

Zurich Sapphires Cricket Club (ZSCC)

Constitution

I. Name and purposes

- Article 1** Under the name “Zurich Sapphires Cricket Club”, herein referred to as “Club”, a club has been founded in compliance with Articles 60 to 79 of the Swiss Civil Code. The provisions of the Swiss Civil Code shall apply to the club.
- Article 2** The seat of the club shall be in the county of Zurich
- Article 3** The purposes of the club shall be to promote women’s cricket in all its forms.
- Article 4** The Club is a sports and non-profit organisation, independent and neutral on the subjects of sex, race, religion, colour, creed and politics.
- Article 5** The Club will pursue associate membership of the national body “Cricket Switzerland” and play and active role for the interests of women’s cricket.

II. Membership

- Article 6** The club is composed of 3 membership categories:
- 6.1** Active members - players may attend all training and be available for all matches by paying subscription fees for membership. Active members have the right to vote at General Meetings, can be nominated to the Executive Committee and can propose candidates for future membership.
 - 6.2** Passive members – non playing members can join the club on the payment of a passive membership fee. These members do not have the right of vote.
 - 6.3** Honorary members - the Executive Committee can nominate an individual who has positively promoted in the promotion of the Club. They have the right of vote at a General Meeting.
- Article 7** The Executive Committee shall decide, by simple majority of those present on admission of new members and continuance of membership.
- Article 8** Full members shall pay the membership fee as adopted by the General Meeting. The said fees are not permitted to exceed CHF250.- per year.
- Article 9** Any member whose membership fees are not settled within 30 days of the due date shall automatically lose the membership, unless waived by the Executive Committee. Annual fees are due at the beginning of each calendar year, i.e. by 31st January.
- Article 10** Members shall not in any way be responsible for the financial commitments of the Club over and above the amount of their financial contribution.
- Article 11** The Club does not have accident insurance cover for its Members or other people assisting it during training or matches. Adequate personal insurance for accidents during ZSCC matches and training is the responsibility of each member.

III ORGANISATION

Article 12 The executive bodies of the Association are:

- The Annual General Meeting
- The Executive Committee
- The Auditor

Article 13 General Meeting of Members of the Club shall be called by the Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee or within one month of receipt of a written request signed by no less than three-quarters of the Club's Active Members.

Article 14 The General Meeting is convened once a year as an Annual General Meeting which is the supreme authority of the Association and which has the following powers:

- a) To amend the Club's Constitution and to dissolve the Club;
- b) Approval of the annual report of the Executive Committee and that of the Auditor and discharge of the Executive Committee activities;
- c) Election of the Executive Committee and the Auditor;
- d) Approval of the annual membership fees;
- e) Decisions on all other points for which the General Meeting is competent.

Article 15 The General Meeting is chaired by the President or, in their absence, by the Secretary or another member of the Executive Committee.

15.1 Quorum for decision shall be by a simple majority of Active Members present and entitled to vote.

15.2 The General Meeting shall take its decision by way of a simple majority, unless otherwise provided.

15.3 A two-third majority of the votes expressed shall be required to amendment to the Constitution or dissolve the Club.

15.4 There is no provision for Proxy voting.

15.5 In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman has a casting vote.

Article 16 The Executive Committee governs and represents the Club. It is empowered to take all decisions and to undertake any action that it deems necessary and desirable in order to achieve the Club's purposes & ambitions. It shall call the Annual General Meeting and determine the agenda.

Article 17 The Executive Committee shall consist of not fewer than three and not more than eight members. It shall consist of, but not be limited to the following suggested positions:

- a) President
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) Coach
- e) Sponsorship, match and tour organiser
- f) Web and publicity

Members wishing to stand for election must be proposed and seconded by members with full voting rights.

- Article 18** Upon invitation of the President, or in its absence, of the Secretary, the Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year and as often as it is deemed necessary during the cricket season.
- Article 19** The powers of the Executive Committee shall be exercised more particularly to:
- a) decide on admission of new members and continuance of membership;
 - b) propose the annual membership fees;
 - c) propose amendments to the constitution;
 - d) propose the Auditor for appointment;
 - e) Nominate Honorary Members
- Article 20** The Executive Committee may suspend or dismiss from Membership any person:
- 20.1 for non-payment of the membership fees, in accordance with article 9;
 - 20.2 in the event of a serious misconduct on their part which prejudiced the Club's activities and bring the Club into disrepute.
- Article 21** Quorum for decisions of the Executive Committee is three. The decisions must be unanimous in the absence of the President.
- Article 22** The term of office of the Executive Committee members shall be one year. Outgoing Executive Committee Members are eligible for re-election. Whenever a seat becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall be authorised to co-opt a new member until the next General Meeting.

IV RESOURCES

- Article 23** The resources of the Association consist of:
- a) annual membership fees paid by its Full Members,
 - b) Subventions, donations and gifts,
 - c) Other resources resulting from the Association's fundraising activities.
- Article 24** The Association's financial year is the calendar year.
- Article 25** All financial decisions are subject to the availability of a statement of current club assets supplied by the Treasurer, or, in his/her absence, by the Secretary. Any spending in excess of CHF 500 requires two signatures of members of the Executive Committee.
- Article 26** The Club shall be legally bound by the individual signature of its President, or in his/her absence, by the individual signature of its secretary or by the joint signature of two designated members of the Executive Committee.
- Article 27** In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary shall submit the annual financial report to the Annual General Meeting for approval and discharge.

The Auditor

- Article 28** The Auditor shall be proposed by the Executive Committee and appointed by the General meeting for a period of one year. The Auditor shall present a report annually to the General Meeting.

V DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Article 29 The decision to dissolve and liquidate the Club must be taken by qualified majority of votes as stated under above article 15.3 & 15.4.

Article 30 The assets of the Association shall not be redistributed among the members, nor used for their benefit, in whole or in part, in any manner whatsoever, but shall be transferred to an institution pursuing aims analogous to those of the Association.