



ABERDARE CRICKET CLUB
CONSTITUTION
(2009 REVISION)

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PRELIMINARY

1. The name of the club shall be The Aberdare Cricket Club.
2. The headquarters of the Club shall be at the Aberdare Rugby Club Aberdare Mid-Glamorgan or at such other address as the club may in General Meeting determine.
3. The objects of the Club shall be the playing and promotion of cricket and the provision of social discourse for members. The Club applies the following principles:
 - a. Child Welfare - compliance with the Child and Vulnerable Persons Policy and implementation procedures set out in the England and Wales Cricket Board Policy in October 2003 and any amendments made to those guidelines from time to time either by that Body or any of its approved successors.
 - b. Equity - To strive to the best of its ability to ensure that equitable treatment is given to all with whom the Club has contact irrespective of gender, religion, disability, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.
 - c. Chwarae Teg - To promote Good Behaviour in Junior Cricket Teams in accordance with the Sports Council for Wales Chwarae Teg Initiative 2001, and any amendments made to these guidelines from time to time either by that Body or any of its approved successors.

MEMBERSHIP

4. The club shall be affiliated to the Welsh Cricket Association and such other bodies as the General Committee shall from time to time consider appropriate and shall consist of
 - a. Ordinary members
 - b. Senior Playing members
 - c. Junior Playing members
 - d. Honorary members
 - e. Life members
5. Every candidate for membership must be proposed by one member of the Club and the proposal must be seconded by another member, both proposer and seconder being either ordinary or playing members.
6. Honorary and life members, who shall not be liable to pay any membership fee but shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, may be elected by the club in General Meeting.
7. No person shall be admitted to ordinary membership until, having been elected as provided for in clause 5, he/she shall have paid to the Treasurer a first annual fee of £1.00 .
8. A Senior playing member is a playing member who was over the age of 16 on the 1st September of the year before the season in question. A Junior playing member is a member who was under that age on the same date.
9. Every Senior playing member shall pay an annual subscription of £10, such subscription to be paid to the Treasurer by 31st May in any season. Any player failing to pay his subscription by the due date shall be liable to be excluded from selection until payment is made.

10. Every Junior playing member shall pay an annual subscription of £5, such subscription to be paid to the Treasurer by 31st May in any season. Any player failing to pay his subscription by the due date shall be liable to be excluded from selection until payment is made.

COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

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- a. The affairs of the Club in all matters not by this constitution reserved for the Club in General Meeting shall be managed by the General Committee of the Club or by such Sub-Committees as may be appointed by the General Committee of the Club.
 - b. The General Committee (including officers) shall consist of not less than eleven nor more than fifteen members of the Club who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. They shall go out of office in every year but shall be eligible for re-election. Should any committee member be absent from two (2) consecutive General Committee Meetings without a satisfactory reason being given to the Club Chairman, then that member shall be deemed to have vacated his/her position on the committee, and the Chairman may, at his discretion, co-opt a replacement from the Club membership. The Chairman may also at any time, at his discretion, co-opt an additional member or members of the General Committee from among the club membership provided that the total membership of the General Committee shall not at any time exceed fifteen.
 - c. The General Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees
 - i. a cricket sub-committee
 - ii. a development sub-committee
 - iii. an administrative and finance sub-committee
 - iv. a disciplinary sub-committeefor such purposes as the General Committee may deem appropriate and may appoint such other subcommittees for such purposes as it may deem appropriate. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the General Committee, and three a quorum of a sub-committee
12. The following shall be officers of the Club: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, First Team Captain, Coaching Organiser, and Fixture Secretary, who shall be elected from time to time by the Club in General Meeting from among the members of the Club; and such other officers of the club as after being proposed by the General Committee of the Club are elected by the Club in General Meeting.
- a. The officers of the Club shall act in all matters in accordance with the directions of the General Committee.
 - b. Subject to sub-paragraphs e and f of this clause, every candidate for the election as an officer, save for that of First Team Captain, must be proposed in writing by one member of the Club and seconded in writing by another member of the Club. The proposal must be delivered to the Secretary of the Club at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting of the Club
 - c. The Second Team, Third Team and the Sunday Captains shall be elected by the club in General Meeting but they shall not necessarily be officers of the Club
 - d. Every candidate for Captain (including the First Team Captain) must be proposed in writing by one playing member of the Club and the proposal must be seconded in writing by five playing members of the Club. The proposal must be delivered to the Secretary of the Club at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting of the Club. No proposal either for officer or Captain shall be accepted unless it has been countersigned by the candidate indicating his/her acceptance of nomination.
 - e. If no candidate is proposed in accordance with sub-paragraphs 9b or 9d for election as a particular officer or captain, such officer or captain may be elected at General Meeting from among those candidates proposed by a member of the Club present at that Meeting

