

# **BRADFORD & BINGLEY CRICKET CLUB CONSTITUTION & RULES**

## **1. NAME & OBJECTIVES –**

**1.1 – The name of the Club shall be the Bradford and Bingley Cricket Club and shall hereinafter be referred to as “the Club”.**

**1.2 – The objectives of the Club shall be: (a) The playing and promotion of Cricket and all activities associated with the sport of Cricket and (b) To ensure that all members receive fair and equal treatment.**

**1.3 The Club shall be affiliated to the England & Wales Cricket Board.**

## **2. MEMBERSHIP –**

**2.1 – Any person shall be eligible for membership and the number of members shall be unlimited.**

**2.2 – Applicants for membership shall be nominated by a member of the Club who shall vouch for the applicant being a fit and proper person to be a member and election shall be effected by the Committee. No person shall be admitted to membership, or be admitted as a candidate for membership or to any of the privileges of membership, without an interval of at least two days between his or her nomination or application for membership and his or her admission to membership.**

**2.3 – The Committee shall have the right to refuse any application for election to membership without giving any reason or explanation.**

**2.4 - The minimum subscription for membership shall be the sum of £5 per annum and subject to this minimum the annual subscription and classes of members shall be determined by the Committee from time to time. Life members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.**

**2.5 – An applicant for membership shall be elected either as:- (a) an ordinary (full) member, patron, full-time student (18+), Junior (aged 16/17) or Senior member who shall be a person liable to pay the ordinary (full), Patron, Student, Junior or Senior annual subscription as the case may be, and be entitled to the full benefit and privileges of membership of the Club, or (b) as a Junior (aged under 16).**

**2.6 The provisions of this rule as to application for membership and as to election and admission to membership shall apply to any Junior, or Student member who shall be bound by the rules of the Club in like manner as an ordinary member. A Junior member (aged under 16), shall not be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Club, nor to hold any office in the Club, nor to propose or second candidates for membership or office, nor be entitled to unpaid admission to any cricket match held on the Club's premises.**

**2.7 - The Committee shall from time to time determine the annual subscription for all categories of membership. Members' subscriptions shall become due on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and non-payment by July 1<sup>st</sup> may render the member liable to expulsion.**

**2.8 - All members are entitled to the rights and privileges of membership of the Bradford & Bingley Sports Club Ltd subject to and as provided by the Articles of Association of the limited company.**

**2.9 - All members will be subject to the regulations of this Constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any codes of conduct that the Club has adopted.**

**2.10 - Termination of Membership. The Committee shall be empowered to expel any member who fails to pay the appropriate subscription by the appointed date.**

### **3 ELECTION OF THE CLUB COMMITTEE –**

**3.1 – The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee (“the Committee”) which shall consist of the President, the Hon.Secretary, the Hon.Treasurer(“the officers”) and committee members, who shall be elected by the members at the Club A.G.M.**

**3.2 - A maximum of 20 Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall determine all appointments including the 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Captain, 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Captain; together with the Chairman, and Secretaries of Membership, Ground, Sponsorship and Publicity and Junior development except the President, Hon.Secretary and Hon.Treasurer, who shall be elected by the members.**

**3.3 – The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy which may arise in the course of the year and to co-opt members to the Committee.**

**3.4 - The Committee will be responsible for providing the Board of the Bradford & Bingley Sports Club Ltd. (“the Board”), with a budget and accounts of income and expenditure for each financial year at such time as shall be required by the Board.**

**3.5 - The selection Committee. The responsibility for the provision of an appropriate pool of players from which senior teams are selected and the selection of Senior teams during the season, will be borne by the selection Committee. The selection committee shall comprise of the first and second team captains ex officio, and may also have a maximum of three members elected from the Committee. The Chairman of the selection committee shall be appointed by the members and will serve as spokesperson on the Committee.**

**3.6 - Junior development committee (“JDC”) – This committee shall be composed of a Secretary/ Chairman, appointed by the Committee, and parents and coaches / assistants, being not less than 5 in number, approved by the Committee. The JDC shall formulate a series of 3 year development plans and present both the plan and progress reports to the Committee annually for approval.**

#### **4. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE -**

- 4.1 – The Committee shall be empowered to prepare standing orders for the conduct of its business and such standing orders when adopted shall remain operative until amended by resolution of the Committee carried by two-thirds majority of those present at a club Committee meeting convened by notice stating the amendment proposed to be made.**
- 4.2 – The Committee shall meet not less than six times each year.**
- 4.3 - The Committee shall be empowered to appoint sub groups and to confer upon such groups executive powers provided that where a sub-group has been given such powers it shall cause proper minutes to be kept of meetings and transactions, and such minutes shall be communicated to the Hon.Secretary of the Committee within 14 days of the meeting or transaction.**
- 4.4 – Should a member of the Committee, other than the President, absent himself from meetings on three consecutive occasions without reasonable cause, the Committee may declare that the member has forfeited his membership of the Committee and may at the next meeting proceed to fill the vacancy so caused.**
- 4.5 – Members of the Committee shall be given 48 hours' notice of meetings except that the Committee may resolve to meet weekly or monthly at a specified date, time and place during the playing season, and such meetings shall be held and business transacted without other notice having been given to the members. A quorum for the conduct of business at a meeting shall be 5.**

