



CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Club is Maghull Cricket Club (the Club).

2. Club Purposes

The purposes of the Club are to foster and promote participation in the amateur sport of cricket within the community, providing facilities for playing cricket, opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.

3. Affiliation

- 3.1 The Club is affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through the Lancashire County Cricket Board.
- 3.2 The Club and its members shall ensure that members, playing and non-playing, abide by the ECB Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and by the Laws of Cricket.
- 3.3 The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy.
- 3.4 The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Cricket Club Diversity & Inclusion Policy and any future versions of this policy.

4. Permitted means of advancing the Purposes

The Management Committee has the power to:

- 4.1 acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, Clubhouse, transport, medical and related facilities;
- 4.2 provide coaching, training, medical treatment, and related social and other facilities;
- 4.3 take out any insurance for Management committee, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties;
- 4.4 raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans and charges;
- 4.5 borrow money and give security for the same, and open bank accounts;
- 4.6 buy, lease or licence property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same;
- 4.7 make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits;
- 4.8 set aside or apply funds for special purposes or as reserves;
- 4.9 deposit or invest funds in any lawful manner;
- 4.10 employ and engage staff and others and provide services;
- 4.11 co-operate with any organisation, Club, sporting body, government or government-related agencies; and
- 4.12 do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes.

NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with the Rules below and the general law.

5. Membership

- 5.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport 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.
- 5.2 The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will have an equitable pricing policy and will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- 5.3 The level of subscriptions will be decided by the Management Committee annually and notified to the members through the equitable pricing policy.
- 5.4 The Club will have the following classes of membership:
 - 5.4.1 Full/Senior member;
 - 5.4.2 Full/Student member (16+ in full-time education);
 - 5.4.3 Full/Junior member (under 16's);
 - 5.4.4 Non-playing/Senior member;
 - 5.4.5 Non-playing/Family member
- 5.5 Application for membership of the Club shall be by completion of a membership application form.
- 5.6 No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection for any Club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Management Committee. Two days must also have passed since the application for membership was submitted before membership can be granted.
- 5.7 The Management Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, at their discretion but only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or cricket into disrepute and:
 - 5.7.1 The Management Committee may only refuse to admit a new member if a resolution is passed at a meeting where the person in question has been notified in writing in advance and been given 14 days to submit written representations for the Management Committee to consider at the meeting. Appeal against a refusal of membership shall be to the Appeal Committee as detailed below (section 10).
 - 5.7.2 The procedure for taking disciplinary action against a member, including removing membership, is dealt with in more detail below.
- 5.8 All members will be subject to these Rules and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these Rules, any Club Regulations and any Codes of Conduct that the Club has adopted. A Code of Conduct for Members and Guests must be displayed prominently to ensure that all Club guests and non-member volunteers are aware of the code and the requirement to abide by it. Copies of the Code of Conduct will be provided annually and upon application for membership to the Club.
- 5.9 The Management Committee will keep a register of members.
- 5.10 Membership is not transferable and shall cease on death.

5.11 A member may resign by written notice to the Club, but the return of any subscription paid is at the discretion of the Management Committee.

5.12 A life member shall be elected for exceptional services to the Club. No person shall be elected a life member other than one whose name has been put forward by the Management Committee of the Club

6. All General Meetings

6.1 All members may attend all general meetings of the Club in person.

6.2 All full members have one vote.

6.3 Members must be given at least 14 clear days' notice of all general meetings.

6.4 The quorum for all general meetings is 30 members present or 40% of the total membership whichever is greater.

6.5 If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the start of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned to the following week at the same time and place or such other time and place as the Management Committee decide and any voting members attending the adjourned meeting will constitute a quorum.

6.6 The Chair or (in his or her absence) another member chosen at the meeting by the members shall preside.

6.7 Except as otherwise provided in these Rules or in Club Regulations every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.

6.8 Formalities in connection with general meetings (such as how to put down resolutions) shall be decided by the Management Committee in Club Regulations and publicised to Club members.

7. Annual General Meetings

The Club will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM. At every AGM:

7.1.1 the Members will elect a Management Committee comprising:

- (i) President
- (ii) Chair
- (iii) Vice-Chair
- (iv) Honorary Treasurer
- (v) Honorary Secretary
- (vi) Safeguarding Officer (also see 9.4.3)
- (vii) EDI Officer
- (viii) Director of Cricket
- (ix) Junior Coordinator
- (x) Bar Manager
- (xi) Groundsman
- (xii) Membership Secretary
- (xiii) Fixture Secretary
- (xiv) Social Media Coordinator;

7.1.2 the Members will also elect senior playing captains comprising:

- (i) 1st XI Captain
- (ii) 2nd XI Captain
- (iii) 3rd XI Captain

- (iv) 4th XI Captain
- (v) Womens Captain;

- 7.1.3 Captains appointed in 7.1.2 are not members of the Management Committee and as such are not required to attend Management Committee meetings, but may attend meetings to discuss playing matters as required;
- 7.1.4 A maximum of 3 additional Management Committee members may also be appointed if required;
- 7.1.5 A member appointed to the Management Committee may hold more than one role upon said committee, with the exception that no member may hold more than 1 of roles (ii) - (v) concurrently;
- 7.1.6 the Honorary Treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the prior financial year, audited as the Management Committee shall decide;
- 7.1.7 the Chair or Honorary Secretary will present a report on the Club's activities since the previous AGM;
- 7.1.8 the Members will appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts; and
- 7.1.9 the Members will discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the Rules) and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

8. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

An EGM shall be called by the Honorary Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Management Committee or on the written request of not less than 12 members signed by them. Such EGM shall be held on not less than 14 nor more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the Management Committee or in default by the Chair. If the Management Committee fails to call a meeting within 14 days of receiving a valid request from the members then the requisitionists may themselves call a meeting, the costs of which will be reimbursed by the Club.

