



# CONSTITUTION OF THE GENEVA CRICKET CLUB

*Members* of the Geneva Cricket Club;

*Desiring* to protect the historical heritage of the Club, founded in Geneva on 16 April 1872, and to maintain its central role in Swiss cricket;

*Reaffirming* its commitment to promote the Spirit of the Game for all generations;

*Encouraging* the gentlemanly values of the game and the best traditions of sportsmanship;

*Recalling* the importance that cricket can play in promoting health, sportsmanship, tolerance and that it can contribute towards creating a healthy society and furthering social integration across all genders, ethnicities, creeds, disabilities and other statuses;

*Determined* to abide by the laws, rules and regulations of Switzerland and its sports organizations/bodies, the Laws of Cricket, as well as rules and regulations of the Swiss governing cricket body;

Have *adopted* the following:

# STATUTES

## Title and Purposes

1. The Club shall be called the "Geneva Cricket Club" and shall be based in Geneva, Switzerland. The postal address of the Club may differ.
2. The Geneva Cricket Club is a non-profit sports association governed by the present Constitution and article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. It pledges to operate and conduct its business without any ethnic, religious and political affiliations.
3. The purposes of the Geneva Cricket Club shall be to promote interest and understanding both in the playing and watching of cricket at all levels within and beyond the Republic and Canton of Geneva.

## Membership

4. Membership of the Club shall be open to any person recommended by the Executive Committee and endorsed by the Central Committee. The General Meeting approves on the admission and exclusion of Members. Membership of the Club to any person shall not be denied on the basis of implicit or explicit discrimination based on ethnic affiliation, faith, religion, sex, creed or national affinity. The objective, in accordance with the Swiss laws, is to promote diversity, intercultural linkages and tolerance that epitomise high Swiss social values.
5. The Club shall consist of:
  - a. Full Members;
  - b. Social Members; and
  - c. Such other classes of Members as the Committee may, from time to time, decide.
6. In principle, only those prospective members that have had their application for membership approved by the General Meeting and paid the current year's membership fee shall be considered as Members of the Club entitled to participate in the activities and attend and vote at General Meetings of the Club.
7. Non-refundable membership fees are calculated on a calendar year basis and are payable at the beginning of each season.
8. A cost contribution could be charged to Members wishing to participate in certain specific events organised by the Club. Such contributions are in general calculated to cover the direct costs of the event in question.
9. Beyond the annual membership fees and cost contributions for participation in specific

activities, Members do not incur any financial obligation or legal liability.

10. Membership is lost:
  - a. By death;
  - b. By written declaration sent to the Executive Committee;
  - c. By default of payment of the membership fee for more than one year (in any case, the yearly fee and other required contributions remain due);
  - d. By exclusion from the General Meeting as provided below.
11. Based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee, the General Meeting may at any time declare the suspension or the exclusion of a Member who, because of his conduct, has caused or is still causing prejudice to the Club or fails to comply with the obligation or penalties imposed on him, notwithstanding a vain notice. A decision to terminate the membership is final and cannot give rise to any legal proceedings.
12. A Member can be excluded if he:
  - a. Jeopardises the interests and reputation of the Club;
  - b. Jeopardises through his activities the achievement of the Club's goals; or
  - c. Engages in conduct detrimental to the principles and purposes of the Club.
13. As a preliminary or precautionary measure, membership may be immediately suspended by the Executive Committee.
14. Members shall be kept regularly informed of the activities and facilities offered by the Club through the Club's website and direct mailings.
15. Every Member binds himself to abide by the Statutes and By-Laws of the Club for the time being in force.

## **Organisation**

16. The Club shall comprise of following permanent bodies;
  - a. The Central Committee;
  - b. The Executive Committee;
  - c. The General Meeting;
  - d. The Statutory Auditor.

