

## **RAMSBOTTOM CRICKET CLUB**

### **RULES AND BYLAWS**

#### **NAME**

1. The Club shall be called “Ramsbottom Cricket Club” and the number of its members shall not be limited.

#### **OBJECTS**

2. (a) The main purpose of the Club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of cricket.  
  
(b) The Club shall also provide refreshment rooms and make provision for recreation, social intercourse and refreshment for the benefit of its members and shall also provide all things incidental to cricket.  
  
(c) 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.  
  
(d) 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.  
  
(e) To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB Cricket Equity Policy and any future versions of the Policy.  
  
(f) To encourage all members to participate fully in the activities of the club.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

3. The Club shall consist of senior members and junior members. Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of cricket as a particular sport. Until the candidate is elected a member he or she shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club.
4. Candidates for membership shall be elected by the Committee. The Committee may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club members and decided by a majority vote.
5. Any fully paid member being a member in any year shall be considered a member for the succeeding year unless written notice to the contrary shall be given to the Secretary on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October in each year.

6. No member's card or ticket shall be transferable.

## **OFFICERS**

7. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, Treasurer and Secretary and a Committee of not more than fourteen members, five of whom shall retire annually except in every third year when this will be four. Not less than half of the existing members of the Committee shall form a quorum at any Committee meeting.
8. The President shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting on the nomination of the General Committee.
9. The President shall be considered to be an ex officio member of all committees appointed for and on behalf of the Club and shall be allowed a vote on all occasions except that whenever he/she is acting as Chair of any meeting he/she shall not vote on any matter or resolution brought before the meeting except when a casting vote is required.
10. The vacancies caused by the retirement each year of the number of Committee members as per Rule 7 shall be filled at the Annual General Meeting and any retiring member of the Committee may offer him/herself for re-election.
11. If there should be an insufficient number of members willing to offer themselves for election to the Committee at any Annual General Meeting then, and in these circumstances, the Committee of the Club as it then exists shall be empowered to appoint at their discretion, and subject to the member Consenting, any senior member of the Club to serve on the Committee for a period of not more than one year.
12. Any senior member of the Club shall be eligible for election to the Committee, provided that such member shall have been a fully paid member of the Club for a period of not less than twelve months immediately prior to his nomination for election to the Committee, and provided always that not more than five members of the Committee shall be eligible for selection in any of the teams selected by the Committee to represent the Club in any cricket match whatsoever.
13. The Committee shall be empowered to appoint annually from amongst the senior members of the Club, a suitable person to the office of Treasurer and the length of such appointment shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
14. The Treasurer shall be considered an ex officio Member of all Committees, appointed for and on behalf of the Club, and shall be allowed to attend all meetings of such Committees, but he/she shall not be allowed to vote unless he/she is in fact a member of that Committee.
15. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club and shall give such assistance as may be necessary to the Auditors in the preparation of the Annual Statement of Accounts, and for this purpose will produce all books and vouchers and other papers in his/her possession.

## **SECRETARY**

16. The Committee shall have full power to appoint a suitable person to the office of Secretary and the length of appointment and salary to be paid shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
17. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club. He/she shall also keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings and records of all competitions of the Club.
18. The Secretary shall keep a list of all members of the Club and a copy of such list shall be exhibited at all times in the Clubhouse in a part frequented by the members.
19. The Secretary shall keep a register of the attendances of all members of the Committee and a list of such attendances shall be printed on all Annual Reports and Statement of Accounts.
20. The Secretary shall keep a Minute Book recording therein all minutes of resolutions passed by the Committee and such minutes shall be read at the next succeeding meeting of the Committee for the approval of the Committee and after such approval shall be signed by the Chair of such meeting.
21. The Secretary shall also keep a Minute Book recording therein all minutes of resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting and such minutes shall be read at the next succeeding Annual General Meeting for the approval of all members present and after such approval such minutes shall be signed by the Chair of such Meeting.
22. At the appropriate time it shall be the duty of the Secretary to cause all members to receive a current Member's Card and furnish each new member with a current copy of the Rules of the Club.

