

VENTNOR CRICKET CLUB

ESTABLISHED 1850



AMENDED CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS – February 2020 AMENDED 20.07.2023 ADDED ECB ANTI-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Ventnor Cricket Club Limited
A Charitable Company governed by its Articles of Association.

Rules and Regulations of Ventnor Cricket Club

1. Name

The Club shall be called Ventnor Cricket Club (hereinafter called the Club)

2. Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated to:
The Isle of Wight Cricket Board
The Hampshire Cricket Board
The England and Wales Cricket Board

3. Objectives

The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Isle of Wight - in particular by the provision of facilities for playing cricket.

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 Steephill Cricket Gound and its facilities.

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.

The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Anti-Discriminatory Code of Conduct and any future versions of this.

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

4. Trustees There shall be Trustees of the Club. The Trustees of the Club will automatically be the holders of the following offices:

President
Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

The property of the Club (other than cash, which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Executive Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.

Should it appear necessary to the Executive Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, or if the Executive Committees deem it expedient to appoint additional Trustee or Trustees, the Executive Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed. For the purpose of giving effect to such nominations, the President is hereby nominated as the person to appoint Trustees of the Club within the meaning of the Section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and shall by deed duly appoint the persons or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustees Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour of a person dealing bona fide for value with the Club or the Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact stated. Any member wilfully injuring any property of the Club shall restore the same and be liable to expulsion from the Club.

5. Membership

- 5.1 The Club shall consist of the officers and the members.
- 5.2 Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of cricket and who accept and support the objectives of the Club on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 5.3 In accepting membership a person agrees to abide by the constitution, rules and regulations of the Club and the rulings of the Club Executive Committee.
- 5.4 The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- 5.5 On the recommendation of the Executive Committee any person, who has provided outstanding service to the Club, may be elected an Honorary Life Member at the Annual General Meeting and shall thereafter be entitled to all the privileges of the membership without any subscription.
- 5.6 The classes of membership shall be:
- Full Members.
- Honorary Life Member.
 - Life Full Playing Member
 - Full Playing member
 - Vice President
 - Students in Further Education aged 18+
 - Young Playing Member aged 16+
 - Life Vice President discontinued but present membership honoured
- Junior Members
- Students in school years 9 and 10
 - Students in school years 7 and 8
 - Students in school year 5 and 6
 - Students in school years below year 5
- Other Membership
- Temporary Membership will be available between January and Easter to allow new juniors and senior players to take part in coaching and other Club activities.
- 5.6 Members in year 10 and below shall be considered as junior members.
- 5.7 A Junior member, in years 9 and 10 may attend and speak at General Meetings but not be able to vote except on playing matters.
- 5.8 All applications for membership shall be on the prescribed form.

6. Duty of Care and Welfare of Young People*

Ventnor Cricket Club, with respect to its affiliation to the Isle of Wight Cricket Board (IWCB) and the IWCB's affiliation to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), has adopted without reservation, the ECB Policy known as 'SAFE HANDS Welfare of Young People*' in Cricket Policy'. The Cricket Club and the individual member, has the

Duty to ensure the Safety and Welfare of any Young person involved in related activities, to safeguard them and protect them from reasonably foreseeable forms of harm.

** All those under the age of 18 years*

7. Membership Fees

7.1 Membership fees shall be recommended to the Club's Executive Committee distinguishing between those members who are in full-time employment, members in full-time education, and junior members by the Finance Committee and Cricket Committee. This will be ratified at a General Meeting.
It will also give the CWO plus one of Chair of the Cricket Committee, Secretary or Junior Coordinator the right to vary the subscription to make sure no one is barred from playing due to financial reasons.

7.2 Annual membership fees fall due on 1st April of each year and are payable to the Club.

7.3 The Secretary shall notify all Members by notice on the Club Notice Board and on the Club web site 14 days prior to the due date the membership fees.

7.4 The Club Executive Committee may decide upon other charges or subscriptions at its discretion.

8. Officers

8.1 The recognised officers of the Club's Executive Committee shall be:

President and CWO are ex officio of all committees

Chair of the Executive Committee
Chair of the Cricket Committee
Secretary,
Treasurer,
Chair of the Finance Committee
Chair of Junior Committee
Chair of House and Bar Committee

Officer of Ventnor Cricket Club.

