



rules and constitution

NAME

1. The Club shall be called the FISHLAKE CRICKET CLUB herein called the club.

OBJECTS

2. (a) The objects of the club shall be to provide facilities for Cricket and at the discretion of the Committee, other activities that do not conflict or restrict the use of the amenities so provided for Cricket. The club shall also provide a general social amenity for members. The Club is a non-profit making amateur club.

(b) The provision and maintenance of a Club House at PINFOLD LANE.

(c) To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB 'Safe Hands - Crickets' policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy.

(d) To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB Cricket Equality Policy.

MEMBERSHIP

3. (a) ALL residents of FISHLAKE shall be eligible for membership, subject to clauses 13, 14 & 17 herein. Application for membership form candidates living outside the village will be accepted at the Committee's discretion (see clause 15), subject to 3 (b).

(b) Membership of the club may be offered to all irrespective of their gender, race, ethnic origin, disability, age, nationality, sexuality, religion, marital status and social class. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

OFFICIALS

4. The Club shall elect Officials at the Annual General Meeting in each year, namely Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Team Captains, and subject to termination by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until their successors are elected at the Annual General meeting next following their election.

COMMITTEE

5. The Club shall be managed by a General Purpose Committee of eleven members, consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and EIGHT members elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until the Annual General Meeting next following their election. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur. The retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

SUBSCRIPTION OF MEMBERSHIP

6. The Annual Subscription for ORDINARY SINGLE MEMBERS is £26. In the case of JUNIOR MEMBERS under 18 years of age it is £18, SINGLE MEMBERS 60 years and over is £24 and FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is £40. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is for parents/guardians and children under 18. In the case of TWO members in the same family residing in the same house, wishing to become members a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP subscription of £40 may be allowed to include both members. The Committee has the power to alter the subscription by agreement at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. For voting rights with each category see clause 20.

LIFE MEMBERS

7. Any member may, subject to the consent of the Committee, become a LIFE MEMBER on payment of £250 in lieu of further Annual Subscription. LIFE MEMBERSHIP is non-transferable but FAMILY MEMBERSHIP benefits shall be implicit as detailed in (6). The Committee shall have the power to fix a limit on the number of LIFE MEMBERS and may alter the amount of the single payment subject to agreement at the Annual General Meeting.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

8. The Committee shall have power to elect as HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS, without payment of any further subscription, any member of not less than THREE year's standing, who shall in the opinion of the Committee have rendered exceptional services to the club, but such election shall not take effect unless and until confirmed at the Annual General Meeting next ensuing the date of such election.

SUB-COMMITTEES

9. The Committee shall at its discretion, grant permission and provide such support as it deems necessary, to individual members and groups of members to develop activities other than cricket within the Club. Such members may elect their own management sub-committee. The Committee shall have the power to second any sub-committee members to serve on the Committee from time to time. Sub-committees so formed shall be bound by the rules and Constitution of the Club and the decisions of the Committee.
 - (a) The Committee may request ANY member to serve on the General Committee on a temporary basis to assist with specific project. Such members shall be entitled to vote on specific matters arising.

PROPERTY

10. The property and funds of the Club must be used only for promoting the Objects and do not belong to the members of the Club or Committee. The Committee shall have power of acquisition and disposal of assets necessary to the General Management of the Club provided such action is not prejudicial to the Objects of the Club Rules and Constitution.
 - (a) The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the Club for the time being shall Ex-officio be Trustees of the Club's assets which shall be vested in their names as Trustees on the Club's behalf.

VISITORS

11. The Committee shall have the power to elect any person including members of the other clubs to use the premises and facilities as visitors for a period not exceeding one month and to levy an entrance fee or subscription for admission as the Committee determine. Such visitors shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of members.

AFFILIATION

12. The Club shall be affiliated to the PONTEFRACT & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE. The Club may enter other competitions and Join other affiliations at the discretion of the Committee.

ENTRANCE FEE

13. NO candidate who has been elected a member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership UNTIL payment of the entrance fee if any and the First Annual Subscription. If such entrance fee or subscription is not paid within FOURTEEN DAYS after notice shall have been sent informing the member of his election, such election shall be void.

DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

14. (a) Members whose current subscription shall not have been paid in or before the 1st JANUARY in any year and who neglect to comply with a written request for payment sent out by the Secretary 28 days after it has become due, calling upon the member to pay the same within FOURTEEN DAYS, on the expiration of the said period, the Committee shall be entitled to terminate the said membership without further notice unless a satisfactory reason can be given for the delay.

(b) The MEMBERSHIP year is to run from 1st JANUARY to the 31st DECEMBER.

NON RESIDENTS

15. (a) Every non-resident candidate for membership other than renewals shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another. ALL non-resident applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary and shall be signed by the candidate and proposes and election shall be at the discretion of the Committee, subject to 15(b).

