

# ALDERLEY EDGE CRICKET CLUB

## RULES 10 May 2016

### NAME OF THE CLUB

- 1 The name of the Club shall be "THE ALDERLEY EDGE CRICKET CLUB"

### AIMS OF THE CLUB

- 2 The Club exists to provide facilities for Members to play amateur sports, namely Cricket, Tennis, Hockey and Squash and such other games as may be considered desirable from time to time by the Members in general meeting. All surplus income or profits will be reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- 3 Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sports of cricket, tennis, hockey or squash on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to the Club's available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis. 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 anyone being able to play cricket, tennis, hockey and squash at the Club. Application for membership of the Club shall be by completion of a membership application form and by payment of the relevant subscription. 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.
- 4 The 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 to the Committee. The club has adopted and operates in accordance with the respective Welfare Policies and Equity Policies of the individual National Governing Bodies of the sports played. All members will be subject to the Rules of the Club and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these Rules and whilst taking part in any sporting activity at the Club, any Codes of Conduct, Playing Laws, Directives and Policies that the Club has adopted through each sporting section.

### ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 5 a) The Committee shall have the power to impose any entrance fees at any time of such amount as they may decide for all classes or any class of Member.
- 5 b) The Committee shall set the rates of subscription for all classes of Members for the year at a level that does not pose a significant obstacle to membership or use of the Club's facilities. The Committee shall have the power to vary the first year's subscription according to the date of election of a Member.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

- 6 a) For the purpose of these Rules the following definitions of type of Membership shall apply:-

#### **i) Full Member**

A person having attained the age of 30 who shall have paid a subscription for cricket, tennis, hockey or squash or a combined subscription allowing him or her to play more than one game.

**ii) Intermediate Member**

A person between the ages of 19 and 29 inclusive who shall have paid a subscription for cricket, tennis, hockey or squash or a combined subscription allowing him or her to play more than one game.

**iii) Social Member**

A person who is allowed to use the facilities of the Club but not play any game. No person shall be proposed for election as a Social Member under the age of 25 except where (in the opinion of the Committee) there are exceptional circumstances. However, any playing Member over the age of 19 may elect to transfer to Social Membership.

**iv) Country Member**

Any Full, Intermediate, Social or Junior Member residing outside a distance of 50 miles from the Alderley Edge Cricket Club ground for a whole calendar year commencing on the 1st January and who, in addition, does not play any game regularly at the Club.

**v) Junior Member**

A person under the age of 19 who shall have paid a subscription for cricket, tennis, hockey or squash or a combined subscription allowing him or her to play more than one game.

**vi) Club Life Member**

A person who, having been a paying Member for 50 consecutive years, is entitled to Honorary Membership thereafter.

- 6 b) The word "Member", unless otherwise stated, includes all the above categories. Membership does not entitle a Member to use the facilities of any playing section for which he or she has not paid a subscription.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE**

- 7 The annual subscription shall be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January for the relevant calendar year.
- 8 a) Should a Member's subscription not be paid, or valid direct debit mandate or other permitted instalment plan not be in place, by 31<sup>st</sup> January, he or she shall be denied use of the Club until payment is made, and his or her name shall be posted in the pavilion. Any subscription outstanding on 31<sup>st</sup> March, other than direct debit payments or permitted instalment plan payments not yet due, shall cause Membership to cease. Any person, on ceasing to be a Member of the Club, shall forfeit all rights and claims upon the Club and its funds other than the return of any loan made to the Club.
- 8 b) Subscriptions may be paid by cash, cheques, direct debit, or by any other means and at various times during the year that the Committee may decide. The Committee shall have the power to charge a fee to members who pay subscriptions by instalments.
- 8 c) The Committee of the Club may introduce Membership Cards and other means of identification and introduce regulations relating thereto.
- 9 Any Member wishing to resign must send his resignation to the Membership Secretary before the 1<sup>st</sup> February for the current year.

**VOTING RIGHTS**

- 10 All Members of the Club, other than Members under the age of 19 and Country Members, shall have one vote at any General Meeting of the Club. The person who takes the chair at any General Meeting of the Club shall have a casting vote in the event of the votes being equal in number.

