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[ENGLAND AND WALES CRICKET BOARD ("ECB")]

EAST ANTON CRICKET CLUB CONSTITUTION[1]



[1] This constitution is a model and may need amending to suit your Club's requirements. It has optional wording for clubs wishing to register or already registered as a community amateur sports club with HMRC. CASC status has very specific qualification requirement and the detailed guidance can be found here https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-amateur-sports-clubs-detailed-guidance-notes. This constitution is not suitable for a Club wishing to register as a charity.

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1 **Name**

The name of the Club is **East Anton Cricket Club**.

2 **Club Purposes**

The main purposes of the Club (the "**Purposes**") is to foster and promote participation in the recreational sport of cricket within the community, providing facilities for playing cricket, opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition. The club and its facilities are located at the East Anton Sports Ground which is in the ***Hampshire area***.

3 **Affiliation**

3.1 The Club is affiliated to ***Hampshire Cricket Board*** and therefore forms part of the regulated cricket community governed by England and Wales Cricket Board Limited, a company limited by guarantee with company number 3251364 (the "**ECB**"), which is the national governing body for the sport of cricket in England and Wales.

3.2 To maintain its affiliation, each year the Club will sign and adhere to the ECB's Terms and Conditions of Affiliation as amended or restated from time to time.[2]

3.3 The Club will adopt the ECB's Anti-Discrimination Regulations as amended or restated from time to time ("**ADRs**") and will ensure that all its members (playing and non-playing), guests and volunteers comply with the ADRs. Any breaches or suspected breaches of the ADRs will result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken in accordance with Rule 10.

3.4 The Club will ensure that it and its members (playing and non-playing), guests and volunteers abide by the Laws of Cricket (as published by the Marylebone Cricket Club from time to time, and including the Spirit of Cricket as set out in the preamble thereto) and the following ECB regulations as amended or restated from time to time:

3.4.1 the ADRs;

3.4.2 the General Conduct Regulations for Recreational Cricket;

3.4.3 the Recreational Conduct Regulations;

3.4.4 the ECB's Safeguarding Regulations; and any future ECB regulations that succeed the regulations outlined above.[3]

3.5 The Club will adopt and implement the ECB's Safe Hands Policy as amended or restated from time to time. The Club must also have a separate club safeguarding Policy Statement, as required by the ECB. [4]

[2] This clause is compulsory for ECB Accreditation.

[3] This clause is compulsory for ECB Accreditation.

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3.6 **(EA)** Any club member who will hold a position of authority or deals with children within the club must hold a valid in date **ECB DBS** certificate. For further information speak to your Club Safeguarding Officer.

4 **Permitted means of advancing the Purposes**[5]

The Committee has the power to exercise the following powers as it sees fit:

4.1 acquire, own, manage and operate the cricket club known as **East Anton Cricket Club** for the benefit and use of its members (playing and non-playing), guests and volunteers including the creation and operation of one or more cricket teams [and including the provision of clubhouse facilities];

4.2 acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, clubhouse, transport, medical and related facilities;

4.3 provide coaching, training, medical treatment, and related social and other facilities;

4.4 take out any insurance for the Committee, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties;

4.5 raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans and charges;

4.6 borrow money and give security for the same, and open bank accounts;

4.7 East Anton Cricket Club does not have the right to lease, licence property, sell or otherwise dispose of **East Anton Recreational Ground Facilities** as these are the sole property of Test Valley Borough Council;

4.8 make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits;

4.9 set aside or apply funds for special purposes or as reserves;

4.10 deposit or invest funds in any lawful manner;

4.11 employ and engage staff and others and provide services;

4.12 co-operate with any organisation, club, sporting body, government or government related agencies; and

4.13 do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the Purposes, including creating, running and organising cricket teams, organising matches, tours, social events, and junior cricket festivals.

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

[5] It is good governance to include a list of powers that the Club can use to implement its objects.

5 **The Committee**

5.1 The Club shall be governed by a committee formed in accordance with these Rules (the "**Committee**").

5.2 Role

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

5.3 Property, etc.

5.3.1 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.

5.3.2 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.

5.3.3 The Club may also in connection with the Purposes:

(i) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;

(ii) the club does not employ non-playing or playing players so no payment will be paid;

(iii) a small contribution payment can be made to help offset the hospitality for visiting teams and guests; and

(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 its assets).