## **The Central Committee**

17. The Central Committee shall be the apex executive and administrative body of the club. It shall comprise of the following:
  - a. The President;
  - b. The Vice-President;
  - c. The Secretary-General;

- d. The Captain;
  - e. A Full Member to be jointly nominated by the President and Vice-President.
- The Central Committee may, if required, co-opt any other Member(s) of the Club for any particular meeting.
18. For all executive and administrative purposes, the Club shall be entirely governed and managed by the Central Committee. It shall provide policy guidelines to the Executive Committee and shall take decisions on all such matters that pertain to the smooth conduct of Club's activities normally on the recommendations of the General Meeting and the Executive Committee.
  19. Besides providing policy guidelines, the role of the Central Committee, among others, includes reaching out and liaising with donors and other organisations for securing sponsorships and donations for the promotion of cricket in the Geneva region and better organisation and management of the Club activities.
  20. The Central Committee shall be the sole authority as to the interpretation of the Statutes and By-Laws of the Club.
  21. The quorum for any meeting of the Central Committee shall be four and no decision of the Central Committee taken in the absence of a quorum shall be valid or binding.
  22. All members of the Central Committee shall be elected for a five-year term at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Central Committee members are eligible for re-election. Any member of the Central Committee who chooses to retire or leave it earlier than his prescribed tenure, herein, can do so. In such circumstances, he will be replaced by another regular Member of the Club to be nominated by the President with mutual agreement of the Vice-President and the Secretary-General.
  23. The Central Committee may delegate its powers, as it may deem fit, to the Executive Committee for the smooth conduct of day-to-day activities of the Club.

### **The Executive Committee**

24. The Executive Committee shall be the executive and administrative body of the Club. It shall comprise of:
  - a. The Secretary-General;
  - b. The Club Manager;
  - c. The Secretary-cum-Treasurer;
  - d. The Captain;
  - e. The Vice-Captain;
  - f. The Fixture Secretary;
  - g. The Media Manager;
  - h. The Youth Coordinator;

- i. Any Member co-opted by the Executive Committee for any particular meeting.
25. The Executive Committee, among others, shall:
    - a. Represent the Club with the Swiss cricketing body;
    - b. Take decisions on financial and administrative matters that may be necessary for the smooth conduct of Club's activities;
    - c. Liaise with local and national sports authorities, ground officials and other clubs;
    - d. Report on its activities to the Central Committee.
  26. The Executive Committee shall be elected for a two-year term at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Executive Committee members are eligible for re-election. It shall be responsible for the general conduct of day-to-day business and activities of the Club in line with the advice and directives of the Central Committee and shall report, regularly, to the Central Committee in this regard.
  27. The quorum for any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be five and no decision of the Executive Committee taken in the absence of a quorum shall be valid or binding.
  28. Arrangements for joining the Club and the membership fees shall be reviewed regularly by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the right to vary and set from time to time, as it shall consider fit and appropriate, the membership fees.
  29. Each year, the Executive Committee will publish an updated list of all its current Members.

### **The General Meeting**

30. The General Meeting shall comprise of all Members of the Club. It is the supreme authority of the Club. The General Meeting, among others, has the competency to:
  - a. Admit and exclude Members;
  - b. Elect the Central Committee, the Executive Committee and the Statutory Auditor;
  - c. Approve the amendments to the Club's Constitution;
  - d. Approve the annual reports of the executive bodies of the Club;
  - e. Approve the membership fees;
  - f. Decide on all matters that do not pertain to the other bodies of the Club.
31. The General Meeting shall normally be held once a year as the Annual General Meeting (AGM) before the start of each cricket season. The AGM shall be called by the Executive Committee and a proper written agenda for the meeting shall be circulated to all Members at least a week (7 days) before date of the meeting.
32. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be convened on receipt of a duly written request signed by no less than one fifth of the Club's Members within one month from the date of receipt of such written request.

