



Eversley Cricket Club

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EVERSLEY CRICKET CLUB

RULES & REGULATIONS

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Rule 1 NAME

- (a) The Club is named the “Eversley Cricket Club”.

Rule 2 COLOURS

- (a) The Club colour shall be maroon. Members are encouraged to wear club colours when representing the Club.

Rule 3 OBJECTIVES

- (a) The objectives of the Club are the provision of facilities for cricket, youth welfare and social recreation in the Eversley District.

Rule 4 PARTICIPATION IN THE EVERSLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

- (a) In order to achieve the objective set out in Rule 3(a) above, the Club shall participate in the Eversley Sports Association (“ESA”) as a Participating Club and such participation shall be governed by the ESA constitution as may be in force from time-to time.
- (b) The Club shall be entitled to appoint four (4) representatives to the ESA’s management committee and these persons shall be elected on an annual basis by the Members of the Club at the AGM. Each candidate representative shall require a Proposer and a Secunder and the Members present shall vote for and against each candidate in turn (unless only four persons are proposed). The four candidate representatives receiving the most votes for shall be elected. In the event of a tie the President shall have the casting vote(s).

Rule 5 OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

OFFICERS

- (a) The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director of Cricket, a Publicity Officer, a Grounds Manager, a Membership Secretary, a Fixture Secretary, a Sponsorship Manger, a Head of Colts Cricket, a Club Safeguarding Officer, a Womens & Girls Co-Ordinator, a Clubhouse Manager and the Captain of the Saturday 1st XI.
- (b) In the event of an Officers position becoming vacant due to resignation, unacceptable absences, or lack of nominees at an AGM, the Main Committee may divide the responsibilities of that position amongst other Main

Committee Members, and/or coopt appropriate Club Members to represent the interest of the position at all or any Main Committee Meetings. If the Captain of the Saturday 1st XI is unable to fulfil Main Committee responsibilities, the Cricket Committee should nominate a suitable representative of current players to attend Main Committee meetings. This should, if possible, be the same player on all occasions.

TRUSTEES

- (c) There shall be four Trustees of the Club who shall be nominated from time to time by the Main Committee and who shall be legally appointed by the President. A Trustee shall hold office during his or her lifetime or until his or her resignation in writing to the Main Committee or until a resolution removing him or her from office shall have been passed by two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Main Committee.
- (d) All property of the Club of whatsoever nature (except the Club's Bank account) shall be vested in the Trustees for the time being to be held in trust in their names for the use and the benefit of the Club as a whole. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the Main Committee shall take steps to secure the appointment of a new Trustee in his or her place and as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club Property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after the said appointment.
- (e) The Trustees shall at all times and in all respects act in regard to the property of the Club held by them in accordance with the directions of the Main Committee and shall have power to sell, pledge, lease, mortgage or otherwise alienate any Club property in compliance with the directions of the Main Committee.
- (f) The Trustees shall, on the direction of the Main Committee, represent the Club in any litigation.
- (g) The Trustees shall be entitled to full indemnity out of the property of the Club in respect of any action taken by them on the direction of the Main Committee.
- (h) The Trustees shall be notified of the dates of the Main Committee Meetings and General Meetings of the Club and shall be entitled to attend such meetings, but shall not be entitled to vote on any resolution put before such Meetings.

MANAGEMENT OF ASSETS

- (i) The Main Committee shall manage all grounds and property vested in the Club, and shall have power to acquire and develop grounds and buildings in the name of the Club. All grounds and buildings are held or so acquired shall be vested in the Trustees of the Club.
- (j) The Main Committee may, for the purpose of the Club, borrow, on the security of the lands or property of the Club, all such money as they think proper, on current account or otherwise, and may secure the same by legal or equitable mortgage. No mortgagee shall be obliged to enquire into the purposes for which any money is borrowed, nor shall he be concerned to see the application thereof.
- (k) In the event of the dissolution of the Club, all assets shall revert to the Trustees, who shall determine how they shall be used for the recreational and/or charitable benefit of the local community.

Rule 6 COMMITTEES

MAIN COMMITTEE

- (a) This committee shall consist of the aforementioned Officers (at Rule 5(a)) who, apart from the Captain of the Saturday 1st XI., shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Main Committee shall have the authority to co-opt any further members they deem necessary for the benefit of the Club.
- (b) Quorum: At a Main Committee Meeting five shall have a quorum.
- (c) Absentees: A Main Committee Member who absents himself from Meetings on two consecutive occasions shall be considered to have resigned unless he has reason for his absence acceptable to the majority of the Main Committee.
- (d) Independence: At least three of the Committee must be unrelated to each other and not co-habiting.
- (e) Skills and Diversity: The Committee members shall consider skills needed and diversity on the Committee and take appropriate action if required.
- (f) Personal Interest: 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 (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned. Conflicts of Interest must be recorded and minute.

- (g) Number of meetings: The Committee shall meet at least four times each year.
- (h) The Committee shall appoint a Club Welfare Officer to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation and the ECB Safe Hands policy. The Club Welfare Officer shall be a Committee member and report to relevant Committee meetings and the reports, together with any action taken, must be minuted.
- (i) The Committee will where appropriate consider provisions to delegate actions to sub committees and or individual club members.

CRICKET COMMITTEE (SELECTION COMMITTEE)

- (j) This Committee shall meet under the Chairmanship of the Chairman of the Cricket Committee and shall hold Selection Meetings. It will consist of all Team Captains and Vice-Captains of the Club, the Fixture Secretary and the Colts Manager(s). Other Members of the Club may be co-opted at the discretion of the Cricket Committee.
- (k) The Team Captains and Vice-Captains of the Club (including the Captain of the Saturday 1st XI) shall be elected by the Cricket-Playing Members using a mechanism to be decided by the Main Committee.
- (l) Any Cricket-Playing Member may attend Selection Meetings, subject to prior arrangement.
- (m) A Cricket Committee Member who absents himself from meetings on two consecutive occasions shall be considered to have resigned unless he has reason for his absence acceptable to the majority of the Cricket Committee.
- (n) The Cricket Committee shall have the mandate to invite guest players to play in specific matches with the privileges of Cricket-Playing Members on the day concerned. Match fees shall be at the Cricket Committee's discretion.

SUB COMMITTEES

- (o) These may be formed as a when required to ensure the smooth running of specific activities such as the Bar, Social Events, Grounds, Benefit Match, etc.

Rule 7 MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of cricket.

- (b) The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will have an equitable pricing policy and will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- (c) The level of subscriptions will be decided by the Committee from time to time and notified to the members.
- (d) Application for membership of the Club shall be by completion of a membership application form.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

- (e) The following shall be admitted to membership of the Club; they shall have full voting powers except where otherwise stated.
 - a. Vice President: A number of ladies and gentlemen may be invited to become Vice-Presidents of the Club. The list of Vice-Presidents shall be reviewed at the first Main Committee Meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
 - b. Cricket-Playing Members: Fully paid up adult members. The immediate family (i.e. spouses, partners and children) of this class of membership shall be afforded the rights of Social Members. The voting rights are restricted to 1 vote per family.
 - c. Life Members: These are to be selected at the Annual General Meeting. Life Membership proposals must reach the Club Secretary by 31st October for placement in the agenda of the next Annual General Meeting.
 - d. Social Members: Persons living in the Parish of Eversley shall, on the recommendation of the Main Committee, be entitled to become Social Members of the Club. Any person living outside the Parish may be proposed and seconded at a meeting of the Main Committee by two Club members, one of whom must be a member of the Main Committee. Umpires and scorers may be elected as Social Members, without payment of the appropriate subscription, at the discretion of the Main Committee, and given the status of Honorary Members (see below)
 - e. Honorary Members: The class of membership is aimed at non-players and former players, as opposed to current Cricket-Playing Members, and is open to those who have served the Club in any capacity worthy of election. Honorary Members are elected by the Main Committee

and reviewed annually. There is no subscription required for Honorary Members, who have all the privileges of Social Members of the Club.