5.3.4 The Committee shall ensure that it takes practical steps to comply with legislation relating to both the Equality Act 2010 and the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

5.4 Composition, etc.[6]

5.4.1 The Committee shall consist of at least [three] Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and not more than [***six]*** members (including Officers and the Club Safeguarding Officer). See clause 8.2.1 for the terms of appointment.

[6] It is good governance to set out how Committee members are appointed and removed. You should also consider whether there should be provisions regarding terms in office and whether or not to set a maximum term in office (Sport England recommends a maximum of nine years).

The Club Safeguarding Officer must be one of the members of the Committee.[7]

5.4.2 At least three of the Committee must not be Connected Persons (as defined in Rule 16).[8]

5.4.3 The Committee shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting as set out in Rule 8.

5.4.4 When electing or co-opting Committee members, the Club shall have regard to the skills, experience, and diversity needed to govern the Club effectively and to represent the interests of its membership.[9] We currently hold role descriptions for the following committee members; Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer.

5.4.5 The Committee may co-opt Club members (up to the maximum permitted number) to fill a vacancy or as an additional Committee member to serve until the end of the next AGM.[10]

5.4.6 Any Committee member may be re-elected [or re-co-opted][11] [without limit][12]. The Committee may agree a process, set out in the Club Regulations for nominating and electing Committee members at the AGM.

5.4.7 A Committee member ceases to be such if they:

(i) cease to be a member of the Club; or

(ii) resign by written notice to the Club; or

(iii) are removed by the Committee in accordance with Rule 5.7 and Rule 10.

5.5 Committee Meetings

5.5.1 Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed they must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item

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[10] If the club wishes to have a Club Premises License under the Licensing Act 2003 then co-option is not allowed and vacancies must be filled by a resolution of the members, unless a separate licensing committee voted for by the members is established.

[11] Insert if co-option is allowed where the Club does not wish to have a Club Premise License (see footnote 15.)

[12] If limits on terms are set, then this should be amended to reflect that.

and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned. Conflicts of Interest must be recorded and minuted.[13]

5.5.2 The Committee shall meet at least four times each calendar year.[14] The Committee may decide its own way of operating but unless it otherwise resolves, the following rules apply:

(i) at least 2 Committee members must be present for the meeting to be quorate and for decisions made to be valid;

(ii) Committee meetings may be held either in person or by telephone, televisual or other electronic or virtual means agreed by the Committee in which all participants may communicate simultaneously with all other participants;[15]

(iii) the Chair, or whoever else those present choose, shall chair meetings;

(iv) decisions shall be by simple majority of those voting;

(v) a resolution in writing signed by every Committee member shall be a valid method of making decisions without a meeting; and

(vi) the chair of the meeting shall not have a casting vote.

5.5.3 The Committee shall appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation and the ECB's Safeguarding Regulations and Safe Hands Policy. The Club Safeguarding Officer shall be a Committee member and report to relevant Committee meetings and their reports, together with any action taken, must be minuted.[16]

5.6 Bank Account

5.6.1 Any bank account in which any part of the Club's funds are deposited shall be operated by the Committee and shall be held in the name of the Club. Unless regulations state otherwise, all such accounts must have at least two authorised signatories appointed by the Committee, including at least one Committee member. For transactions above £**[500],**[17] authorisation from two

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[15] This clause may be amended to state that meetings can only be held 'face to face' if preferred.

[16] This clause is compulsory for ECB Accreditation.

[17] As a Club you should set this threshold based on your normal operational expenses. A common threshold for recreational clubs is between £250 and £1,000.

authorised signatories is required.[18] Currently the Club Chair and Treasurer are the two signatures.

5.6.2 Cheques from such accounts to the value of greater than £500 must be signed by the Treasurer (or the Chair in the Treasurer's absence) and one other Club Member, that member having been authorised by the Committee to do so. Note: the club currently does not pay for any goods by cheque and does not hold a cheque book. All payments are made by internet banking. Any committee member or club member can request to see a bank account statement by giving 2 days written notice (including text/WhatsApp) so to give sufficient time for the treasurer to download the requested club statement(s).

5.6.3 In circumstances where the writing of cheques will result in unacceptable delays in payment of invoices, the Treasurer (or the Chair in the Treasurer's absence) are authorised to make internet bank payments on the Committee's behalf.

