

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. The Club Name, Colours and Affiliation

The Club shall be called the Ashburton Cricket Club.

Its colours shall be green and gold.

The Club shall be affiliated to the Devon Cricket Board, and the ECB.

Aims and Objectives

- To foster and promote the sport of cricket at all levels within the community and within the sport, providing opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.
- To manage the Ashburton Cricket 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, volunteers, employees and spectators 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.

2. Officers

The Officers of the Club shall comprise:

- (a) President
- (b) Chairperson
- (c) Honorary Secretary
- (d) Honorary Treasurer
- (e) Honorary Fixtures Secretary
- (f) First Team Captain
- (g) Second XI Captain
- (h) Sunday Captain
- (i) Midweek Captain
- (j) Colts Manager.
- (k) Welfare Officer.

(a) Ashburton Cricket Club is fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and aims to ensure that no individual receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief. This includes participants, volunteers, employees and spectators at the Club. Membership is open to all. The General Committee is responsible for ensuring that this Equity Policy is followed and to deal with any actual or potential breaches.

(b) Application for membership of the club shall be by completion of a membership application form and by payment of the relevant subscription/joining fees as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club.

(c) No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the club or eligible for selection for any club team unless the appropriate subscription has been paid by the specified date or membership has been agreed by the Committee.

(d) The club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or cricket into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Committee who shall appoint an Appeals Committee to hear the appeal.

3. Management

The management of the Club shall be vested in the General Committee. This shall consist of the Officers and up to four elected members.

4. Election of Officers etc.

The Officers, Committee Members and Auditors shall be elected individually to serve a term of one year by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.

5. Membership

Membership of the Club shall comprise:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice Presidents
- (c) Honorary Life Members
- (d) Full Playing Members
- (e) Junior Members 17-20 Unwaged
- (f) Colts
- (g) Non-Playing Members

Honorary Life Members shall be nominated by the General Committee for election at the Annual General Meeting.

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

6. Subscriptions

Subscription fees shall be reviewed annually by the General Committee and adjustments put before the AGM for its approval. Fees shall be paid by 31 May. Any persons whose fee is not received by that date in any season will not be eligible for selection. New members joining after that date shall pay half the full membership.

Vice Presidents will be expected to pay a minimum fee of £10.00 per annum.

For subscription purposes the Club year shall run from 1 May to 30 April.

Match fees will be decided by the General Committee, or as notified by the host Club on away matches.

7. Finance

- a) The Club financial year shall run from 1 October to 30 September.
- b) 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 shall be reinvested in the club.

8. Team Selection

Selection of teams shall be vested by the appropriate committee of Captains.

9. General Meetings and Players' Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October each year. Reports by the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer, and the audited accounts, shall be submitted at the AGM.

A special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the General Committee or upon a written request for such a meeting submitted to the Honorary Secretary and signed by not less than six paid-up members. A minimum of fourteen days notice of all General Meetings shall be given to all Club members.

A meeting of all Playing Members may be convened by the General Committee at any time provided a minimum of seven days notice is given to all players.

All General Meetings will be chaired by the Club Chairman with the exception of the AGM during the election of Officers. On that occasion the President will take the Chair. Meetings of Playing Members will be chaired by the Club Captain.

All members as defined in '5. Membership' above have full voting rights at General Meetings and have eligibility to serve as committee members/officers of the club.

A quorum at any General Meeting shall be ten paid-up members. Each paid-up member at any General Meeting shall have one vote. There shall be no proxy votes.

10. General Committee

The Committee shall meet whenever deemed necessary. At least seven days notice shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to all Committee Members of the date of the Committee meetings.

A quorum shall be a majority of the members of the Committee. Each member shall have one vote only. The Committee shall be responsible for the efficient management of the Club and shall control Club finances. The Committee shall have the power to elect new members and reprimand, suspend or expel any member who is deemed to be guilty of misconduct detrimental to the interests of the Club. Suspension or expulsion shall be enforced only after the Member has been given seven days notice of the proposed action, and has been allowed to appear before an Appeals Committee if he so requires.

An elected Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the club, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the member concerned has been given the chance of putting their case to the Committee. Appeal against removal may be made to an Appeals Committee. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees when necessary and delegate to such sub-committees any powers they require. Where a sub-committee is authorised by the General Committee, its assets both financial and chattels are owned by ASHBURTON CRICKET CLUB. These fully auditable assets must be submitted to the General Committee annually by the 31st August each year. These accounts must be of sufficient quality to be assimilated into the main accounts for audit. The Chairman of each sub-committee shall be a member of the General Committee and will report regularly to it. The General Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies in Officers or Committee Members as they occur, and to co-opt members to serve on both the General Committee and sub-committees.

The General Committee shall have the power to make such bye-laws as are considered necessary for the good administration and order of the Club provided that no such bye-laws shall conflict with any of the Club Rules. For this purpose this document shall form the basis of all Club Rules. A copy of all bye-laws will be displayed in the pavilion.

Discipline and Appeals

All complaints regarding the behavior of members should be lodged in writing with the Secretary. The Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary sub-committee who will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. Any member requested to attend a Disciplinary sub-committee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The Committee (or its sub-committee) has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action, including the termination of membership.

The outcome of the disciplinary hearing shall be put in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days following the hearing.

There shall be a right of appeal to the Committee against either the finding or the sanction imposed or

both following disciplinary action being taken. The Committee shall appoint an Appeals Committee (a maximum of three) which shall not include 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 individual submitting the appeal 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. Trophies

Trophy winners will be selected annually by a sub-committee appointed by the General Committee. Separate trophies are awarded for 1st XI, 2nd XI, Sunday XIs. All awards are based on averages, with a minimum qualification in a standard year of 18 games to be 8 innings or 80 overs. In a season where a full set of matches is not possible a 'pro-rata' calculation will be made. The 'Captain's Trophies' will be awarded at the sole discretion of the appropriate Captain. The 'Players' Player' shall be voted at the annual awards dinner. The 'Les Luckson Trophy' will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Chairperson.

12. Club Rules

Membership of the Club signifies acceptance of this Constitution and the Rules contained herein. A copy of the Constitution and Rules shall be displayed on the notice board in the pavilion. No alteration shall be made to the Constitution or the Rules except by a resolution passed at a General Meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the fully paid-up members present. Notice of any alteration or addition must reach the Honorary Secretary by 30th September if the resolution is to be discussed at the next AGM.

13. Dissolution

- a) 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.
- b) If at that Special Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Voting Membership present at the meeting, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the club.
- c) The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the club's affairs.
- d) After settling all liabilities of the club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
- e) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
- f) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club and/or
- g) to the club's governing body for use by them for related community sports

14. Declaration

Ashburton CC hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of all members.

SIGNED (CLUB CHAIRMAN)

NAME

DATE

SIGNED (CLUB SECRETARY)

NAME

DATE

ASHBURTON CRICKET CLUB

RULES ADOPTED TO COVER LICENSED BAR

The permitted hours for the supply of liquor shall be such as may from time to time be fixed by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 and as notified to the Magistrates Clerk and Police. Provided that if an order is made under Section 60 Sub-Sections (3) or (4) of the said Act, Section 62(2) shall apply.

No person under 18 years of age shall be sold, or supplied, with intoxicating liquor, or be permitted to consume same on the Club premises.

Members shall be entitled to introduce guests to the club. The names of all guests, together with their addresses, and the name of the introducing Member, shall be entered in the Guests Book. Not more than 3 guests may be introduced by a Member in any one day, and the same guest shall not introduce more than 12 times in any calendar year. Guests may purchase intoxicating liquor.

Persons other than Members and their guests may be admitted to the Club premises, being persons visiting the Club by invitation from the Committee, for official purposes within the objects of the Club, including Members and Officials of representative teams playing cricket at the ground. Intoxicating liquor may be sold by, or on behalf of, the Club for consumption on the premises by persons admitted in accordance with this rule.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The candidate's name and address shall be posted on the Notice Board in the Club premises for a period of seven days, whereupon the election of such candidate for membership shall be determined by the General Committee. In no event may a candidate become a Member of the Club unless elected by the majority of the Committee.

ADD TO RULE 10 ON 'COMMITTEES'

The purchase for the Club, and the supply by the Club, of intoxicating liquor, shall be in the absolute discretion of a Sub-Committee of not less than five Members of the Club, appointed by the Committee for that purpose. In the event of any Member, for any reason, ceasing to be a member of the Club, he or she shall automatically cease to be a Member of the Sub-Committee, and another Member shall be appointed in his or her place.

THESE RULES WERE ADOPTED AS AN EXTENSION OF THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION AND RULES ON 10th FEBRUARY 1984