

# **SAXTON CRICKET CLUB**

## **RULES**

These rules were adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on 5th October 1990 and amended at subsequent General Meetings on 30th March 1997, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2001, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2002, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2004, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013. They were originally part of the Constitution of the club but were redrafted as rules when the club's Constitution document was amended to facilitate registration as a charity. The new Constitution provides that the Charity in general meeting has the power to alter, add to or repeal these rules. The rules must be consistent with the content of the Constitution.

### **1. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH FEES**

- a) The level and format of the annual subscription (and priorities for the forthcoming season) shall be fixed at each Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall be due for payment before the start of the season concerned.
- b) Each paying member shall pay a fee in respect of each Wetherby League match in which he plays. The level and format of this match fee shall be fixed at each AGM.
- c) The Groundsman and Assistant Groundsmen will pay a reduced fee as determined at each AGM.

### **2. OFFICERS and POSTHOLDERS**

a) The Officers at the Club shall consist of the, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Charity Trustees. In addition the following posts are allocated to responsible individuals:- President, Club Captain, 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain and Vice-Captain, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain and Vice-Captain, Head Groundsman, Juniors Coach, Fixtures Secretary, Social Secretary, Child Welfare Officer, Pavilion Manager, Membership Secretary, Village Ball Organiser and Thursday Captain.

All of the posts shall be elected at the AGM.

b) In the event of the non-election of a Postholder position, the Club will cease that activity until such a time as when election does take place. In the event of the position concerned being a captain, the secretary will notify the Wetherby League or other as such, in writing, and withdraw that team from the League or other for the following season.

### **3. CRICKET COMMITTEE**

- a) The day to day affairs of the Club shall be managed by a cricket committee consisting of the Officers and Postholders of the Club and which shall meet every two months from January up to and including the AGM.
- b) Four Officers or Postholders shall constitute a quorum for cricket committee meetings.

### **4. ACCOUNTS**

a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the club through an account or accounts in the name of the Club. Cheques may be drawn and signed on behalf of the club by two out of three of the authorised signatories.

b) It shall be the Treasurer's responsibility to prepare a statement of Income and Expenditure for each year to 31<sup>st</sup> October and a statement of account balances at 31<sup>st</sup> October in each year. These statements are to be prepared in time for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

### **5. GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Constitution (Clause 9) provides general rules on the calling of general meetings. This rule provides more details.

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than 30<sup>th</sup> November each year.
- b) The business transacted there shall be:
- i) To receive and consider the Chairman's report
  - ii) To receive and consider the Secretary's report
  - iii) To receive, consider and approve the Treasurer's report and statement of accounts
  - iv) To receive and consider the reports from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captains
  - v) To receive and consider the Juniors' Coach's report
  - vi) To elect Officers and Postholders for the forthcoming year
  - vii) To elect any other playing Captains and Vice-Captains
  - viii) To fix the level and format of subscription and match fees for the ensuing year
  - ix) To consider any other business of which notice has been given or which the Chairman of the meeting gives permission to be introduced.
- c) Nominations of Officers and Postholders should be made in writing to the Secretary so as to be in his hands by 31<sup>st</sup> October each year. The Cricket Committee may also make nominations and will automatically nominate existing officers unless they have expressly indicated that they do not wish to stand. Any person making a nomination should ensure that the person nominated is willing to stand.
- d) No business shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting other than that for which it was specifically called.
- e) All voting at general meetings shall be by hand. Members may vote by proxy if they submit votes at least a week in advance. A simple majority of members present shall suffice except in the case of proposed changes to Part 1 of the Rules which requires a 2/3rds majority. Each member present shall be entitled to one vote. A parent can vote on behalf of no more than one junior. The Chairman shall in addition have a casting vote.

## **6. ALTERATIONS TO RULES**

- a) Any alterations to be proposed at the Annual General meeting must be sent to the Secretary not later than 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## **7. LOCAL SPONSORS**

The Club shall seek financial support from the local community (i.e. businesses, residents and others), and seek to support, thank and promote those sponsors that support the Club.

## **8. DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- a) The Cricket Committee has the authority to suspend any member that it considers has acted in a manner inappropriate to the well-being of the Club.
- b) The Cricket Committee has the authority to expel any member that it considers has acted in a manner inappropriate to the well-being of the Club, provided that that member has received:-
- i) a formal verbal warning from his captain in the first instance
  - ii) a formal written warning from the Club secretary in the second instance
  - iii) the opportunity to attend a fair hearing by the committee in the final instance.

## **9. SAXTON CRICKET TRUST**

- a) The land occupied by the club is held on trust for the benefit of the Club. The trust deed provides that the holding trustees will use and deal with the land only for the benefit of the club members from time to time.
- b) The number of holding trustees shall be not fewer than two and no more than five.

c) The holding trustees shall hold such office until death, resignation or removal from office by resolution of the members.

d) There shall be vested in the holding trustees all the property of the Club other than cash and bank and similar accounts which will be under the control of the Officers and the holding trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.

e) The holding trustees may deal with the property vested in them by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise as directed by the Club. Such direction shall be given by resolution of the members of the club passed by a majority of the members present at a duly convened general meeting of the Club and when so passed shall, in favour of the purchaser, mortgagee, chargee, lessee or grantee be binding upon all members of the Club. A certificate purporting to be signed by the Secretary of the time being of the club shall in favour of those persons be conclusive evidence that a direction complying in all respects with the above provision of this rule was duly given to the holding trustees.

f) For the avoidance of doubt, the holding trustees as elected are:- Margaret Edmondson, John Harrison, George Peter Beal and Will Kemp.

g) In the event of the dissolution of the Club, the holding trustees will be responsible for the orderly winding up of the trust's affairs in accordance with the terms set put in the trust and title deeds concerned. After making provision for all outstanding liabilities of the trust, the holding trustees shall ensure that the land is transferred to some other person or body for uses in the following order: as a cricket field; as a sports field; as an agricultural field. The proceeds of any sale will be payable to the Church.

## **10. DONATION TO THE CHURCH**

a) To honour the spirit in which the Club received land from Margaret Edmondson as a gift to the Club and the use of the car park land owned by Richard Bayston, the Club will pay the Church of All Saints (i.e. Parish Church, Saxton):-

i) the sum of £50.00 per annum and

ii) the sum of £200 per annum in respective of the land used as the car park.

## **11. TROPHIES, AVERAGES ETC**

a) The Club will seek to award members' contributions to the Club by way of engraving of perennial trophies comprising of the following: Bayston Trophy (Junior of the Year); John Middleton Cup (most improved junior); Sunar Bangla Cup (Junior champagne Moment); Fred Castle Shield (single wicket competition); John Dennett Memorial Cup (Club Man of the Year); Player's Player Trophy; Saxton Ashes Trophy.

b) Any Member who has been awarded a perennial trophy must return this to the club at the start of the playing season to be displayed in the pavilion trophy cabinet.

c) The Club will also recognise members' contributions to the Club by way of other individual trophies awarded at the village ball or other presentation event.

d) The club will submit relevant averages (at present Batting, Bowling, All-rounder, Wicket-keeping) to the Wetherby League within 2 weeks of the end of the playing season.

## **12. AMENITY**

In recognition of the special landscape character and views across the ground towards the village church, the Club will not allow the construction of any permanent works other than a pavilion and groundsman's equipment store.