5.6.4 The Treasurer and the Chair are authorised by the Committee to hold bank cards against such accounts. We currently hold one debit card which is currently held by the Treasurer. The club does not hold a credit card. As a safe measure, if the card is being used by the Treasurer when the acceptance pin is being asked for the Chair has to reply with the number to the Treasurer in order to complete the payment. These are to be used only in exceptional circumstances, on the Committee's behalf, when methods of payment prove impractical.

5.7 Delegation, etc.

The Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but in each case must specify the scope of that sub-committee's activity and powers, including but not limited to:

5.7.1 the extent to which it can commit the funds of the Club;

5.7.2 its membership; and

5.7.3 its duty to report back to the Committee.

The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or change its mandate and operating terms.

[18] If the Club's procedures for bank accounts are different this clause should be amended. However, Clubs should set appropriate transaction limits and authorisation procedures based on their banking arrangements and risk management needs, while ensuring compliance with ECB Accreditation requirements.

5.8 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 Committee member.

6 **Membership**

6.1 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, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of cricket.[19]

6.2 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.[20]

6.3 The level of subscriptions will be decided by the Committee from time to time and notified to the members.

6.4 The Club will have the following classes of membership:[21]

6.4.1 Full member – playing; (vote)

6.4.2 Full member – non-playing; (vote)

6.4.3 Junior member (under the age of 18). (no vote)

6.4.4 club junior sponsorship membership (no vote)

6.4.4.1 A new youth sponsored programme was created in 2026 for anyone who is in full-time education aged between 12 and 18 can apply. The purpose of this programme is to build on our youth academy to support our senior teams. Their membership is free and do not pay match fees as this will be covered by the club. As part of their membership agreement they must abide by the conditions laid out in the application form.

6.4.5 **(EA)** Split Membership Two-part payment as set by the Club Committee at the AGM. If a person wishes to join the club towards the end of the league season, then they will be allowed to split their membership payment. This option is for anyone wishing to join the club after **1st of July**. 50% membership payment will be required on application and a second payment 30 days later. Voting rights will occur once full payment has been

[19] This is compulsory for CASCs. For ECB Accreditation it is suggested wording. For a non-CASC, the requirement might be satisfied by the absence of any provisions that contradict this (such as provisions regarding seconding or blackballing, which are not permitted).

[20] Having non-discriminatory pricing is compulsory for CASCs. For ECB Accreditation, it is suggested wording.

[21] Classes of membership can be changed as appropriate for your Club but bear in mind the comments in the online HMRC CASC guidance see footnote 1.

made. No shirt will be purchased until full membership payment has been made. A spare club shirt will be made available for use. If selected to play they will pay the current match fee. Once full membership has been paid a new club shirt will be ordered and they will then have a voice and able to vote at club meetings. If said new member decides that they do not wish to continue with the club and decides to leave the club within the 30-day window then they will be entitled to a refund of their part paid membership fee less the match fee if they have played a match.

6.5 Application for membership of the Club shall be by completion of a membership application form in the form set from time to time by the Committee.

6.6 The Committee may prescribe criteria for membership of the Club but shall not be obliged to accept persons fulfilling those criteria as members.

6.7 A letter shall be sent to each successful applicant confirming their membership of the Club and the details of each successful applicant shall be entered into the register of members.

6.8 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 Committee.

6.8.1 [Two days must also have passed since the application for membership was submitted before membership can be granted.][22]

6.9 The Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, at its discretion but only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or cricket into disrepute and:

6.9.1 the 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 Committee to consider at the meeting. Appeal against a refusal of membership shall be to the Appeal Committee as detailed below in Rule 10.9; and

6.9.2 the procedure for taking disciplinary action against a member, including removing membership, is dealt with in more detail below.

6.10 The Committee shall notify in writing any applicant whose application for membership is not approved by it but shall not be bound to give any reason for such non-approval.

6.11 All members will be subject to these Rules and by applying for membership of the Club will be deemed to have accepted the terms of these Rules, any Club Regulations and any codes of conduct that the Club has adopted (in each case as amended or restated from time to time).

[22] Words in square brackets are required for clubs wishing to hold a Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003.

6.12 Any code of conduct adopted by the Club must be displayed prominently to ensure that all members, Club guests and non-member volunteers are aware of the code and the requirement to abide by it.

6.13 The [Treasurer][23] will keep a register of members. Currently the Treasurer manages match payments from club members and manages the process of a new player application including their payment.