Members of the Executive Committee
Fixture Secretary,
Fund Raiser
Membership Secretary,
Publicity Officer,
Ground Superintendent
Web site Administrator.
Social Secretary

Playing Officers:

Senior Captains,
Senior Vice-Captain,
Umpires' and Scorers' Representative

8.2 All Club Officers shall hold office for a calendar year, being elected annually at the Club Annual General Meeting (see paragraph 11). All officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

8.3 The Playing Officials shall be elected by the Cricket Committee and confirmed at the AGM. Any positions not filled will be appointed by the Cricket Committee

8.4 Any causal vacancy occurring may be filled by co-option.

9. Executive Committee

- 9.1 The management of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee hereinafter called the Executive Committee.
- 9.2 The Executive Committee shall act for the members.
- 9.3 The Executive Committee shall consist of the named positions stated in 8.1, and shall be responsible for the conduct of the Club's affairs in accordance with the policies laid down at General Meetings. The Executive Committee shall have the power to confirm recommendations from the Working Parties and to make recommendations to General Meetings.
- 9.4 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the Secretary and meet at least ten times a year.
- 9.5 The quorum for the transaction of business at Executive Committee meetings shall be four members present and eligible to vote.
- 9.6 Every question at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be determined by a majority of the vote for the members present with every voting member having one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 9.7 The interpretation of the Club constitution and rules shall be vested in the Executive Committee, who shall decide all questions relating to the Club, save those specified in or involving an amendment to the constitution (see paragraphs 15 and 16).
- 9.8 The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt extra members to the Committee.
- 9.9 The chair of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the AGM. The Cricket Committee Chair shall be appointed Vice-Chair. In the absence of both a Chair shall be elected.
- 9.10 If any casual vacancy occurs in an official post, another member of the Club shall be appointed by the remaining of the Executive Committee to fill such vacancy until the next General Meeting.
- 9.11 No member of the Executive Committee shall acquire any interest in property belonging to the Charity (otherwise than as a trustee for the Charity) or receive remuneration or be interested (otherwise than as a member of the Executive Committee) in any contract entered into by the Executive Committee.
- 9.12 Any official of the Ventnor Cricket Club for the time being who is a solicitor, accountant or other person engaged in a profession may charge and be paid all the usual professional charges for business done by him or her or his or her firm when instructed by the other members of the Executive Committee to act in a professional capacity on behalf of Charity: Provided that at no time shall a majority of the members of the Executive Committee benefit under this provision and that a member of the Executive Committee shall withdraw from any meeting at which his or her own instruction or remuneration, or that of his or her firm, is under discussion.
- 10.0 Working Parties and Sub Committees.
- 10.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-committees and Working parties. The Working Parties/Sub Committees will be responsible for the day to day running of an area of the Club. They will report to the Executive Committee with recommendations and any financial requirements. The main areas to be covered are
Finance
Cricket
Junior Cricket
House and Bar
Ground
Membership
Other groups may be formed as necessary.
- 10.2 Each Working Party will have terms of reference and provide plans which will be included in the Club's Development Plan.
- 10.3 A member of the Executive Committee will be involved in each of the groups but not necessarily to act as chair.

10.4 The Executive Committee and other officers will meet least three times a year as Ventnor Cricket Club Committee to review work on the Development Plan.

11. Annual General Meeting and Other Meetings

11.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club shall be held every year during the month of February when the annual report of the Executive Committee and the audited statement of accounts up to the end of the financial year shall be presented.

This meeting will also serve as the AGM of VCC Ltd and Ventnor Trading Ltd.

11.2 At least 14 days' notice of the date of the AGM shall be given to all members by the Secretary by notices posted on our web site and displayed on the notice boards at the Club.

11.3 The AGM shall elect the Officers of the Club as it may from time to time determine.

11.4 Nominations for all officers can be made before the AGM but may be made from the floor at the AGM as long as they have a proposer, seconder and a clear indication that the person is willing to stand. Nominations can only be accepted from persons eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

11.5 The dates of the Executive Committee meetings shall be determined at the previous meeting. In addition, the Chair may call a meeting when she/he considers it necessary or desirable, or upon the written request of at least four of members of the Executive Committee.

The Ventnor Cricket Club Committee will meet at least three times a year.

11.6 Other General Meetings shall be called by the Secretary on receipt of a request signed by not less than 12 members or one fifth of the members entitled to vote, whichever is smaller, stating the object of such meeting. The Secretary shall give all members not less than 5 clear days' notice of the date and purpose of any General Meeting other than the Annual General Meeting.

11.7 All Full Members shall be entitled to vote at general meetings of the Club and shall have equal voting rights. Junior Members rights as defined in 5.7 and 5.8.

11.8 The quorum for general meetings shall be 20 voting members.

11.9 The Chair of the Executive Committee shall chair General Meetings. In their absence a chair shall be elected for the meeting.

11.10 The Cricket Committee have the power to discuss matters concerning the Club's cricket activities and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all such matters.

11.11 The Cricket Committee may call a Players' Meeting or organise other means of collecting information and views from players as necessary

11.12 For any cricketing matter where a vote is required all paid up playing members, including Juniors in years 9 and 10, shall have the right to attend, speak and vote.

11.13 The Cricket Committee shall have the responsibility for the organisation of a Selection Committee.

11.14 In the event of a vote of no confidence in the Executive Committee being passed that committee shall resign and an immediate vote be taken to elect a new committee.

12. Voting Procedures

12.1 Each member shall be entitled to one vote as defined in 11.7.

12.2 A motion shall be carried by a simple majority of those present and voting, except when the motion is a constitutional amendment which shall require a two-thirds majority.