## **COLLECTOR**

23. The Committee shall have full power to appoint a suitable person to the office of Collector and the Length of the appointment and salary to be paid shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
24. The Collector shall be empowered to receive all subscriptions and donations on behalf of the Club and shall issue an official receipt to all payees and donors and at the request of the Committee, shall furnish a list of subscriptions and donations received on behalf of the Club, and amounts owing to the Club.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

25. The Committee shall have full power at all times to decide the various amounts of subscriptions payable by the members of the Club.
26. All subscriptions to the Club shall be due for payment on receipt of Membership Card and must be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June in each year and the Committee shall have power to authorise the Collector to take such steps as may be necessary to enforce payment of such subscription after such date.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

27. All members of the Club with the exception of the junior members shall be entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
28. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on such date and at such time as the Committee may deem reasonable and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to convene such meeting and to post three notices in the Clubhouse advising of the meeting and also to furnish a notice at least 7 days in advance in the local press and to furnish all members with a copy of the Club's Statement of Accounts for the previous year and a report from the Committee.
29. Any senior member desirous of nominating a senior member for election to the Committee shall apply to the Secretary for a nomination paper and after having obtained the consent of the member about to be nominated shall have the nomination paper duly signed by two senior members of the Club and afterwards hand the completed nomination paper to the Secretary at least three clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
30. Any senior member whose subscriptions are in arrears shall not be entitled to propose or second the nomination of a fellow member to serve on the Committee and the nomination of a member whose subscriptions are in arrears shall be declared void.
31. No member of the Club whose subscriptions shall be in arrears shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting.
32. Any member of the Club wishing to add to, alter or delete any of the Rules of the Club being in force at such time must send written notice of his/her intention so that a copy of the proposed alteration, amendment or deletion and such notice shall bear the signature of at least six other members and such notice to alter, amend or delete shall be handed to the Secretary not less than three clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

## **PROCEEDINGS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEE**

33. The Committee shall be empowered to appoint annually from amongst its members one member thereof to the office of Chair of the Committee and the length of time of such appointment shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
34. The Chair of the Committee shall be considered an ex officio member of all committees and sub-committees appointed for and on behalf of the Club and shall, at his/her own discretion take the chair at all meetings convened by, or on behalf of, the Club but shall only be allowed to vote at any meeting when a casting vote shall be required to settle any matter under discussion.
35. The Committee shall also be empowered to appoint annually from amongst its members one person to the office of Vice Chair of the Committee and the length of time of such appointment shall also be at

the discretion of the Committee.

36. The Vice Chair of the Committee shall also be considered an ex officio member of all committees or sub-committees, appointed for and on behalf of, the Club and shall in the absence of the Chair at his/her own discretion take the chair at all meetings.
37. The Vice Chair shall be allowed a vote on all occasions except when acting in the capacity of Chair and shall only be allowed a casting vote.
38. The Committee shall meet at regular intervals throughout the year to conduct the business and affairs of the Club and such meetings and the times thereof shall be agreed upon by the Committee.
39. Any member of the Committee, who shall without sufficient cause or reason absent him or herself from four or more consecutive Meetings of the Committee, without having notified the Secretary shall be deemed to be no longer a Member of the Committee and after written notice shall have been sent to such defaulting Member by the Secretary, the remainder of the Committee shall be empowered to take such steps as they deem necessary to fill the vacancy caused by such defaulting Member.
40. Any Member of the Committee wishing to resign from office must send written notice to the Secretary and such notice must be conveyed to the remaining Members of the Committee at a recognised meeting of the Committee.
41. The Committee shall be empowered to employ a Cricket Professional, subject to the terms and conditions applicable to Cricket Professionals as set down by the Lancashire Cricket League and such Cricket Professional shall be engaged upon such terms and for such a period as the Committee shall from time to time think necessary.
42. The Committee shall be empowered to employ if deemed necessary a Cricket Coach upon such terms and for such a period as the Committee shall from time to time think proper.
43. The Committee shall be empowered to appoint a Groundsman and the duties of such Groundsman and salary and method of employment shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
44. The Committee shall be empowered to erect suitable gates or turnstiles at all entrances to the ground and shall be empowered to charge all members of the public attending any matches on such ground such charges as the Committee from time to time think proper.
45. The Committee shall have full power to appoint from amongst themselves or any other members of the Club, for the purposes of forming a sub-committee or sub-committees consistent with the good rule and government of the Club.
46. The Committee shall be empowered to appoint a sub-committee of not less than three members of the Committee, who shall have absolute discretion in the purchase of intoxicating liquor. In the event of any member for any reason ceasing to be a Member of the Committee, he/she shall automatically cease to be a Member of the sub-committee and another Member of the Committee shall be appointed in his/her place. Such sub-committee shall in no way be restricted in freedom of purchase.