6.14 Membership is not transferable and shall cease on death.

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

6.16 **(EA) REFUND** If a member within the first year of club membership decides to leave the club under their own volition or they have been removed from the club via disciplinary reason, then no refund will be offered. (As part of your first membership you receive a white club shirt and/or a T20 shirt.)

If a member purchases their membership for their second year or thereafter decides to leave the club after 60 days (2 months) from the membership start date (1st April), then no refund will be offered.

6.17 **(EA)** Anyone who is a club member, family member or wishing to become a member and participates in any club activity (including training) is covered by club insurances.

6.18 **(EA) Umpire calls play.** From the moment that the Umpire calls “Play” at the start of a match until the end of that match, there should be no smoking includes e-cigarettes and/or drinking of alcohol anywhere **on** the field of play while the match is in progress. This includes if you are participating as the on-field umpire. Drinking of alcohol while you are a participating player **off** the field of play is also part of this caveat.

6.19 **(EA) Selection Process**

Saturday Selection

1. Spond availability request goes out at 12 noon on Saturday, 7 days prior to the match.
2. Team selection is then announced Monday evening.
3. TBC will be used in place of a member’s name on the team sheet if we're short.

Sunday Selection

1. Spond availability request goes out at 12 noon on Sunday, 7 days prior to the match.
2. Team selection is then announced Tuesday evening.
3. TBC will be used in place of a member’s name on the team sheet if we're short.

[23] Choose who will be responsible for keeping the register of members.

T20 Selection

1. Spond availability request goes out at 12 noon on Wednesday, 5-9 days prior to the match.
2. Team selection is then announced Friday evening.
3. TBC will be used in place of a member's name on the team sheet if we're short.

In all scenarios, when there are not 11 members available for selection on Spond, the captain will announce the team as normal, but in place of a member's name on the team sheet, the captain will use 'TBC'.

Once that team has been announced with TBC, the captain may approach non-members for selection. After the team has been announced with 'TBC', the final decision on who fills the remaining places lies solely with the captain of that team. Members no longer have priority selection from this point.

Note 1: If the fixture pertains to a league competition, then the club/captains must follow the rules laid down by that competition.

Note 2: It is the responsibility of the captain(s) to be familiar with the rules laid down by the competition organisers. These rules are modified year on year, so to ensure you read the most up to date version, go to the Hampshire Cricket League website. (the club secretary will provide all captains with a digital copy once they become available)

In the instance where the team is announced with 11 players and a player drops out after being named in the team, the captain will reach out to any of the other members who were 'available' for selection for this fixture. If no other members were available for selection on Spond, then the captain may reach out to other clubs to see if any of their members would like a game, this would make them a Loan Player and they would then play in the 2nd XI as per stipulations in the Hampshire League rules. If we are still short then the 2nd XI would essentially play with less players enabling the 1st XI to field 11 players.

non-members for selection. Again, the final decision on who fills the remaining places lies solely with the captain of that team.

7 All General Meetings[24]

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

7.2 All members [over the age of 18] have one vote.[25]

[24] This is suggested wording. The constitution should include provisions about members' meetings, how they are called, the quorum and voting procedures. Please note that any Clubs which are companies will need to amend this in line with company law – it might be easiest simply to state that the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 apply to members' meetings.

[25] Junior members may have restricted voting powers.

7.3 Members must be given at least [7] clear days [written] notice [by post or by electronic means] of all general meetings.[26]

7.4 Every notice calling a general meeting must specify the place, day and time of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted.

7.5 The quorum for all general meetings is a minimum of **10** members present and entitled to vote on the business to be transacted, or ***50%*** of the total membership entitled to vote on the business to be transacted whichever is greater.

7.6 If a quorum is not present within 20 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 Committee decides and any voting members attending the adjourned meeting will constitute a quorum.

7.7 The Chair or (in their absence) the Secretary or (in their absence), the Treasurer will preside the meeting. If none of the mentioned officers names are available, another member chosen at the meeting by the members shall preside.

7.8 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.

7.9 Formalities in connection with general meetings (such as how to put down resolutions and nominate candidates for election to the Committee) shall be decided by the Committee in Club Regulations and publicised to members.

