



# SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB

Founded 1965

## **CLUB RULES AND CONSTITUTION**

Correct as agreed at AGM on  
5<sup>th</sup> December 1997

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## **SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB RULES**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Annual subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> May each year. Membership is deemed to have lapsed if payment is not received by 31<sup>st</sup> May.
2. File of Membership details to be maintained by the Membership Secretary.
3. List of current Members and category of Membership to be displayed in the Clubhouse. This is to be updated monthly.
4. Consideration of non-payment of Annual Subscriptions to be taken in selection meetings. In the event of excess availability “Non Members” will be omitted from the availability list.
5. All new Members will be provided with a list of “Key Club Facts” on application to join the Club. This will include:
  - a. Details of Annual Subscriptions and payment terms
  - b. Details of Match Fees
  - c. Home Match Day requirements
  - d. Details of Ground preparation requirements
  - e. Details of Bar work requirements
  - f. Nature of the Club, plus access details of the Club.

### **GENERAL CONDUCT**

6. In the event of any misconduct, including the taking of illegal substances on the premises, being reported in writing to the secretary, or in his absence the Club Chairman, within 7 days of the incident occurring (or at the Chairman’s discretion), a disciplinary meeting will be held within 7 days to discuss the incident. This meeting will be attended by five Committee members, which must include any two of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary. The results of the meeting are to be confirmed in writing within 7 days of the meeting.

7. Any Club Member will be expected to attend the meeting if requested by the Disciplinary Committee formed for the above purpose.

## **SELECTION MEETINGS**

8. Availability to be passed to the Members Secretary, or recorded on the availability board by Monday 7.30pm.
9. Availability board to be maintained in the Clubhouse.
10. Selection meetings to be Chaired by the Club Captain and attended by team captains and/or vice captains, plus Members Secretary.
11. Selection meeting to be held on Tuesday evening and teams will be displayed every Wednesday in the Clubhouse.
12. Members to phone Members Secretary on Wednesday/Thursday evenings to determine selection.
13. In the event of a shortage of availability no discounts to match fees are available. In the event of "one off" guests helping to make up teams, a charge for tea will be levied.

## **PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES**

14. All Members are expected to attend their fair share of groundwork.
15. Support social/fund raising events and assist with bar duties as required.
16. Arrive at the ground at the appointed time to assist with the preparation of the ground prior to a match.
17. Ensuring the ground is cleared of unauthorised persons during matches to adhere to the Clubs insurance requirements.

**MEMBERS ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO CODE OF CONDUCT  
DETAILED BELOW BASED ON THE "LAWS OF CRICKET".**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

For the purposes of the code the expression "The Player" shall throughout be deemed to mean any include not only any player, but also any member or official of any club or if appropriate any other person.

**ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO LAW 42.1**

"The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws." All Players shall conduct themselves in such a manner that the spirit and laws of cricket are upheld. The Captains shall deal promptly and effectively with any misconduct, and with any situation likely to give rise to misconduct, whether on the field of play, in the pavilion or otherwise in connection with the game.

**MISCONDUCT SHALL INCLUDE:**

- a) Any show of dissent,
- b) Any unacceptable comment or gesture,
- c) Swearing, spitting and "sledging",
- d) Any action which could be construed as unfair play.

Should any player guilty of misconduct fail to respond appropriately, the Captain shall dismiss that player from the field of play.

The Disciplinary procedure shall be followed in all cases of alleged misconduct.

## **SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB**

### **CONSTITUTION – CORRECT AS AT AGM 05.12.97**

1. The Club shall be called Sherwood Cricket Club
2. The objects of the Club shall be to provide facilities for playing primarily cricket but also such other sports and activities as the Committee may from time to time decide and for the social intercourse of Members.
3. The Club colour shall be Lincoln Green.
4. The Club shall consist of no more than 75 ordinary Members of whom not more than 60 shall be playing Members and not more than 20 shall be non-playing Members.
5. The Club shall be managed by a Committee comprising of those Members who hold the positions of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chairman, Members Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Club House Manager, Bar Manager, Fund Raiser, Youth Section Chairman, Ground Chairman and all Senior Club Captains.  
The Committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting in each year and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until their successors elected at the annual general meeting the following year.
6. The Committee shall meet at least every two months to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the Club. Minutes shall be taken of all proceedings of the Committee and shall be open to inspection of any Member of the Club applying to the Secretary thereof.
7. There shall be not more than four Trustees of the Club and at the date approved of these rules in meeting the Trustees are Michael Keen, Neal Perkins, Peter Pfeiffer and Michael Taylor.  
The property of the Club (other than cash which shall be in the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be

dealt with by them as the Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.

The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or a unanimous vote is passed by the three remaining Trustees to remove the Trustee. Where by reason of any death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed the Committee shall by resolution nominate the person to be appointed.

The purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the club within the meaning of section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour of any person dealing bona fide and of value with the Club or the Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

8. If at any time the Club in general meeting or special general meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money, the Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution, and thereupon the Trustees shall at the discretion of the Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Committee may

deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest.

All Members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not, and all persons becoming Members of the Club after passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

9. The annual subscription for playing Members shall be decided upon at the annual general meeting. Subscriptions shall be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May each year, and if not paid within 4 weeks membership shall be deemed to have lapsed.
10. Prospective Members will be allowed to play only 2 matches before their membership is approved by the Committee. Annual subscriptions must be paid before any further games are played.
11. Match Fees will be agreed at the annual general meeting.
12. The Committee shall have powers to elect as honorary life members, without payment of any further subscriptions, any Member of not less than three years standing who shall in the opinion of the Committee have rendered services to the Club, but such election shall not take effect unless and until confirmed at the annual general meeting next ensuing the date of such election. There shall not be more than 15 life members at any one time and Vice Presidents.
13. The Committee shall have powers shall have powers to elect Members of other Clubs to use and enjoy the premises and facilities of the Club as visitors. Such visitors shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Members. In addition, the Committee shall have power to hire and let the premises and/or facilities of the Club to third parties on such terms as the Committee deem appropriate for the benefit of the Club.

14. Such entrance fees as the Committee may determine shall be payable by a candidate who has been elected as a Member and shall be paid with the first annual subscription. No candidate who has been elected as a Member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until payment of the entrance fee (if any) and the first annual subscription. If such entrance fee and annual subscription be not paid within one month after notice shall have been sent informing the Member of his election, such election shall be void.
15. The names of all Members whose current subscriptions shall not have been paid before the first day of June in any year and who neglect to comply with written request for payment within seven days after the same shall have been sent them, shall be posted on the notice board of the Club, and such Members shall cease to be Members on expiration of such seven days unless reason satisfactory to the Committee shall be given for the delay.
16. Every candidate for membership shall be proposed by one Member and seconded by another.  
All applications for membership shall be made in writing and shall be signed by the candidate and the proposers and the election shall be in the discretion of the Committee.
17. A Member desiring to withdraw from the Club must give notice in writing to the Secretary on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> March each year, otherwise subscription for the ensuing year shall be payable.
18. The Committee shall have the powers to expel any Member who shall in the opinion of the Committee render him unfit for membership of the Club. Before any such Member is expelled the Secretary or in his absence the Chairman, shall give him seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform him of the complaints made against him.

No Member shall be expelled without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him nor unless at least two-thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of his expulsion. No Member whose membership has been terminated under this rule or who owes money to the Club shall be introduced by another Member as a visitor to any part of the Club.

19. Should a petition bearing the signatures of at least 30% of the total membership calling for an extraordinary general meeting be presented to the Chairman he shall call this meeting by notice as provided in clause 24 below.
20. The Club servants shall be appointed by and be under the orders of the Committee only, and no Member shall reprimand a club servant. If a Member has any cause of complaint he shall bring the same to the Committee in writing.
21. The Committee shall have power to alter the rules, but no such alteration shall take effect until the same has been confirmed at the annual general meeting convened for such purpose.
22. The Committee shall have power to make byelaws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club provided the same are not inconsistent with these rules. Such byelaws shall be posted in some conspicuous part of the Club premises and shall be binding on all Members.
23. A general meeting of the Club shall be held in every year not later than 31<sup>st</sup> December to transact the following business:-
  - a. To receive and if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.
  - b. To consider and if approved, sanction any duly made alteration of the rules.
  - c. To appoint the Officers and other Member of the Committee.
  - d. To appoint and auditor or auditors.

- e. To deal with any special matter which the Committee desire to bring to the Members and to receive suggestions from Members for consideration by the Committee.

***Notice convening the general meeting shall be sent to the Members not less than 10 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.***

- 24. A special general meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee and shall be convened within twenty one days from the receipt of any requisition in writing signed by not less than 30% membership specifying the object of the meeting for any of the following purposes:-
  - a. To consider and if approved, sanction any duly made alteration of the rules.
  - b. To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to place before the Members, including the expulsion of Member(s).
  - c. To receive the resignation of the Committee or to remove any Member or Members thereof from office and to fill any vacancy caused thereby.
  - d. To deal with any special matter which the Members requiring the meeting may desire to place before the Club.

*Notice convening a special meeting shall be sent to the Members not less than seven days before the meeting and shall specify the matter to be dealt with.*

- 25. At Committee meetings and at general meetings the Chairman for the time being shall preside, and he shall have a casting vote or additional vote in the event of equality of votes.
- 26. At Committee meetings (except for the purpose of rule 13) three shall be a quorum. At general meetings 30% of the membership shall form a quorum. All fully paid up/Life Members including social Members and Colt Members

may attend General meetings, however, the following voting restrictions shall apply. Social Members have no voting rights on *PLAYING MATTERS*. Colt Members playing Colts Cricket only have no voting rights and shall not be counted as part of the necessary quorum.

27. The Club bankers shall be HSBC Bank plc, Walderslade. All cheques drawn on the Club account must be signed by any two of the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.
28. All Club Members are expected to take part in the various duties required to run the Club over and above the actual playing of cricket.
29. Any person shall on ceasing to be a Member of the Club forfeit all right to and claims upon the Club, its property and funds.
30. The financial year of the Club shall end on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September in each year, at which the accounts of the Club shall be balanced. The auditors shall audit the accounts of the Club before the annual general meeting. A vacancy occurring in the office of auditors during the year shall be filled by the Committee.
31. The Club house shall be open to Members for such periods as the Committee shall decide from time to time.
32. Members shall be allowed to introduce visitors subject to such regulations as shall be made from time to time by the Committee and every visitor shall be considered the guest of and be accompanied by the Member introducing them. The Committee at their absolute discretion may decide to refuse entry to any such visitor.
33. No Member shall, except for professional services rendered at the request of the Committee, on any pretence or in any manner receive and profit, salary or emolument from the funds or transactions of the Club.
34. Each Member shall supply appropriate details including home address to the Membership Secretary and all notices posted to such address shall be considered as

having been duly given on the day following the day of posting.

35. The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and the regulations made from time to time by the Committee, and the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by these rules or by the regulations shall be final and binding on the Members.
36. The rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any annual or special general meeting, providing that no such resolution be deemed to have passed unless it is carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the voting Members.
37. If at any general meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of the Members present and at a special general meeting held not less than six weeks thereafter (of which not less than four weeks written notice shall be given to each Member) and at which not less than one-half of the Members shall be present, that resolution shall be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the Members voting thereon, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club and after discharge of all liabilities shall divide the same equally or rateably in the proportion to the amount each Member has paid in entrance fee and subscription among the ordinary and life Members, and upon the completion of such division the Club shall be dissolved.
38. a. If so decided by the Committee intoxicating liquor shall be supplied on the Club premises to Members and guests signed in during the hours permitted by law. During the said hours Members may purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises.

b. No persons shall be paid at the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to the purchase of intoxicating liquor by the Club and no person shall directly derive financial benefit which may thereby accrue to the Club as a whole.

c. The supply to the Club of intoxicating liquor and goods shall be under the sole control of the Committee who shall arrange for the purchase thereof on behalf of the Club.

d. Members of teams and officials visiting the Club for the purposes of taking part in a match will be constituted honorary Members of the Club on that occasion in accordance with Section49 of the Licensing Act 1964.

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