

## **CONSTITUTION OF ALL CANNINGS CRICKET CLUB**

### **1. NAME**

The Club shall be called the All Cannings Cricket Club.

### **2. AIMS**

The aims of the **Club** shall be the playing of grassroots club cricket in a relaxed and congenial way at both adult and junior level. The Club will emphasize family and community values and participation. We shall strive to provide ground facilities, coaching and shared equipment so that everyone has the chance to participate. All members will be expected to respect the laws and spirit of Cricket and the rules of the Club. The Club aims to have the simplest possible rules governed by common sense and natural justice. We will operate the most informal governance consistent with our collective 'legal' obligations; we recognize the need to care for the welfare of all our members and will adopt the ECB welfare of young peoples and health and safety guidelines. All members will be treated equally no matter what category of membership applies, save for the voting rights detailed below. All rules of the club are those mentioned in this document whether referred to as rules, aims, spirit or obligations. The Club will operate on a strictly amateur and voluntary basis and shall have no employees.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

The Club shall consist of the following general categories of membership; which the committee shall have the power to vary at its discretion: Vice Presidents, Officers and

Committee members, playing members of various age groups, social and family members, life members and honorary life members. The committee shall decide the annual membership fee as it sees fit for each category. Any surplus income or gains will be reinvested into the club and will in no circumstances be distributed to members. Membership shall be open to all without discrimination of any kind . The committee will endeavour to ensure fees are as modest as possible consistent with prudent management of the Club's finances.

#### **4. MANAGEMENT**

The Club will be managed by a Committee of at least six members including a President, Chairman, Club Captain, Vice Chairman, Groundsman, 1st Team Captain, Treasurer and Secretary. One person may hold two offices concurrently. Officers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year or co-opted by the committee, and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until the Annual General Meeting following their election or co-option. The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy that may occur, and to co-opt/appoint additional members as it sees fit. The retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election annually, should they decide to offer themselves for such re-election.

#### **5 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 5.1. The annual subscription for all categories of membership shall be decided annually by the committee..
- 5.2. The annual obligation of social members who pay no membership 'fee' shall be to provide tea, or other refreshments, for either the ordinary, or the junior

members once during each season. The provision of tea, in this way, will count as a 'fee' with respect to membership rights.

5.3. Subscriptions shall be due on the 1st. day of April in every year.

5.4. A match fee payable by each player for each match played in of such sum as shall be decided each year by the committee.

## **6. LIFE MEMBERS**

Any member who has been an ordinary playing member for not less than one year may, subject to the consent of the Committee, become a life member on payment of a sum to be fixed by the Committee in lieu of further annual subscriptions. The Committee shall have power to fix a limit to the number of life members.

## **7. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

The Committee shall have power to elect as honorary life members, without payment of any further subscription, any member of not less than five years standing who shall in the opinion of the Committee have rendered services to the Club of such significance as to merit such recognition. Such election will not take effect unless and until confirmed at the Annual General Meeting next ensuing after the date the committee makes such a proposal , or at a Special General Meeting called for this or any other purpose .

## **8. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The qualifications for membership shall be:

- (i) Current or former residence or a strong affinity to All Cannings and neighbouring villages.
- (ii) Every member shall subscribe to the spirit of playing cricket for enjoyment,

will try to win, but will accept defeat graciously, will “walk” if they have “nicked” the ball, will not complain about umpires’ decisions, and will strive to participate in social activities involving club members, opposition players and supporters.

- (iii) A willingness to undertake ground or other administrative duties on a Rota basis.
- (iv) A willingness to laugh, smile and help fellow members to enjoy themselves.

## **9. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS**

A member is defined as someone who has paid the appropriate annual fee. The due date for payment shall be 1st day of April in any year. Unless and until the appropriate annual fee is paid no rights of membership will exist, and such individual shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club.

## **10. EXPULSION**

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 him unfit for membership of the Club subject to giving the member an opportunity to state their case and the Club complying with the rules of natural justice. The obligation of every member is to ensure that such expulsion never needs be exercised.

## **11. ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Committee shall have power to alter the Constitution, but no such alterations shall take effect until the same has been confirmed at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose.

## **12. GENERAL MEETINGS**

A General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year to transact, inter alia, the following business.

12.1. To receive, and if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.

12.2. To consider and, if approved, sanction a duly made alteration of the Constitution.

12.3. To appoint the officers and other members of the Committee.

12.4. To appoint, should it be deemed necessary and supported by a majority of members present, a scrutineer of the financial accounts of the Club.

12.5. To approve the election of any persons as honorary life members.

12.6 To deal with any special matter which the Committee desires to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee.

Notice convening the General Meeting shall be, if practicable, sent to the members at least seven days before the meeting. A notice of a meeting posted on the notice-board at the village hall or shop at least seven days before the meeting shall constitute good notice, notwithstanding that they have not received a personal notice.

## **13. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee.

Additionally such a meeting shall be convened within 14 days from the date of receipt of a requisition in writing signed by not less than five members specifying the object of the meeting for any of the following purposes:

- 13.1. To consider and, if approved, sanction any duly made alteration of the Constitution.
- 13.2. To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to place before the members.
- 13.3. To remove a member or members of the Committee from office and to fill any vacancy or vacancies caused by such removal.
- 13.4. To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to place before the members.
- 13.5. To deal with any special matter which the members requiring the meeting may desire to place before the Club.

Notice convening a Special General Meeting shall be given in the manner above described for the Annual General Meeting.

#### **14. CHAIRMAN'S CASTING VOTE**

At Committee Meetings and at General Meetings the Chairman of the Club (or the Chairman of the Meeting concerned if elected to hold that post for the purposes of the Meeting in question) shall have a casting or additional vote in the event of an equality of votes.

#### **15. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee in addition to the powers specifically conferred from time to time by the Constitution of the Club shall have the control of the finances of the Club, shall maintain and operate bank accounts relating thereto, shall purchase equipment or machinery, and shall have all such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with this Constitution.

## **16. QUORUMS**

At Committee Meetings four shall form a quorum. At General Meetings ten shall form a quorum. All members who have paid an annual subscription or who are duly elected life or honorary life members shall be entitled to vote provided they are at least sixteen years of age.

## **17. DISCONTINUANCE OF THE CLUB**

17.1. If the Committee at any time decides that it is expedient to discontinue the Club any money or property belonging to the Club after payment of all expenses or liabilities properly incurred shall be distributed for such charitable purposes as the Committee may recommend. Such distribution shall be limited to purposes specific to the village of All Cannings. The process for such discontinuance or 'Winding Up' shall be as follows;

17.2 At the AGM or a Special General Meeting the members shall vote on a proposal made by the committee to 'wind the club up', such vote will be carried if not less than three quarters of those present are in favour provided that the meeting is properly convened and a quorum is present.

17.3 The committee shall then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

17.4 After settling all liabilities of the Club, the committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following; another All Cannings organization which is a registered charity and/or another club in All Cannings which has similar sports aims and which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club and/or any other All Cannings entity with similar community aims.