

NOMADS CRICKET CLUB, ZUERICH



Constitution

1. Name and Purpose

Art.1. Under the name "The Nomads Cricket Club, Zurich", hereinafter referred to as "The Club", an association has been founded. It is governed by article 60 ff of the Swiss Civil Code and the present statutes.

Art 2. Clubs motto is "Ludo aut Decede"

Art.3. The purpose of the Club is to promote Cricket in Switzerland and help the cricketing skills of its members by organising training, friendly matches and participating in Cricket tournaments. Club would also organize Cricket workshops to promote Cricket among youngsters in Switzerland.

Art.4. The Club year and therefore also the financial year runs from 1st January to 31st December.

Art.5. The official language of the Club is English.

Art.6. The Club is completely neutral on the subjects of race, religion and politics.

2. Membership

Art.7. Any person interested in promoting or playing Cricket may apply for Membership of the Club by filling up the Club membership form. The Club expects that a person applying for membership has read and understood the Club's constitution and Code of Conduct.

Art.8. The membership of the Club shall be classified as:

- Active: Any person wishing to be actively involved in the Club activities (e.g.: Administration, playing cricket, Organising Social events).
- Passive: Any person interested in supporting the Club activities and occasional participation in Cricket and Social activities of the Club.
- Student: Any person who is studying in a College/University and works part time and is interested in playing and supporting Club's Cricket activities.
- Dependant: Any person interested in playing Cricket and supporting Club's Cricket activities but is financially dependant.
- Juniors: Any person under the age of 18 interested in playing Cricket and supporting Club's Cricket activities.
- Temporary: Any person interested in playing Cricket for the Club on an adhoc basis.

Art.9. Acceptance and continuation of membership is subject to approval by a 2/3 majority of the full Executive Committee.

Art 10. By accepting the Club's membership a person agrees to accept and abide by the Club's constitution and Code of conduct.

Art 11. Member belonging to Juniors and Temporary categories do not have voting rights.

Art 12. Only Active members can be part of Club's executive committee.

Art 13. New members in their first year of joining the Club will neither have any voting rights nor can they be part of Executive Committee.

3. Membership Fees & Personal insurance

Art.14. Club membership fee for the current year will be decided at previous year's season ending ordinary General Meeting. [e.g.: The fee for 2006 will be fixed at the 2005 season end meeting].

Art 15. Membership fees will be collected annually and has to be paid by all members before 31st March. The Executive Committee may allow a member to pay his fees periodically.

Art16. Any Member whose membership fees have not been paid within 60 days of falling due automatically ceases to be a member unless payment is provisionally waived by a simple majority of the Executive Committee.

Art.17. Personal insurance is the member's own responsibility.

4. Executive Committee

Art.18. The Executive Committee of the Club consists of:



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- **President:** The President along with Secretary share the responsibility to represent the Club to other cricketing organizations (e.g.: Swiss Cricket Association) in Switzerland. The President shall guide his colleagues in the executive meeting to run the Club according to its Constitution. The President shall ensure that the Club maintains good relations with other cricketing organizations in Switzerland.
- **Secretary:** The Secretary along with the President share the responsibility to represent the Club to other cricketing organizations (e.g.: Swiss Cricket Association) in Switzerland. The Secretary is responsible for organizing official Club meetings, preparing the agenda in consultation with Executive Committee. The Secretary ensures that meeting minutes and other club official documents are circulated to Club members. Secretary is also responsible for registering and maintaining the Club membership list.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep records of the accounts of the financial transactions of the Club. Treasurer is also responsible for preparing the balance sheet and gets it signed by the Club appointed Auditor. Treasurer shall also keep track of membership payments.
- **Captain:** Captain is responsible to lead the Club's team in the field. He shall ensure that the team plays sportingly and behaves within the laws of Cricket. Captain shall also be responsible in taking care of the administrative tasks involved while participating in tournaments (e.g.: Sending match results to SCA league Chairman etc).
- **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall support the President and deputise him in his absence.
- **Asst. Secretary:** The Asst. Secretary shall support the President and deputise him in his absence.
- **Vice Captain:** The Vice Captain shall support the Captain and deputise him in his absence.

Art.19. The Executive Committee shall consist of not fewer than six and not more than eight members.

Art.20. The Executive Committee governs and represents the Club and is empowered to fulfil the purpose of the Club as defined in Art.3, according to the present statutes and is obliged to carry out decisions of the General Meeting.

Art.21. Quorum for decisions of the Executive Committee is 5. Executive committee decisions can be made by a simple majority. However in the absence of both the President and Secretary the decisions must be unanimous.

Art.22. During Executive Committee meetings, each committee member has one vote. In the case of a tie, the Chairman has an extra casting vote.

Art.23. The Executive Committee must keep a written record of the decisions taken.

Art.24. Committee meetings must be formally called. The Executive Committee must meet at least twice in a year.

Art.25. On the demise or resignation of a Committee member, the Executive Committee is empowered to appoint a new committee member for the rest of the year.

Art.26. All correspondence between the Club and its members shall be handled thru the Secretary or Asst. Secretary. In the absence of both the Executive committee may nominate another committee member to handle correspondence.

Art.27. The Executive Committee as and when necessary can set up sub-committees (e.g.: Disciplinary committee, Selection Committee) or individual representatives (e.g. Team manager, Fixture Secretary) to perform Club related tasks. These sub-committees and representatives are automatically dissolved at the end of Club's calendar year.