12.3 The Chair shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

13. Staff

- 13.1 Responsibility for the employment of paid staff and volunteers rests with the Executive Committee.
- 13.2 An employee can enjoy the facilities and privileges of the Club but cannot take part in any discussions involving pay or conditions at Committee or General Meetings.

14. Discipline and Appeals

- 14.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to take appropriate disciplinary action against any member and shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any member guilty of conduct deemed to be to the detriment of the club. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Club by a vote of not less than one half of the Executive Committee then present and voting, if in the opinion of the Executive Committee such member may appear to deserve such suspension or expulsion. This rule shall not be enforced until an opportunity has been given to the offending member of being heard in his/her defence at a special meeting of the Executive Committee convened for that purpose.
- 14.2 There shall be the right of appeal to the Executive Committee against any decision made by an officer of the Club.
- 14.3 The appeal should normally be considered within 14 days of it being received by the Secretary.
- 14.4 The Club supports the 'Spirit of Cricket' and will uphold the disciplinary codes of all forms of cricket played by the Club.

15. Dissolution Procedures

- 15.1 If the Executive Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Charity it shall call a meeting of all members of the Charity, of which not less than 21 days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting the Executive Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Charity. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Charity as the members of the Charity may determine or failing that shall be applied for some other charitable purpose. A copy of the statement of accounts, or account and statement, for the final accounting period of the Charity must be sent to the Commission.

16. Alterations to the Constitution/Rules and Regulation

- 16.1 Subject to the following provisions of this clause the Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting will be posted on the Club's web site and must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.
- 16.2 No amendment may be made to clause 1 (the name of the charity clause), clause 3 (the objects clause), clause 9.3 (Executive Committee members not to be personally interested clause), clause 15 (the dissolution clause) or this clause without the prior consent in writing of the Commissioners.
- 16.3 No amendment may be made which would have the effect of making the Charity cease to be charity at law.
- 16.4 The Executive Committee should promptly send to the Commission a copy of any amendment made under this clause.

17. Supply of Intoxicants

- 17.1 The supply to the Club of intoxicating liquors and all questions relating to that supply shall be under the control of a House and Bar Committee, as appointed by the Executive Committee. The House and Bar Committee, on behalf of the Club, shall arrange for the purchase of drinks to be sold over the Club bar and determine the prices set. The

House and Bar Committee may recommend to the Executive Committee to franchise the operations of the bar for a negotiated fee.

17.2 The supply of alcoholic drinks on the Club's premises shall be as permitted by the local licencing authority.

17.4 Intoxicating drinks may not be sold to under 18.

18 Team Selection

18.1 Team selection shall be the responsibility of the Cricket Committee.

19. Practice

19.1 The ground and nets are available for use by members for practice. It is the member's responsibility to make sure that the correct safety equipment is used and the facilities are used correctly. An adult should be present if the facilities are used by junior members.

20. Use of Ground

The Executive Committee shall have power to grant use of the ground or pavilion or materials to any such person or persons for the purpose of cricket or otherwise, upon such terms and conditions as they shall name, regard being in the interests of the Club and the encouragement of cricket. In an emergency this power may be exercised by the Chair and Secretary jointly. The Executive Committee shall have the power to let the grazing rights upon such terms as they think fit.

21. Laws

The laws of the Marylebone Cricket Club shall be adopted in all questions of play, except where otherwise determined by the Isle of Wight Cricket Board, Hampshire Cricket Board and other authorised authorities for their own competitions.

22. By-Laws

22.1 The Executive Committee may make, repeal and amend such by-laws as they from time to time think fit, which by-laws shall have effect until set aside by the Executive Committee or a General Meeting.

22.2 By-laws currently in operation:

- Children admitted to the ground must be kept under proper control.
- Dogs shall not be admitted to the ground unless on a leash.
- Any member selected for a team being unable to play must acquaint the captain of the team immediately.
- Members using the Club property must put it away when they have finished with it.
- The ground shall not be used for either practice or games unless the correct equipment, including approved safety equipment, is worn.
- The Ground Superintendent shall decide, in consultation with the appropriate captain or Fixture Secretary and with the regulations of the appropriate league, as to whether the ground is fit for play. Once play has started in a game the decision about fitness to play shall be in the hands of the umpires.
- The ground shall be used for practice only at times as may be appointed by the Ground Superintendent. In his absence the Ground Superintendent shall delegate such responsibility to an appropriate member of the Executive Committee.

23. Emergency Decisions

Should any question arise that is not provided for in these rules, it shall be referred to an Emergency Committee consisting of at least two of the following:

President, Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

and at least three of the following:

First XI Captain or Vice-Captain, one other senior captain, and one ordinary member. Any decisions of this committee will be binding until can be discussed by the Executive Committee.

24. Supply of copies of constitution/rules to members

A copy of these rules shall be posted on the club's web site and a copy shall be exhibited in the pavilion throughout the year. Every member shall be bound by the Rules and By-laws.

Amended 2020 AGM Thursday 20th February 2020

President G.Benson
Secretary R;Cook

Chair of Executive Committee R.George
Chair of Cricket Committee R.Snell