



Dunstable Town Cricket Club

Club Rules

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## The Club

1. The Club shall be named Dunstable Town Cricket Club.
2. The objectives of the Club shall be to provide for its members facilities for playing cricket, and also for recreation, social and other sporting activities amongst its members including the provision of a clubhouse where members can meet after matches and on such other occasions as the Executive Committee shall consider desirable.

The Club is a non-profit-making organisation. All profit and surplus will be used to maintain and improve the Club's facilities. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit-making body or to members on winding up or dissolution of the Club.

Membership of the Club shall be open to all irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status and sexual orientation.

The Club adopts and complies fully with the ECB 'Safe Hands' Child Welfare Policy.

3. The colours of the Club shall be blue and gold.

## Membership

4. There will be five classifications of membership:
  - a) Full membership shall be open to:
    - (i) Playing Members, existing or elected by the Cricket Committee
    - (ii) Former playing members who have maintained continuous membership.
    - (iii) Any other person elected by the Executive Committee, including those members under rule 4(d).
  - b) Junior membership for playing Members under the age of 18. Such members will become full members under rule 4 (a) (1) at the discretion of the Executive Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> may following their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  - c) Social Membership existing or elected by the Executive Committee.
  - d) Life Membership, including Honorary Lie Vice-Presidents – conferred by full members at the Annual General Meeting. Upon election carries equal rights as full membership except that no membership fee is applicable. Entitles Members to vote at any general meeting of the Club.
  - (e) Family Social Membership shall be available to any family group involving at least one parent or guardian (non-playing) and one or more children under the age of 18. Each member of the family group will have the rights of one of the membership groups a(ii), a(iii), b, c or d as if they joined as an individual member.

Only Full Members including Life Members and those who are part of a family group who also satisfy the rules of membership under classification (a) are eligible to vote at Annual or Extra-Ordinary Meetings.

5. Members subscriptions, the level of which will be set by the Executive Committee, will be payable before 1<sup>st</sup> May each year or within one month of election to membership. Any Member whose subscription is not paid within one month of the due date shall, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, no longer be a member of the Club.
6. The Cricket Committee may elect persons as playing Members of the Club. The Executive Committee may award full membership (under rule 4(a)(iii)) and elect persons to social membership. No person can be a full and Social Member of the Club at the same time.
7. All visiting and bona fide visitors shall be elected Honorary Members for the day.

## **The Executive Committee**

8. The business of the Club shall be conducted by the Executive Committee who shall have entire control thereof and who shall at their discretion deal with any other matter arising in connection with the Club and not provided for in these rules. The Executive Committee, all members of which must be full members of the Club, will consist of the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Club Captain, Social Membership Secretary, Facilities and Ground Representative, Club Welfare Officer and two Members who shall all be elected annually.

A quorum shall consist of not less than 5 members and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. The aim of the Executive Committee will be to prudently manage the business aspects of the Club to provide facilities for the furtherance of cricket. The Executive Committee will produce an annual budget to be presented to the AGM.

The Club President may attend Executive Committee meetings in a non-voting capacity.

9. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint additional sub-committees not specifically referred to in these rules; all decisions of sub-committees must be ratified by the Executive Committee.
10. The Chairman will have executive powers to reach any financial decision, which in his opinion and exercising prudence and care, is desirable for the Club, and in which there is advantage to the Club if it is taken prior to the next planned Executive Committee meeting. This rule does not override powers specified under rules 20 and 21.

The Executive Committee may revoke this rule from the date of the vote until the next AGM by a vote of No Confidence in the Chairman, carried if two thirds

of the Executive Committee (not including the Chairman) vote in favour of the resolution.

11. The Executive Committee shall have the power and authority to hire out to non-members the clubhouse, grounds or parts thereof for the purpose of private hire only and for the purpose of raising revenue for the exclusive benefit of the Club and to permit at such private hires non-members to purchase and consume alcohol thereat for the duration of the private hire only in accordance with the Licensing Acts.
12. The Executive Committee shall have the power to call before it any Member who it believes has been guilty of conduct or any action likely to be detrimental to the interests of the Club. After hearing the Member's explanation and any other evidence the Member may ask it to consider, the Executive Committee may deal with the matter as it deems fit and impose a penalty on the Member if it considers appropriate.

