

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

### CONSTITUTION

#### Name

1. The name of the Club shall be the Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club, hereafter known as "The Club".
2. The Club Colours shall be maroon, light blue and straw. The colours of the County Team can be worn by members of the team, with capped players allowed to wear a sweater bearing a single Bustard.

#### Purposes

3. The purposes of the Club are to foster and promote performance and excellence in the amateur sport of cricket within the community of Cambridgeshire and all District Councils of Cambridgeshire, providing opportunities for coaching and competition through the appropriate identification and use of facilities and people.

#### Objectives

4. The objectives of the Club are as follows:
  - Create a Club that people in Cambridgeshire aspire to play for, and support.
  - Provide coaching support to develop the best players in Cambridgeshire.
  - Be a natural extension for players emerging from the Cambridgeshire Young Cricketers programme.
  - Compete successfully in the NCCA championship and one-day competitions.
  - Promote any opportunity for supporting players being considered for 1<sup>st</sup> class counties.

#### Affiliation

5. The affiliations and policies of the Club are as follows:
  - The Club is affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through the National Counties Cricket Association (NCCA).
  - The Club shall be affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Cricket Board as a Stakeholder.
  - The Club and its members shall ensure that members, playing and non-playing, abide by the ECB Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and by the Laws of Cricket.
  - The Club shall annually adopt and implement the ECB Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy.
  - The Club shall annually adopt and implement an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and any future versions of the policy.

#### Membership Subscription and Power of Voting.

6. The Club will allow membership regardless of sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, disability, nationality, age, religion, or other beliefs. The club will follow the directives of the ECB in this respect as set out in any ECB EDI policies.

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7. The categories of membership shall be as follows:

- (a) Honorary Life Membership which may be conferred in special circumstances at the Annual General Meeting; or
- (b) Life Membership of £150; or
- (c) an annual subscription of a minimum of £15.

8. Any member subscribing not less than £500 shall become a Patron of the Club; any Cricket Club in the County of Cambridgeshire subscribing £25 shall become an Affiliated Club.

9. Annual subscriptions are due on the 1st day of January in each year and shall be paid to the Treasurer. Any Member or Affiliated Club not having sent in their resignation (in writing or by e-mail) to the Secretary by the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be liable for that season's subscription.

10. The Secretary shall keep a list of the Life and Annual Members and of the Affiliated Clubs and will inform the committee of any resignations received. The Treasurer will confirm to the committee those members who have paid each calendar year and who are therefore eligible to vote at an EGM or at the AGM.

11. The right to vote at any General Meeting of the Club shall be confined to members who are qualified under Rule 7. and to one delegate of each Affiliated Club.

### Entitlements of the Members

12. The entitlements of the Members will be as follows:

- To receive a fixture list/handbook at the beginning of each season.
- To be admitted free to all home matches of the Club.
- To receive twenty-eight days' notice of the Annual General Meeting and ten days' notice of any **Extraordinary** General Meeting and to be able to vote at such meetings.
- To wear the Club Colours.

### Officers of the Club and the Committee

13. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the committee. They will be responsible for the finances, engaging professionals and the general management of the Club.

13(a). The term of office for the key Committee positions (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & the Safeguarding Officer) shall be no longer than 9 years' service. Upon completing the 9<sup>th</sup> year, the person holding this position must step down as per the UK Sport England guidance and ECB expectations and may not stand for election to any of the above key positions for a further 3 years.

14. The Club must have an ECB-trained Safeguarding Officer and will adopt and implement the ECB's "Safe Hands Policy" and such other policies as required by ECB.



15. The officers of the Club shall consist of a Hon President (non-voting), Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer and either Captain (non-voting) (if two captains are appointed). Other persons may be co-opted or elected by the Club at the Annual General Meeting. Such officers must be members of the Club, shall be ex-officio members of the committee and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting unless co-opted.

16. The committee shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting and may include ex-officio members for the purpose of managing the affairs of the Club. The committee will have no more than three ex-officio members. Together with the Officers, there will be a maximum of eight members (incl. President non-voting) of the Committee, of whom four shall form a quorum. One of the members of the committee will represent the club as a Director of the County Cricket Board.

17. The committee shall appoint a Selection Committee of no more than four members (two of whom shall be the captains' (if two Captains are appointed)) and such other Committees as they shall deem necessary.

18. The committee shall have the power to co-opt members during the year due to vacancies arising from either resignation or otherwise, this to include nominations of the Officers and other committee members to be received by the Secretary. These appointments are then reported and ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.

### **Annual General and Extraordinary Meetings**

19. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held no later than 28th February in each year and shall have full power to make and amend resolutions, approve amendments to the constitution by a simple majority, hear reports from the Officers, examine and approve the annual accounts for the preceding year and elect Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer Safeguarding Officer, and Captain(s) of the Club for the next cricket season. Once elected, the Chairman shall conduct the business of the AGM.

20. Twenty-eight days' clear notice of the AGM and ten days' clear notice of any EGM shall be given to all eligible members by the Secretary.

21. Twenty-one days' notice must be given to the Secretary of any motion which a member desires to move at such a meeting including any nominations for a role as an officer of the club. Any nomination must follow the Club's CPA for gender and diversity in makeup of the Club's committee.

22. The committee shall at the request of ten members of the Club, or on their own authority by each informing the Secretary, call a special meeting of which ten days' notice stating the object, time and place of such a meeting shall be given.

23. The Club shall hold a minimum of five meetings including the AGM per calendar year at such times and places as may be arranged by the committee & Secretary.

24. The committee shall meet whenever the Officers warrant or upon the written request of one of the members of the committee.

## **Accounts**

25. The financial year of the Club shall run from 1st October to 30<sup>th</sup> September in each year.

26. The members at the Annual General Meeting shall appoint an external independent examiner to review the accounts of the Club annually and at every such meeting the statement of accounts certified by the signature of examiner shall be submitted to the members for approval. Once approved, the accounts shall be submitted to the Financial Director of the NCCA, the Cambridgeshire Cricket Board and to the ECB and they will be published on the Club & Play Cricket websites.

## **Amendments to the Constitution**

27. The Constitution of the Club may be altered, amended, or added to either generally or for a particular purpose at any meeting of the Committee by the vote of two-thirds of the members present; but such alteration, amendment or addition shall be subject to confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting by the members present. In no circumstances will the reserves be allocated without approval of the members.

## **Cancellation of Membership**

28. The committee shall have the power to cancel the membership of anyone who has failed to pay their subscription on or after the Annual General Meeting, or whose behaviour the committee thinks is contrary to Safeguarding protocols or the good conduct and reputation of the Club, or which breaches ECB disciplinary or behaviour regulations.

## **Dissolution of the Club**

29. The members of the Club may, at any time before and in expectation of, its dissolution, resolve that any net assets of the Club after all its debts & liabilities have been paid, or provision has been made for them, shall on or before the dissolution of the Club be applied or transferred in the following way:

- (a) By transfer to any company or companies or unincorporated association(s) for purposes similar to the playing of Cricket in Cambridgeshire.
- (b) And subject to ECB/NCCA written approval & agreement.
- (c) In no circumstances will the reserves be allocated without approval of the members.

In no circumstances shall the net assets of the Club be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club.

Any donations or bequests from members will be for the sole use of the Club and/or in direction from the member donating or bequeathing. If in dissolution the Club will hand this money back to the member, members estate or family, not as above in (a) and (b). If for any reason handing back these donations or bequests is not possible then the members will agree to donate these proven funds to a cricket charity of their choosing.




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**Club Policies (Appendix)**

- (i) The ECB Safeguarding Policy - Safe Hands
- (ii) Ethnicity, Diversity, Inclusion, Disability, Nationality, Age, Religion, or other beliefs Policy
- (iii) Anti-Discrimination Code
- (iv) General Code of Conduct for players, club officials & members
- (v) Photography, Filming and Social Media Policy

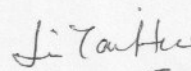
Constitution agreed at the AGM 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Signed by



Chairman

Signed by



Secretary

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