



# CONSTITUTION OF THE GENEVA CRICKET CLUB

*Members* of The Geneva Cricket Club,

*Desiring* to perpetuate 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, in particular the youth, in the Geneva region and beyond;

*Encouraging* the gentlemanly values of the game and the best traditions of sportsmanship by demonstrating strong commitment as well as impeccable behaviour on and off the field of the game;

*Recalling* the importance that cricket can play in promoting health, sportsmanship, tolerance and social integration across all genders, ethnicities, creeds, sexual orientations and disabilities;

*Determined* to abide by the Laws of Cricket, as well as rules, regulations and codes of conduct of the relevant governing cricket body;

Have *adopted* the following:

# RULES

## Title

1. The Club shall be called "The Geneva Cricket Club" and shall be based in Geneva, Switzerland. The postal address may differ.

## Members

2. Membership of the Club shall be open to any person accepted by the Committee.
3. The Club shall consist of (a) Full Members; (b) Social Members and such other classes of Members as the Committee may from time to time decide.
4. In principle, only those "prospective" members that have had their application for membership approved 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.
5. Non-refundable membership fees are calculated on a calendar year basis and are payable at the beginning of each season.
6. A cost contribution will 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.
7. Beyond the annual membership fees and cost contributions for participation in specific activities, Members do not incur any financial obligation or legal liability.
8. Arrangements for joining the Club and the membership fees shall be reviewed regularly by the Committee. The Committee shall have the right to vary and set from time to time, as it shall consider fit and appropriate, the membership fees.
9. Each year, the Committee will publish an updated list of all its current Members.
10. Save as provided otherwise, the membership of any Member can be terminated at any time and with immediate effect by a decision of the Committee.
11. A decision of the Committee to terminate a membership is final and the Members explicitly renounce to the possibility of appealing such decision to any judicial authority.
12. As a preliminary measure, membership may be suspended by the Committee, particularly in circumstances where the Committee considers that further clarification is required.

13. Members shall be kept regularly informed of the activities and facilities offered by the Club through the Club's website and direct mailings.

### **The Committee**

14. The Club shall be entirely managed and governed by the Committee.

15. The Committee, which shall consist of the following officers, all of whom shall also be Full Members: President, Vice-President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Media Coordinator and Youth Coordinator, shall be the sole authority as to the interpretation of the Rules & By-Laws of the Club.

16. The Committee shall have the power to make such Rules & By-Laws with regard to the rules of conduct and the various activities of the Club as it may think fit and to vary such Rules & By-Laws from time to time. The Rules & By-Laws currently in force shall be posted at the Club's pavilion and all Members shall be deemed to have received notice thereof.

17. The quorum for any meeting of the Committee shall be five and no decision of the Committee taken in the absence of a quorum shall be valid or binding.

18. No issues or commitments of a financial nature shall be decided upon by a decision of the Committee in the absence of the Treasurer.

19. The Committee may appoint and terminate Sub-Committees and may delegate to them such powers as they may think fit in terms of reference.

20. Sub-Committees shall report to The Committee and their decisions shall be subject to confirmation by The Committee except where The Committee otherwise determines.

21. Sub-Committees may appoint their own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

22. The quorum of Sub-Committees shall be fixed in their Terms of Reference.

23. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall be *ex officio* Members of every Sub-Committee.

24. All members of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year. Retiring Committee members are eligible for re-election.

### **General Meetings**

25. The Chairman of the Committee shall chair every General Meeting of the Club, or if there is no such Chairman, or if he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, the

Vice-Chairman shall chair such meeting, or if there is no such Vice-Chairman, or if he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, the Members of the Committee present shall elect one of their peers to chair the meeting.

26. If at any meeting, no Committee Member is willing to act as Chairman or if no Committee Member is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Members present shall choose one of their peers to chair the meeting.
27. The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the 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 meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
28. A quorum for the purposes of any General Meeting shall be one quarter of all the Club's Members entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting.
29. No decision which requires a quorum of Members to be present shall be taken in a General Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the General Meeting. The General Meeting may nonetheless proceed with any other matters to be discussed and decided upon.
30. In the event that the agenda for the General Meeting only contains matters which require a quorum of Members to be present for decisions to be taken or insofar as such items of the agenda are concerned, if within half an hour from the time appointed for the General Meeting a quorum is not present, the General Meeting or the relevant items as the case may be, shall be adjourned to such other day and at such other time and place as the Committee may determine.
31. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded:

(a) by the Chairman or;

(b) by at least two Members present.

Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost and an entry to that effect in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Club shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

32. Any Member of the Club entitled to participate and vote at a General Meeting shall be entitled to appoint another person (whether a Member or not) as his proxy to participate and vote instead of him. Any proxy so appointed shall have the same right as the Member to speak at the General Meeting.
33. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
34. A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman, 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 Chairman 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. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
35. 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.

#### **Members Bound by Rules & By-Laws**

36. The Committee may refuse all advantages of membership to a Member whose membership fee remains unpaid.
37. Every Member binds himself to abide by the Rules & By-Laws of the Club for the time being in force.

#### **Suspension and Expulsion**

38. In the event of a breach by a Member of the Rules & By-Laws, or of conduct on the part of a Member, either before or after his election, rendering it, in the opinion of The Committee desirable that he should cease to be a Member, he may be called before the Committee and, failing a satisfactory explanation, he may be cautioned, suspended, required to resign or expelled.
39. Authority may be delegated by the Committee to a Sub-Committee of not less than three persons, acting together to exercise a power of immediate suspension of any Member for conduct which, in the opinion of the Sub-Committee, is prejudicial to the interests of the Club. Such suspension shall continue until the Committee shall have dealt with the matter in accordance with Rule 38.
40. The Committee may be specially summoned to consider questions arising under any of the two proceeding Rules and notice shall be given to the Member. The Committee shall hear any explanation which such Member may desire to give, together with any evidence in support of such explanation tendered by him. No

Member shall be cautioned, suspended (save in accordance with Rule 38), required to resign or expelled unless the resolution is supported by at least two thirds of the Committee present. Decisions or actions of the Committee made or taken under this Rule or the proceeding two Rules shall be final and binding.

41. Where a Member fails, without good cause, to appear before the Committee, the matter may be dealt with in his absence.

### **Accounts**

42. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping proper accounting records for the Club and shall each year prepare the Club's accounts, which shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

### **Dissolution**

43. The Club may be wound up by a two-thirds majority decision of the Club in a General Meeting.
44. 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**

45. English is the official language of the Club for purposes of all its Meetings, communications and activities.

### **Alteration and Interpretation**

46. The Committee is authorised to added to or alter from time to time these Rules & By-Laws, as it shall consider fit and appropriate, provided that any such amendments and/or additions are approved by the Members in a subsequent General Meeting which shall take place no later than twelve months following the change.
47. Words contained in these Rules & 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 and subject to a quota
“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 apply) in a very limited number of matches (league or otherwise)
“the Committee”	The executive body of the Club, which shall include the President, Vice-President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Media Coordinator and Youth Coordinator
“Sub-Committee”	A properly constituted sub-committee of the Committee
“General Meeting”	All official meetings of the Members, be they annual or extraordinary
“Rules & By-Laws”	All or any part or parts of these rules and bye-laws together with any amendment, modification or addition hereto
“Quorum”	The minimum number of Members required to properly constitute a valid Committee meeting or General Meeting (as appropriate) which is capable of making binding decisions

48. 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 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 a certain number of 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 and 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.

## Quota of Matches

6. At the beginning of each season, the Committee shall review the number of "active" Full Members and, if necessary, may set a quota as to the maximum number of matches (league and otherwise) that may be played by each Full Member for the entire season.
7. When applicable, the same quota shall be applied pro rata to any new Full Member who joins the Club during the course of the season.
8. At the beginning of each season, the Captain and Vice-Captain shall together (and in consultation with the Full Members as to their availability only) provisionally fix the Club's team for each match (league and otherwise).
9. Once a Full Member has committed himself for a match and has been selected to play in that match, he shall as a general rule forfeit his right to one match within his quota if he is subsequently unable to play in that match for whatever reason.



## **Captain and Vice-Captain**

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

## **Match Manager**

12. 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:
  - the Club equipment is in order and is available to the Full Members at the beginning of each match (both home and away);
  - 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);
  - all the Full Members have arranged suitable transport for travel to and from away matches;
  - there is adequate food and non-alcoholic drinks provided within a reasonable budget by the Club for each home match;
  - 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**

13. The Club shall provide at each official match a Scorer. Whenever feasible, this should also apply for friendly matches.
14. 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**

15. At all matches, Social and Full Members attending are required to behave in a manner fitting the gentlemanly nature of the game of cricket and in particular should not:
  - use swear words in any language at any time;

- 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;
- use any language other than English or French during the course of a match.

### **Dress**

16. 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.
17. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Members are 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**

18. 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 Committee as a whole.

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