

CLYDESDALE CRICKET CLUB (Instituted 1848)
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CONSTITUTION (proposed to AGM June 2016)
Joint Constitution of Clydesdale Cricket Club,
Clydesdale Hockey Club and Clydesdale Western Hockey Club

Name

1: The name of the club shall be "Clydesdale Cricket Club" hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

Aims

2: To preserve and maintain the traditions of Clydesdale Cricket Club, founded in 1848.

3: To promote the playing of Cricket and Hockey by club members, and such other sports and activities as the members may decide in General Meeting, this to include the coaching and encouragement of Junior Players.

Office Bearers

4: The Office-Bearers of the Club shall consist of:

- a Patron or Patrons,
- an Honorary President or Presidents
- an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Finance Convenor, a nominated representative of the Cricket, Mens' Hockey and Ladies Hockey Clubs *ex-officio*, and up to two other elected members, and
- a Members' Forum consisting of the Executive Committee members, immediate Past President and up to eight other elected members.

All office-bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and in the event of any vacancies occurring during the year it shall be in the power of the Executive Committee to fill such vacancies.

Membership

5.1: The membership of the Club shall consist of (a) Playing members (b) Non-Playing members and (c) Country Members, being members whose place of residence is outwith a radius of 60 kilometres of the Clubhouse at the date when subscriptions are due. Non-playing members shall have all the rights and privileges of Playing members of the Club other than that of Playing Cricket and/or Hockey. Country members shall have the same rights and privileges as Non-Playing members save that of voting or holding office in the Club. Members wishing to transfer from one class of membership to another may do so with the consent of the Executive Committee. All members (with the exception of Honorary Members) shall be elected by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may from time to time recommend the election to Honorary Membership of any person or persons who in their opinion have rendered outstanding service to the Club. Honorary Members shall be elected at a General Meeting of the Club at which such recommendation from the Executive Committee is submitted.

5.2: A sporting organisation may apply to become an "Affiliated Club" having a corporate status as a Non-playing member of the Club, but without voting power.

6: The number of Non-Playing members shall not exceed 400, except that Playing members who have played Cricket or Hockey may transfer to Non-Playing membership, with the consent of the Executive Committee, irrespective of the total Non-Playing memberships at that time. Should such transfers increase the Non-Playing membership above 400, no applicants shall be admitted until the Non-Playing memberships have fallen below 400.

7.1: Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, disability, gender

reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex; sexual orientation, political or other opinion.

7.2: Applicants for membership shall be required to complete and sign an application form which should be submitted to the Secretary along with the entry fee (where applicable) and first annual subscription. All applications submitted to the Secretary shall be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee. Following this, applicants shall be notified by the Secretary of their admission (or otherwise). Applicants for membership upon lodgment of their application form with the Secretary may be afforded temporary membership facilities whilst awaiting admission to the Club. Any applicant who is refused membership shall have a right of appeal to the Members' Forum.

8: The Club operates an Equal Opportunities Policy where no one is denied the right to equal access on the grounds of age, race, creed, colour, gender, disability, occupation, religion, sexual orientation or political persuasion or marital status or having or not having dependants. There is equality of opportunity in terms of the playing rights and the rights of members to attend general meetings, vote and hold office.

Subscriptions

9: The Annual subscriptions of members shall be fixed each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Club or a General Meeting of the club convened for that purpose. The recommendations of the Executive Committee regarding the proposed rates of subscription shall be circulated to members with the notice calling the meeting. For the purpose of this Rule, membership of the Club shall be divided into the following categories and separate rates shall be fixed for each category:-

- (a) Playing Members -
- (b) Non-Playing members.
- (c) Country members.

10: Family membership shall be extended to two adults over 18 years of age, who must be members of the same household, together with any number of their children who are eligible under section 28.1 as Juniors. The Family Membership rate of subscription shall be set in conjunction with the other subscriptions, as described in paragraph 9, with a Family member who also wishes to play one or more of the Club's sports paying an additional fee equal to the difference between a Playing fee and half the Family Membership rate set.