## **The Cricket Committee**

13. The Cricket Committee, chaired by the Club captain, will consist of the captains of all teams, Fixture Secretary, Colts Manager and one other full Member elected at the A.G.M., one of whom shall be elected as Secretary. The Committee shall be responsible for all playing matters including, but not exclusively, team selection, fixtures, election of playing Members, coaching, organisation of the colts section and press coverage. The Committee will not be responsible for the hiring of paid employees or payments to any person (except reasonable expenses), the leaving or joining of leagues, ground maintenance and representative cricket (not including a DTCC team) which shall remain the responsibility of the Executive Committee. The Cricket Committee will prepare an annual budget request to be submitted to the Executive Committee, prior to the commencement of the season.
14. All players must submit themselves to the authority of the Captain in every game and any breach or infringement of discipline shall be reported by the Captain to the Cricket Committee who shall deal with the complaint.

## **The Bar**

15. The Bar Management Committee will consist of the Club Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and one other Member from the Executive Committee. The Bar Management Committee will be responsible for all decisions on running the bar including, but not exclusively, pricing, choice of drinks supplied and opening hours, subject to rule 16.
16. The Bar in the Pavilion may be open at the discretion of the Bar Committee and Commercial Manager for the sale of intoxicating drink from 11.00am to 11.00pm Monday to Thursday, 11.00am to 00.30 Fridays and Saturdays and between 12.00 noon and 11.00pm on Sundays.

17. Only Full, Social and Life Members, plus Honorary Day Members as specified in Rule 7, together with those specified in Rule 11, may be permitted to purchase alcohol on the Club premises. Full and Social Members may be entitled to bring guests to the premises.

## **General Meetings**

18. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect officers, Captains and Committee members shall be held on a date decided by the Executive Committee, not later than 15 months after the previous AGM. All Members will be given at least 14 days notice of such a meeting.
19. The Club rules may only be altered or any new rule added at a General Meeting and fourteen days notice of such proposed alteration, which must be proposed and seconded by Full Members, must be given to the Hon Secretary who shall notify all Members of such proposal.
  - a) A special General Meeting of the Club may be convened at any time by the Executive Committee.
  - b) A special General Meeting of the Club must be called by the Secretary at the request of at least 25 Full Members of the Club within 21 days of receipt of such request in writing, and the agenda must contain the reason for calling the special meeting.
  - c) All Full Members must have 14 days notice of all General Meetings.
  - d) All Members of the Club shall be entitled to attend Special and General Meetings but only Full Members present shall have a vote with the Chairman having the casting vote.
  - e) At all meetings of the Club, except Special General Meetings, simple voting majorities will apply. At Special General Meetings, a 2/3rds majority of all Full Members present and voting will apply.

## **The Trustees**

20. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees who shall be appointed at a General Meeting. Following the request of the Executive Committee and with the consent of the full Members of the Club given at a General Meeting, the Trustees shall have the power to sell, mortgage or lease the whole or part of the Club property or purchase property on behalf of the Club and the Trustees shall sign and execute all deeds as representing the Club and such signatures shall be binding on all Members of the Club.
21. If the Club requires to borrow money, a resolution shall be passed by the Club in General Meeting authorising the Executive Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the Trustees to borrow on behalf of the Club. The resolution shall specify the amount, purpose and security for the loan. All Members of the Club and those becoming Members after the passing of the resolution shall be deemed to have assented to it.
22. The number of the Trustees shall be not more than 5 nor less than 3 and the property of the Club (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in the Trustees.
23. The President of the Club and the Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of an Annual General Meeting or Special meeting.
24. Where by reason of any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Executive Committee that a new President, Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed or if the Executive Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or additional Trustees, the Executive Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees, such appointment to be ratified by the Club in General Meeting.

## **General**

25. In the event of any conflict between the Executive and Cricket Committees, the Executive Committee shall have the final decision.
26. All formal meetings of the Executive and Cricket Committee shall be formally recorded in the appropriate Minute Book.
27. Any matter not provided for in these rules shall be decided by the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.