
ROWLEDGE CRICKET CLUB

(Incorporating Rowledge Football Club)

CONSTITUTION

1. Title and Purpose

1.1. The Club shall be called Rowledge Cricket Club (hereafter referred to as the Club) and be conducted and play cricket according to the MCC Laws of Cricket. The headquarters of the Club and main cricket pitch shall be at Rowledge Recreation Ground, Rowledge, Farnham. The Club colours shall be green and gold, and its badge an oak tree.

1.2. The Club shall play in such competitions organised by outside bodies as the Committee shall determine and then be bound by relevant regulations of those bodies. The Club shall join or participate in such associations, leagues or competitions as the Committee may determine and be affiliated to the governing bodies associated with these activities.

1.3. The aims and objectives of the Club are:

- To offer cricket coaching and competitive opportunities to its members at all levels
- To promote the Club within the local community and promote the sport of cricket
- 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 manage the facilities of the Club
- 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 the ECB Cricket Equity Policy and any future applicable versions of these Policies,
- To provide its services in a way that is equitable to everyone
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment

1.4. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objectives as set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club.

1.5. This constitution shall also cover the activities of Rowledge Football Club as far as they involve the use of shared facilities such as the playing surfaces and Clubhouse.

1.6. Hereafter the use of the term Club shall refer to the cricketing activities, unless further specifically qualified.

1.7. The Club shall secure the facilities necessary to support the needs of its members as agreed through the formal means defined herein. This shall include the provision of further playing facilities away from the Rowledge Recreation Ground.

1.8. The Cricket Club shall be considered to be the parent body as far as the use of the shared facilities is concerned and to the extent that there is a need to interface with third parties external to the Club. The Club shall hold the Ground Use Agreement, as signed

between the Cricket Club and Frensham Heights School, regarding the use of facilities at Frensham Heights.

2. Membership, Subscriptions and Fees

2.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex, or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of cricket as a particular sport.

2.2. The Committee may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal of membership may be made to the Club's members and against termination of membership in accordance with clause 12.3.

2.3. The Club consists of the President, Vice Presidents, Honorary Members, Officers (the General Committee), playing and non-playing social members, youth and junior members.

2.4. The President is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting upon the nomination of the Committee alone; no seconder is necessary.

2.5. The Club may in general meeting elect as a Vice-President any person who has rendered notable service to the Club over a period of years. Such an appointment is to be renewed each year at the Annual General Meeting. Nomination of Vice Presidents must be made in writing to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM. The Committee shall determine the number of Vice-Presidents at any one time. Whilst Vice Presidents are entitled to all membership rights, no subscriptions are due from them, but they may make a donation at their own discretion.

2.6. The Club in general meeting may elect as an Honorary Member any person, whether member of the Club or not, who has rendered especially noteworthy services over a long period of time to the Club or to the game of cricket. Whilst Honorary Members are entitled to all membership rights, no subscriptions are due from them, but they may make a donation at their own discretion. They are limited in number to five at any one time.

2.7. A candidate for playing or non-playing membership must complete an application for membership in the form prescribed by the Committee. The application shall be considered by the Committee. In exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Club Chairman, a candidate for playing membership, may play in matches prior to election, but shall enjoy no other privilege of membership. The fact that a non-playing member plays in friendly matches or informal competitions from time to time under the auspices of the Club shall not require a change to playing membership, provided always that any match fee or similar charge is paid.

2.8. Youth (including junior) members confers no right to attend general meetings, nor to propose or second candidates for members of the General Committee. Parent(s) or guardian(s) of youth members, who are required to hold either playing or social membership, shall have the right to attend general meetings, and vote as they see fit. Children under the age of 18 are treated as youth or junior members in accordance with clause 2.9.

2.9. An application for membership for a candidate for youth or junior membership must be completed in the form prescribed for those categories by the Committee, and it must be signed

by a parent or guardian, who thereby indemnifies the Club for any damage caused by the member to Club property and warrants his or her good behaviour. There may be limited availability of places in these sections. In the event of this possibility, the Youth / Junior Section Manager will have received approval from the Committee for the basis on which places will be allocated. Youth membership terminates on a player's 18th birthday, when he or she may apply to transfer to playing or non-playing membership without formality. To be eligible for junior membership in any year a player must have been under 11 years of age on the preceding 1st September; those reaching the age limit of eligibility may transfer to youth or non-playing membership without formality.

2.10. A copy of these rules shall be affixed to the club notice board for the duration of each cricket season.

2.11. All members (including the President and Vice President) shall be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the Club has adopted. The Club has also adopted the ECB Codes of Conduct in respect of equity and the behaviour of its members, including coaches, and supporters.