(b) Membership of the club may be offered to all irrespective of their gender, race, ethnic origin, disability, age, nationality, sexuality, religion, marital status and social class. The decision will be based on a simple majority of the Committee. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

RESIGNATION

16. A member desiring to withdraw from the Club MUST give notice in writing to the Secretary on or before the 1st JANUARY in any year, otherwise the subscription due for the ensuing year shall be PAYABLE.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

17. (a) The Committee shall have the power to EXPEL any member who shall offend against the RULES & CONSTITUTION of the Club or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee render him/her unfit for membership of the club. Before any such member is expelled, The Secretary shall give him/her SEVEN days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform him/her of the complaints made against him/her. NO member shall be expelled without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him/her NOT unless at least TWO-THIRDS of the Committee then present vote in favour of his/her expulsion. No member whose membership has been terminated under this rule or who owes money to the Club shall be introduced by any member as a visitor to any part of the Club premises.

(b) Appeals against refusal or removal of membership may be made to the Committee who shall appoint an Appeals Committee to hear the appeal.

AMENDMENT OF RULES

18. (a) Subject to the following provisions of this clause the Committee shall have the power to add, repeal or amend the RULES & CONSTITUTION by a resolution passed at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, called for the purpose, by a majority (at least THREE QUARTERS) of the members voting on it.
- (b) No amendment may be made to clause 1 (the Name of the Club), clause 2 (the Objects of Dissolution of the Club) without prior consent in writing of the Charity Commissioners
- (c) The Committee should promptly send to the Charity Commissioners a copy of any amendment made under this clause.

BYELAWS

19. The Committee shall have power to make byelaws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club provided the same are not inconsistent with these rules. Such byelaws shall be posted in some conspicuous part of the Club premises and shall be binding on ALL the MEMBERS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20. A GENERAL MEETING of the Club shall be held in every year not in GENERAL later than DECEMBER 1st to transact the following business:-
- (a) To receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the End of the preceding year.
- (b) To consider and, if approved, sanction any duly made alterations of the Rules and Constitution.
- (c) To appoint the Officers and other members of the Committee.
- (d) To appoint an Auditor of Auditors.
- (e) To deal with any special matter which the Committee desire to bring before the Members and to receive suggestions from the members for the consideration by the Committee.

Notice convening the GENERAL MEETING shall be sent to the members not less than TEN days before the meeting, and shall specify the matters to be dealt with. VOTING shall be by show of hands or by ballot at the discretion of the Chairman and shall be decided by a simple majority (unless otherwise specified) of those present. The Chairman having the second or casting vote. Voting by proxy shall be allowed providing the member is ill or on holiday. It must be signed and handed to a Committee member. Family and Life membership shall qualify for ONLY ONE vote. ALL members excepting Junior members shall be entitled to vote.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

21. A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee and shall be Convened within 21 days from the receipt of a requisition in writing signed by not less than EIGHT members specifying the object of the meeting for any of the following purposes:-
- (a) To consider and if approved, sanction any duly made alterations of the Rules.
- (b) To deal with any special matters which the Committee may desire to place before the members, including the expulsion of a member.
- (c) To receive the resignation of the Committee or to remove any member or members thereof from office and to fill the vacancy caused thereby.
- (d) To deal with any special matter which members requiring the meeting may desire to place before the club.

NOTICE convening a Special Meeting shall be sent to the members NOT less than SEVEN days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

CHAIR AT MEETINGS

22. At Committee meetings and at General meetings the Chairman, or in his absence an Acting Chairman, shall be elected to preside and he/she shall have a casting or additional vote in the case of an equality of votes.

QUORUM

23. At Committee meetings (except for purposes of Rule 17) FIVE shall form a quorum. At General meetings ELEVEN shall form a quorum. Junior members may attend General Meetings, but they shall not be entitled to vote, and they shall be counted as part of the necessary quorum.

COMMITTEE

24. Committee members shall record an average 60% attendance at notified meetings and in the case of absence must notify the Secretary in time for the meeting concerned. The Committee may enforce resignation of a Committee member on the grounds of poor attendance.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR

25. The Club is established and conducted in good faith as a Club, and had not less than 25 members, and intoxicating liquor is not supplied or intended to be supplied to members on the premises other than or on behalf of the club, and the purchase for the club, and the supply by the club, of intoxicating liquor (so far as not managed by the club in General meeting or otherwise by the general body of members) is managed by an elected Committee, as defined in the schedule 7 to the Licensing Act 1964. No arrangements are, or are intended to be made:-

- (a) For any person at the expense of the club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchase of intoxicating liquor by the club or,
- (b) For any person directly or indirectly to derive any pecuniary benefit from the Supply of intoxicating liquor or by on behalf of the Club members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of supply giving rise to contributing to a general gain from carrying on the Club.
- (c) There may be admitted to the Club's registered premises persons other than Members or their guests belonging to the classes specified in the Rule and intoxicating liquor may be sold to such persons by or on the behalf of the Club for the consumption on the premises and not elsewhere. This rule shall apply to the following persons:-
 - i) Members of visiting Sports Teams and their bona fida supporters.
 - ii) Persons attending Private pre-booked Dinners, Dances, Parties or Receptions at the Club premises, whether organised by a member or a non-member, providing that not more than TWELVE such events shall take place in any ONE calendar year.

DISSOLUTION

26. In the event of dissolution of the Club, the disposal of assets will be at the discretion of the Committee. Such proceeds as may accrue repayment of bona-fida creditors, legal and bank charges shall be distributed to such societies, institutions and organisations within the village as the Committee decide subject to the agreement of a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose.