

**STIRLING COUNTY**

**CRICKET CLUB**

**Rules**

**within the**

**Constitution**

**Of**

**Stirling County**

**Cricket Club**

*April 2018*

# STIRLING COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

## 1. – Name

The Club shall be called Stirling County Cricket Club, hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.

## 2. – Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to play and develop Cricket in terms of the rules of the parent bodies of Cricket to which it may be affiliated and to support, as appropriate, any other sports organisation which may become affiliated to the Club.

## 3. – Colours

The colours of the Club shall be cherry and plum and white.

## 4. – Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to any member of the public, subject to the conditions in Rules 14 (categories of membership) and 17 (Equality Policy).

## 5. – General Finance

It shall be competent to the Club, for the furtherance of its Objects, to trade, to request and receive grants, donations, loans, fees, subscriptions, legacies from individuals or other bodies and to spend and invest its funds and, in particular, to purchase Heritable Property, or Stocks or Shares traded on an United Kingdom Stock Exchange, or invest in Heritable Security.

## 6. – Honorary Office Bearers

The Honorary Office Bearers of the Club shall be Honorary Patron(s), Honorary Past President, Honorary President and Honorary Vice Presidents.

## 7. – Office Bearers

7.1 The principal office bearers of the Club forming the Club Board shall be the Chairperson, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, and the heads of the Cricket, Club Development, Clubhouse Facilities, Playing Facilities, and Marketing and Commercial Sections. The said office bearers shall be elected at the annual general meeting; they shall retire each year but be eligible for re-election. No paid employee of the Club shall be a voting Member of the Club Board. The heads of sections shall have the power to form sub-committees.

7.2 Additional office bearers, to be elected at the annual general meeting, shall be the Match Secretary, Membership Secretary, Junior Section Chairperson, and the captains of each senior eleven representing the club. The said office bearers shall retire each year, but be eligible for re-election.

## 8. – Committees

The executive body of the Club shall be the Club Board, which shall have all the usual powers covering finance, playing, administration, and co-option, and specific powers to form *ad-hoc* Sub-Committees. Co-opted members shall not have voting rights on the Club Board except at the discretion of the Chairperson.

## 9. – Appointments

- (a) An Honorary Auditor shall normally be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Honorary Office Bearers shall be appointed at a General Meeting.

## 10. – Elections

Office Bearers drawn from persons holding voting rights in the Club shall be elected by an absolute majority procedure upon the proposal and seconding by voting Members either in writing to the Club Secretary, or at the appropriate General Meeting. Nominees must declare their willingness to accept office in person at such General Meeting or by previous written declaration to the Club Secretary.

### **11. - Meetings**

- (i) Twelve voting Members present at a General Meeting and at least fifty per cent of voting Members present at a Club Board shall form a quorum at such a Meeting.
- (ii) Motions for resolution at General Meetings shall be proposed and seconded by voting Members in writing to the Club Secretary at least one week before such meetings.
- (iii) Matters for discussion only may be raised from the floor by any member in person at General Meetings and the Club Board shall in due course consider issues arising from such discussions.
- (iv) The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held in October and a General Meeting shall normally be held in March and such Meetings shall be called by notice sent to voting Members no later than two weeks prior to the dates of such Meetings.
- (v) Audited Accounts shall be submitted by the Club Treasurer for adoption at a General Meeting normally held in March.
- (vi) A Special General Meeting of the Club may be called by the Club Board or by the written requisition of the Club Secretary by no fewer than ten voting Members. In each case, motions for resolution shall be stated in writing in the requisition and the notice of such a Special General meeting which will also state its purpose shall be sent to voting Members no later than two weeks prior to the date of the said Meeting.
- (vii) A motion to change the rules of the Club within its Constitution shall be resolved at General Meetings or at Special General Meetings and any such motion must be included in the notice calling the Meeting.
- (viii) Voting for motions for resolution at General Meetings, Special General Meetings and Club Board Meetings shall require a simple majority procedure except that, in the case of a motion to change the Rules of the Club within its Constitution, at least two thirds of voting Members present must vote in favour of all or separate parts of the proposed changes to secure acceptance.
- (ix) Club Board Meetings shall normally be held monthly.

### **12. – Investments**

The necessary conveyance or certificates for Stocks or Shares or Bonds or other Titles shall be taken in the names of the Trustees for the Club consisting of Club Chairperson, the Club Secretary and the Club Treasurer for the time being and their successors in office. The Club shall also be empowered to realise such investments or part thereof. All documents requiring to be executed on behalf of the Club shall be signed by the said Trustees upon their being authorised by the Club Board to do so whereupon they shall be binding on all Members of the Club. The Club Board shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Club and against all costs, charges, damages and expenses which they may incur or which they may sustain in or about the making of contracts or agreements they shall *bona fide* make on behalf of the Club.

### **13. – Bye-Laws**

The Club Board shall have special powers to make such Bye-Laws as it shall deem advisable. Such Bye-Laws shall be submitted for ratification at the next General Meeting of the Club.

### **14. – Membership**

- (i) There shall be the following categories of Member:-

- (1) A Senior Playing Member shall be aged eighteen years or over at the date fixed by the Scottish Cricket Union for Age Group Competitions and shall have voting rights in the Club.
- (2) A Junior Playing Member shall be aged under eighteen years as defined in 14(i)(1) above. Junior Playing Members aged 16 or over at that date shall have voting rights in the Club.
- (3) A Non-Playing Member shall be aged eighteen years or over at First of April in the Applicable Cricket Season and shall have voting rights in the Club.
- (4) A Life Member, who shall have voting rights in the Club, shall be a Non-Playing Member who has elected to pay a once and for all sum equal to ten times the applicable subscription of a Non-Playing Member.
- (5) An Honorary Life Member, who shall have voting rights in the Club, shall be a person thus honoured for outstanding service to the Club and from whom no subscription shall be requested. Such a person shall be offered this honour by authority of a resolution to this effect at a General Meeting of the Club, but the number of persons thus honoured shall normally not exceed five.
- (6) An Honorary Office Bearer shall be a non-voting Member of the Club unless such Honorary Office Bearer chooses to have voting rights as a subscribing Member in the categories 14(i)(1) or 14(i)(3) or 14(i)(4) or has also been honoured as an Honorary Life Member of the Club.

(ii) Subscription levels shall be determined annually at a General Meeting.

(iii) The Subscription Year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Subscriptions are, therefore, due on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.

(iv) The Club Board shall have the power to expel any Member whose conduct is, in its opinion, such as to be detrimental to the interests of the Club, provided that the said Member is given an opportunity to clarify the alleged misconduct in writing and/or in person to the Club Board.

(v) The Club Board shall have the right to decline any new application for membership.

## **15. – Visitors**

Voting Members of the Club may introduce friends to the Ground and Pavilion as Visitors and the introducing Member shall be responsible for friends' observance of the Rules, Bye-Laws or Regulations of the Club. Such Visitors shall remain on the Ground or in the Pavilion only so long as the Member introducing them is there and shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a Member and the Member shall, on the admission of such Visitors to the Club premises, or immediately on supplying them with such liquor, enter his own name and the name and address of the Visitors in a book which shall be kept in the Pavilion for the purpose and shall show the date of each visit. Members of, and players representing, other Clubs who are playing matches at the Club or who have been permitted to play at the Club, may be admitted as Temporary members for the day or days on which a match occurs and their names and the names of the Clubs to which they belong, together with the dates of their respective visits, shall be entered in a book kept in the Pavilion for the purpose.

## **16. – Alcoholic Liquor**

No Member or employee of the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of alcoholic liquor therein or in the profits arising from such sale. No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club to any person under eighteen years of age. No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or supplied in

the Club for consumption off the premises, except to a Member of the Club in person for consumption by that Member or to a person holding a licence or a wholesaler's excise licence for the sale of such liquor.

**17. Equality Policy.**

The club is committed to equal opportunities and actively encourages participation and membership from all sections of the community. All applications for membership or employment will be considered on an equal basis, without regard to: age; sex; social class; mental health; disability; gender reassignment or gender identity; sexual orientation; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy, maternity and paternity; race and ethnic origin; religious, political or other beliefs.

**18. – Termination of the Club**

In the event of termination of the Club due to a resolution to this effect at a General meeting or Special General meeting of the Club under the terms of a motion to change the Rules of the Club within its Constitution, all assets and surplus funds of the Club, after all debts and obligations have been met, shall be donated to the Scottish Cricket Union.

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