Art.28. The Executive Committee may invite its Club members to attend committee meetings. However only the Executive committee members have voting rights in committee meetings.

4. Organisation

Art.29. The administrative bodies of the Club are: The General Meeting (Annual General Meeting, Extra-Ordinary General meeting, Ordinary General meeting); The Executive Committee; The Executive Committee meetings.

Art.30. Only the General Meeting is permitted to:

- a) modify or renew the statutes
- b) elect the Executive Committee and auditors



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- c) discharge the members of the Executive Committee
- d) change decisions made by the Executive Committee
- f) fix the annual membership fee
- g) dissolve the Club.

Art.31. For a General meeting to be valid more than ½ of the paid members must be in attendance. If within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time less than ½ of the paid members are present, the meeting shall be declared void.

Art.32. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on or before 31st of March, each year.

Art.33. Ordinary season ending General meeting shall be held after 31st October and on or before 31st December, each year.

Art.34. An extraordinary General Meeting may be summoned at any time subject to a 2/3 majority decision of the Executive Committee.

Art.35. The Executive Committee must summon an extraordinary General Meeting within 6 weeks of receipt of a written request to do so, signed by at least 1/5 of all members. In addition if required the Executive committee is empowered to call on its own an extraordinary General Meeting.

Art.36. A season ending General meeting shall be held on or before 31st of December. The main purpose of this meeting is to fix the membership fees for the following year.

Art.37. Notice of a General Meeting with, items on the agenda, the time and place, must be given to all members at least 2 weeks in advance.

Art.38. Decisions can only be taken on items on the agenda, excluding Any Other Business. Members wishing to include specific items for the agenda must do so in writing to the Secretary before the invitations are sent.

Art.39. The General Meeting, Executive meeting or any other official Club meeting shall be chaired for its duration by a member appointed by the Executive Committee. The Chairman is entitled to vote only in the event of a tied vote.

Art.40. The Chairman shall conduct any official club meeting in the following way:

1. Declaring the meeting open.
2. Announcing the Agenda
3. Appointment of a member to take the minutes of the meeting,
4. Discussing the points mentioned in Agenda
5. Any other business
6. Closure or adjournment of the meeting.

Art.41. The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting must have the following items:

1. Approval of the minutes of the last General meeting.
2. President's report for the last club year
3. Secretary's report for the last Club year
4. Treasurer's report for the last financial year
5. Treasurer's report to be offered for approval
6. Discharge of the outgoing Executive Committee
7. Election of the Club's Executive Committee

Art.42. Electronic mail (E-mail) will be the official mode of communication of the Club. Members who would like to receive Club communication by Post must request explicitly.

Auditor

Art.43. The Executive Committee must appoint an Auditor. The auditor need not be member of the Club. The Auditor is responsible to check the Club accounts and sign the Club's yearly balance sheet, approving its correctness.

4. Cancellation of Club membership

Art.44. A member may resign from the Club membership by writing to the Club Secretary.



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Art.45. The Executive Committee is empowered to call for the resignation of any member of the Club for the following reasons:

Non-payment of membership fees

Bringing the Club to disrepute by his actions within the Club activities

Repeated non-compliance of the Club Code of Conduct.

Art.46. The member whose resignation is called for, can either appeal against the Committee decision by requesting for Extra-ordinary General meeting or submit his resignation. Either of the events must take place within 14 days of receipt of communication from the Club. If not the member is deemed to have resigned and his Club membership will be cancelled automatically.

4. Club resource and finance

Art.47. The resources of the Club consist of:

- a) Subscriptions paid by its members,
- b) Sponsorship
- c) Any gifts, donations, bequests or legacies,
- d) Any other resources derived by its own activities.

Art.48. Club cash resources shall be maintained in a bank account belonging to the Club.

Art.49. Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer and one other Committee member shall act as joint owners of Club account.

Art.50. All financial transactions shall be done thru bank payments. Cash transactions must be avoided as much as possible.

Art.51. The Club shall strive to operate within its available cash reserves. Also in case of extra cash reserves the Club shall strive to maintain it within 3000Chf.

Art.52. Outgoing cash flows up to Chf 25 can be approved by Treasurer or in his absence Asst. Treasurer. Any cash flow greater than Chf 25 has to be approved by a simple majority of the Club Executive Committee.

5. Voting

Art.53. Voting at Club official meetings (General Meetings, Executive meetings) shall be by default an open ballot (Voting by raising hands). On request by any voting member a Secret ballot can be conducted.

Art.54. At all Club official meetings only members present have the right to vote. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

Art 55. Only members who have paid their fees are eligible to vote.

Art.56. All decisions shall be made by a simple majority unless otherwise stated by the present Club statutes.

6. Liability.

Art.57. Liability of the Club is limited to its resources.

6. Amendments to the Statutes and Dissolution of the Club.

Art.58. Any amendments to the present statutes require a simple majority of the members present at a General Meeting.

Art.59. The decision to dissolve the Club can only be taken at a General Meeting. It must be approved by at least 2/3 of all Active Members of the Club in two consecutive General meetings. There must be an interval of at least 30 days between the two General meetings called to dissolve the Club.

Art.60. In the case of dissolution of the Club, any surplus funds or properties of the Club shall be donated to a "purpose" in accordance with the simple majority decision at the General Meeting called to dissolve the Club. The "purpose" must be related to promoting Cricket in Switzerland.

These statutes were adopted by the General Meeting of 20th March 2005. They replace any previous ones.

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