9. The Management Committee

9.1 Role

Subject to these Rules the Management Committee shall have responsibility for the management of the Club, its funds, property and affairs.

9.2 Property, etc.

- 9.2.1 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 are to be re-invested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
- 9.2.2 The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits
- 9.2.3 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 (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Management Committee without the person concerned being present;
 - (iii) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests; and

- (iv) indemnify the Management 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 its assets).

9.2.4 The Management Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

9.3 Composition, etc.

- 9.3.1 The Management Committee shall consist of at least 7 and not more than 17 members (including Officers).
- 9.3.2 The Management Committee members may co-opt Club members (up to the maximum permitted number) to serve until the end of the next AGM.
- 9.3.3 Any Management Committee member may be re-elected without limit.
- 9.3.4 A Management Committee member ceases to be such if he or she:
 - (i) ceases to be a member of the Club; or
 - (ii) resigns by written notice to the Club; or
 - (iii) is removed by the Management Committee in accordance with clause [5.7] and/or [10].

9.4 Management Committee Meetings

- 9.4.1 Whenever a Management Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed he/she must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned.
- 9.4.2 The Management Committee may decide its own way of operating. Unless it otherwise resolves the following rules apply:
 - (i) at least 6 Management Committee members must be present for the meeting to be valid;
 - (ii) Management Committee meetings are usually held face to face, however, virtual meetings may be agreed upon by the Management Committee
 - (iii) Face to face Management Committee meetings may be attended virtually by Management Committee members otherwise unavailable to attend in person
 - (iv) the Chair shall chair meetings, in their absence meetings shall be chaired by the next post holder present in accordance with the order laid out in clause 7.1.1;
 - (v) decisions shall be by simple majority of those voting;
 - (vi) a resolution in writing signed by every Management Committee member shall be valid without a meeting; and
 - (vii) the chair of the meeting shall not have a casting vote.
- 9.4.3 The Management Committee shall appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation and the ECB Safe Hands policy. The Club Safeguarding Officer shall report to relevant Management Committee meetings and the reports, together with any action taken, must be minuted.

9.5 Bank Account

Any bank account in which any part of the Club's funds are deposited shall be operated by the Management Committee and shall be held in the name of the Club. Unless regulations state

otherwise, all cheques and orders for payment of money from such accounts must be signed by an authorised member of the Management Committee.

9.6 Delegation, etc.

The Management Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activity and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of the Club; its membership; its duty to report back to the Management Committee. The Management Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or change its mandate and operating terms.

9.7 Disclosure

Annual Club reports and statements of account must be made available for inspection by any member and all Club records may be inspected by any Management Committee member.

10. Removal of Membership, Discipline and Appeals

10.1 Any complaints regarding the behaviour of members, guests or volunteers should be lodged in writing with the Club Safeguarding Officer.

10.2 Any person that is the subject of a written complaint or appeal shall be notified of the procedures to be followed by the relevant committee in reasonable time to prepare for any hearing.

10.3 The Management Committee shall appoint a disciplinary sub-committee (Disciplinary Sub-Committee) who will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. Any person requested to attend a Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action on behalf of the Management Committee, including, but not restricted to, the termination of membership or exclusion from Club premises.

10.4 The outcome of the disciplinary hearing shall be put in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the person against whom the complaint was made within 14 days following the hearing.

10.5 There shall be a right of appeal within 14 days of receipt of the disciplinary decision or decision to refuse membership:

10.5.1 against the Disciplinary Sub-Committee's findings or the sanction imposed or both; and

10.5.2 against the Management Committee's refusal to admit a new member _in either case, the Management Committee shall appoint an appeals committee ("Appeals Committee").

10.5.3 The Appeals Committee shall have a maximum of three members which shall not include members involved with the initial disciplinary hearing but may include non-members of the Club.

10.5.4 The Appeals Committee shall consider the appeal within 14 days of the Honorary Secretary receiving the appeal. The individual who submitted 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.

11. Property Trustees

- 11.1 Any property or assets of the Club may be vested in between two and four trustees. The trustees shall hold the same for and on behalf of the members of the Club.
- 11.2 The Management Committee shall have power by notice in writing to appoint such trustees from the membership of the Club, and may remove them at any time, by resolution of the Management Committee.
- 11.3 The trustees shall deal with the Club's property and assets as directed by the Management Committee from time to time.
- 11.4 The trustees shall be entitled to be indemnified against any cost or expense properly incurred in dealing with the property or the assets out of the Club's funds.

12. Club Regulations

The Management Committee may make Club Regulations consistent with these Rules and will publicise these to the members.

13. Notices

- 13.1 Notices to be sent out in accordance with these Rules may be sent by hand, by post or by suitable electronic means and will be treated as being received:
 - 13.1.1 24 hours after being sent by electronic means or delivered by hand to the relevant address;
 - 13.1.2 Two clear days after being sent by first class post; or
 - 13.1.3 Three clear days after being sent by second class post.
- 13.2 Notice of all general meetings must also be put on the Club's social media platforms and/or website.
- 13.3 A technical defect in the giving of notice of which the members or the Management Committee are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

14. Amendments

- 14.1 These Rules may be amended at a general meeting by resolution passed by two-thirds of the votes cast
- 14.2 The Club Purposes may be changed to include another eligible sport if the Management Committee unanimously agree and the members also agreed the change by a 75% majority of votes cast.

15. Winding Up of the Club

- 15.1 The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.
- 15.2 The Management Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- 15.3 After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Management Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - 15.3.1 another Club with similar sports purposes which is a charity; and/or
 - 15.3.2 another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC; and/or.
 - 15.3.3 the Club's national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

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