11: A concessionary rate of subscription may be made available for any members, over 18 and under 23 years of age, aged 65 or over on the date the subscription is due in any year or Students in full time education. Subscription rates for Affiliated Clubs shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

12: The subscriptions of all members, with the exception of those playing Cricket and Hockey, shall be payable on or before 1st January in any year. The subscriptions of members playing Hockey shall be payable on or before 1st September in any year and shall be calculated at the rate in force for the Club's current financial year. Any subscriptions not paid by the due date will be liable to payment at such increased rate as may be fixed at a General Meeting. The subscriptions of members playing Cricket shall be payable on or before 1st April in any year.

13: An entry fee shall be payable prior to admission to Non-Playing or Country membership. The amount of such a fee shall be fixed each year by the members at the Annual General Meeting or at a General Meeting of the Club convened for the purpose, and the recommendations of the Executive Committee regarding the amount thereof shall be circulated to members together with the notice calling the meeting.

14: The names of members whose subscriptions are not paid within one month of the due date shall be submitted to the Executive Committee which shall have power to deal with such members as it thinks fit, including forfeiture of Club privileges, until the subscription is paid.

Resignation

15: Member may tender their resignation from membership by sending notice to the Executive Committee through the Secretary and on its acceptance by that Committee they shall cease to be a member. Notice of resignation from Playing Membership must be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the opening game of the season. Notice of resignation of all other members must be in the hands of the Secretary before the date of the Annual General Meeting. When notice is given subsequent to the issue of membership cards or club keys such notice shall only be effective if accompanied by these items.

Expulsion

16: The Executive Committee shall have the power by a vote of at least three-fourths of their number to expel a member from the club. The expelled member shall have the right of appeal to the Members' Forum which may confirm or overturn the original decision.

Annual General Meeting

17: The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held no later than 90 days after the end of the Club's financial year, at which the Annual Report and Accounts of the Club shall be submitted together with Secretaries' Reports on all activities of the Club.

18: The business of the meeting shall include the election of Office-Bearers and members of the Executive Committee and Members' Forum.

19: The business of the meeting shall include the setting of the next year's subscription rates, the appointment of Reporting Accountants and any other competent business.

Special Meetings

20: Special General Meetings of the Club shall be called by the Secretary at any time on receiving a written requisition signed by at least twenty-five members of the Club entitled to vote or by order of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall be required to call a Special Meeting on receiving a written requisition signed by at least three members of the Executive Committee, such meeting to be called by Circular and the business stated.

Notice of Meetings

21: Intimation of the Annual General Meeting accompanied by the Annual Report and Accounts, or of any Special Meeting, shall be sent to all members at least seven days prior to the Meeting, stating the business to be discussed. Such intimation of meetings may be given by e-mail or post.

Quorum

22: At all General Meetings of the Club except as provided for in rule 33, twenty-five members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum. In case of parity in voting the Chair will have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

Executive Committee

23: The Executive Committee shall have absolute control of the affairs of the Club and power to co-opt members and form Sub-Committees and shall meet monthly. The main purposes of the Executive Committee are to:

- Oversee the running of the Club
- Develop and implement a strategy to take the Club forward
- Safeguard and enhance the Club's facilities and activities
- Review the business performance of the Club
- Manage the Club employees

- Promote the Club to potential members

The Executive Committee shall have power to borrow money without security or to secure the repayment thereof, all in such manner and on such terms as may seem appropriate, but subject to prior approval by a majority of the members of the Club entitled to vote present at a General Meeting called for the purpose.

Five members of the Executive Committee personally present shall form a quorum.

Members' Forum

24: The Members' Forum main purpose is to provide input to and monitor the performance of the Club and of the Executive Committee. As such, it shall meet quarterly and:

- Provide input to the Club's strategy
- Receive regular reports from the Executive Committee
- Help promote the Club, its sections and its activities

The President shall chair the Members' Forum and the immediate past President shall be entitled to attend its meetings.

Five members of the Members' Forum personally present shall form a quorum.

