

Club Rules

NAME

The name of the Club shall be BEXHILL CRICKET CLUB and it shall operate from headquarters at Polegrove Pavilion, Brockley Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.

OBJECTS

To provide facilities for and to encourage participation in the playing of cricket. To promote the interests of Bexhill Cricket Club, cricket generally and good sportsmanship, and to do all such things as may be incidental and/or conducive to the attainment of these objects.

To carry out these objects in a way that is fair to everyone and to ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club by adopting the ECB 'Safe Hands - Welfare of Young People in Cricket' policy and any future versions of the policy.

To ensure that all members, playing and non-playing, abide by the ECB Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and by the Laws of Cricket.

COLOURS

The Colours of the Club shall be navy blue with a red and amber trim.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all, without discrimination. Membership shall comprise the following categories:-

- President & Vice-Presidents.
- Honorary Life Members.
- Full Playing Members.
- Student Playing Members - confined to persons undertaking a full-time course of education on 30th April in any one year.
- Colt Playing Members - confined to persons eligible to play in the National & County Colts Cricket Competitions.
- Non Playing Members.
- Social Members.

Membership shall be gained as follows:-

President & Vice-Presidents - By election at the Annual General Meeting.

Honorary Life Members - Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Hon Secretary for determination at any subsequent General Meeting.

Full Playing Members; Student Playing Members; Colt Playing Members; Non Playing Members - Applications shall be submitted to the Hon. Secretary for the consideration of the General Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Social Members - A Parent/Guardian/Carer of each duly elected Colt Playing Member shall automatically become a Social Member. The General Committee shall also have power, at it's discretion, to extend Social Membership to other kindred organisations. Persons may not be admitted to membership without an interval of at least two days between their becoming members and their admission.

A member whose annual subscription is not paid by 31st July each year shall be deemed to have ceased membership.

General Committee shall have power to terminate any membership at any time.

Parental consent to student (if aged under 18) or colt playing membership shall be obtained prior to election.

The names and addresses of all members of the club shall be recorded in a book of records kept for the purpose in the Polegrove Pavilion.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Annual Subscription for the ensuing year of Full Playing, Student Playing, Colt Playing and Non-Playing members shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting and shall be payable by the following 30th April.

The names of members whose subscriptions are in arrears on 1st May shall be posted on the Club notice board and attention drawn to this Rule and Rule 4(d). Subscriptions payable by Social Members shall be determined by the General Committee.

OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Fixture Secretary, Hon. Membership Secretary, Hon. Minutes Secretary, Junior Development Officer and Child Welfare Officer.

The President, Vice-Presidents and Officers shall be elected by poll each year at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

Proposals for the election of President, Vice-Presidents, Officers, General Committee, Captains and Vice-Captains of the senior teams shall be submitted in writing, signed by a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be members, to reach the Hon. Secretary at least three clear days before the day fixed for the meeting. If no such

proposals have been so received, the chairman of the meeting may, at his discretion, accept proposals from the floor.

MANAGEMENT

The business of the Club shall be managed by the General Committee consisting of the officers of the Club (who shall ex-officio be members of the Committee), the captains of the senior teams and four other members.

Members of the General Committee shall be elected by poll each year at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

The General Committee shall hold and regulate meetings at its discretion. Five members shall be a quorum. Each committee member present at a meeting shall have one vote and decisions shall be reached by a simple majority of votes. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. The General Committee may, at its discretion, fill any vacancies arising during the year amongst the Officers and Committee members.

The General Committee shall have power at any time to appoint Sub-Committees, co-opt additional members and do all things not required by these Rules to be done at General Meetings, in order to ensure the efficient management and welfare of the Club and to determine the responsibilities of Club Officials.

At all times a minimum of two-thirds of the General Committee must have been elected at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

TRUSTEES

There shall be four Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Club in General Meeting from among ordinary or honorary members who are willing to be so appointed. A trustee shall hold office during his life, or until he shall resign by notice in writing given to the General Committee, or until a resolution removing him from office shall be passed at a General Meeting of the Club by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

All property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as is necessary and practicable, for the use and benefit of the Club and they shall be authorised to negotiate and sign leases on the Club's behalf. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the General Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment by the Club in General Meeting of a new Trustee in his place; and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property in the names of the Trustees as constituted after the said appointment.

FINANCE

The financial year shall end on 31st October each year, on which date shall be prepared a Statement of Accounts.

The Accounts shall be kept by the Hon. Treasurer and shall be duly examined and certified by the Auditor.

The Auditor shall be appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting.

Payments from Club funds shall be made in a manner determined by the General Committee.

Any surplus income or gains shall be reinvested in the club. Surplus income or assets shall not be distributed to members or third parties, excepting payments to a Community Amateur Sports Club or a Charity.

MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held on or before 31st March each year, notice of which shall be given not less than fourteen clear days before the day fixed for the meeting.

The General Committee shall submit to such meeting the Statement of Accounts made up to the previous 31st October, certified by the Auditor, which may be accompanied by a Report.

Special General Meetings shall be convened at the discretion of The General Committee or upon requisition in writing signed by at least ten members and sent to the Hon. Secretary. Such meetings shall be held within thirty days of the requisition and of which seven clear days' notice shall be given. Ten duly elected members entitled to vote shall form a quorum. Apart from election of Officers and Members of the General Committee, decisions shall be reached by a simple majority of votes, but in the event of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands, but the Chairman of the meeting may, at his discretion, demand a poll.

