

The AB Sports Cricket Club Constitution

1. Name

The name of the club shall be “The AB Sports Cricket Club”

2. Address

The Club premises shall be Manor Farm, Broad Hinton, Wiltshire while the registered address for club is: 5, Cagney Drive, Swindon, Wiltshire

3. Status

The AB Sports Cricket Club is a Junior Section amateur club and will consist of those classes of members as specified in the membership section below.

4. Objective

The objective of the club shall be to promote and provide facilities for the playing of cricket as a sport within Swindon, Wiltshire and the surrounding area, to promote cricketing links with other communities within the region and to encourage good community spirit and sportsmanship.

5. Membership

5.1 The Club consists of a Non-Executive Director, Chairman, President, Honorary Members (supporting the club) and full playing members (junior members).

The President

Is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting held each year.

Honorary Members

Persons aged 18 and over elected to honorary membership by the committee for services rendered to the club over a period of years. Such persons shall be entitled to use and enjoy Club premises and the things therein and shall be entitled to vote at all General Meetings of the Club.

Full Playing Members (Junior Members)

Persons aged 17 and under. Such persons shall be entitled to use and enjoy Club premises and the things therein but shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Club or hold office.

The various membership subscriptions shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

5.2 Procedure for election to membership shall be as follows:-

All new playing members and Honorary Members must be approved by the Committee.

5.2.1 Every candidate for membership shall be proposed by one life, full or honorary member and seconded by another life, full or honorary member of the Club. The proposal shall be submitted to the committee to discuss. To be granted membership a majority of the committee must vote in favour of the new member's application.

5.2.2 No person shall be admitted to Life, Full membership or Social membership until, having been elected, have paid to the Treasurer the relevant membership fee as provided Rule 7

5.2.3 No person may 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 48 hours between nomination or application for membership and their admission.

6. Management

6.1 The affairs of the Club, except those matters reserved under these rules for the club in general meetings, shall be managed by the Committee of the club.

6.2 The Committee shall exercise the powers given to it under these rules and shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Captain, Vice Captain and not more than 3 other members. All Committee members, including office bearers, shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. They shall go out of office in every year, but shall be eligible for re-election. All candidates for election to the Committee shall be proposed by either one Full, Honorary, Life member and seconded by another Full, Honorary, Life member.

6.3 The Committee of the Club shall meet at least once every month and a quorum at such meetings shall consist of a minimum of 5 members. The Secretary, if present, if not some other member nominated by the meeting shall take minutes of all the proceedings at all general meetings of the club.

7. Subscriptions and Entrance Fees

7.1 The annual subscriptions for the various classes of members, other than honorary members, shall be fixed by the committee from time to time. The increase in subscriptions (other than life membership) in any year shall not exceed £10.00. At the discretion of the committee, a member may be permitted to pay a reduced subscription for a period of less than one year.

7.2 Annual subscriptions shall be due from the date of the Annual General Meeting and should be paid by the last day of the month that the AGM is held.

8. Accounts

The Treasurer shall keep such proper books of accounts as will enable him to present at every Annual General Meeting of the Club, or at any time if required (on reasonable notice to him) by the committee, an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the club and shall present such report and statement accordingly.

9. Meetings of the club

9.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November of each year. Notice of the date and time shall be communicated by different means of internal communication before the meeting. The business to be transacted at the AGM shall consist of the election of the Committee members, the presentation of the accounts, reports from the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Captain on the previous year, membership fees and any other business of which notice has been given to the Secretary in writing at least 7 days before the

AGM. The Secretary, if present, if not some other member nominated by the meeting shall take minutes of all the proceedings at the AGM.

9.2 Extraordinary general meetings may be summoned at any time by the Committee following expiry of 14 days written notice, but this notice may be abridged at the discretion of the Committee depending on the urgency of the business to be discussed. The secretary shall summon a general meeting if required to do so by written request signed by no fewer than 5 ordinary or honorary members and stating the business which they wish to be transacted.

10. Conduct of Members

10.1 No lottery shall be promoted by any member or officer without the authority of the committee.

10.2 The Committee may suspend the membership of any member whose conduct is considered to be detrimental to the best interests of the club or its reputation.

10.3 Members who have not paid the subscription shall not be entitled to play in any club game or vote at any General Meeting or be elected to the committee until such subscriptions have been paid.

11. Composition of Teams

The selection committee may select persons who are not members to represent the club as guest players except that:-

11.1 There should not be more than 3 guest player in the team for any match

11.2 No person shall play as a guest for more than 2 match in a season.

12. Dissolution.

12.1 A decision shall be taken to dissolve the Club either:-

12.1.1 In the event that the Club Membership falls to the extent that there are less than eleven members eligible to represent the club at matches.

12.1.2 Upon a resolution to that effect being passed by three quarters majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting of the club for that purpose under rule 11.

12.2 Following this decision, the Trustees shall take immediate steps to convert into money all the property of the club whatsoever.

12.3 Out of the proceeds of such conversion, the Trustees shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the club including all expenses incidental to the said conversion.

12.4 All money remaining from the said conversion, following upon the discharge of all debts and liabilities, shall be disposed of as follows:-

to another Club with similar sports purposes and/or to another Club with similar sports purpose for use for related community sports

13 Alteration to the Rules

13.1 These rules, or any part of them, may be added to, amended or replaced by a resolution of a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club called for this purpose under Rule 9 thereof.

13.2 Interpretation of these rules must be consistent with the statutory requirement for community amateur sports clubs as defined by the Finance Act 2002.

14 Disputes

Any dispute arising out of or not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be final.

15 Laws of Cricket

The ECB laws of Cricket as regards the game shall be the laws of the Club

16 Bar and Alcohol Rules and Regulations

16.1 Even though we don't have a bar facility, but on a trip to different clubs during match or training sessions, for sale, purchase and consumption of alcohol the following will apply:-

16.1.1 Persons under the age of 18 years.

There shall be no sale supply or consumption of alcohol on behalf of the Club on the Club premises to any person under the age of 18 years.

16.1.2 Persons entitled to purchase and consume alcohol on the Club premises (other than Club Members)

Alcoholic liquor may be supplied by and on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises by all or any of the following persons who may be admitted to the Club Premises:

16.1.2.1 Visiting members of other Clubs engaged in fixtures against the Club;

16.1.2.2 The guests of any such visiting members at the Visiting member's expense;

16.1.2.3 Parents of players visiting the club with their kids during a match or training;

16.1.2.4 Official guests of the Club invited to any Club function;

16.1.2.5 Visiting members of other Cricket Clubs attending Club functions and their Guests at the visiting member's expense on such occasions.

PROVISO: That all such persons as referred to in sub-paragraph from 16.1.2.1 to 16.1.2.5 shall be over the age of 18 years and shall not be permitted to purchase alcoholic liquor for consumption off the Club Premises.

16.1.3 The purchase of alcoholic liquor for and supplied by the Club shall be at the absolute discretion of the club's sub-committee known as the Licensing Sub-Committee.

16.1.4 Notwithstanding Rule 16.1.1 and 16.1.2 above (which restricts the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor to certain classes of persons) there may be sales of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises to persons other than members and their guests who are admitted to the premises to attend functions organised for the benefit of the Club on not more than eight occasions per calendar year.

16.2 No person shall derive any personal financial benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the club to members or guests or any person permitted under these rules to be in receipt of the same.