

Constitution

STUDLEY ROYAL CRICKET CLUB

1 Name

The club will be called STUDLEY ROYAL CRICKET CLUB and will be affiliated to the ENGLAND AND WALES CRICKET BOARD or any organisation which replaces it ("ECB") through the Yorkshire County Cricket Club ("YCCC").

2 Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To offer, develop and expand coaching and competitive opportunities at all levels of cricket.
- To promote and develop the club and cricket within the local community including schools, colleges and other educational institutions.
- To increase participation and involvement in cricket and the club
- To manage the clubhouse and grounds at Galphay Lane, in the Deer Park at Studley Royal and any other grounds or premises of the 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.
- To support the development and expansion of sports in general.

3 Membership

Membership should consist of officers and members of the club.

Membership is open to all persons interested in cricket regardless of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct, policies and rules (including the club's disciplinary rules) and any future versions of them that the club has adopted.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- Full member – persons aged 18 and over who are not in full time education who are generally available for selection to play cricket for the club
- Associate member – persons aged 18 and over who are not generally available for selection to play cricket for the club
- Junior member – persons aged under 18 or in full time education who are generally available for selection to play cricket for the club. Parents of junior members shall be associate members (one member for one child and two members for two or more children).
- Life member – persons who the club determines should be granted life membership in recognition of their services to the club.

Only full and associate members may hold office and have voting rights. Life members may also be Full or Associate Members.

A list of members in each category shall be maintained by the Treasurer or other officer of the club.

4 Admission of members

Application for membership shall be by completion of a membership application form and by payment of the relevant membership fees determined in accordance with section 5 below.

The club may refuse membership, or suspend or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or cricket into disrepute. Proceedings for refusal, removal or suspension of membership (including appeals) shall be in accordance with the club disciplinary rules.

5 Membership fees

Membership fees will be set annually and agreed by the Management Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting and published on the club's notice board.

The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. The committee may, in appropriate circumstances, defer, waive or reduce the fee payable by members. Parents who become associate members by virtue of their child being a junior member are exempt from fees.

Fees must be paid annually by 1 April.

Members failing to pay their subscription within 60 days of it becoming due and within 7 days of receiving a written demand from the Treasurer or the Secretary may have their membership terminated or suspended by the Committee without further notice.

6 Officers of the club

The officers of the club will be:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Accountant
- Treasurer
- Child Welfare Officer
- Fixtures Secretary
- The Captains of each of the Saturday League teams.

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-election.

Any office may be shared.

The club will also appoint a President who will hold office in an honorary capacity.

7 Committee

The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of:

- Chair,
- Vice Chair,
- Secretary,
- Treasurer,
- Fixtures Secretary
- the Captains of each of the Saturday leagues teams,
- Child Welfare Officer,
- Director of Cricket or his nominee
- Junior Secretary
- Head of the bar
- Such further or other full or associate members who may be accepted onto the Management Committee.

Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee. Persons who are members of the Management Committee by virtue of holding more than one post shall have only one vote. Any post on the Management Committee may be shared. Each person who shares a post shall have the right to a vote at meetings of the Management Committee. Decisions of the Management Committee shall be on a simple majority vote with the Chair to hold a casting vote in the event of deadlock.

The Management Committee will be convened by the Secretary of the club and held no less than 6 times per year.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be 5.

The Management Committee will be responsible for:

- controlling the affairs of the club on behalf of the members
- adopting new policies, codes and rules that affect the organisation of the club;

- keeping accurate accounts of the finances of the club

The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its business. The sub-committees may include persons who are not members of the management committee.

The Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/ constitution. The Management Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

8 Finance

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

The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

The financial year of the club will end on: 30 September.

A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting. Full accounts of the financial affairs of the club will be available to every member when notice convening the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is given.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus one other officer.

No money or property of the club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the club may be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the club as a whole or for some charitable, benevolent or political purpose or purposes chosen by a resolution of a general meeting.

9 Power to borrow

If at any time the club in general meeting passes a resolution authorising the committee to borrow money

(a) The committee may borrow for the purposes of the club the amount of money (either at one time or from time to time) and at the rate of interest in the form and manner and upon the security specified in the resolution and

(b) The trustees must at the direction of the committee make any disposal of the club property or any part of it and enter into any agreement in relation to the club property as the committee thinks proper to give security for the loan and interest.