2.12. For the duration of their visit, players and officials of visiting clubs become non-playing members of the Club for the purpose of using Club facilities, but for no other purpose.

2.13. The membership year runs from April 1st each year until March 31st the following year. A member remains a member of the Club until either the end of the membership year or until resignation, which must be given in writing to the Secretary, or until that person's membership is terminated by the Committee or the Club in general meeting, as provided elsewhere in these rules. The Committee has the power to suspend or terminate the membership of any member whose conduct is in its opinion contrary to the interests of the Club or harmful to its reputation. An appeal against termination of membership may be made in accordance with clause 12.3.

2.14. The subscription for each category of membership shall be determined in general meeting. Club scorers and umpires pay no subscription so long as they are active on the Club's behalf in those posts.

2.15. The joining fee, if any, is decided in general meeting.

2.16. Playing members pay a match fee for each match in which they play, the fee being determined annually in general meeting. Match fees are to be paid to team captains or managers by the end of each match. Any member who fails to pay any match fee so due is barred from playing in any subsequent match until match fees owing have been paid, unless exceptional circumstances apply and the appropriate captain grants dispensation.

2.17. Any member whose subscription is unpaid after 31st May in any season may be required to pay an additional subscription at a level determined in general meeting. If the subscription is unpaid after 30th June then that member is to be reported to the General Committee (by the Treasurer as committee member responsible for membership and subscriptions). The Committee may then impose whatever fine or penalty it considers just under the circumstances, or suspend or terminate membership under the provisions of clause 2.13.

2.18. Any member who is suspended or whose membership is terminated by the Committee has the right of appeal, such appeal to be lodged in writing with the Secretary within 14 days of the penalty being imposed.

3. Club Management

3.1. The Club is managed by the General Committee, consisting of the Club Chairman, Secretary, Ladies Secretary, Treasurer, Cricket Chairman, Fixtures Secretary, Bar Steward/Manager, Youth Section Manager, Junior Section Manager, Child Protection Officer, Facilities Manager, Commercial/Marketing Manager, and Fundraising Manager. The General Committee is responsible for all operations of the Club. All positions are elected each year at the annual general meeting and hold office from the end of that meeting until the end of the next; when officers shall be eligible for re-election.

3.2. The General Committee shall also be joined by at least one and no more than two representatives from Rowledge Football Club. They shall be empowered to represent the Football Club and its members. If it is known in advance that no matters affecting Football Club business are to be discussed at a General Committee meeting then their attendance may be excused by the Club Chairman. Alternatively, they may be present for only a part of the General Committee meeting when the joint interests of the Cricket Club and Football Club are discussed. The Chairman shall be entitled to ask them to leave the meeting when items of a matter solely private to the Cricket Club are to be discussed.

3.3. The General Committee shall be supported by a number of sub-committees, whose function and terms of reference shall be defined by the General Committee. Sub-committees shall be established for the following: Cricketing, Youth Section. Other ad-hoc committees and/or posts may be established by the General Committee as it sees necessary, in order to support the execution of the business of the Club. However, in all matters the General Committee is ultimately responsible. Members of sub-committees are co-opted by the General Committee following general review of potential candidates. Each sub-committee must have at least one member from the General Committee, who shall also be its Chairman. The quorum for any sub-committee is determined at its creation by the General Committee.

3.4. The Cricketing Committee shall consist of its Chairman, all adult team captains, and the Cricket Development Manager.

3.5. The Youth Section Committee is chaired by the Youth Section Manager and consists of the Cricket Development Manager, managers/coaches of the teams comprising the Section.

3.6. Each Sub-committee shall report into the General Committee via its Chairman or their authorised delegate. Minutes of meetings shall be issued to the General Committee for review at their meetings, unless agreed to otherwise by the General Committee.

3.7. The Club Chairman presides over meetings of the General Committee and defines the agenda. If he is not present for any meeting, the Cricket Chairman presides. No executive business may be conducted unless the Chairman has specifically delegated another Committee member to stand in his stead. Only those members occupying posts on the General Committee, or their authorised delegates, may vote on matters of Club business at general committee meetings. Where there is equality of voting, the chairman of the meeting has a casting vote. Five Committee members shall make a quorum. The Committee has the power

to co-opt to meet specific needs, but any co-option lasting beyond the next annual general meeting must be endorsed by that meeting.

3.8. The Committee - or where deemed urgent, the Club Chairman and Cricket Chairman together, subject to report at the next Committee meeting - is empowered to take all decisions necessary for the management of the Club consistent with these rules. The Committee defines the individual responsibilities of its members and meets as often as needed for the conduct of Club business. The Committee is expected to meet monthly during the active part of the playing season.