On a poll, the members present at the meeting at which the poll is to be held shall agree on the appointment of scrutineers. If the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, is not present five minutes after the time set for the commencement of the meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to be the Chairman for that meeting.

Records of all General and Committee meetings shall be maintained in writing in a Minute Book.

VOTING RIGHTS

Each duly elected member entitled to vote (President & Vice-Presidents, Hon Life, Full Playing, Student Playing and Non-Playing Members), whose subscription is not in arrear and is present at a meeting, shall be entitled to one vote on a show of hands or on a poll. Colt Playing and Social Members shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting.

FACILITIES

Each duly elected member shall be entitled to full social facilities of the Club.

TEAMS & TEAM SELECTION

Senior teams:

Teams shall be selected from Playing Members by a Selection Sub-Committee consisting of Captains and Vice-Captains of the senior teams and/or any other playing members nominated by the General Committee.

The Sub-Committee shall have power to appoint captains of mid-week teams and team secretaries.

The Sub-Committee may, at its discretion, invite guest players to participate in 'friendly' games only.

The General Committee shall appoint members to select Colt teams and do all things necessary to ensure the efficient running of all Colt teams representing the Club.

MATCH FEES

Each member selected and playing in any game shall pay a Match Fee, the amount of which shall be determined each year at the Annual General Meeting, such fees to be deemed payable upon the umpire's call of 'Play' at the beginning of the game.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The General Committee may, at its discretion, authorise a Expenses scheme to be run and, if deemed appropriate, subsidised by the Club to reimburse car drivers to 'away' games.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR

The supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club premises shall be permitted (subject to any extension of hours authorised by the Local Authority) during the following hours:- Monday to Saturday - 10.00am to 01.30am; Sunday - 12.00pm to 01.30am; Sales to cease at 01.00am. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to members or to any other person on the Club premises otherwise than on behalf of the Club.

The General Committee shall arrange the supply of intoxicating liquor by the Club to members and to other persons on the Club premises and secure the due performance and observance of the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 and all Acts relating thereto, and of any conditions attached to any registration certificate granted in respect of the Club premises.

The General Committee, at its first meeting following each Annual General Meeting, shall appoint from among its members three persons to act as a Sub-Committee to be known as the Bar Committee. The Bar Committee so appointed shall manage the purchase for and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor.

A member of the Bar Committee who ceases to be a member of the Club or the General Committee shall at the same time cease to be a member of the Bar Committee. No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

GUESTS & VISITORS

Members may introduce their private guests bona-fide entertained by them at their own expense and intoxicating liquor may be supplied to private guests so entertained by members on the Club premises. No intoxicating liquor shall be sold to guests.

The member introducing the guest shall be responsible for the guest strictly observing these rules, and shall not leave the Club premises before the guest. No person whose membership of the Club has been terminated under rule 4(f) or whose most recent application for membership has been rejected shall be introduced as a guest, nor shall any member entertain more than three guests at any one time, nor introduce as a guest the same person on more than three occasions in any one calendar year.

The name, address and signature of any guest, together with the name and signature of the member introducing, shall be recorded in a Visitor's Book kept for the purpose in the Polegrove Pavilion.

Visitors being bona-fide members of visiting teams and their guests participating in the inter-club activities on the Club premises, persons specially invited to the Club by the General Committee or members of a band or other entertainer engaged by the Club, may be sold intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises only.

DISCIPLINE

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members shall be lodged in writing with the Hon Secretary. The Committee shall appoint a disciplinary sub-committee who shall meet within 7 days of a complaint being lodged. Any member requested to attend a disciplinary hearing shall be entitled to be accompanied by a representative and to call witnesses. The Committee (or the sub-committee) has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action, including the termination of membership.

The outcome of the disciplinary hearing shall be put in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days of the hearing.

There shall be a right of appeal to the Committee against either the finding or the sanction imposed or both following disciplinary action being taken, to be lodged in writing with the Hon Secretary within 7 days of the outcome being notified. In this event the Committee shall appoint an Appeals Committee which shall not include members involved with the initial hearing but may include non-members of the club. The Appeals Committee shall consider the appeal within 7 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

An individual submitting an appeal shall be entitled to be accompanied by a representative at any meeting arranged and to call witnesses.

The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

RULES

No addition to, deletion from or alteration of these Rules shall be valid unless passed by a majority of at least two-thirds at a General Meeting called for the purpose.

A copy of these rules shall be displayed on the Club Noticeboard throughout the playing season.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

Neither the Club nor any officer thereof shall be liable to any member or guest of any member for any loss or damage to any property occurring from whatever cause, in or about the Club premises; nor for any injury sustained by any member or guest whilst on, entering or leaving the Club premises; and a notice to this effect shall at all times be displayed in a prominent position on the Club premises.

LIQUIDATION

A Special General Meeting shall be called to consider and determine on the Liquidation of the Club, and a decision in favour of liquidation shall not be valid unless approved by a majority of not less than 75%.

In the event of liquidation the General Committee shall take immediate steps to convert into money all the property of the Club with power however to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular property if the Club in General Meeting shall so authorise. Out of the proceeds of such conversion the General Committee shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club, including the expenses of such conversion, and any balance remaining in their hands shall be given or transferred to the National Playing Fields Association or the Sussex Cricket Board or any Community Amateur Sports Club or divided in any proportion among any such bodies or clubs in order to further the provision of facilities for playing Cricket and such application of surplus assets shall be determined by the Club in General Meeting at or before the time of liquidation.