

FLAMINGO CRICKET CLUB
(Community Amateur Sports Club)

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1 NAME

The name of the Club shall be Flamingo Cricket Club. The club colours shall be pink and green.

2 OBJECTIVES

- To encourage the playing of the amateur sport of cricket through the provision of practice and playing facilities, coaching and fixtures for all playing members, conforming in all respects with the Laws of the Game and Codes of Conduct.
- To afford all members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.
- To ensure all members of all categories have the opportunity to participate in the life of the Club through playing, social and fund raising activities and general management.

3 AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall be affiliated to the England & Wales Cricket Board (through the Hampshire Cricket Board), the Hampshire Cricket League, the Winchester & District Cricket Clubs' Association, the National Playing Fields Association, and other such organisations as the Management Committee shall deem as to be of benefit to Flamingo CC.

4 MEMBERSHIP

- Membership shall be open to all, irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status or sexual orientation. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members, the Club will adopt and implement the ECB Equity Policy Statement and any future versions of the Policy
- The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- 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 that the club has adopted
- The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made, in writing, to the Club Secretary, and such appeal shall be held within 14 days of receipt of the appeal notice. The appeal shall be heard by a panel of three persons independent of those members who made the original decision and may include non members.
- All subscriptions shall be paid by the 1st June. The Management Committee is empowered to increase the level of payment due if not made by this date. The

Cricket Sub-Committee is empowered to deny selection to any player whose subscription (or any other dues, e.g. match fees) is outstanding.

5 MANAGEMENT

The transaction of the business of the Club shall be vested in a Management Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. In addition to the powers and authority of this Constitution, the Management Committee may exercise all powers and undertake all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is established and which are not hereby expressly directed.

6 OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall consist of the President (*ex Officio*), Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Fixture Secretary, Captains, Vice-Captains, Club Welfare Officer and Colts Managers, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, when they shall retire but be eligible for re-election.

7 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES

- The Management Committee shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, the Captains (or in their absence the Vice-Captains) of the Saturday and Sunday X1s, Club Welfare Officer and Chairman of the various Sub-Committees (see below). No business shall be conducted without a quorum of five Committee members being present.
- The Committee shall meet as necessary and be responsible for the government of the club within the framework of these rules and shall have the power to deal with anything not covered by the Rules and to decide on the interpretation of these Rules in the event of any disagreement as to their meaning and such decision shall be final and binding upon the members.
- The Committee shall appoint Sub-Committees to manage matters relating to Cricket, Ground management, Youth Cricket, Clubhouse and Bar, Finance, Social Events, ClubMark and any other Sub-Committees as it deems necessary or expedient.
- The Committee shall have power to grant Honorary Life Membership, without further subscription, to members who it is felt are entitled to recognition of their services to the Club.

8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held between 1st December and 31st March of the following year at the Club headquarters (The Holt, Salt Lane, Lower Upham, Winchester, Hants) or an alternative venue, on a date to be decided by the Management Committee at which the audited accounts of the Club shall be presented, the election of Officers and Management Committee shall take place and any other business shall be discussed and transacted.
- Notice of every Annual General Meeting, together with the Annual Report, balance sheet, and agenda will be circulated to members at least 14 days before the date of such meeting.
- Proposed alterations by members to these Rules and other proposals shall be considered at the Annual General Meeting. No proposal to change, delete from or add to the Rules will be deemed carried unless it receives not less than two-thirds of the

votes cast of those present and entitled to vote. No business shall be conducted without a minimum of ten members being present.

- An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the discretion of the Committee or on receipt by the Hon Secretary of a written request signed by at least five full members stating the purpose for which the Meeting is required.
- Notice of any Extraordinary General Meeting and its Agenda shall be circulated to members at least 14 days before date of such meeting.
- At all meetings, each paid up member over the age of 16 years shall have one vote. In the event of an equal vote, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. All decisions in all committees shall be by a majority vote.

9 PROPERTY AND FUNDS

- A bank account shall be kept in the name of the Club at a Bank approved by the Committee into which all monies received on behalf of the Club shall be paid by the Hon Treasurer or other responsible official.
- Accounts for payment will be certified by the Hon Treasurer or Hon Secretary and cheques will be signed by two of the following; The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Treasurer, Hon Secretary or nominated Committee Member.
- The accounts of the Club will be kept by the Hon Treasurer and audited annually by the auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting. (For the purpose of such audit, the books shall be closed on the 31st day of October each year).
- 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 are reinvested in the club.
- The Club may provide sporting and related social activities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
- The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club
 - (i) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
 - (ii) employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;
 - (iii) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
 - (iv) 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).
- The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability, discrimination and child protection and has adopted the ECB Child Protection policy "Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket" and its successors.

10 OPENING OF CLUB PREMISES

- The Club shall be opened and closed at such hours as may be fixed from time to time by the Management Committee and posted in the clubhouse.

- The permitted hours for the sale of intoxicants shall be such as may from time to time be determined by the Management Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and evidenced by a Club Premises Certificate granted on the 3rd October 2005 by the Licensing Office, Winchester City Council. The purchase of intoxicating liquor for and supply by the Club shall be at the absolute discretion of the Clubhouse, Pavilion and Bar Sub-Committee.

11 CLUB INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Members shall advise the Hon Secretary of any changes of address, telephone numbers as they occur.

12 WINDING UP

- The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than two thirds of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.
- The Committee will then 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:
 - (i) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
 - (ii) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or
 - (iii) to the Club's governing body (i.e. the Hampshire County Cricket Board who represent the ECB) for use by them for related community sports.

13 PRIORITY

Where there is any conflict between any of the above Rules ("key Rules") and any other rule or rules the key Rule(s) will take priority. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASCs (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002).