and seconded by another member of the Club also so present, provided that no candidate shall be proposed without his consent.

- f. No candidate for captaincy shall be elected unless his nomination is approved by a majority of fully paid up Senior playing and Life members present at General Meeting. No candidate for any other office shall be elected unless his nomination is approved by a majority of members present at General Meeting. If more than one candidate is proposed under any part of clause 9 for election as a particular officer or captain, there shall be a secret ballot of the members or in the case of captaincies of fully paid up Senior playing and Life members present at General Meeting and the candidate gaining the most votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie, the voting rules set out in clause 18 shall apply.

TRUSTEES

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- a. A trustee must be elected by the General Committee.
- b. A trustee shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the General Committee, for any reason which seems sufficient to a majority of the members of the General Committee present and voting at any meeting.
- c. The number of trustees must be no more than 4 and no less than 2.
- d. The property of the Club must be vested in the trustees except for cash which must be under the control of the treasurer.
- e. The trustees must deal with the property of the Club as directed by resolution of the General Committee and an entry in the minute book is conclusive evidence of a resolution.
- f. A trustee may be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club's assets.
- g. Where by reason of death, resignation or removal of a trustee or a new trustee needs to be appointed or if the General Committee deems it expedient to appoint an additional trustee or trustees, the General Committee may by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed as the new trustee or trustees.
- h. To give effect to a nomination:
 - i. The Chairman is nominated as the person to appoint new trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 or any statutory successor, and
 - ii. the Chairman must by deed appoint the person or persons nominated by the General Committee as the new trustee or trustees of the Club, and
 - iii. the provisions of the Trustees Act 1925 or any statutory successor shall apply to any appointment.
- i. Any statement of fact in a Deed of Appointment of New Trustees, in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or the General Committee, is conclusive evidence of the fact stated".

TEAM SELECTION AND CAPTAINCY

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- a. The selection of the adult Club teams shall be made by a selection committee consisting of the Captains of those teams and a selection committee chairman who shall be the Club Chairman, or such other general committee member as he shall from time to time appoint to act in his place. In the absence of the relevant team Captain, the selection of his team shall be made by the remainder of the selection committee.
- b. The cricket sub-committee may in its discretion appoint a Vice-Captain for any of the club's teams and, once appointed, a Vice-Captain shall deputise for the elected Captain

in his absence. A Vice-Captain may be removed or replaced by the cricket sub-committee at any time.

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND ACCOUNTS

14. The annual membership fee for an ordinary member shall be such sum not exceeding £5.00 as the General Committee may from time to time determine. The annual membership fee for a playing member shall be such sum not exceeding £50 as the General Committee may from time to time determine.
15. Annual membership fees for ordinary members shall be payable without demand on the First day of June in every year. The General Committee may terminate the membership of any ordinary member whose annual membership fee remains unpaid on the First day of August.
16. The Treasurer shall keep such proper books of account as will enable him/her to present at every Annual General Meeting of the Club, or at any time if required (on reasonable notice to him/her) by the General Committee, an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the club and shall present such report and statement accordingly.
17. All monies received by the Club shall be allocated for the objects of the Club and no payment shall be made to any member of the Club except for such reasonable and proper payment as agreed by the Committee.

GENERAL MEETINGS

18. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of October in every year, and there shall not be more than fifteen months between one Annual General Meeting and the next. Notice of the day and time of the Annual General Meeting shall be posted at the headquarters of the Club for a period of at least twenty-one days before such day.
19. A General Meeting of the Club may be summoned at any time by the General Committee and shall be so summoned immediately upon any fifteen members (each entitled under Clause 18 to vote) delivering to the General Committee a written request in that behalf. A General Meeting shall be summoned by causing a notice thereof to be posted at the Club headquarters for a period of at least twenty-one days immediately before the day appointed for the meeting but this period may be abridged in the discretion of the General Committee if the urgency of the business to be discussed in their opinion so requires.
20. At any General Meeting of the Club every member of the Club shall be entitled to be present and every member shall be entitled to one vote upon every question raised save for the election of Captains, when only playing members who have played for the Club and the officers of the Club shall be entitled to vote, each playing member and every officer being entitled to vote in each election for team captain. In the case of equality of voting, the Chairman of the meeting (who shall be a member elected for the occasion by the meeting before any other business is opened) shall have a casting vote save that the Chairman of the club shall have the casting vote in the election of Team Captains. The Secretary shall take minutes of the proceedings at all General Meetings of the Club.
21. Any member who wishes any matter to be discussed at a General Meeting of the Club shall notify the Secretary of the Club in writing of the details of such matter to be discussed at least fourteen days prior to the date of such General Meeting.

POWERS

- 21A The Club shall have full power to do all things necessary or expedient for the accomplishment of all objects specified in its constitution including, not exhaustively, the power to purchase, hold, sell, mortgage, rent, lease, sub-lease or licence lands of any tenure and to erect, lease, sub-lease, licence, pull down, repair, alter or otherwise deal with any building thereon”.

BYELAWS/RULES

22. The General Committee may from time to time make vary and revoke byelaws and rules (not inconsistent with these clauses) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of members and the byelaws and rules for the time being in force shall be binding on all members

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

23. The Chairman of the Club may suspend the membership of any member whose conduct whether at the Club headquarters or elsewhere, is or has been in his opinion contrary to the interests of the Club or injurious to its reputation.
24. Immediately upon suspension under clause 21 of the membership of any member, the Chairman shall:
- a. summon a meeting of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee of the Club for a day not later than fourteen days following the suspension;
 - b. give notice forthwith by first class post to the suspended member at his address last notified to the Secretary under clause 24 of his suspension and the date of the meeting of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee so that he/she may be present, if he/she so desires, to make representations to the Committee concerning the suspension;
 - c. cause to be displayed at the Club headquarters a notice of such meeting informing members wishing to make representations to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee concerning the suspension to do so in writing to the Secretary not later than seven days from the display of the suspension notice.
25. At any such Meeting any allegations against the suspended member shall be related (in his/her presence if he/she attends) to the Meeting by a member of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, and the suspended member shall (if he/she desires) be heard in answer, a reasonable adjournment to enable him/her to prepare an answer being allowed him/her at the discretion of the Meeting. The decision of the Committee at the said Meeting or at any adjourned Meeting whether to reinstate the suspended member or to terminate his/her membership shall be taken by vote, and shall be final and conclusive.

NOTICES

26. Each member shall keep the Secretary informed of that member's private address or of some other address at which communications may be addressed to him/her. Nevertheless, it shall not be necessary to send any notice to any member by post or otherwise except in the case of any notice convening any General Meeting of the Club.

ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

27. These clauses may be revoked, added to or altered by a majority comprising two-thirds or more of the members present at and entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Club of which notice

has been duly given specifying the intention to propose the revocation, addition or alteration, together with full particulars thereof.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

28. Neither the Club nor any officer thereof shall be liable to any member for any loss of or damage to any property occurring, from whatever cause in or about the Club headquarters.

21st May 2009

Note: This constitution was adopted at a Special General Meeting of the Club held at The Blaengwawr Inn on Sunday 23rd January 1994 and incorporates amendments made up to and including the Extraordinary General Meeting on 21st May 2009. No amendments have been made since that date.