8 **Annual General Meetings**

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

8.2 At every AGM:

8.2.1 the members will elect a Committee, including **(EA)** President (7 years), Chair (5 years), Secretary (4 years), Treasurer (4 years) and Club Captain (minimum of 2 years or while in post). Each Officer shall hold office for the term agreed and recorded in the Rules for that position, subject to retirement, resignation, removal and re-election in accordance with these Rules. The Committee shall maintain a clear record of each Officer's appointment date, term of office and eligibility for re-election." [provided that no Committee member shall serve for more than five consecutive terms without spending one year out of office before being eligible for appointment again][27];

8.2.2 the treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the latest financial year audited as the Committee shall decide;

[26] Notice periods and the method of giving notice can be changed but must be reasonable.

[27] A maximum 5-year term is advisable but not compulsory.

8.2.3 the Committee will present a report on the Club's activities since the previous AGM;

8.2.4 the members will appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts; and

8.2.5 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.

8.3 **(EA) Election of Team Captain**

Once a team captain has been voted in by club members the team captain can then chose their vice-captain.

Caveat 1: If the team captain chooses or is asked to relinquish their position of team captain for any reason during the playable season, the vice-captain will be asked if they wish to become the interim team captain until the end of the season. At which point the role will be re-opened for application at the next AGM.

Caveat 1a: If the vice-captain chooses not to be team captain, then members will be asked to apply for the role so a vote can take place. The vice-captain will be the stand in team captain until a team captain has been appointed. The successful applicant will then remain team captain for that existing summer season and the following summer season before the role is available for vote again at the next AGM.

Caveat 1b: If there's only 1 applicant for the role as team captain, the committee will decide as to whether that candidate is confirmed as team captain by default. If so then they remain team captain for that existing summer season and the following summer season before the role is available for vote again at that AGM.

Caveat 1c: If there's only 1 applicant for the role as team captain and the committee choose not to approve that applicant as team captain, the committee reserve the right to appoint an interim team captain of their choice for the remainder of that summer season until which point the role will be re-opened for application at the next AGM.

Caveat 2: If the team captain chooses or is asked to relinquish their position of team captain before the first league game of the summer season, then a new team captain will need to be voted in.

Caveat 2a: Due to the season not starting and the team captain leaving their post, the vice-captain will also leave their post as they were chosen by the team captain. The vice-captain can however put their name forward as laid down in caveat 3 below.

Caveat 3: If this was the 1st summer season since being appointed as team captain, those members who applied for the role as team captain at the previous AGM will be invited to re-apply for the role, plus the outgoing vice-captain. If there's 2 or more members wishing to go for the role then members will be asked to vote for who they wish to be team captain of that team in question. On appointment of becoming the team captain, they can then choose their vice-captain. The newly appointed team captain will hold the position for a minimum of 2 summer seasons before the role is available for vote again at the next AGM.

Caveat 3a: If only 1 member applies for the role of team captain, then we will revert to Caveat 1b & Caveat 1c in order to appoint a new team captain. If no one applies for the role of team captain, then the committee will appoint an interim team captain of their choice for the summer season until which point the role will be re-opened for application at the next AGM.

Caveat 3b: If this is not the 1st summer season since being appointment as team captain, all members will be invited to apply for the role so a vote can take place. On appointment of becoming the team captain, they can then choose their vice-captain. The newly appointed team captain will hold the position for a minimum of 2 summer seasons before the role is available for vote again at the next AGM.

Caveat 3c: If only 1 member applies for the role of team captain, then we will revert to Caveat 1b & Caveat 1c in order to appoint a new team captain. If no one applies for the role of team captain, then the committee will appoint an interim team captain of their choice for the summer season until which point the role will be re-opened for application at the next AGM.

9 **Requisitioned General Meetings (known as Emergency General Meeting)**

A general meeting shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Committee or on the written request of not less than [***10***][28] members signed by them. Such general meeting shall be held on not less than 14 nor more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the Committee or in default by the Chair. If the 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 in the manner as close as reasonably possible to the manner set out in Rule 7, the reasonably incurred costs of which will be reimbursed by the Club.

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 Secretary.

10.2 Upon receipt of a complaint pursuant to Rule 10.1, the Secretary shall notify the Committee of that complaint.

10.3 Upon receipt of a notice from the Secretary pursuant to Rule 10.2, the Committee shall first determine whether the complaint is of a minor or major nature and shall provide the Secretary with a written reason for such determination and the Secretary shall make such record available for inspection by any person that is the subject of a written complaint.

10.4 Where a complaint is deemed to be minor in nature and/or it is not serious enough to warrant full disciplinary proceedings, the Committee may, at its discretion, delegate the resolution of such a complaint to a suitable person (including but not limited to the relevant captain, officer, or other responsible person).