### **THE COMMITTEE**

- 11 a) The Committee shall consist of Officers and Members. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer. All the Officers shall be voting members of the Committee, but not of Sub-Committees; they shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and hold their respective offices for one year. They shall all be eligible for re-election except the President and the Chairman who shall not be eligible for immediate re-election after a third consecutive year of office.
- 11 b) Six Members of the Club shall be elected as members of the Committee; two to be elected for a term of three years at successive Annual General Meetings. They shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of one year. Should there be more candidates than vacancies the election shall be by ballot.
- 11 c) Any vacancies occurring on the Committee during the year may be filled by the Committee and any Member so co-opted shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the Member in whose place he or she was co-opted.
- 11 d) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to two Members to act until the Annual General Meeting next following the co-option or for such shorter period as the Committee may determine.
- 11 e) Additionally, each playing section as defined in Rule 16, shall be required each year to nominate two of its Committee Members, one of whom will normally be the Chairman, as ex-officio Members of the Committee.
- 11 f) The Chairman of any Sub-Committee shall be an ex-officio Member of the Committee.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- 12 a) The President shall propose his successor after having taken appropriate soundings and informing the Committee accordingly.
- 12 b) Every candidate for election as Chairman, Vice -Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and as a Member of the Committee shall be proposed by one Member and seconded by another (other than Junior Members) and no Member shall take part in the nomination of more than two candidates. Each nominee shall signify his or her acceptance of the nomination in writing.
- 12 c) Nominations for positions on the Committee shall be made on a form posted, by the Honorary Secretary, on the Club notice board at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting; the form shall be removed 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 12 d) The name of every candidate, together with the names of the proposers and seconders, shall be posted on the Club notice board at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 12 e) The Club is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for children to enjoy playing the sports and social activities offered by the Club. The Club will appoint a Child Welfare Officer in each playing Section responsible for Child Safety and will be a first point of contact for parents, children and outside agencies. The Child Welfare Officers meet as regularly as necessary and report to the General Committee.

## **VICE-PRESIDENTS**

- 13 a) Election of a Member to the position of Vice-President is an honour bestowed for life; its purpose is to recognise long and meritorious service to the Club. Nominations for the position of Vice-President shall be proposed and seconded by Full Members, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary for consideration by the Committee. Following Committee endorsement the candidate(s) shall stand for election at the next Annual General Meeting of the Club. Vice-Presidents shall not exceed 25 in number and no more than two shall be elected at any Annual General Meeting.
- 13 b) Vice-Presidents shall receive Minutes and have the right to attend meetings of the Committee and to contribute to discussions but have no vote.

## **CHAIRMAN OF MEETINGS**

- 14 a) The Club President or, in his absence, the most recent available past President, shall take the chair at any General Meeting of the Club.
- 14 b) The Club Chairman or, in case of his absence the Vice-Chairman or, in case of the absence of both, another Member elected by the Members present, shall take the chair and have the casting vote at any meeting of the Committee.

## **MANAGEMENT OF CLUB**

- 15 a) The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee who shall be empowered to make by-laws and regulations and these shall be posted on the Club notice board and shall be binding on every Member until set aside, altered or ratified by the next following General Meeting.
- 15 b) The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees as they may deem fit, each of which shall include at least two Members of the Committee

## **PLAYING SECTION MANAGEMENT**

- 16 a) At the date of the adoption of these Rules the playing sections of the Club consist of Cricket, Tennis, Hockey and Squash.
- 16 b) Each playing section may make such by-laws or regulations as they see fit providing they do not conflict with any Rule of the Club. The playing sections shall hold Annual General Meetings and shall appoint a Section Executive Committee of Officers and Members. Such appointments, by-laws and regulations shall be notified at the next following Committee meeting.
- 16c) Each Section Executive Committee shall, within 28 days of their Annual General Meeting, appoint two of their Members to serve on the Committee and shall immediately inform the Honorary Secretary, in writing, of such appointments. See Rule 11 e.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 17a) The Committee shall meet at such times and places as they themselves shall arrange. Any four Members thereof may, by notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary, require a meeting of the Committee to be held within 21 days. The Honorary Secretary shall arrange such a meeting giving adequate notice to each Member of the Committee. The Honorary Secretary may likewise convene such a meeting at his or her discretion.
- 17b) Seven voting Members shall constitute a quorum at Committee meetings.

