

Garstang Cricket Club Constitution

Name

The Club shall be known as GARSTANG CRICKET CLUB.

Aims

1. To adopt the ECB 'Safe Hands' – Welfare of young people in cricket policy, and encourage the playing of the game of cricket through the provision of practice and playing facilities, coaching and fixtures for all playing members.
2. To adopt the ECB 'Equity, Diversion and Inclusion' plan –A game belonging to us all, transcending age, gender, race, and ability. A sport connecting communities and improving lives by bringing people together through a shared passion
3. To afford all members such benefits and privileges, as it may be possible to arrange.
4. To ensure all members, playing and non-playing, conform to the Laws of the game and Codes of Conduct.
5. To encourage members of all categories to participate in the life of the Club through playing, social and fund raising activities and general management.

Membership - shall be open to all irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour status, and sexual orientation. The General Committee shall determine admittance to membership.

Management

The transaction of the business of the club shall be vested in a General Committee of at least 12 members elected at the Annual General Meeting, which in addition to the powers of authority of this Constitution may exercise all powers and authority and undertake all acts in the furtherance of aims for which the club is established and are not hereby expressly directed.

General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the club shall held following the season and by 31st January at the latest. At least 14 days' notice shall be given of the AGM in writing to all club members, accompanied by the Agenda and papers signifying the business to be transacted, which shall include:

- Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM and any business arising there from:
- Annual Report (Secretary)
- Audited Balance Sheet (Statement of Accounts) and Treasurers Report.
- Election of President, Vice Presidents, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Welfare Officer, Committee Members, Club Captains and Auditors. (Together with any other posts as may have been agreed by the General Committee)
- Notified Amendments to the Constitution.
- Annual Subscriptions/Match Fees.
- Other business duly notified to the Secretary.

Special (Extraordinary) General Meeting

By simple majority of the General Committee or on a requisition signed by at least ten club members a Special or Extraordinary General Meeting (S/EGM) shall be convened by the Secretary, giving at least fourteen days' notice in writing to all club members, specifying the business to be transacted.

Committees - Such other committees or sub committees shall be established as deemed appropriate by the Committee or by vote at the AGM (S/EGM). The Committee shall determine the terms of reference of such committees.

Co-Option - Power to co-opt as deemed appropriate shall be vested in all committees of the club, but such co-opted committee members shall not be entitled to vote. Co-opted members may be non-Club Members invited to advise on specialist's subjects.

Voting - At all meetings of the club including AGM and E/SGM Meetings each member shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of an equal vote the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Voting at all meetings shall be by a show of hands, except where the Committee or meeting Chairman decides voting shall be by ballot. At all meetings decisions shall be made by a simple majority.

Quorum - The quorum at the AGM/SGM shall be 15 members. The quorum at General Committee and other Committees shall be one third of the membership of that Committee, of which a minimum of 3 must be non-related or non-cohabiting members.

Secretary - The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence, the Notice, Agendas and Minutes of AGM/SGM and General Committee Meetings. Minutes of the aforementioned meetings shall be presented at the following meeting. (Minutes should also be taken of Sub Committee Meetings).

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters including receipt of monies, payments, banking and the production of an audited Annual Balance Sheet/Statement of Accounts. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for producing an up-date of the financial position as required by the General Committee. The Treasurer shall ensure that all cheques are signed by two of the following officers: Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Financial Year - The Club's financial year shall be from 1st October to 30th September.

Auditors - The Auditors for the ensuing year shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Dissolution - On dissolution of the Club its net assets are to be applied to a Charity which will be decided upon by a majority vote of the Club members.

Suspension - The General Committee shall have power to suspend or exclude any member, in any category, for contravention of this Constitution and/or documented rules and/or Codes of Conduct.

Appeal - Any member suspended or excluded by the General Committee (or a delegated subcommittee) shall have the right to attend an appeal hearing, be represented and produce witnesses in support of his/her appeal. The Appeal Board (a maximum of three) shall not include members of the original decision making committee, but may include non-members of the Club.

The principal aim of trustees is to provide continuity, advice and guidance to the elected members of Garstang Cricket Club. On behalf of the Club they may obtain advances and borrow money for the purposes of the Club, whether by means of a loan or overdraft from the Club's Bankers, or by any other means, upon such terms as to interest and as to time and manner of repayment of principal & interest or otherwise howsoever they may determine, and the trustees may mortgage or charge any property (real or personal) of the Club to secure such borrowing as aforesaid.

Amendment to Constitution - Amendment(s) to this Constitution shall only be made at an AGM or SGM with the specified notice in writing of the meeting together with the proposed amendment(s).

Signed on behalf of Garstang Cricket Club as at agreed at the AGM on 29 November 23

Allan Cook (Chairman)

Michael Walling (Secretary)