[28] This should be a sensible number that enables members to effectively call a general meeting but avoids frivolous instances. In a company situation, this would be individuals together representing 5% of the membership (see section 303 of the Companies Act 2006), but you are free to specify an exact number, or a different percentage.

10.5 Where a complaint is deemed to be major or where it is deemed to be minor but the Committee decides that it is not suitable for delegation under Rule 10.4, including because it is a repeat offence, the Committee shall appoint a disciplinary subcommittee ("**Disciplinary Sub-Committee**"), which shall be formed of no less than three members who were not involved in the circumstances leading to the complaint and are not Connected to the individual(s) who are the subject of the complaint.

10.6 The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall 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 a reasonable number of relevant witnesses. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action on behalf of the Committee, including but not limited to the suspension or termination of membership or exclusion from Club premises.

10.7 Any person that is the subject of a written complaint or appeal shall be notified of the procedures to be followed by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee in reasonable time to prepare for any disciplinary hearing.

10.8 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.

10.9 There shall be a right of appeal by the person against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of receipt of the disciplinary decision:

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

10.9.2 against the Committee's refusal to admit a new member if so determined pursuant to Rule 6.9,

in either case, the Committee shall appoint an appeals committee ("**Appeals Committee**"). The Appeals Committee shall have a maximum of three members which shall not include any member of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee (or any person Connected to them), or any other members involved with the initial 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 appellant 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 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 Committee.

11.3 The trustees shall deal with the Club's property and assets as directed by the 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 Club's property or assets out of the Club's funds.

12 Club Regulations

12.1 The 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 by electronic means is deemed suitable if the member has provided an email address or mobile number for this purpose.

13.3 Notice of all general meetings must also be put on the Club's notice board(s) and website (if any).

13.4 A technical defect in the giving of notice of which the members or the 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 Purposes of the Club (as set out in Rule 2) may be changed to include another eligible sport if the Committee unanimously agree and the members also agree the change by a 75% majority of votes cast at a properly convened general meeting.

15 Winding Up the Club

15.1 The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than 75% of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

15.2 The 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 Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to another organisation with similar objects to the Club.

16 **Interpretation**

16.1 In these Rules, unless the context requires otherwise:

"**AGM**"	means a general meeting of the Club designated as an annual general meeting in accordance with Rule 8;
"**Appeals Committee**"	has the meaning ascribed to it in Rule 10.9;
["**CASC**"]	[means a Community Amateur Sports Club registered with HMRC under the CASC Regulations;]
["**CASC Regulations**"]	[means Part 13 Chapter 9 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and the Community Amateur Sports Clubs Regulations 2015 (as modified by statute or re-enacted from time to time);]
"**Chair**"	means the chair of the Club (if any) appointed from time to time;
"**Club**"	means the cricket club named in Rule 1;
"**Club Regulations**"	means any regulations of the club adopted by the Committee from time to time in accordance with Rule 12;
"**Club Safeguarding Officer**"	means the person whose responsibility it is to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation and the ECB's Safeguarding Regulations and Safe Hands Policy;
"**Committee**"	has the meaning ascribed to it in Rule 5;
"**Connected**"	means any person falling within one of the following categories: (a) any spouse, civil partner, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild of any person; or (b) the spouse or civil partner of any person in (a); or (c) any other person in a relationship with any person which may reasonably be regarded as equivalent to such a relationship as is mentioned at (a) or (b); or (d) any company, partnership or firm of which any person is a paid director, member, partner or employee, or shareholder holding more than 1% of the capital;

"**Disciplinary Sub-Committee**"	has the meaning ascribed to it in Rule 10.5;
"**ECB**"	has the meaning ascribed to it in Rule 3.1;
"**Officers**"	means the Chair, Secretary, and treasurer;
"**Rules**"	means these rules, as they may be amended and restated from time to time; and
"**Secretary**"	means the secretary of the Club (if any) appointed from time to time.
"(EA)"	Means any paragraph starting or has (EA) within a paragraph means these rules have come from the clubs' agreed entries from the clubs previous Constitution and wish that they remain.

Adopted at a meeting held

at [Place] The Town Mills

on [Date] 28 November 2026

Signed

Name: Sam Newton

Signature:

[Name and signature of chair of meeting]

Witnessed:		Witnessed:	
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Signature		Signature	

[Name, address, occupation and signature of witness]