## **ASSISTANT TREASURER/ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

- 18 The Committee may, at any time, co-opt onto the Committee an Honorary Assistant Treasurer and/or an Honorary Assistant Secretary to act until the Annual General Meeting next following the appointment or for such shorter period as the Committee may determine.

#### **CLUB EMPLOYEES**

- 19 Within the statutory requirements of current employment legislation the Committee shall appoint, and have the power to dismiss, any employees of the Club. No member or employee may be employed and remunerated to play sport for the Club, although they will be permitted to coach or perform other duties for the Club and be remunerated for their services.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 20 a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held by the end of May in every year at a time and date to be fixed by the Committee no later than the end of November for the following purposes:
- i) to receive from the Committee reports and a Certified Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year ending 31st December. A link to a copy of the Certified Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be sent to the Members by e-mail at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting;
  - ii) to elect Officers, Vice-Presidents and Committee members and to appoint Auditors for the coming year;
  - iii) to vote on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting. Any Member desirous of moving any such resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary not less than 28 days before the date of such meeting.
- 20 b) No business shall be considered, or motion proposed, at any Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof has been given according to the provisions of Rule 20.a.iii. At an Annual General Meeting 20 Members shall form a quorum.
- 20 c) Notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be circulated with the annual subscription demand.
- 21 A vacancy occurring in the office of Auditor during the year shall be filled by the Committee.

#### **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

- 22 a) The Honorary Secretary shall, on receiving a requisition in writing signed by at least six Members of the Committee or 30 Members (other than Country or Junior Members) of the Club stating the nature of the business to be transacted, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club within 35 days of receipt of such requisition. Notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting, stating the object for which it is called, shall be sent to all Members by e-mail and posted on the Club notice board for the 21 days preceding such a meeting.
- 22 b) No business shall be considered or motion made at any Extraordinary General Meeting unless notice has been given according to the provisions of this Rule and no resolution passed at any Extraordinary General Meeting shall be valid unless:
- i) a quorum of 20 Members shall be present, and
  - ii) voted for by at least a two-thirds majority of the Members present and entitled to vote at such a meeting.

#### **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

- 23 a) Non-Members may be admitted free of charge to the Club:  
i) for the purposes of participating in or attending the activities envisaged by Rule 25b of these Rules;  
ii) as a guest of a Member up to a maximum of three times in any one calendar year provided that, if such permission be afforded pursuant to (i) above, such admission shall not count towards the maximum stated in this sub-clause.
- 23b) Section Treasurers are responsible for the collection of visitors' fees which are payable to the Club for non-team games played on each such day as a non-member may be admitted to the Club. The occasions when such fees are payable and the levels of such visitor's fees shall be determined from time to time by the Committee.
- 24a) Any Member, introducing a non-member in accordance with Rule 23a) ii), shall be responsible for the due observance of the Rules of the Club by such non-member and for all out-goings and expenses attendant on such introduction.
- 24 b) Any Officer of the Club, Member of the Committee or person duly authorised by the Committee shall, upon proper and reasonable grounds, be entitled to refuse admission to any non-member seeking admission to the Club pursuant to Rule 23a, or to require any non-member admitted to the Club pursuant to Rule 23a, to leave the Club immediately upon request.

#### **CLUB LICENCE**

- 25a) The hours during which the supply of intoxicating liquor is permitted shall be determined by the Committee, in pursuance of the Licensing Acts, and shall be displayed in the club house.
- 25 b) The following persons, being non-members, may purchase intoxicating liquor from the bar of the Club's premises:  
i) persons attending the Club for the purpose of participating in, or bona fide supporting, any sporting or recreational activity or competition promoted and organised by the Club on the date of their visit only;  
ii) persons attending a function at the Club promoted by a Member, and approved by the Committee, admission to which function is accorded by private invitation obtained otherwise than by payment therefor;  
iii) persons attending a function, other than one authorised by (i) or (ii) above, organised by or on behalf of the Club.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

- 26 Any Member having any cause for complaint shall notify the same by letter addressed to the Honorary Secretary and the Committee shall consider such complaint at their next meeting.

#### **DOGS**

- 27 The presence of dogs on Club grounds is not encouraged but any dog on the grounds shall be kept on a lead and the owner shall be responsible for the good behaviour of the dog. In no circumstances may dogs (other than bona fide Guide Dogs) be taken into the Clubhouse.

#### **EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS**

- 28 a) The Committee shall have the power to expel any Member who shall offend against the Rules of the Club or whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Committee, render him or her unfit for membership of the Club.