3.9. The General Committee shall be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the Club rules and regulations, in accordance with section 12. The Committee shall be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

3.10. Rowledge Football Club shall be managed and governed in accordance with its own Constitution. That Constitution shall require the Football Club to appoint the representative member(s) referred to in 3.2 above and to have candidates occupying the posts of its Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Those individuals shall be identified to the General Committee. The Football Club Constitution shall recognise the existence and validity of this Constitution.

3.11. Captains for each of the adult cricket teams shall be elected at the Cricket Club Annual General Meeting. Such appointments shall normally stand until the end of the season in which their appointment is made, although in exceptional circumstances the General Committee may terminate an appointment before this point.

3.12. The selection of players to play in each match other than youth or junior matches is made by the captains of each team subject to any directions made by the Cricket Committee. The selection of youth teams is made by the Youth Section Manager and that of junior teams by the Junior Section Manager, who may each delegate the responsibility to team managers where such are appointed.

4. Rowledge Football Club

4.1. Rowledge Football Club shall be wholly self-governing within the rules as laid out within this Constitution.

4.2. Rowledge Football Club shall be responsible for its appropriate share of any financial and other liabilities that they incur or cause to be incurred. Where facilities are jointly used by both the Cricket and Football Clubs then each party shall be responsible for their share of the costs determined by the period of use.

4.3. Rowledge Football Club shall be responsible for its own fund raising and shall have no financial dependency on Rowledge Cricket Club other than as provided for within this Constitution. Likewise, Rowledge Cricket Club shall have no financial dependency on Rowledge Football Club.

4.4. In the interests of protecting the cricket outfield at the Rowledge Recreation Ground football matches there shall be limited to two per week. One training session not exceeding 1½ hours for one team only per week shall be permitted on the designated football pitch as

defined by the area used for league matches. If the conditions are unfit to play or as a result of playing/training the football pitch would be seriously damaged then the affected match/training session shall be postponed. No other area of the Recreation Ground is to be used for playing/training. This is to be strictly monitored by the Football Club.

4.5. The use of any additional jointly used facilities, such as Frensham Height School grounds, shall be covered by the Ground Use Agreement, see 1.8. The General Committee shall ensure that these conditions are observed.

4.6. At locations affected by the rules in this section no football activity shall be conducted on the cricket square(s) provided such area(s) is duly marked by an obvious boundary.

5. President

5.1. As the most senior member of the Club, the President is kept advised by the Club Chairman of all matters of significance affecting Club interests, and is sent a copy of the minutes of General Committee meetings by the Secretary.

6. Bar and Catering

6.1. The bar, kitchen and clubroom are managed by the Club. Use of the bar shall be restricted to the Cricket Club and managed by the Bar Steward/Manager. The kitchen and clubroom shall be available to both the Cricket and Football Clubs. Any group using these facilities shall leave them in a condition at least as good as when they were found.

6.2. Profits arising from the operation of the bar accrue to the Club's benefit, and no intoxicating liquor or other refreshment is to be supplied to members on the premises except by or on behalf of the Club.

6.3. The bar may be open for the sale of intoxicating liquor and licensed goods during the hours as determined by the General Committee, provided at all times it is in accordance with the Licensing Laws as applicable at the time. The Bar Steward/Manager shall have the authority to interpret the agreed time periods depending on the number of members using the Club facilities; such adaptation shall be fair, reasonable and legitimate at all times.

6.4. The Bar Steward/Manager is empowered to employ one or more barmen and other paid help, provided always that the terms of any such engagement are agreed to by the General Committee before they are entered into.

7. Guests

7.1. Any member of the Club may introduce guests to the clubhouse but must on every occasion enter the name and address of each guest, together with their own name, in the book kept for the purpose. No guest may buy intoxicating liquor or licensed goods in the clubhouse, nor may any guest remain in the clubhouse once his or her host has left it. No person whose membership has been suspended or terminated, or whose membership application has been rejected, may be introduced as a guest.

8. General Meetings

8.1. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Cricket Club shall be held as soon as convenient after the end of the season, at such time and place as the General Committee decides, to consider reports and to approve accounts for the past year; to elect the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Members and the Committee; to appoint an auditor; to fix dues for the ensuing year; and to discuss any resolutions of which due notice is given in accordance with clause 8.3. The Secretary shall give members at least fourteen days notice of the meeting in writing, sent to their last known address. The Annual General Meeting is presided over by the Chairman, or in his absence the Cricket Chairman.

