

# CHILTERN CRICKET LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

## 1. NAME

The League shall be known as the Chilterns Cricket League (Referred to as 'the League'). It may adopt the name of its current sponsor if it so wishes.

## 2. PURPOSE

- a) To organise cricket on a championship basis for the members of the League, with the object of playing club cricket in the spirit of the game as it is understood by those who play within the aegis of the Club Cricket Conference. Member clubs must also be members of the Club Cricket Conference and their relevant County Cricket Board
- b) To promote a good standard of playing strength and general facilities among member clubs.
- c) To organise midweek and colts cricket and social events for member clubs.

## 3. OFFICERS

The Officers of the League who shall form the Executive Committee shall be:

The Chairman

The Hon. Secretary

The Hon. Treasurer

The Hon. Fixture Secretary

Each Officer shall be a member of a different club and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve until the end of the next Annual General Meeting, unless agreed by the committee by a two-thirds majority at an AGM, that two officers may be from the same club.

The Chairman shall take the chair at all general meetings of the League and at League Committee meetings; in his absence a meeting shall elect a chairman for that meeting.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

a) Membership of the League shall be open only to cricket clubs or cricket sections of sports and social clubs.

b) Applications for membership will only be considered at a general meeting of the League and must be proposed and seconded by existing member clubs. If the proposal to invite an applicant is duly passed the Hon. Secretary shall write and invite the applicant to join the League and upon written acceptance the applicant shall become a member.

c) A club may withdraw from the League by giving a season's notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary. In extraordinary circumstances a shorter notice of withdrawal may be allowed at the League Committee's discretion. If a member club withdraws from the League in mid-season all matches in which it has played shall be null and void and all points from such matches shall be disregarded.

d) League membership of any member club may be withdrawn on a vote taken at a General Meeting of the League.

e) It is the responsibility of each member club to nominate a representative who shall receive all communication from the League and to inform the Hon. Secretary if this representative changes.

#### **5. ADMINISTRATION**

a) The League shall be run by a League Committee consisting of the officers of the League and a representative of each member club who is not represented by an officer.

b) The League Committee shall meet as often as is required to manage the affairs of the League but not less than three times per annum. In between meetings of the League Committee the day to day affairs of the League shall be transacted by the officers of the League and any sub-committee set up for that purpose.

c) The League Committee may delegate authority to act on its behalf to sub-committees, specifying the limits of such authority, which shall automatically cease at the start of the next A.G.M.

## **6. GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **a) Annual General Meetings (A.G.M.)**

The Annual General Meeting of the League shall take place by the 30th November in each calendar year to transact the following business:

- i) To approve the minutes of the last A.G.M.
- ii) To receive the Chairman's report.
- iii) To receive the Hon. Treasurer's report and audited accounts.
- iv) To appoint an Hon. Auditor for the coming year.
- v) To fix an annual subscription for the coming year.
- vi) To consider any applications for membership.
- vii) To consider any other business contained in the notice of the A.G.M. sent to member clubs.
- viii) To elect the officers of the League for the coming year.
- ix) To elect a disciplinary sub- committee.

### **b) Extraordinary General Meetings (E.G.M.)**

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Hon. Secretary on the instruction of the League Committee or within 28 days of receiving a written request from not less than one third of the member clubs. The notice of the E.G.M. shall contain the Agenda for the meeting and any resolutions to be considered; no other business may be considered at the E.G.M.

### **c) Notice of A.G.M.s and E.G.M.s**

The Hon. Secretary shall send notice in writing of each A.G.M. or E.G.M. to the last known representative of each member club. The notice shall contain the date, time and place of the meeting and the business to be discussed. At least 21 days notice shall be given. Member clubs wishing to propose resolutions at the A.G.M. should submit these to the Hon. Secretary at least 28 days in advance so that they can be included in the Agenda.

d) Attendance at General Meetings.

Any member of a member club may attend and, subject to the Chairman's discretion, speak at a general meeting. Each member club shall have one vote and each club's representative will be deemed to speak and vote on his club's behalf.

e) Quorum

A quorum shall be not less than one half of the member clubs.

## 7. VOTING

a) General Meeting

Each club shall have one vote on any resolution and the election of each officer. At general meetings of the League a simple majority of the votes cast shall be decisive except in cases of:

- i) Alterations to the rules of the League.
- ii) Invitation to new clubs to join the League.
- iii) Withdrawal of membership of the League from any club.

In such cases a majority of two thirds of the vote cast is required, any abstentions being disregarded. Member clubs unable to attend the meeting may register their vote on any resolution or election by writing to the Hon. Secretary in advance of the meeting, but this shall not count towards the quorum of the meeting. In the event that a vote on a simple majority resolution is tied the resolution shall fail.

b) League Committee Meetings

Each club shall have one vote on any resolution and all resolutions will be passed by a simple majority: in the event of a tied vote the chairman of the meeting shall have a second casting vote.

## **8. FINANCE**

a) Each member club shall pay the annual subscription to the Hon. Treasurer before the start of the League Season. Accounts to the 31st August in each year shall be drawn up by the Hon. Treasurer, audited and presented to the Annual General Meeting.

b) In the event of the Chilterns Cricket League ceasing to operate, the following financial policy will be operated: "After all creditors have been paid in full from any funds available the remaining funds shall be shared equally between all of the current members clubs who are fully paid up members and have been for at least the previous five consecutive seasons.

## **9. ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES**

The rules of the League may only be changed by a resolution passed at a properly convened general meeting of the League. Notice of proposed alterations shall be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary, proposed and seconded by member clubs; such notice shall be given not less than 28 days before an AGM to allow the Hon. Secretary to give formal notice of the proposal to member clubs.

## **10. TROPHIES**

Perpetual trophies shall be returned to the Hon. Secretary by 31st August each year.

## **11. AUTHORITY OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **a) MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THE RULES**

In the event of any question arising which is not specifically covered by these rules, the Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with it as they see fit.

### **b) COMMITTEE DECISIONS TO BE FINAL**

All decisions made by the Executive Committee in the interpretation of all rules, or on other matters concerning the business of the Chilterns Cricket League, shall be binding and final on all parties.