- 28 b) An expelled Member shall forfeit all rights to claim on the Club or its property except for the return of loans made to the Club.
- 28 c) Without prejudice to the powers of the Committee under Rule 28 a) the Committee shall, in addition, have the power to suspend the rights of any Member to use all or any of the premises and facilities of the Club for a period of time not exceeding nine months if such Member shall offend against the Rules of the Club or if the conduct of such Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, render him or her unfit to be allowed to use the premises and facilities of the Club.
- 28 d) Before any Member is expelled or the rights of any Member are suspended the Honorary Secretary shall give him or her at least seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform him or her of the complaints made against him or her. No Member shall be expelled, nor the rights of any Member suspended, without he or she first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him or her unless at least two thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of expulsion or the suspension of his or her rights.

### **MEMBERS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES**

- 29 The Membership Secretary shall post The Rules of the Club on the web-site for every Member to access and read. The Rules shall be binding on every Member of the Club and no Member shall be absolved from the effect of the Rules and regulations on the plea of not having read the rules.
- 30 Each member of playing sections agrees to be bound by and subject to the Rules and Disciplinary Code of their relevant sport's National Governing Body.
- 31 a) Each Member of the Club shall provide to the Club his or her current postal and e-mail addresses to the Membership Secretary and all notices sent by post or e-mail to such addresses shall be considered as duly delivered.
- 31 b) Each member is obliged to notify the Membership Secretary with any changes to post or e-mail addresses.
- 31 c) Information held by the Club about its Members will be managed in accordance with the Club's Data Protection Policy which can be found on the Club's web-site.

### **ALTERATION OF THE RULES**

- 32 These Rules shall not be rescinded or altered in any way, except by an Extraordinary General Meeting duly convened, and by the vote of at least a two-thirds majority of the Members present and entitled to vote at such a meeting. Notice of any proposed rescission or alteration to a Rule must be given according to the provisions of Rule 22.

### **DISSOLUTION**

- 33 The Club may be dissolved by a resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting, duly convened, by the vote of at least three-fourths of the Members present and voting at such a meeting. After a Resolution to dissolve the Club has been passed by the Members all debts and liabilities of the Club (which will include any payment resolved to be made at the General Meeting which passes the resolution to dissolve) will be discharged. The remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Members but shall be given or transferred to some voluntary organisation having aims similar to those of the Club which is a registered charity, or to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club, or to the National Governing Bodies of the Club's sporting sections for use in the related community sport for which the club existed.

### **ALDERLEY EDGE CRICKET CLUB LIMITED.**

1. All the freehold and leasehold property of the Club shall be vested in a private limited company called "Alderley Edge Cricket Club Limited" ("the Company").
2. The shareholders of the Company shall be persons who are Members, over 21 years of age, of the Alderley Edge Cricket Club and no one else.
3. The Directors of the Company shall be appointed by the Shareholders. There shall be six Directors appointed. Each Director shall be elected for no more than three years after which period he or she will retire and shall be eligible for re-election. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled and the appointment of new Directors of the Company shall be made by the Shareholders of the Company subject to confirmation by the Committee of the Club.
4. The issued Share Capital is six shares of £1 each. Each of the Directors shall take, on behalf of the Club, one share in the Company and shall give to the Secretary of the Company a Declaration of Trust and a blank Transfer of such share. In the event of death or retirement the person who is nominated to take the place of the dead or retired Director shall take over his share and shall execute a similar Declaration of Trust and blank Transfer which shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Company.
5. The Directors of the Company shall nominate a person to take the place of a dead or resigning Director and shall have such nomination approved by the Committee of the Club.
6. The Directors shall have the power to adopt such measures as may appear to them advisable in the interests of the Club and shall promptly report on the same to the Honorary Secretary of the Club, and shall act in accordance with the instructions of any relevant resolutions of the Committee, details of which shall be notified to them by the Honorary Secretary, provided that this is not in contravention of the Directors' statutory obligations.
7. All the personal property of the Club (other than leasehold) shall be vested in the Committee and, if any legal proceedings are necessary with regard thereto, they shall be taken in the name of the Honorary Secretary on behalf of the Club.

#### **NOTE FOR INFORMATION**

These Rules incorporate all amendments made to 8 May 2018.