Every member of the club whether he votes on a resolution authorising borrowing or not and everyone becoming a member of the club after the passing of such a resolution is deemed to have assented to the resolution as if he had voted in favour of it.

10 Other powers of the committee

The committee shall have the following powers:

1. to acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching training and playing facilities, clubhouse, social, transport, medical and related facilities
2. take out insurance for club, employees, contractors, players, visitors and third parties
3. raise funds by appeals, subscriptions and charges
4. buy, lease or licence property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same
5. make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits
6. set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves
7. invest funds in any lawful manner
8. employ and engage staff and others and provide services
9. co-operate with or affiliate with any bodies regulating or organising cricket, any club or body in cricket or any government or related agency
10. do all things reasonably necessary to advance the aims and objectives of the club

NONE of the club's powers may be used other than to advance the aims and objectives in a manner consistent with the constitution and the general law.

11 Supply of intoxicating liquor

The club holds a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003. Matters pertaining to the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the club and other matters subject to the Licence shall be the responsibility of the Designated Premises Supervisor under the Licence.

12 Functions for non members

The club premises may be hired out for functions to non members in order to raise funds for the club.

13 Trustees

The trustees must be elected by a general meeting to hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution of the general meeting.

The number of trustees must not be more than 4 or less than 2.

The property of the club shall be vested in the trustees except for cash which shall be under the control of the treasurer.

The trustees must deal with the property of the club as directed by resolution of the Management Committee or general meeting.

The trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the club property

14 Annual General Meetings (AGM)

Notice of the AGM will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice to be given to all members by circulating a copy of the notice to every member at their home address or their email address (if notified to the club) and by posting the notice on the club notice board. Members must inform the Secretary in writing of any other business to be moved at the AGM at least 14 days before the AGM.

The secretary shall circulate the agenda for the AGM not less than 7 days before the AGM.

The AGM will usually be held in November of each year. Not more than 15 months must elapse between AGMs.

The Chair will chair AGMs or, in their absence, deputy appointed by members entitled to vote attending the AGM.

The AGM will receive and approve the minutes of the previous AGM and of any other General Meeting held since the last AGM; receive reports from officers of the Management Committee and a statement of the audited accounts; and transact such other business as notified to the secretary.

Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Election of officers is to take place at the AGM.

Subscription rates for members shall be reviewed and approved at the AGM.

All full and associate members have the right to vote at the AGM. Decisions at the AGM shall be made by simple majority vote with the Chair holding a casting vote in the event of deadlock.

The quorum for AGMs will 10 members entitled to vote

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

15 Discipline and appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The complaint must be handled in accordance with the Club's Disciplinary Rules.

16 Property and Funds

The property and funds of the club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of any member other than as reasonably allowed by the Constitution. All surplus funds must be reinvested in the club.

The club may also in connection with its sports purposes:

1. sell and supply food, drink (including intoxicating beverages) and related sports clothing and equipment
2. employ members and remunerate them for providing goods and services on fair terms set by the committee without the person concerned being present
3. pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests

4. 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)

17 Dissolution

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.

At that meeting, a resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed by a two thirds majority of those members present and entitled to vote. The quorum for the meeting shall be the lesser of 15 members entitled to vote or 25% of the members entitled to vote.

If the resolution be passed, the Committee will be responsible for the orderly winding up of the club's affairs.

After settling all liabilities of the club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

- to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
- to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club and/or
- the club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

18 Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed by vote passed at an AGM or EGM by a two thirds majority of those members present and entitled to vote following proposal and seconding by members entitled to vote. The proposal must be notified to members in accordance with the provisions of the first paragraph of clause 14 above.

19 Declaration

STUDLEY ROYAL CRICKET CLUB hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Signed: *Ken Coad*

Date: 4 February 2008

Name: Ken Coad
Club Chair

Signed: *David Harlock*

Date: 4 February 2008

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Club Vice Chair

[This revised Constitution was approved at an EGM duly convened on 30 January 2008]