



STAND CRICKET CLUB

Constitution

1. Name

The name of Stand Cricket Club, hereafter to be referred to as "the club" and the club shall be affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through the Lancashire County Cricket Board.

2. Aims and Objectives

To foster and promote the sport of cricket at all levels within the community and within the sport, providing opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.

To manage the Stand Cricket Club

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.

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB 'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' and any future versions of the Policy.

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB Cricket Equity Policy and any future versions of the Policy

To encourage all members to participate fully in the activities of the club.

3. Membership

- a) Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of cricket on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.
- b) The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- c) Application for membership of the club shall be by completion of a membership application form and by payment of the relevant subscription/joining fees as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club.
- d) Subscriptions are due and payable on 1st January each year and no person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the club or eligible for selection for any club team

unless the appropriate subscription has been paid by the specified date or membership has been agreed by the Committee.

- e) The club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or cricket into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Committee who shall appoint an Appeals Committee to hear the appeal.
- f) All members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any Codes of Conduct that the club has adopted. The Constitution shall identify those members eligible to vote at any General Meetings.

4. Classes of Membership

There shall be two classes of membership available, Full and Associate.

Full members shall be divided into the following categories:

- Senior Social Member
- Junior Social Member (Under 16)
- Senior Cricket Member
- Junior Cricket Member (Under 16)
- Life Member

Life members may be appointed at the discretion of the Management Committee.

From January 1st 2007, any member joining shall only be eligible as a Full Member following three years of consecutive membership.

All full members over the age of 18 shall be entitled to vote at General or Special General Meetings.

Associate Members shall be those who the Management Committee have permitted use of the Club Premises (during normal working hours) upon payment of subscription but shall not be FULL members as defined above and not entitled to take part in the business of the club nor vote at General or Special General Meetings.

A list of members in each category shall be maintained by the Membership Secretary or other Officer of the club.

5. Officers

The Officers of the club shall be as follows:

Executive Officers

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Safeguarding Officer
- Social Secretary
- Cricket Chairman
- Membership Secretary
- Bar Chairman
- Sponsorship Secretary

Honorary Officers

- President
- Trustees

6. Election of Officers

The said officers shall be elected annually by the members of the club at the Annual General Meeting, save that the President and Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation, unless removed from office by special resolution of a General Meeting with three quarters majority of those present. There shall be a minimum of five trustees. The trustees of the Club will be contacted annually to confirm their willingness to remain in office. Upon resignation of a trustee, the Executive Committee shall seek and appoint a replacement.

7. Management Committee

The affairs of the club shall be conducted by a Management Committee (the Committee) comprising the Executive Officers of the club and other members elected from, and by, the Full Members of the club. Only these members of the Committee shall be entitled to vote at Committee meetings.

In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Management Committee or among the Officers at any time between the Annual General Meetings, the Management Committee shall have the power to appoint any full member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Committee will be convened by the Secretary and shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year. The quorum required for business to be agreed at Committee meetings shall be five

The duties of the Committee shall be:

- a) To control the affairs of the club on behalf of the members.
- b) To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by members and should be audited before every Annual General Meeting. The club shall maintain a bank current account and the following Officers shall be authorised to sign club cheques: any two from the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Bar Chairman.
- c) To co-opt additional members of the Committee as the Committee feel is necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on the Committee and shall serve until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.
- d) To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chair shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

The Committee shall have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and to co-opt advisers who may be non club members invited to advise on specialist subjects.

The Cricket business shall be conducted by a Cricket Sub-Committee which shall be elected by members of the Cricket Section at an Annual General Meeting of the Section, or in default, by the Executive Committee. The Cricket Section's Annual General Meetings shall take place prior to the Club Annual General Meeting. All Sub-Committee decisions shall be subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee.

An elected Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the club, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the member concerned has been given the chance of putting their case to the Committee. Appeal against removal may be made to the Appeals Committee. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

The Committee has the power to:

- a) Acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, clubhouse, transport, medical and related facilities
- b) Provide coaching, training, medical treatment, and related social and other facilities
- c) Take out any insurance for club, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties
- d) Raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans and charges
- e) Borrow money and give security for the same, and open bank accounts
- f) Buy, lease or licence property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same
- g) Make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits
- h) Set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves
- i) Invest funds in any lawful manner
- j) Employ and engage staff and others and provide services
- k) Co-operate with or affiliate firstly to any bodies regulating or organising the sport of cricket and secondly any club or body involved with cricket and thirdly with government and related agencies
- l) Do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the aims and objectives of the club

NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the aims and objectives in a manner consistent with the Rules and the general law.

