29 for a period of at least fourteen days before such a day.

21. Special General Meetings

A General Meeting of the Club may be summoned at any time by the General Committee and shall be so summoned immediately upon any twelve full members delivering to the General Committee a written request in that behalf. A General Meeting shall be summoned by causing a notice thereof to be posted in the Club premises in the manner prescribed in Rule 29 for a period of at least fourteen days immediately before the day appointed for the meeting, but this period may be abridged in the discretion of the General Committee if the urgency of the business to be discussed in their opinion so requires.

22. Voting

At any General Meeting of the Club every member of the Club shall be entitled to be present, and every member over 18 years of age who has been a fully paid-up member for a period of at least one year shall be entitled to one vote upon every question raised. In the case of equality of voting, the Chairman of the meeting (who shall be a member elected for the occasion by the meeting before any other business is opened) shall have a casting vote. The Secretary



shall take minutes of the proceedings at all General Meetings of the Club, and keep a list of General Committee attendances. To be given out at the Annual General Meeting, before Election of Officers.

PART 9: BYELAWS

24. Power to Make

The General Committee may from time to time make, vary and revoke byelaws (not inconsistent with these rules) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of members, and the byelaws for the time being in force shall be binding on all members.

PART 10: CONDUCT

25. Gambling

No betting shall be allowed in the Club; no lottery shall be promoted by any member or officers on behalf of or in any way connected with the Club or with any entertainment or event held by or in connection with the Club without the previous written authority of the General Committee. Gaming shall be permitted in the Club, so, however, as not to contravene any of the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1963, or any statutory modification thereof for the time being in force.

26. Suspension

The General Committee, or The Secretary acting on behalf of the General Committee, may suspend the membership of any member whose conduct, whether on the Club premises or elsewhere, is or has been in the opinion of the Committee contrary to the interests of the Club or injurious to its reputation.

27. Disciplinary Meeting

Immediately upon the suspension under Rule 26 of the membership of any member, the General Committee shall:

- (1) cause a meeting of the disciplinary committee, formed from the General Committee of the Club, to be summoned for a day not later than the twenty-first day following the suspension;

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(2) give notice to the suspended member at their address as last notified to the Secretary under Rule 29 of their suspension, and inform them that if they so desire, they may be present at the said Meeting.

28. Decision

At any such Meeting any allegations against the suspended member shall be related (in their presence if they attend) to the Meeting by a member of the General Committee, and the suspended member shall (if they desire) to be heard in answer, a reasonable adjournment to enable them to prepare their answer being allowed them in the discretion of the Meeting. The decision of the Club at the said Meeting or at any adjourned Meeting whether to re-instate the suspended Member or to terminate their membership shall be taken by vote, and shall be final and conclusive.

PART 11: NOTICES

29. Notices

Each member shall keep the Secretary informed at the Secretary's office on the Club premises of that member's private address, or of some other address at which communications may be addressed for them. Nevertheless, it shall not be necessary to send any notice intended for members generally to any member, by post or otherwise, except in the case of the notice convening any General Meeting for any of the purposes of Rule 32. All notices shall be posted by being affixed in a prominent position on the Club premises in a part of the Club which is frequented by members; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to ensure that any such notice remains so exhibited throughout any period required in that behalf by or under these rules.

PART 12: ALTERATION OF RULES

30. Amendment

These rules may be revoked, added to or altered by a majority comprising two-thirds or more of the members present at and entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Club of which notice has been duly given under Rule 20 or Rule



21 specifying the intention to propose the revocation, addition or alteration, together with full particulars thereof.

PART 13: LIABILITY

31. Exclusion

Neither the Club nor any officer thereof shall be liable to any person for any loss of or damage to any property occurring, from whatever cause, in or about the Club premises; nor for any injury sustained by any person whilst on or entering or leaving the Club premises and a notice to this effect shall at all times be displayed in a prominent position on the Club premises.

PART 14: DISSOLUTION

32. Dissolution

If the number of full members of the Club shall at any time fall below ten, or if at any time the Club shall pass in General Meeting by a majority comprising two-thirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote a resolution (in this rule called "the first resolution") of its intention to dissolve the General Committee, or failing them the Trustees shall take immediate steps to convert into money all the property of the Club, with power however to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular property if the Club in General Meeting shall so authorise. Out of the proceeds of such conversion the Trustees shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club, including the expenses of such conversion, a balance remaining in their hands shall be disposed of by them as the Club in General Meeting shall resolve; and thereupon the Club shall for all purposes be dissolved. Provided that if the Club shall not, within six months after the date of the first resolution, resolve upon disposition of any such balance, the same shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation having similar objects to the club.

A copy of the notice convening any General Meeting under this rule shall be sent by the Secretary by every member at their address last notified to the Secretary under Rule 29 not less than fourteen days before the date appointed

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for the Meeting, but any accidental omission to send such copy or the non-receipt of the same shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolution.

PART 15: PLAYING RULES

33. Season

The season shall commence in April and terminate in September, the special practice being Tuesday.

34. Nets

In practice no batsman to leave the field until they have fielded for three successive batsmen at the net which they have had their innings.

35. Selection

The list of players to be posted in the pavilion the Tuesday prior to any Saturday match. Members unable to play in matches after being selected must give notice to the team captain at their earliest possible opportunity.

36. Property

Any member who leaves the Club or is expelled shall give up any article they may have in their possession which belongs to the Club. Any article or property of the Club that a member may have in their possession must be returned not later than the last match (playing) day of the season, to the General Committee.

37. Awards

To qualify for team awards players must have been chosen for five or more matches, including reserve on the team sheet.

38. Conduct

If any member uses inappropriate language on the cricket field or in the event of the Committee having occasion to complain of the conduct of any member, they shall have the power to deal with the offender at their discretion.