33. The General Meeting, whether Annual or Extraordinary, shall be chaired by the President of the Club or the Vice-President in case of President's absence. In case both the President and the Vice-President cannot attend the meeting for unavoidable circumstances, then the Secretary-General shall be asked to chair the meeting. In the event of the absence of the Secretary-General, the members present in the General Meeting shall elect from amongst them a Chairperson for the meeting at the start of such meeting.
34. The quorum for the purposes of any General Meeting shall be one fourth of all the Club's Members entitled to vote at the General Meeting. No decision of the General Meeting taken in the absence of a quorum shall be valid or binding.
35. The Chairperson may, with the consent of the General Meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the General Meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the preceding meeting.
36. At any General Meeting, a resolution put to the vote shall be decided by a simple majority. Votes are taken by a show of hands, unless a ballot is demanded (before the resolution is put for polls) by:
  - a. The Chairperson; or
  - b. The simple majority of Members present at that meeting.
37. Any Member of the Club entitled to vote at the General Meeting shall be entitled to appoint another Member of the Club as his proxy to participate and vote for him. Any proxy so appointed shall have the same right as the Member to speak at the General Meeting.
38. In the event of a tie, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
39. A poll demanded on the election of a Chairperson for the meeting, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken immediately. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time and in such manner as the Chairperson of the meeting directs, and any business other than that upon which a poll has been demanded may proceed pending the taking of the poll.
40. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a General Meeting by any Member shall not invalidate the proceedings at that General Meeting.

### **Statutory Auditor**

41. The Statutory Auditor shall be proposed by the Executive Committee and elected by the General Meeting for a period of one year. The Statutory Auditor shall present its report annually to the General Meeting.

### **Treasury**

42. The Secretary-cum-Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping proper accounting records for the Club and shall each year prepare the financial report, which shall be submitted to the AGM for approval.
43. No issues or commitments of a financial nature shall be decided upon by a decision of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee in the absence of the Secretary-cum-Treasurer.

### **Dissolution**

44. Any decision with respect to the dissolution or winding up of the Club shall be the sole domain of the Central Committee, which may conduct such deliberations on receipt of recommendations, to this effect, made by the General Meeting and subsequently endorsed by the Executive Committee. The decision of the Central Committee shall be final, binding and cannot be challenged, contested or sued at any forum.
45. If upon the dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the Club at or before the time of dissolution, and in so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.

### **Official Language**

46. French and English are the official languages of the Club for purposes of all its meetings, communications and activities. The text of this Constitution is authentic in both the French and English languages.

### **Alteration and Interpretation**

47. The Central Committee is authorised to amend from time to time these Statutes and By-Laws, as it shall consider fit and appropriate, provided that any such amendments are approved by the Members in a subsequent General Meeting.

48. Words contained in these Statutes and By-Laws shall have the following meaning attributed to them:

“the Club”	The Geneva Cricket Club.
“Members”	Includes reference to Full Members and/or Social Members as the context requires.
“Full Members”	Admitted Members that have enrolled for and paid the full membership fee which allows them to participate in the Club's meetings and social events and for the purpose of being eligible to play for and represent the Club in matches (league or otherwise) where elected. Full Members have voting rights.
“Social Members”	Admitted Members that have enrolled for and paid a reduced membership fee which allows them to participate in the Club's meetings and social events and for the purpose of being eligible to play for and represent the Club (certain conditions may apply) in a very limited number of matches. Social Members have no voting rights.
“the Central Committee”	The apex executive and administrative body of the Club, which shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Captain, and one nominated regular Member of the Club.
“the Executive Committee”	The executive and administrative body of the club, which shall include the Secretary-General, Club Manager, Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Captain, Vice-Captain, Fixture Secretary, Media Manager and Youth Coordinator.
“the General Meeting”	The supreme authority of the Club, which shall include all General Meetings of the membership of the Club, be they Annual or Extraordinary.
“Statutes and By-Laws”	All or any part or parts of these Statutes and By-Laws together with any amendment, modification or addition hereto.
“Quorum”	The minimum number of Members required to properly constitute a valid Central Committee or Executive Committee meeting or General Meeting (as appropriate) which is capable of making binding decisions.