- f. Associate Membership: This class of membership includes employees of the Club's major sponsors and paid-up members of Associated Clubs. Apart from voting rights, privileges shall be the same as for Social Members.
- g. Colts Family Membership: This class of Membership affords all members of the immediate family of the colt named (i.e. parents, siblings) the rights of Social Membership. The voting rights are restricted to 1 vote per family. The annual subscription, including any conditions and concessions, shall be fixed annually by the Annual General Meeting.
- h. Family Social Membership: The subscription shall be twice that of single Social Membership; voting rights restricted to 1 vote per family.

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- (f) No person shall be elected or admitted to membership or be entitled to the privileges of membership without an interval of at least 48 hours between application for membership and admission as a Member.
- (g) The Main Committee has the right to terminate the membership of any member if it is considered that such action would be in the interests of the Club. At the discretion of the Main Committee, social membership may be considered to have lapsed, if a Member does not pay his/her subscription for the current year by 31 May. A player who fails to pay by 31 May will not be selected (see 9 (a)).
- (h) No unlawful gambling nor any excessive drinking, intemperate language or other misconduct shall be permitted in the Club premises.
- (i) Every playing member over the age of 18 may be required to perform Bar Duties. Failure to carry out these duties may jeopardise team selection, at the discretion of the Main Committee.

Rule 8 BAR MANAGEMENT

- (a) The management of any Bar of the Club shall be vested in a Bar Committee. The Main Committee shall elect the Bar Committee. The Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Bar Manager shall be ex officio members of any Bar Committee.

BAR ADMISSION RIGHTS

- (b) All Members' rights of admission to the Bar shall at all times be at the discretion of the Bar Committee. No person under 18 years of age may purchase or consume intoxicants on Club premises. No members or guests are permitted to consume their own alcoholic beverages on the premises without prior arrangement with the Main Committee.

HOURS

- (c) The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicants shall be determined from time to time by the Bar Committee subject to the provision of the relevant Licensing Act(s) and the approval of the Clerk to the Licensing Justices. The hours in force at any time shall be displayed in the Bar.

VISITORS

- (d) At discretion of the Main Committee, all members of visiting clubs and teams, to be referred to as the Visitors, may be afforded the facilities of the Club. The Visitors are entitled to avail themselves of the provision of Section 49 (1) Licensing Act 1964, and to purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the Club premises.

GUESTS

- (e) Any Adult Member may introduce a guest or guests to the Club. The name and address of the guest(s) with the name of the member introducing them should be entered in the Visitors' Book kept in the Bar for that purpose. Members introducing guests are responsible for seeing that this is done and that the guest(s) do not purchase liquor from the Bar. The number of guests per member shall be limited to three on any one occasion. Members shall be responsible for the conduct of their guests. No guests shall be allowed to remain in the Club premises after the member introducing him/her has left

NON-MEMBERS

- (f) Individuals or organisations which do not hold Club Membership may, at the discretion of the Main Committee, use the Bar and other Club premises for pre-booked social functions at a fee set by the Main Committee. Attendance

should be limited to 80 persons. The Committee shall appoint a Club Member to supervise each event.

Rule 9 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH FEES

- (a) Subscriptions and match fees shall be fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting. These subscriptions shall be paid by 1st May by existing members and by those members elected prior to 30th April, or one month from the date of election, if this is after 30th April. Existing membership shall be deemed to have lapsed if the current year's subscription has not been paid by 31st May. Playing privileges will be withdrawn after this date.
- (b) Playing members who join during the season will be required to pay a subscription decided upon by the Main Committee.
- (c) Playing members of the Club under 18 years of age on the 30th April in the current year shall qualify for Colts Family Membership under Rule 7(g).
- (d) Playing members of the Club who are bone fide students in full time education and aged 18 or over on 1 May in the current year shall pay 50% of the full subscription.
- (e) Social Members' subscriptions shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting.

