

The Cricket Society

Rules

As amended by the Annual General Meeting held on 27th September 2021

1. Name and purpose of The Cricket Society
 1. The Society shall be called **THE CRICKET SOCIETY** and in these Rules shall be referred to as **The Society**.
 2. The mission statement of The Society is to encourage the love of cricket in all its spheres and for all ages and interests - playing, watching, reading or listening.

2. Objectives of The Society
 1. To provide a means of contact between cricket enthusiasts everywhere.
 2. To promote, arrange and conduct meetings, social gatherings and other functions in order to enable the members of The Society to meet one another and to encourage and facilitate the exchange of views and information concerning cricket.
 3. To produce and publish literature, publications, website, social media and books together with other information of interest, and statistics, subject always to the availability of the necessary finance.
 4. To provide such facilities for playing cricket as may be in the interests of members and The Society as a whole.
 5. To further promote interest in cricket and to extend and propagate the knowledge, appreciation and love of cricket amongst persons of all ages and of all countries and to assist in any possible way towards the benefit of cricket players and all who are interested in the game.

3. Membership shall be available in the following grades, and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee (EC):
 1. Honorary Life, who shall be elected at the AGM.
 2. Life (in suspension as from 1st January 1978.)
 3. Ordinary.

4. Senior Citizen - anyone over 60 years of age and paying the relevant rate.
 5. Youth - whose age does not exceed 25 years at the date on which the subscription is due.
 6. Overseas Associated - who shall be a full member of a constituted overseas Society as shall from time to time be approved by the EC of The Society. (NOTE: Society so approved as of 1st January 2013 is the Australian Cricket Society.)
 7. Family - all members of a household when only one set of literature is sent to their home address.
 8. Group - for any club or organisation, with two sets of literature sent to one address.
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4. Current yearly subscriptions shall become due for payment on 1st January 2022 at the following rates:
 1. Ordinary membership: £25
 2. Senior Citizen membership as defined in Rule 3.4: £20
 3. Overseas Associated membership as defined in Rule 3.6: £20
 4. Family membership as defined in Rule 3.7: £40
 5. Group membership as defined in Rule 3.8: £50
 5. Any member whose annual subscription is three months in arrears shall have his or her name deleted from the mailing list. If a member's subscription remains unpaid after six months, he or she shall be liable to have his or her name removed from the list of members at the discretion of the EC.
 6. A member who allows his or her membership to lapse shall, subject to the approval of the EC, be permitted to rejoin on payment of the current year's subscription.

7. The Society, its finance, property and affairs shall be under the management and control of a committee, to be known as the Executive Committee (EC), elected in accordance with these Rules. The Society shall have a President who shall be elected annually at the AGM and who shall be an ex-officio member of such EC.
8. The EC shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and six other members of the Society.
9. All members of the EC shall retire from office at the AGM but shall be eligible for re-election.
10. Nominations for positions of Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and members of the EC shall be received by the Honorary Secretary prior to 1st September in any year. Each nomination must be seconded and supported by written confirmation that the member nominated will be prepared to serve. In the event of the number of valid nominations exceeding the positions filled, a postal ballot of members shall be held. Ballot papers shall be sent to members at least 21 days prior to the AGM to be returned by the day prior to the AGM. The result of any such ballot shall be announced at the following AGM. In the event that no nominations whatsoever are properly received in accordance with these Rules, the President shall be empowered to appoint officers and other members of the EC for the ensuing year.
11. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the EC (who shall be ex-officio Chair and Vice-Chair of The Society) shall be elected each year at the first meeting of the EC after the AGM. They shall be chosen from among the members of the EC already elected to serve for the ensuing year.
12. The EC shall have the power to appoint any member or members for the performance of specific duties and such member or members (if not already a member of the EC) may be invited to attend meetings of the EC, but shall have no vote thereat.

13. The EC shall have the power to appoint any member to fill a vacancy occurring and/or to co-opt up to two additional members until the next AGM. Such person or persons shall have a vote each, and shall retire at the next AGM but shall be available for re-election.
14. Four members shall form a quorum at each meeting of the EC.
15. The Society, through its EC, shall have the following powers:
 1. To raise funds in any way and for any purpose which it may consider to the advantage of The Society.
 2. To make donations to, assist (financially or otherwise), and co-operate with, any charity or body having similar objects to those of The Society.
 3. To invest the funds of The Society (not immediately required) in such securities or property as it may think fit.
 4. To found, institute and administer any awards, scholarships, trusts, funds or grants for the benefit of cricket.
 5. To form Branches. Branch Rules shall be drawn up for the approval of the EC, which shall have overriding authority over any Branch Committee. The Branch shall submit an annual account of income and expenditure to the Honorary Treasurer for approval of the EC and any interim accounts as may be requested by the Honorary Treasurer.
 6. To associate with or join any other Society or Body having objects similar to those of The Society.
 7. To appoint any Sub-Committee to carry out any task or function which it may choose to delegate to such Sub-Committee. The EC may also dissolve any such Sub-Committee.
 8. To form Companies (Limited or Unlimited) for the purpose of controlling and administering any of the objects, awards, scholarships, trusts, funds or grants of The Society or for any other purpose which the EC may think fit.
 9. To indemnify any member of the EC or any of the Sub-Committee or any other officer of The Society against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him or her in the reasonable execution and discharge of his or her duties in connection with The Society.

16. The financial year of The Society shall be for the twelve months ended 31st December in any year.
17. An AGM of members shall be held in each calendar year, usually during the month of October, to receive and consider the Statement of Income and Expenditure, the Balance Sheet and the Report of the Chair for the year ended 31st December prior to the meeting, to appoint the Independent Examiners and to transact any other ordinary business of The Society.
18. A member wishing to have a motion placed on the Agenda of the AGM must give notice of such motion, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary on or before 1st September in any year. The support, in writing, of twelve or more members of The Society to the aforesaid motion shall accompany such notice.
19. The Notice of the AGM with the Agenda and the Accounts (reviewed by the Independent Examiner) of The Society for one year ended 31st December previous shall be issued to members not less than twenty-one days before the date of the AGM.
20. The EC and/or twenty-five members of The Society may, by requisition in writing to the Honorary Secretary and stating therein the subjects to be considered, require an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of The Society to be convened for that specific purpose. Such Meeting shall be called within twenty-one days following such calling.
21. At any AGM or EGM or at any adjournment thereof
 1. Twelve members shall form a quorum.
 2. The Chair of The Society shall, if present, preside as Chair of the Meeting. If the Chair is not present, the Vice Chair shall preside and if the Chair and Vice Chair are both not present, the members of The Society shall by a show of hands elect one of their number to be Chair of the Meeting.

3. Voting shall be by a show of hands and every member shall have one vote but 75% of members present and voting may demand that a motion be settled by postal ballot of all members of The Society. The Chair of the Meeting may also make such a demand. Such a demand, once made, may be withdrawn.
 4. In the case of an equality of votes by show of hands, the Chair of the Meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote. In the event of an equality of postal votes, the Chair of The Society shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
 5. Unless it be properly demanded that a motion be settled by postal ballot of all members of The Society, a declaration by the Chair of the Meeting that the motion has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, an entry to that effect in the minutes or proceedings of the Meetings of The Society shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour or against such motion.
 6. The Chair of the Meeting may, with the consent by a show of hands of any Meeting at which a quorum is present, adjourn the Meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned Meeting other than the business left unfinished at the Meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a Meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned Meeting shall be given as in the case of the original Meeting. Save as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at the adjourned Meeting.
22. An Independent Examiner of the Accounts shall be appointed at the AGM. In the event of a vacancy for this position occurring, the EC may fill the vacancy until the following AGM.
23. The accidental omission to give notice of a Meeting to or the non-receipt of notice of a Meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of any such Meeting.

24. The Rules may be repealed, altered or added to from time to time by a resolution carried by not less than a three-fifths majority of members present at a General Meeting called in accordance with Rules 7-21 inclusive. Notice of any such proposed repeal, alteration or addition must be given to each member of The Society at least twenty-one days before such Meeting.

25. In all cases of doubt as to the interpretation of any Rule the decision of the EC shall be final.

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