8.2. Nominations for the General Committee are required from one club member (proposer) and are to be seconded by another. If a person is already standing in a committee post and they are prepared to stand in that same post for a further period of office then they do not require proposing at a general meeting. If two or more people are nominated (and agree to stand) for the same committee post, then the members present shall vote by a show of hands. Voting shall take place in the absence of the nominees, with the person receiving the majority of the votes succeeding to the post.

8.3. Any resolution to be considered at the annual general meeting must be proposed by one member and seconded by another and notified to the Secretary in writing at least seven days before the meeting. Notwithstanding this requirement, the chairman of the meeting may accept further resolutions at their sole discretion, provided they are duly proposed and seconded as above and relate to the business of the Club.

8.4. An extraordinary general meeting (EGM) may be called by the General Committee, or by any twelve members of the Club upon written application to the Secretary stating the object of such a meeting. The Secretary is thereupon to give at least fourteen days notice in the manner described in clause 8.1. Only business relating to the stated object of the meeting is to be discussed at an extraordinary general meeting.

8.5. The Club Chairman, or in his absence, the Cricket Chairman, or failing him the President, presides at extraordinary general meetings. If none is present and ready to preside fifteen minutes after the advertised time of starting the meeting, the members then present may elect a chairman of the meeting to conduct the meeting.

8.6. At all general meetings, 16 members shall constitute a quorum. Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority vote from those qualified Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chair of the meeting shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

8.7. Under exceptional circumstances a mail ballot may be adopted on a specific issue of Club policy or resolution. In this respect all members shall be given the option of voting for or against the resolution under consideration; alternatively, they may grant proxy to the Chairman at the General Committee meeting at which the results of the ballot are reviewed. The time constraints as applicable to an extraordinary general meeting shall apply, as defined in 8.4 above. The constraints on the number of votes cast shall be as defined for a general meeting, see 8.6 above.

9. Finance

9.1. All Club monies shall be banked in an account held in the name of the Club. The Club Treasurer shall be held responsible for the finances of Rowledge Cricket Club.

9.2. The financial year for the Club shall end on 30 September each year. An audited statement of annual accounts shall be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.

9.3. Any cheques drawn against Club funds shall hold the signatures of at least two designated officers, whose signature has previously been approved by the Committee and is defined as required by the Club bank account.

9.4. The General Committee shall ensure that the Club is covered by adequate insurance to cover: Employers Liability (limit of indemnity up to at least £10M), Public & Products Liability (limit of indemnity up to at least £5M), Property and Contents as appropriate (noting that the Club do not own the buildings). The Club shall not be responsible for Members or guests personal equipment cover.

10. Alteration and Interpretation of the Rules

10.1. These rules may only be revoked, added to or amended by resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote at a general meeting, of which notice has been duly given under rule 8.4, specifying such revocation, addition or amendment as it is intended to propose.

10.2. The General Committee has the power to interpret these rules and to deal with matters for which provision is not made herein.

11. Exclusion of Liability

11.1. Neither the Club nor any officer shall be liable to any member, or member's guest, for any loss or damage to any property that member or guest occurring from whatever cause in or about the Club premises; nor for any injury sustained by any member or guest whilst entering or on leaving the Club premises. The Secretary is to ensure that a notice to this effect is displayed in the Club premises throughout the cricket season.

12. Discipline and Appeals

12.1. All complaints regarding the behaviour of Club members should be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary. The General Committee shall meet to hear any complaints within 31 days of a complaint being lodged.

12.2. The General Committee shall have the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of an individual's membership. The outcome of a disciplinary hearing shall be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing.

12.3. There shall be a right of appeal following the announcement of disciplinary action. An ad hoc committee shall be established to hear any appeals; this Disciplinary Committee shall

include at least 3 members of the general committee (none of whom will have been involved in making the initial decision) but not include the Chairman. The Disciplinary Committee shall consider the appeal within 31 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal. The ultimate appeal shall be to the Chairman, after which no further appeal will be offered by the Club. Any member subject to disciplinary action has the right to be supported by a third party during the appeals process.

13. Dissolution

13.1. A resolution to dissolve the Club may only be passed at a general meeting (AGM or EGM) through a majority vote of the membership. In the event of dissolution, the assets of the Club remaining after all debts have been settled are to be disposed of in accordance with the regulations governing Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC). A resolution passed in general meeting shall determine the beneficiary of the assets. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:

- 1) A registered charitable organisation(s).
- 2) Another local cricket club that is a registered CASC.
- 3) The sport's national governing body for use by them for related community sport.

This Constitution was approved by the Club in general meeting on 24/02/2010 and supersedes all previous versions.

Signed: Bill Nichols

Date: 24th February 2010

Club Chairman:

Signed: David Metcalfe

Date: 24th February 2010

Secretary: