



Gentleman's Relish Amateur Cricket Club Constitution

19th October 2003

1 Name

The name of the Association is GENTLEMAN'S RELISH AMATEUR CRICKET CLUB ("the Club")

2 Objects

1. To promote, organise and conduct, whether alone or with any other person, company or organisation matches, practices and engagements of all sorts, including social and other meetings.
2. To offer, give or contribute prizes, medals and awards.
3. To promote, give or support dinners, balls and other social meetings of every description.
4. To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible for the Club to arrange.
5. To publish or cause to be published mailing lists, newsletters, websites and other printed and electronic material.
6. To develop interest in cricket, especially whilst wearing false facial hair.

7. To carry on the activities of the club as a non profit-making organisation.
8. To apply the income and property of the Club solely towards the promotion of the Club's objects as set out in this Constitution. No club funds shall be paid in any way to Members or Directors of the Club for discharging his duties as such.
9. To carry on any other activity of any description which may seem to the Club capable of being advantageously carried on in connection with or ancillary to any of the objects of the Club as set out in this Constitution
10. To buy, prepare, make, supply, sell and deal in:
 - (a) all kinds of equipment used in connection with the sport of cricket,
 - (b) all kinds of liquors, provisions and refreshment (including alcoholic liquors),
 - (c) Club insignia, Club merchandise and merchandise of all descriptions relating to the sport of Cricket,
 - (d) publications required or used by members of the Club, relating to the sport of Cricket.
11. To hire and employ all classes of persons considered necessary for the purposes of the Club and to pay them in return for services rendered to the Club.
12. To purchase or by any other means acquire property, or rights in property, which may be necessary for, or may be conveniently used with, or may enhance the value of any other property of the Club.
13. To improve, manage, cultivate, construct, repair, develop all or any part of the property and rights of the Club.
14. To borrow and raise money in any manner as the Club shall think fit and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by any security that may be thought fit.
15. To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority or any corporations, companies or persons, that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Club's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority, corporation, company or person, any charters, contracts, decrees, rights, privileges or concessions which the Club may think desirable and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such charters, contracts, decrees, rights privileges and concessions.
16. To pay out of the funds of the Club all costs and expenses of or incidental to the promotion, formation and incorporation of the Club.
17. To support and subscribe to any charitable or public object and to support and subscribe to any institution, society, or club which may be for the benefit of

the Club or calculated to further its objects.

18. To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Club's objects or any of them.

3 Powers

The Club has the following powers, which may be exercised only in promoting the Objects:

1. To publish or distribute information.
2. To co-operate with other bodies.
3. To raise funds.
4. To acquire or hire property of any kind.
5. To let or dispose of property of any kind.
6. To make grants or loans of money and to give guarantee.
7. To set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure.
8. To deposit funds in the nominated current account.
9. To take out insurance policies.
10. To employ paid or unpaid agents, staff or advisers.
11. To enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies.
12. To pay the costs of forming the Club.
13. To do anything else which promotes or helps to promote the Objects.
14. To grant honorary or associate membership to any individual interested in furthering the aims of the Club.

4 Membership

1. **Membership** of the Club is open to all adults.
2. Full Membership is open to adult males.
3. Women may become Ladies Members on acceptance of the committee. Ladies Members are classed as an associate member for the purpose of determining privileges.

4. Members are required to be easy on the eye.
5. Founder Membership is to be hereditary, with all male issue of founder members being considered accepted for club membership, on payment of the appropriate dues.
6. There shall be a concessionary rate for the long-term unemployed and students, with the annual subscription charged at half the full rate. It shall be up to the treasurer to determine if someone is indeed a candidate for concession.
7. The Committee may establish different classes of membership and set appropriate rates of subscription.
8. All prospective members must be proposed by two existing members of the club, and may be granted provisional membership by any committee member on notification of the two proposers.
9. Provisional members become full members after the payment of the appropriate subscription.
10. Provisional members are eligible to play in one match only. After playing in one match they must pay their subscription to become full members, or they may not play in any further matches.
11. The Committee must keep a register of **members**.
12. A member whose subscription is six months in arrears ceases to be a member but may be readmitted on payment of the amount owing.
13. A member may resign by written notice to the Club.
14. The Committee may invoke disciplinary procedures against any individual whose continued membership would in the reasonable view of the Committee be harmful to the Club (but only after notifying the member concerned in writing and considering the matter in the light of any written representations which the member puts forward within 14 **clear days** after receiving notice).
15. Disciplinary actions shall be determined by the committee and include, but are not limited to, expulsion from the club.
16. Membership of the Club is not transferrable.
17. All members will be provided with a copy of this constitution (or the URL of the constitution online), and are expected to be familiar with its contents.
18. All members agree to be bound by this constitution.

5 General Meetings

1. All members are entitled to attend general meetings of the Club in person.
2. General meetings are called by 21 clear days written notice to the members specifying the business to be transacted.
3. There is a quorum at a general meeting if the number of members personally present is at least 5 (or 10% of the members if greater).
4. The **Chair** or (if the Chair is unable or unwilling to do so) some other member elected by those present presides at a general meeting.
5. Except where otherwise provided for in this Constitution, every issue at a general meeting is determined by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Full Members present in person.
6. Changes to this constitution require a supramajority of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present at a General Meeting.
7. Except for the chair of the meeting, who has a second or casting vote, every member present in person is entitled to one vote on every issue.
8. An **AGM** must be held in every year.
9. All Full Members of the Club must wear a false moustache or beard for the duration of the General Meeting.
10. Those members with authentic facial hair shall be waived the requirement to don false facial hair.
11. Supply of false facial hair shall be the responsibility of the committee.
12. At an AGM the members:
 - (a) agree and accept the minutes from the previous AGM,
 - (b) receive the accounts of the Club for the previous financial year,
 - (c) receive the report of the Committee on the Club's activities since the previous AGM,
 - (d) elect **elected Committee members** to replace those retiring from office,
 - (e) elect from among the members of the Club the **Chair, Secretary and Treasurer** of the Club for the following year,
 - (f) elect from among the members of the Club a Captain. The Captain may or may not be a current or past committee member,

- (g) may confer on an individual (with or without his or her consent) the honorary title of Patron, President or Vice-President of the Club,
 - (h) discuss and determinate any issues of policy or deal with any other business put before them,
 - (i) Members unable to attend the AGM in person may appoint a proxy, made by writing in advance of the meeting.
13. An **EGM** may be called at any time by the Committee and must be called within 14 days after an written request to the Committee from at least 5 members.

6 The Committee

1. The Committee have delegated to them by the Membership the control of the Club and it's property and funds.
2. The Committee when complete consists of at least three individuals and at most five, all of whom must be Full Members of the Club:
 - (a) the Chair,
 - (b) the Treasurer,
 - (c) the Secretary,
 - (d) two 'elected Committee Members'.
3. All the members of the Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the AGM next after the date on which they came into office. A Committee member may be re-elected or re-appointed.
4. A Committee member automatically ceases to be a member of the Committee if he or she:
 - (a) is incapable, whether mentally or physically, of managing his or her own affairs,
 - (b) is absent from two consecutive meetings of the Committee without good cause,
 - (c) ceases to be a member of the Club,
 - (d) resigns by written notice to the Committee (but only if at least two Committee members will remain in office),
 - (e) is removed by a resolution passed by all the other members of the Committee after inviting the views of the Committee member concerned and considering the matter in the light of any such views,

- (f) a retiring Committee member is entitled to an indemnity from the continuing Committee members at the expense of the Club in respect of any liabilities properly incurred while he or she held office.

7 Committee Meetings

1. the Committee must hold at least three meetings each year.
2. A quorum at a Committee meeting is three members.
3. A committee meeting may be held either in person or through electronic means agreed by the Committee.
4. The **Chair** or (if the Chair is unable or unwilling to do so) some other member elected by those present presides at each Committee meeting.

8 Matches

1. All full members are eligible for selection to play in a match.
2. Provisional members who have not yet played in a match for the club are also eligible.
3. It is the responsibility of the committee to arrange, or cause to be arranged, the date and venue of matches, to negotiate with the opposition to establish the rules by which the match will be conducted.
4. Once the date, venue and opposition are known, the committee will publicise this to all members in writing.
5. All members who wish to play should notify the Captain that they are willing and able.
6. If the Captain is unable or unwilling to play in a match, he shall make a recommendation to the committee of a person who, in his view, should be selected as Match Captain. The committee will then make a final determination of who should be Match Captain.
7. If more members are interested in playing than are required for a full team, it shall be the responsibility of the committee to select the team from those available. The selection shall be based on previous attendance, performance, attendance at practice sessions and any other criteria that the committee may decide upon. The committee's decision in selection shall be final.
8. All Full Members of the club are required to play in Whites.

9. The most important responsibility of the **Match Captain** is to ensure the Club's team conducts itself within the laws and the spirit of The Game of Cricket.
10. The **Match Captain** will also be responsible for batting order, bowling selection and all other tasks that are normally the responsibility of the captain.
11. For each scheduled match the committee will also select a **Scorer**, who may be a player or any other person that in the committee's opinion is capable of scoring.
12. It shall be the responsibility of **The Scorer** to ensure a copy of the full final scores is provided to the committee for publishing on the website.
13. No member may throw a match for money without the written approval of the committee.
14. The club jockstrap shall be worn **outside** the trousers.

9 Dissolution

1. Dissolution of the club may be directed by a normal vote of the membership at a General Meeting.
2. On dissolution, all properties held in trust for the Club by the officers will be divided equally amongst the current membership.
3. Past members are held to have given up any rights to this property on resignation of their membership