49. Words importing the singular shall include plural and vice-versa where the context so requires.



## **BY-LAWS**

### **No Liability**

1. No responsibility or liability shall attach to the Club or to any officer or agent of the Club in respect of the incidental/accidental death or the injury to any person or the loss of or damage to the property of any person.

### **Club Property**

2. The Club shall, at its sole discretion, make available to the Members adequate cricketing equipment including cricket bats, pads, gloves, balls and other miscellaneous equipment for use during Club matches and official practice sessions.
3. All equipment provided by the Club to the Members for use during matches and official practice sessions is to be used by Members only for the use and purpose intended. Members shall exercise due care and attention when using Club equipment.
4. Members are responsible for the Club equipment when using the same and must ensure that it is properly returned to its rightful place at the end of each match or official practice session.
5. Any Member damaging Club equipment shall be liable for the full cost of making good or if necessary replacing the equipment in question.

### **Captain and Vice-Captain**

6. The Captain and Vice-Captain shall be together responsible for and shall ensure that at the beginning of the season, and for each match, a full team has been selected to represent the Club (league and otherwise) and to replace any Full Members that may eventually be unable to fulfil their commitment to play in any of the matches.
7. The Captain and Vice-Captain shall together have full discretion as to the composition of the team for each match; the batting order; field placement; and use of bowlers.

### **Match Manager**

8. The Captain and Vice-Captain shall designate one Full Member as Match Manager for each match (league and otherwise). The Match Manager shall be solely responsible for and shall ensure (by delegation or otherwise) that:
  - a. The Club equipment is in order and is available to the Full Members at the beginning of each match (both home and away);
  - b. No items of the Club equipment are missing and/or damaged and that the same is properly packed and stored at the end of each match (both home and away);

- c. All the Full Members have arranged suitable transport for travel to and from away matches;
- d. There is adequate food and non-alcoholic drinks provided within a reasonable budget by the Club for each home match;
- e. The ground is prepared and the boundary markers are in place at the beginning of each home match and that the markers are removed and properly stored at the end of the match.

### **Scorer**

9. The Club shall provide at each official match a Scorer. Whenever feasible, this should apply for friendly matches.
10. The Scorer shall be responsible for recording all runs scored, all wickets taken, number of overs bowled and other relevant information. The Captain and Vice-Captain shall appoint him/her before each match.

### **Conduct at Matches**

11. At all matches, Members attending are required to behave in a manner fitting the gentlemanly nature of the game of cricket and in particular should not:
  - a. Use swear words in any language at any time;
  - b. Demonstrate (verbally or by actions) both on and off the pitch their discontent (if any) with a decision of the Captain and/or Vice-Captain and/or Match Manager and/or any other match official, including the two umpires.

### **Dress**

12. When participating in official matches, all Members are required to dress in the customary whites with appropriate boots and, if available, with the Club logo and colours. Members are nonetheless allowed to dress in different colours for the different formats of the game, provided that such dress change complies with the rules of the relevant cricket governing body. In such case, team players are required to dress uniformly and, if available, with the Club logo and colours.

### **Complaints**

13. All complaints should first be addressed orally to the Captain and Vice-Captain in a discreet manner, preferably at the end of the match. If the Captain and Vice-Captain are unable to deal with the complaint or satisfactorily deal with the complaint in the opinion of Captain and Vice-Captain or the Member making the complaint, any of them may then address their complaint in writing to the Executive Committee.

This Constitution was adopted by the Club in Annual General Meeting at Geneva,  
Switzerland, on 22 January 2000.  
This Constitution was amended for the first time by the Club in Annual General Meeting at  
Geneva, Switzerland, on 26 February 2017.

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