

Rules and Constitution

Falkland Cricket Club

1 Name

The club shall be called Falkland Cricket Club, hereafter to be referred to as “the Club” and shall be affiliated to the England & Wales Cricket Board and the Berkshire Cricket Board.

The headquarters of the club shall be at Enborne Lodge, Enborne Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 6TW or such other address as the Club may decide at a General meeting.

2 Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the club shall be:

- To foster and promote the game of cricket at all levels within the community and within the sport
- To provide opportunities for recreation, coaching, and competition in cricket
- To promote the club within the local community and cricket
- To manage the property owned and/or leased by Falkland Cricket Club at Enborne Street, Newbury, Berkshire
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in accordance with the ECB “Safe Hands” policy
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment
- To provide other related sports and social activities and functions

The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club’s objectives as set out in these Rules and Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to the Members of the Club.

3 Membership and subscriptions

Membership shall consist of officers of the Club and members.

Membership of the Club shall be open, irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status or sexual orientation, to any person completing a membership form and by paying the relevant subscription.

Membership subscriptions shall be set annually and agreed by the General Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Fees will be paid annually.

Membership subscriptions shall be due on 1st April. Those not paid by 31st May shall be deemed to be overdue.

There shall be different classes of membership as follows:

- Full member
- Junior/Student member
- Honorary/Life member
- Associate member
- Vice President

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the club has adopted.

Junior/Student members (those under 18 years of age and/or pursuing a full time education course) shall have all the privileges of full membership, subject to general law. Once a junior member has reached the age of 16 he/she shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

The General Committee may refuse or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club’s members and decided by majority vote.

4 Officers of the Club

The officers of the Club will be:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

- Fixture Secretary
- Publicity/Fundraising Officer
- Junior Cricket Co-ordinator
- Child Welfare Officer
- Cricket Development Officer

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, from and by the members of the Club. All officers are elected for a period of one year but may be elected to the same or another office the following year.

5. Committee

The Club will be managed through the General Committee consisting of the above Officers

Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the General Committee.

The General Committee in addition to the powers of authority of this Constitution may exercise all powers and authority and undertake all acts in the furtherance of aims for which the Club is established and not hereby expressly directed.

The General Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the Club.

The General Committee will be convened by the Secretary and shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at General Committee meetings will be 5.

The duties of the General Committee shall be:

To control the affairs of the Club on behalf of the members including the Bar Franchise Agreement if such exist

To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by members and should be independently examined before every Annual General Meeting.

To appoint sub-committees as necessary to assist with the administration of the affairs of the Club

To co-opt additional members of the General Committee as the Committee feel that this is necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on the Committee.

To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chair shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

6 General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than the end of February each year. 21 clear days written notice shall be given to members of the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member at their home address and posting the notice on the Club notice board. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any other business to be moved at the Annual general Meeting at least 14 days before the meeting.

The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to members not less than 7 days before the meeting.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting

Receive the accounts for the year from the Treasurer

Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Secretary

Elect an auditor/independent examiner

Elect the Officers of the Club

Review subscription rates for the forthcoming year

Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda

Special General Meetings may be convened by the General Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not less than 5 Full Members of the Club.

At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.

Nominations of candidates for election of Officers shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations can only be made by Full Members and must be seconded by another Full Member.

At all General Meetings the chair will be taken by the Chair, or in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the Club or by Full Members attending the meeting.

Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority vote from those Full Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chair shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

A quorum for a General meeting shall be 12 Full Members and 3 Officers of the Club including 1 from the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Each Full Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings.

7 Alterations to the Constitution

Any proposed alterations to the Club Rules and constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal.

Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the Club and seconded by another Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Full Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

8. Finance

All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.

The Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the Club.

The financial year of the Club will end on 30 September.

An independently examined statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Any cheques drawn against Club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus one from Chair, Secretary, one other Officer appointed by resolution of the General Committee.

9 Discipline and appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary within 14 days of the incident.

The General Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. The General Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing shall be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the members following the announcement of disciplinary action. An Extraordinary General meeting for this purpose shall be convened by the Secretary within 21 days of receiving notice of the appeal.

10. Dissolution

If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Members present at the meeting, the General Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Full Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to the Berkshire Cricket Board or its successor, or, if none existing, the England and Wales Cricket Board or its successor as governing body of the game of cricket in England at the time, or, if none existing, to another voluntary cricket organisation in the area having objectives similar to those of the Club which is a registered CASC or charity.

11. Declaration

Falkland Cricket Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regarding the actions of members.

David Morris (Club Chair) 3rd July 2007

Peter George (Club Secretary) 3rd July 2007