#### **5 E.C.B. CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPIRIT OF CRICKET -**

- 5.1– The Club totally supports and adopts the E.C.B. Code of conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and is reproduced in Appendix 1 of the Disciplinary Regulations in the Bradford Cricket League Handbook. The club also supports and adopts the YCA/YCB Policy statement on Anti-Racism and Race Equality shown in the League Handbook (attached Appendix 1)**

**5.2 The Equity Policy (attached Appendix 2) and the 'Safe Hands' Welfare of Young People in Cricket Policy Of the ECB (as amended) are both adopted and supported by the Club.**

**5.3 The Club accepts and supports the 'One Game' Pledge that we are committed to a fully inclusive game and to maintain the highest standards of equality, good behaviour and fair play in cricket.**

## **6 DISCIPLINARY RULES – Internal Enquiry**

**6.1- The club of its own volition and without any need for the receipt of a written complaint or other prompting shall, where any alleged case of conduct which is not fair and proper occurs as stated in Paragraph 1 of the Bradford League Disciplinary Regulations or otherwise as the club may think fit, forthwith convene an Internal Enquiry by a Disciplinary Committee.**

**6.2 - The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of not less than 3 members of the Committee, none of whom must be related to the player or official or spectator who is the subject of the enquiry.**

**6.3 – The purpose of the Internal Enquiry shall be to establish the facts and, where appropriate, to take the necessary disciplinary action so as to ensure that the Club does not fail properly to control or discipline its player or players, officials or spectators, and to ensure that the Club acts in a manner designed to protect the good name of the Club and the game of cricket generally.**

**6.4 – Any person requested to attend such an Internal Enquiry, or any Appeal therefrom, shall be entitled to be accompanied at the Enquiry by a friend or other representative.**

## **7 PENALTIES -**

**7.1 – If the Internal Enquiry finds the misconduct proved, the club shall have the following powers:**

**7.1.1 - In relation to players: To require the player to write letter(s) of apology within a specified time.**

**7.1.2 – To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.**

**7.1.3 – To impose a fine.**

**7.1.4 – To suspend the player's right to be considered for selection by the Club to play in one or more matches.**

**7.1.5 – To suspend the player's membership of the Club for a period.**

**7.1.6 – If the conduct constitutes gross misconduct the Club shall have the power to terminate the player's membership forthwith.**

**7.2 – The Club for the same offence may, if thought fit, impose more than one of the above penalties.**

**7.3 – In the case of misconduct by a member, ban the person from attending the ground, either permanently or for a fixed term, and if appropriate terminate club membership forthwith.**

## **8 APPEAL PROCEDURE -**

**8.1 – The player, or member, shall have the right to appeal to the President of the club or to the President's nominee for a review of the findings of the Internal Enquiry and of the penalty or penalties imposed.**

**8.2 – The decision of the President or his nominee in all cases shall be final and binding.**

## **9 GENERAL MEETINGS -**

**9.1 – The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> March each year, at which the report of the Committee for the foregoing year shall be received. At this meeting members shall elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.**

**9.2 – A notice calling the Annual General Meeting shall state the business to be transacted, shall be given either by notice in a**

local newspaper or be sent to every member at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting. All Junior (16+), Student, Full, Senior, & Life members and Patrons of the Club, shall be entitled to attend and vote. All other members may attend, but may not vote.

**9.3 – Nominations for the election of the Officers and Committee members shall be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary by the 10<sup>th</sup> March each year. Each member nominated shall be proposed by a voting member and seconded by another full voting member.**

**9.4 – In case more than the required number of Officers and Committee members be duly nominated, an election by ballot shall take place at the A.G.M.**

**9.5 – The Chairman shall have a casting or additional vote in the event of equality of votes. All decisions shall be by simple majority of votes save in the case of amendment as provided by rule 11.**

## **10 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS -**

**10.1 - A Special General Meeting shall be convened by: -**

**10.1.1 - A resolution by the Committee instructing the Hon. Secretary to convene such a meeting.**

**10.1.2– The receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than 25 members of the club entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting.**

**10.2 – The resolution or instruction or requisition shall state the nature of the business to be transacted. No Special General Meeting shall transact any business than that for which the meeting has been called. Notice of a Special General Meeting stating the business to be transacted and the resolutions to be put shall be given in the same way as notice of the Annual General Meeting.**

## **11. AMENDMENT OF RULES -**

**No alteration of these rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with rule 10. The announcement of each such meeting shall state the alteration proposed to be made and any amendment to the proposed alteration shall only be put to the meeting if made in accordance with rule 10. Any alteration to these rules to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting must be in the Hon. Secretary's hands not later than the 1<sup>st</sup> March of the same year. No alteration to the rules can be made unless carried by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at the meeting at which the proposal is made.**

**12. For the avoidance of doubt, in these Rules, except where in the context the contrary is apparent, the masculine includes the feminine.**

**13. A resolution to dissolve the Club may only be passed at an AGM or SGM at which the votes in favour of the resolution comprise at least three quarters of the votes cast. In the event of such dissolution, any assets which are not the property of the Bradford and Bingley Sports Club Limited, shall pass to the England & Wales Cricket Board for the development of cricket.**

**Last amendment of this Constitution – 17th March 2009.**