



ESTABLISHED 1929

MEMORIAL GROUND
STAMFORD ROAD, WEST BRIDGFORD
NOTTINGHAM NG2 6GF

Club Rules

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1. Name The Name of the club shall be called the “West Bridgfordians Cricket Club” as part of the West Bridgford Sports Club.

2. Objects The Objects of the Club are to foster and promote cricket at all levels within the local community and within the sport, providing opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition. To provide and promote social interaction amongst persons interested in cricket, to provide a clubhouse and other safe playing facilities, to ensure a duty of care to all members and generally afford members all the privileges and advantages of the Club.

The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy. The Club must also have a separate club safeguarding Policy Statement, as required by the ECB

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing The ECB Cricket Equity Policy and any future version of the policy.

3. Club Colours The colours of the Club shall be red and gold on black.

4. Membership The Club is affiliated to The ECB and in line with The ECB Mission Statement on Equal Opportunities have an active open door membership policy.

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

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

There shall be the following classes of membership:

- a) Full playing members
- b) Youth / Student/Unemployed playing members – those members over 18 years of age and under 21 years of age on 1st September during each current season. Or in full time education or unemployed.
- c) Junior playing members – those members under 18 years of age at 1st September during the current season.
- d) Family members. Maximum 2 adults and maximum 2 children under 18 on 1st September during each current season, living at the same address.
- e) Non playing and social members.
- f) On the recommendation of the Committee, ordinary members may be elected Honorary Life Vice Presidents at the Annual General Meeting and shall thereafter be entitled to all the privileges of membership without paying the annual subscription or any special payment for such life membership. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting shall be necessary to ensure election.

Any member wishing to resign their membership shall give notice to the Secretary in writing to that effect and shall pay all monies due from them at the date of such notice, otherwise they will be liable for the subscriptions for the ensuing year.

5. Subscriptions Members shall pay a subscription to be agreed at The Annual General Meeting of the Club.

Subscriptions shall become due on 1st May. Members who have not paid their annual subscriptions by 1st May shall pay an additional £5 per match contribution to their annual subscriptions until all annual membership fees have been paid. Members who have not paid or starting to make contributions by 30th June of the same year after a written reminder from the Treasurer, shall not be eligible for selection.

Playing members shall be liable for the payment of match fees to be fixed at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Officials The Officials of the Club shall be: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Fixtures Secretary, Ground Co-ordinator, Captains and Vice Captains / Match Secretaries for each XI, Youth Co-ordinator, Welfare Officer, League Reps., Website Administrator.

Any member may hold more than one office of the Club.

7. Management **The management, administration and control of the Club shall be vested in the ‘Management Committee’ which shall consist of not less than 10 members with the powers to co-opt, including the Welfare Officer.**

The Management Committee will be appointed by the members at The AGM. One half of the members of the Committee shall retire annually by rotation but shall be eligible for re-election.

The Management Committee shall appoint all the Club officials (with the exception of the President) at their first meeting following the AGM.

A quorum of the Committee shall be five. At least three of the Committee must be unrelated to each other and not co-habiting

The Committee shall meet at least 5 times a year.

The Committee members shall consider skills needed and diversity on the Committee.

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 minuted.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint any sub-committee and shall prescribe the function of that sub-committee.

The Committee shall have the 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 them unfit for membership of the Club. The Secretary shall give the member concerned seven days written notice informing them of the complaint laid against them and requesting they attend before the Committee.

No member shall be expelled without having the opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering the complaints made against them nor without a two thirds majority of the Committee then present vote in favour of their expulsion. Any member thus dealt with shall forfeit their subscription and all rights to the property of the Club.

The Committee shall have the power to fill any post, left vacant at or occurring after the AGM. The person co-opted shall complete the unexpired term of their predecessor.

The passing of any resolution by the Committee in accordance with its powers as set out in these rules shall be by a simple majority unless otherwise specifically stated in these rules. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8. Selection The selection of the Club's teams shall be vested in the Selection Committee comprising the Captains and Vice Captains/Match Secretaries of the various teams. Any disputes shall be referred to the Committee. The Chairman or anyone nominated by him has the right to attend any meeting of the Selection Committee if he considers it to be in the interests of the Club.

9. Accounts The Treasurer shall keep an account of all income and expenditure and shall submit accounts, duly audited at the Annual General Meeting. The banking account shall be in the name of the Club. All withdrawals made in the name of the Club require two signatures which will include the treasurer as well as the Chairman or another nominated individual as agreed by the Club committee.

10. Meetings The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November of each year, at which the following business will be conducted:

- a) The presentation and if accepted, the passing of the accounts for the previous financial year ending on 30th September prior to the meeting.
- b) The election of the President and Vice Presidents plus the Management Committee. (one half of the Committee shall retire annually by rotation but shall be eligible for re-election)

- c) Such other business as shall have been communicated to the Secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent by him to the members.

The secretary shall, at least 14 days before any General Meeting, give written notice to all members convening a meeting stating the time and place where it will be held and the business to be transacted.

The business at the meeting shall be limited to that provided in the rules and those further matters set out in the notice concerning the meeting. The quorum at any General Meeting shall be fifteen.

Any seven members may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, by giving 14 days notice in writing to the Secretary stating the purpose for which such meeting is required.

At all meetings of the Club each member, including life members, shall have one vote.

The President of the Club shall preside at the Annual General Meeting. In his absence or his inability to do so, which he has notified the Secretary, the Chairman will act in his place.

11. Modifications or Alterations to the Rules

No modification, alteration or addition shall be made to these rules unless passed by a two thirds majority of those present at any Annual General Meeting. Notice of any proposed modification, alteration or addition shall be communicated to the Secretary at least 7 days before the date of the meeting.

12. Property of the Club

No materials, kit and equipment belonging to the Club shall be used by any member in matches other than those of the Club, except in representative matches for which members have been nominated by the Club or where written permission has been given by the committee.

13. Rules of West Bridgford Sports Club

The rules of West Bridgford Sports Club shall apply to all members using the facilities at the Association Memorial Playing Fields and the Clubhouse situated at Stamford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

14. Copies A copy of these Rules shall be entered in the Secretary's minutes book and a copy given to all members of the Club.

15. 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 14 days of a complaint being lodge. 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 it's 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 21 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 28 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.

16. Dissolution

- a) If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- b) If at that Special Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two thirds (three quarters) of the full voting membership present at the meeting, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge debts and liabilities of the Club.
- c) The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - i) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and / or
 - ii) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club and / or
 - iii) to the club's governing body for use by them, for related community sports.

17. Declaration West Bridgfordians Cricket Club hereby adopts and accepts these rules as a current operating guide regulating the actions of all members.