8. General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held not later than the end of December each year. 21 clear days written notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to members by posting the notice on the club notice board. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any other business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least 14 days before a meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meetings to members not less than 14 days before the meeting.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

- a) Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meeting held since the last Annual General Meeting
- b) Receive the audited accounts for the year from the Treasurer

- c) Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Chairman
- d) Elect an auditor
- d) Elect the Officers of the Club
- f) Review club subscription rates and agree them for the forthcoming year
- g) Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda

Nominations of candidates for election of Offices shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations can only be made by Full Members and must be seconded by another Full Member.

Special General Meetings may be convened by the Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not less than 50 Full Members of the club. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.

At all General Meetings, the Chair will be taken by the Chair or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by Full Members attending the meeting. Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority vote from those full Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chair of the meeting shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 20 Full Members and any other categories of membership entitled to vote (as outlined by the membership section of this Constitution) and Officers of the Club including at least 2 from the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Each Full Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at General and Special General Meetings.

Postal voting is allowed for the election of officers of the Club if the member is absent from the meeting by reason of sickness or business (including students who are out of the area). The votes must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary before the meeting begins.

9. Alterations to the Constitution

Any proposed alterations to the club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the club and seconded by another Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Full Voting Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

10. Finance

All club monies shall be banked in an account in the name of the club.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the club and for providing a report on the financial position as required by the Committee.

The Treasurer shall ensure that the club maintains adequate and appropriate insurance to cover the activities of the club.

The financial year will end on 30th September

The Treasurer will present an audited statement of annual accounts at the Annual General Meeting

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to two Officers

11. Property and Funds

All property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees to be held by them in trust for the members to be disposed of or otherwise dealt with as a Management Committee may from time to time direct. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk, loss and expense out of Club property.

- a) The property and funds of the club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits shall be reinvested in the club
- b) The club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the club:
 - i. sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment
 - ii. employ members and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present
 - iii. pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests
 - iv. indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the club (but only to the extent of it's assets).

12. Guests and Visitors

- a. No Full member may introduce more than two guests on the same date.

The name and address of any guests shall be entered at the time of introduction in a book provided for that purpose and all charges incurred by them shall be defrayed by the member introducing them.

- b. There may be admitted to the registered premises of the Club, persons other than Full and Associate members and their guests, and intoxicating liquor may be supplied to them by, or on behalf of the Club, for consumption on the premises and not elsewhere. Such persons shall be as follows:
 - 1. Players, officials and supporters of visiting teams and other match officials in accordance with the pre-arranged fixture lists.
 - 2. Persons attending pre-arranged events which have the approval of the Management Committee, provided such approval is recorded in the minutes of the Committee held at least seven days before the date of the event. The number of such events shall be limited to twenty (20) per year.

13. Licensing Hours

- a. The hours which intoxicating liquors can be sold in the Club shall be:

1. In accordance with the hours generally permitted by Acts of Parliament for registered members' clubs, but
 2. Subject to any extension to, or restriction on, those hours by the licensing authority having jurisdiction for the Club
- b. Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to, or consumed by persons under the age of 18 years. Any member, Full or Associate, who obtains liquor for persons under 18 years of age shall forfeit their membership forthwith.

14. Trophies

Trophies shall be given to members of the Senior Cricket teams, who, at the close of each season shall be found to have the best batting or bowling average provided that in batting, he shall have batted on twelve occasions and scored an aggregate of 300 runs and in bowling that he shall have captured 30 wickets in twelve matches in the same eleven, with the exception of the third eleven where qualifications shall be reduced to twenty wickets.

Special awards may be made to members of either section at the discretion of the Management Committee.

15. Alteration of Rules

No rule shall be amended or added except at a General Meeting.

16. Interpretation of Rules

All disputes and all matters not provided for in these Rules shall be referred to the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

17. Discipline and Appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be lodged in writing with the Secretary. The Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary sub-committee who will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. Any member requested to attend a Disciplinary sub-committee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses.

The Committee (or its 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 14 days following the hearing.

There shall be a right of appeal to the Committee against either the finding or the sanction imposed or both following disciplinary hearing but may include non members of the club. The Appeals Committee shall consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal. The individual submitting the appeal shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

18. Dissolution

- a) If at any General Meeting of the club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- b) If at that Special Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Voting Membership present at the meeting, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the club.
- c) The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the club's affairs.
- d) After settling all liabilities of the club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
- e) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
- f) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club and/or
- g) to the club's governing body for use by them for related community sports

19. Declaration

Stand Cricket Club hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of all members.

SIGNED (CLUB CHAIRMAN)

NAME

DATE

SIGN (CLUB SECRETARY)

NAME

DATE