Rule 10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually during the months of November or December.
- (b) At least 14 days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to Members, and matters for placement on the Agenda shall be notified in writing to the Secretary not less than 7 days before the meeting (or by 31st October in the case of Life Membership).
- (c) The right to vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be restricted to Members as defined in Rule 7.
- (d) Voting for Officers of the Main Committee shall be by ballot only if more than one nomination is received for any one position. In the event of more than one nominee standing for the same post, either the nominee himself, or a Member acting for him, may be asked to give a short address to the General Meeting

concerned, outlining the reasons why that nominee should be elected. A paper ballot shall then be taken and tellers appointed to collect and count the votes. All classes of member, less Associates, shall have the right to vote. Holders of family Membership are entitled to one vote per family.

- (e) Eleven members shall form a quorum at all General Meetings.

Rule 11 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS (SGM)

- (a) In addition to the Annual General Meeting the Main Committee may at any time and for any special purpose, call a Special General Meeting; they shall do so forthwith upon the requisition in writing of any 10 members.
- (b) At least 14 days notice of an SGM shall be given to the Members.

Rule 12 FINANCE

- (a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the provision and operation of the Club's accounts.
- (b) The Treasurer shall draw up a Balance Sheet and a profit and Loss Account each year and shall submit the same for audit by the Honorary Auditors, who shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting. The audited accounts shall be submitted for approval at each Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Only the Main Committee may authorise any expenditure of the Club funds.
- (d) Cheques for goods and services of any kind supplied to the Club shall be signed by any two of the Treasurer, the Chairman and the Secretary and if more than one of these offices is at any time held by the same person, the Club may appoint not more than two other Members of the Main Committee to sign such cheques and orders.
- (e) The Main Committee and any Member thereof who commits the credit of the Club in accordance with these rules shall be entitled to full indemnity out of the property of the Club.

Rule 13 INSURANCE

- (a) A comprehensive insurance policy will be taken out with a reputable company to cover buildings, furniture, stock equipment, and also insurance for any legal liability that the Club might incur.

Rule 14 MINUTES AND MEMBERSHIP LISTS

- (a) The Secretary shall convene all General Meeting (both Annual and Special) and Main Committee Meetings. He will raise agendas and minutes of all proceedings, and shall produce the Minutes of previous meetings at all General Meetings and of the Main Committee, and at any other time when requested to do so by the Main Committee.
- (b) The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for keeping an up-to-date register of all members, a copy of which must be kept on the Club premises at all times.

Rule 15 REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP, DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

- (a) Any complaints regarding the behaviour of members, guests or volunteers should be lodged in writing with the Secretary.
- (b) Any person that is the subject of a written complaint or appeal shall be notified of the procedures to be followed by the relevant committee in reasonable time to prepare for any hearing.
- (c) The Committee shall appoint a disciplinary sub-committee (Disciplinary Sub-Committee) who will meet to hear complaints within [21] days of a complaint being lodged. Any person requested to attend a Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action on behalf of the Committee, including the termination of membership or exclusion from Club premises.
- (d) The outcome of the disciplinary hearing shall be put in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the person against whom the complaint was made within [14] days following the hearing.
- (e) There shall be a right of appeal within 14 days of receipt of the disciplinary decision or decision to refuse membership:
 - a. Against the Disciplinary Sub-Committee's findings or the sanction imposed or both; and

- b. Against the Committee's refusal to admit a new member
- c. In either case, the Committee shall appoint an appeals committee ("Appeals Committee"). The Appeals Committee shall have a maximum of three members 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 [21] days of the Secretary receiving the appeal. The individual who submitted 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.

Rule 16 RULES & REGULATION CHANGES

- (a) These Rules & Regulations shall remain in force until amended or repealed at a General Meeting.
- (b) Proposals to amend these Rules & Regulations must be made in writing to reach the Secretary by 31st October, in the case of the Annual General Meeting, or 7 days before, in the case of a Special General Meeting the for placement on the Agenda of the forthcoming General Meeting.