

ELSTOW CRICKET CLUB

RULES OF THE CLUB

1. TITLE

The Club shall be called the "ELSTOW CRICKET CLUB" and shall be affiliated to the Bedfordshire Cricket Board.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- A) To play and foster cricket and social activities associated with it.
- B) To offer coaching and competitive activities in cricket.
- C) To promote the Club within the local community.
- D) In association with Elstow Playing Fields Association to develop Elstow Playing Field as a venue for cricket.
- E) To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club
- F) To provide all its services in a manner that is fair to everyone.
- G) To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.
- H) To raise funds and to invite and receive grants, donations and other contributions in order to achieve the other Aims and Objectives stated in this clause.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers of the Club shall be the: PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER, CAPTAIN, AND CHILD WELFARE OFFICER. These officials will be elected at the AGM for the coming 'year' and, with the exception of the President, must be a serving officer or paid up Club Member. Executive Officers will not be liable to pay Membership Fees.

4. NON EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Other officials of the Club will be elected at the AGM for the coming 'Year'. these will include Vice Presidents, Vice Chairman, Vice Captain, Youth Team Manager, Auditor and any other office which is agreed upon at the AGM.

Non Executive officers will be liable to pay Membership fees, with the exception of Vice Presidents, who may wish to make a donation to the Club Funds.

5 MANAGEMENT

The management of the Club will be by an Executive Committee, elected as per Rule 6. This Committee shall have power to carry out the Club's business in accordance with the policy contained in these rules.

6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

An Executive Committee will be elected at the AGM for the coming 'Year'. This Committee will have a minimum of five members and will include the President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Captain. All Members of this Committee must be Club Members at the time of their election.

7. **CLUB PROPERTY**

The Members of the Executive Committee shall, during the term of their Office, be considered the Joint Owners of all property belonging to the Club. This ownership ceases when the person vacates his position and passes to the person elected to replace them.

8. **MEMBERSHIP**

There will be three ways to qualify as a Member of the Club:

- A) As an Executive Officer
- B) As a Vice President
- C) By registering with the Club as a member and paying a Membership Fee.

Membership will run for 1 year as will all official posts. The year will run from 1st April to 31st March the following year. New Members will not be admitted after 31st August each year. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping a Register of Members.

9. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

An AGM will be held in February of each year. The Secretary shall convene the meeting at the request of the Executive Committee, and give 7 days notice to all Members, where practicable. All elections of Officials and Committees for the coming year will take place at the AGM.

No AGM may take place unless a minimum of 6 members are present.

At the AGM the business conducted shall include:

- A) The consideration of the audited accounts for the previous financial year.
- B) The consideration of the Executive Officer's budget proposals for the forthcoming year.
- C) The election of the Executive Officers and Non Executive Officers for the forthcoming year.
- D) Annual subscriptions and other fees for the coming year.

10. **NON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S**

Committees, other than the Executive Committee may be elected as agreed at the AGM.

11. **FIXTURES**

The Club will compete in the MILLMAN TROPHY, BEDFORD MID-WEEK LEAGUE and INDOOR CRICKET LEAGUE. Also any cup matches from the HOSPITAL CUP COMPETITION and any other competitions the Club agrees to compete in. The Secretary will be responsible for arranging this and for providing a Fixture List for Members.

12. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining the Club's Accounts in good order, and for producing an audited statement of annual accounts at the AGM.

All Club monies shall be banked in a bank approved of by the Executive Committee, in an account held in the name of the Club.

The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st of December each year.

All cheques drawn against Club funds shall hold the signatures of the Treasurer and one other authorised signatory. The AGM shall appoint each year two officers who are authorised to sign Club cheques in support of the Treasurer's signature.

13. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

Extraordinary General Meetings will be called by the Executive Committee for the following reasons:

- A) An Executive Officer of the Club has resigned or is no longer in a position to carry out his duties.
- B) To change the Club rules (See Rule 17).
- C) A vote of No Confidence is requested in writing to the President, of any Executive Officer or member of the Executive Committee, by three or more Club Members.

The Secretary will notify all Members of the meeting and the reasons for it, a minimum of 7 days in advance, wherever practicable. A minimum of 6 Members must be present.

14. MEMBERSHIP FEES

There will be six types of membership, all affording equal voting rights.

- A) Executive Officers
- B) Honorary Life Members
- C) Vice Presidents
- D) Senior Playing Members
- E) Junior Playing Members
- F) Non Playing Members

Membership fees for playing and non playing members (D, E & F) will be decided at the AGM for

the coming 'Year'.

15. **VOTING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

All elections of Officers and other voting at Club Meetings will be on a 'one vote per member present' basis, with a simple majority decision, except for changes to these Rules (See Rule 17). In the event of a tied vote the status quo will be maintained where possible. If this is not so then a further meeting will have to be convened.

16. **SELECTION OF PLAYERS**

The method of selecting players for the team will be decided at the AGM. However, non members may not be selected before all playing Members have been asked.

17. **ALTERATION TO RULES**

No alteration may be made to these rules except at the AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting specifically convened for that purpose. There must be at least 6 members present at the meeting, and a minimum of 60% of those present must be in favour of any proposed rule change, before it may be adopted.

18. **CONTINGENCY**

The Executive Committee shall deal with any contingency not provided for by the above Rules.

19. **HOME GROUND**

All Home Matches will be played at Elstow Playing Field. The Club will provide 2 Representatives to the Elstow Playing Field Committee.

20. **EQUALITY CLAUSE**

To execute the objectives of the club fairly and without prejudice to age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status and sexual orientation.

21. **DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS**

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members shall be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary.

The Executive Committee shall meet to hear all complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. The Executive Committee shall take appropriate disciplinary action including, if need be, termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing shall be notified in writing to the parties to the complaint within 3 days of the hearing.

There shall be a right of appeal to the Executive Committee following the outcome of the disciplinary hearing being announced. The Committee shall consider the appeal within 14 days of the Club Secretary receiving the appeal and shall notify the parties in writing within 3 days of its final decision.

22. **DISSOLUTION**

A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at a General Meeting of the Club. If the Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club it shall call a General Meeting, (whether Annual or Emergency) of the Club of which at least 21 days notice shall be given to all members by the Club Secretary. If the proposal is confirmed by a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote the Executive Committee shall have the power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any debts and liabilities shall be transferred to the Elstow Playing Fields Association, or if the Elstow Playing Fields Association has itself been dissolved, to any other charitable institution having objectives similar to Elstow Cricket Club as the General Meeting or the Executive Committee (in the absence of direction from the General Meeting) may determine.

23. **OTHER PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

All meetings of the Executive Committee and all General Meetings shall be minuted by the Club Secretary.

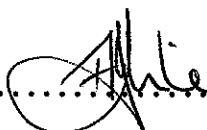
If the Chairman is unavailable at any meeting of the Executive Committee or at any General Meeting the meeting shall elect a Chairman for the meeting by majority vote.

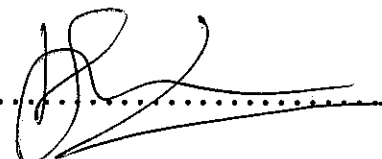
The laws of the MCC shall be adopted in all questions of play.

The Secretary shall keep securely all the Club records including minute books and score books.

A copy of these Rules of the Club shall be available in the Elstow Playing Field Hall.

These Rules of the Club were approved and adopted at a General Meeting of Elstow Cricket Club on the 16th of January 2007.

Signed:.......... Chairman

Signed:.......... Secretary