Cricket and Hockey Committees

25: There shall be a Cricket Committee and a Hockey Committee which shall have vested in them by the Executive Committee responsibility for the administration, direction and development of their respective sports within the Club. All decisions of the Cricket and Hockey Committees affecting Club Policy and Finance will require the ratification of the Executive Committee before they become binding by the Club. Office-Bearers, Captains and Selection Committees, and the respective committees will be appointed by their playing members at annual Players' meetings.

Bye-Laws

26: The General Committee may from time to time make House Bye-Laws to regulate and control the playing facilities and social amenities of the Club and may alter such Bye-Laws provided such Bye-Laws shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution of the Club. Details of all Bye-Laws in force at any particular time shall be clearly shown on the notice board within the Clubhouse and/or circulated electronically to members.

Disciplinary Committee

27: The Executive Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee, consisting of at least three members independent of the Executive Committee, to investigate any alleged breaches of the Bye-Laws on its behalf and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on any appropriate action or sanction.

Juniors

28.1: The Executive Committee shall be entitled in their discretion to admit youths under 18 years of age to playing facilities of the club. Youths so admitted shall make such annual payment to the General Funds of the Club as may be fixed by the Executive Committee. Alternatively, they may be admitted for no additional fee as children of Family members. They shall not be held to be members of the Club. On the date of their 18th birthday they will require to apply for membership of the Club.

28.2: The Club is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. Members, staff and volunteers will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and young people.

28.3: The Club shall operate a Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy. This shall be updated from time to time, as required, by Executive Committee to meet the requirements of evolving legislation and the policies of Sporting Governing Bodies relevant to the Club's activities. Details of the Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy in force at any particular time shall be clearly shown on the notice board within the Clubhouse.

Management of the Bar

29: In the management of the Club Bar and the sale of excisable liquors therein, the following rules shall be observed :-

- No member of the Committee and no manager or employee of the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or in the profits arising from such sale.
- No visitors except as provided in Rules 35 and 36 shall be supplied with excisable liquors on the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member.
- No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied to any person under eighteen.
- No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied to any person except during the hours permitted by the Licensing Act currently in force. It will be within the powers of the Executive Committee to restrict the sale of excisable liquors to hours equal to or less than those permitted by the Act and to alter the times of sale of excisable liquor from time to time provided always that such hours conform in all respects to the provision of the Licensing (Scotland) Act then in force.
- No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club premises for consumption off the premises.

Visiting Teams

30: Players in visiting teams shall be admitted as temporary members for the day and shall have all the privileges of membership.

Visitors

31: The introduction of visitors shall be subject to such restrictions as the Executive Committee may impose at any time.

Accounts

32: The Finance Convenor shall be required to keep proper books and accounts showing the financial affairs of the Club and to keep Accounts on its behalf with such banks as the Executive Committee may determine.

Dissolution of the Club

33: The Club shall not be dissolved unless at a Meeting called in terms of Rule 20 at which there must be present at least three-fourths of the voting members of the Club, and the Resolution shall not be declared carried unless by a vote of at least three-fourths of the voting members present. If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such to be determined by the members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of the dissolution; and if effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.

Liability of Members

34: The Club is a non-profit making body. The property, effects and funds of the Club shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Club and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, distribution, bonus, honoraria or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Club, or to any other person or body of persons except in accordance with Rule 33. Each member, other than Country and Honorary members, shall be bound to pay their portion of any deficiency which may occur in the funds of the Club.

Recovery of Debts

35: The Finance Convenor and Secretary are hereby empowered jointly to sue for recovery and discharge of debts to the Club, including outstanding subscriptions.

Execution of Documents

36: Any document requiring formal execution on behalf of the Club or its members shall be held to be

validly executed if subscribed by any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Finance Convenor.

Alteration of the Constitution

37: Each member on admission shall be furnished with a printed or electronic copy of the Constitution. The Constitution shall not be altered unless at a General Meeting a resolution to alter the Constitution, due notice of which resolution has been given in the notice calling the meeting, is passed by not less than three-fourths of the members of the Club present and voting.