

CONSTITUTION OF AWSWORTH VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

1. Name

The name of the Club is Awsworth Village Cricket Club, hereafter to be referred to as "the club" and the club shall be affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Cricket Boards.

2. Club Purposes

The purposes of the Club are to promote the amateur sport of Cricket in Awsworth, Babbington and Cossall.

To foster and promote the sport of cricket at all levels within the community and within the sport, providing opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.

To manage the cricket square on The Lane Recreation Ground, Awsworth.

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.

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.

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.

To encourage all members to participate fully in the activities of the club.

3. Permitted means of advancing the Purposes

The Committee has the power to:

- a) Acquire and provide grounds, training and playing facilities, equipment, clubhouse, transport and related facilities.

- b) Provide coaching, training, medical treatment and related social and other facilities.
- c) Take out insurance to cover the club, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties.
- d) Raise funds through events and by appeals, subscriptions, loans and charges.
- e) Open bank accounts to include current and deposit accounts.
- f) Borrow money and give security for the same.
- g) Purchase, lease or licence property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same.
- h) Make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits.
- i) Set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves.
- j) Invest funds in any lawful manner.
- k) Employ and engage staff and others and provide services
- l) Co-operate with or affiliate to firstly any bodies regulating or organising the Sport and secondly any club or body involved with it and thirdly with government and related agencies.
- m) To do all other reasonable things to advance the purposes of the club.

NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with the rules below and the general law.

4. Membership

- a) Membership of the Club shall open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of age, gender, disability, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- b) The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a fair and non discriminatory basis.
- c) The Club Committee may refuse or remove membership and subscription only for valid reason, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute.
- d)

Application for membership of the club shall be by completion of a membership application form and by payment of the relevant subscription/joining fees as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club. Membership for all players to be paid

by the week previous to the first game of the season or on application to join the club if during season

e) Match fees to include cost of teas to be paid on match day.

5.

Classes of Membership

There shall be (*number*) of classes of membership available. These are:

- Full Member
- Junior Member (Under 18 years of age at the beginning of the current year)
- Social Member
- Honorary/ Life Member.

6. General Meetings

- a) All members may attend general meetings of the Club.
- b) Such meetings need 14 days written notice.
- c) The minimum quorum for general meeting is 33% of members present.
- d) The Chair or in their absence another member chosen at the meeting shall preside.
- e) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.
- f) Formalities in connection with General meetings shall be decided by the Committee and publicised to club members.

7. Discipline and Appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be lodged in writing with the Secretary.

The Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary sub-committee who will meet to hear complaints within seven days of a complaint being lodged. Any member requested to attend a Disciplinary sub-committee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The Committee (or its sub-committee) has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action, including the termination of membership.

The outcome of the disciplinary hearing shall be put in writing to the

person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within seven days following the hearing. There shall be a right of appeal to the Committee against either the finding or the sanction imposed or both following disciplinary action being taken. The Committee shall appoint an Appeals Committee (a maximum of three) which shall not include members involved with the initial disciplinary hearing but may include non members of the club. The Appeals Committee shall consider the appeal within fourteen days of the Secretary receiving the appeal. The individual submitting the appeal shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties

8. Annual General Meetings.

The Club will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM. At every AGM:

- a) The members will elect a Committee including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve until the next AGM;
- b) The Treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the latest financial year audited as the Committee shall decide.
- c) The Committee shall present a report on the Club's activities since the previous AGM.
- d) The members will appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts.
- e) The members will discuss and vote on any resolution and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

9. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from then or on the written request of not less than 25% of members signed by them. Such EGM shall be held on not less 14 days nor more than 21 days notice at a place decided upon by the Committee or in default by the Chair.

10. The Committee

The Committee shall consist of 7 officers.

Executive Officers

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Welfare Officer
- Fixture Secretary
- either captain or vice captain of the Senior team
- Any other relevant position *according to club circumstances e.g. Junior Cricket Manager, Club Captain, Social Secretary, Club Development Manager, Publicity Officer etc.)*

Honorary Officers (if applicable)

- Patron
- President
- Vice-President(s)

The Committee members may co-opt up to 3 club members to serve until the next AGM. Any Committee member may be re-elected without limit.

A Committee member ceases to be such if he/she ceases to be a member of the Club or resigns by written notice. The Committee member may be removed from the Committee for good cause, after the member has been given the opportunity to state their case to the Committee and appeal to the club members or is removed by club members at a general meeting. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

a) Role

Subject to these Rules the Committee shall have responsibility for the Management of the Club, its funds property and affairs. The Committee shall have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

b) Property and Funds

- I. The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as

reasonably allowed by the Committee. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club.

- II. The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, coaching, training, medical treatment, sporting equipment, away-match expenses/ transport ,insurance cover, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of community Amateur Sports clubs as provided in the Finance Act 2002.
- III. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the club: sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment; indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against liability incurred in the proper running of the Club, but only to the extent of its assets.

c) Committee meetings

- I. Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed he/she must declare it; withdraw from that part of the meeting and have no vote on the matter concerned.
- II. At least 4 members must be present for the meeting to be valid.
- III. Committee meetings shall be held in person.
- IV. The Chair/Vice chair shall chair meetings.
- V. Decisions will be passed on majority vote.
- VI. The chair of the meeting shall have casting vote.

d) Delegation

The Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activities and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of the club; its membership and its duty to report back to the committee. The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or to change its mandate and operating terms.

e) Disclosure

Annual club reports and statements of account must be made available for inspection by any member and all club records may be inspected by any committee member.

11. Amendments

a. These rules may be amended at a general meeting by two-thirds of the votes cast but not (if relevant) so as to jeopardise the Club's status as a Community amateur Sports Club as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002 and not in any event to alter its purposes (unless the procedure set out in 9b has been followed) or winding up provisions.

b. The Club purposes may be changed to include another eligible sport if the Committee agree and the members agree the change by a majority of votes cast.

12. Winding up the Club

- a) The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.
- b) The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- c) After settling all liabilities of the Club, the committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

- I. To another sports Club with similar sports purposes, preferably in the vicinity of Awsworth, Babbington and Cossall, which is a registered charity and/or
- II. To another sports Club with similar sports purposes, preferably in the vicinity of Awsworth, Babbington and Cossall, which is a registered CASC and/or
- III. To the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

13. Adopted at a meeting held

Awsorth Village Cricket Club hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of all members.

At [place] GATE INN MAIN ST. AWSWORTH NG16 2RN

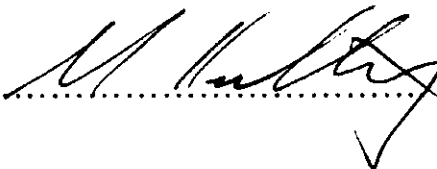
On [Date] 28/09/2008

Signed

Name... MATTHEW R KEETLEY

Address... 41 VICTORIA STREET, KIMBERLEY, NOTT'M

Occupation... SURVEYOR

Signature... 

[Name and signature of chair of meeting]

Witnessed

Name... RICHARD PARKER

Address... 20 CHESTERMAN CLOSE, AWSWORTH, NOTTS

Occupation... QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Signature... 

[Name and signature of Witness]