47. No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club, or any member thereof, any commission percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club, nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise, or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.
48. There may be admitted to the Club's registered premises persons other than members and intoxicating liquor may be supplied to them by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises and not elsewhere.
49. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to the members of the Club.
50. The Committee shall ensure that the Clubhouse shall be open between the hours as specified hereunder on each day provided that the Committee shall have power by resolution to extend these hours on any specified occasion.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	6 pm to 11.00pm
Friday	6 pm to 11.30 pm
Saturday	1 pm to 11.30 pm
Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday	11 am to 11.00.pm

51. The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be as stated hereunder

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	7 pm to 11.00 pm
Friday	7 pm to 11.00 pm
Saturday	1 pm to 11.00 pm
Sunday	1 pm to 10.30 pm

52. No person under the age of 18 will be served with any alcoholic drinks.
53. The Committee shall have unlimited authority on every question of order and shall be sole interpreters of the Rules of the Club.
54. The Committee shall have 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 such member unfit for membership of the Club. Before any such member is expelled the Secretary shall give such member seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee, which notice shall contain particulars of the complaints made against such member. No member shall be expelled without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering the complaints made against such member, nor unless at least two-thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of the expulsion of such member. Appeal against expulsion may be made accordance with Rule 3.

55. The playing ground or grounds and all other appurtenances thereto shall be open at suitable times for recognised practice, providing such practice does not interfere with the work of the Groundsman, and the Committee may authorise practice on any occasion provided that sufficient notice shall be given to the Groundsman.

### **ACCOUNTS**

56. A person or persons shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting to carry out the requirements of Rule 57. The person or persons so appointed must be qualified and a professional Accountant or Accountants and must not be members of the Club.

57. The person or persons appointed under Rule 56 shall examine all books and vouchers and other items in the hands of the Treasurer of the Club, and shall prepare an Annual Statement of Account and shall also deal with any other matters which the Committee consider should be dealt with by them for which a suitable fee may be charged to the Club.

### **TRUSTEES**

58. The property of the Club shall be vested in Trustees, who shall be appointed by the Committee of the Club. The Committee of the Club shall have the power to remove any of the Trustees and all vacancies occurring by removal, resignation or death shall be filled up by the Committee. The Trustees shall have the power to adopt such measures as may appear necessary to them in the interests of the Club, subject at all times, however, to the approval of the Committee.

### **WAGERING**

59. No match shall be played amongst members for any wager whatsoever and all members playing in any matches shall restrict themselves solely to the honour of winning such match or trophy or trophies awarded to the victors of such match.

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

60. As an appreciation of outstanding service to the Club any Annual General Meeting may on the recommendation of the Committee only, appoint a member or members of the Club to receive Life membership of the Club.

### **CLUB CAP**

61. That the award of a Club Cap or other suitable wearing apparel to any member of any team shall be solely at the discretion of the Committee.

## **FINANCE**

62. The Committee shall be empowered to borrow monies either by loan, mortgage or charge upon such terms and for such a period, as the Committee shall think proper.

## **DISSOLUTION**

63. 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.

64. If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the full members present at the meeting, the General 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.