



## **Constitution of Limerick Cricket Club**

### **1) Name**

The name of the club is Limerick Cricket Club, (hereinafter referred to as the Club).

### **2) Colours**

The Club's colours shall include Green and White.

### **3) Club Purposes**

The purposes of the Club are to foster and promote participation in the sport of cricket within the community, providing facilities for playing cricket, opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.

### **4) Affiliation**

- a) The Club is affiliated to Cricket Ireland through the Munster Cricket Union
- b) The Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. Every individual involved in the Club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for their rights of safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland

### **5) Permitted means of advancing the Purposes**

- a) The Committee has the power to acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, clubhouse, transport, medical and related facilities;
- b) Provide coaching, training, and related social and other facilities;
- c) take out adequate insurance to cover the assets of the club and Public Liability
- d) raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans and charges, raffles, events and other fund-raising activities
- e) borrow money and give security for the same, and open bank accounts;
- f) buy or lease property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same;
- g) set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves;
- h) deposit or invest funds in any lawful manner;
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- k) employ and engage staff and others and provide services;
- l) Co-operate with organisations, clubs, sporting bodies, government or government-related agencies
- m) do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes;

NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with Club Rules and the general law.

### **6) Membership**

- a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis. The committee and membership have the right to refuse membership based upon the applicants' historical conduct and/or references.
- b) The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

- i) The Club will have the following classes of membership:
  - (1) Full members – playing
  - (2) Full-members – non-playing
  - (3) Student/Unwaged members – over 18 years of age and in full time education or unemployed
  - (4) Youth members – under the age of 18
  - (5) Honorary Life members who are nominated by the Committee on the basis of having rendered outstanding service to the Club
  - (6) Pavilion members – entitled to attend all club events and have access to Club ‘non-public’ social media, but will not have voting nor playing rights
- c) Admission for membership of the Club shall, where necessary, be by completion of a membership application form and granted by resolution of the Committee.
- d) No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection for any Club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid on or before a date specified by the Committee. Subscriptions become due from 1 April onwards of the current year.
- e) The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as knowledge of historical poor conduct or character likely to contrary to Club Regulations & Code of Conduct, or where there is strong suspicion that the applicant will bring the Club or sport into disrepute. The applicant shall be entitled to make further representations in writing to the Committee and/or members within fourteen (14) days of notification of refusal. The Committee will take into consideration the applicants and members views, consider the application again and make a final decision.
- f) All members will be subject to the Rules of the Club and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these Rules, Club Regulations and Code of Conduct as published.
- g) The Club Secretary will keep a register of members
- h) A member may resign by giving written notice to the Club, but this withdrawal does not relieve him or her of any membership liabilities for the current year of membership. Outstanding fees will remain payable to the club and would, at the discretion of the Committee, need to be part of any future application to join the club
- i) Removal of a member is dealt with in Clause 12 below and can be made for good cause including conduct likely to bring the Club into disrepute

#### **7) General Meetings**

- a) All members may attend all general meetings of the Club
- b) Such meetings need at least 14 clear days’ written notice to members.
- c) The quorum for all general meetings is 10 members present
- d) If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the start of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned to the following week at the same time and place or such other time and place as the Committee decides. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within thirty (30) minutes after the appointed time, the members present shall constitute a quorum.
- e) The Chair or (in his or her absence) another member chosen at the meeting shall preside.
- f) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands or blind vote as decided by the meeting
- g) Formalities in connection with General Meetings (such as how to put down resolutions) shall be decided by the Committee and publicised to Club members.

#### **8) Annual General Meetings (AGM)**

- a) The Club will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM.
- b) At every AGM:
  - i) The Members will elect a Committee including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve until the next AGM;
  - ii) The Treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the latest financial year audited as the Committee shall decide;
  - iii) The Committee will present a report on the Club's activities since the previous AGM;

- iv) The Members can, if they wish to, appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts; and
- v) The Members will discuss and vote on any resolution and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

**9) Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)**

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Committee or on the written request of not less than 10 members signed by them. Such requests must detail the motions to be brought to the EGM. These motions may, at the discretion of the committee, be circulated to the club membership as required. EGM shall be held on not less than 14 or more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the Committee or in default by the Chair.

**10) The Committee**

a) In-line with this constitution, ~~Subject to these Rules~~ the Committee shall have responsibility for the management of the Club, its funds, property and affairs. The Committee may make Club Regulations consistent with these Rules and will publicise these to the members

**b) Committee Scope**

- i) The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are held by the club or reinvested in the club.
- ii) The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
- iii) The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:
  - (1) Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
  - (2) Employ members and contractors and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;
  - (3) Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
  - (4) Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).
  - (5) The Club may hire or rent out its premises to such groups or individuals as are deemed acceptable to the Committee
  - (6) The Club may indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of running the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club but only to the extent of its assets
  - (7) The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

**c) Committee Composition and Powers**

- i) The Committee shall consist of at three officers and not more than eight ex-officio members
- ii) The Committee members may co-opt Club members (up to the maximum permitted number) to serve until the end of the next AGM
- iii) The Committee may delegate its functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of their activities and powers; the extent to which they can commit the funds of the Club; its membership; its duty to report back to the Committee. The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or to change its mandate and operating terms.
- iv) The Committee shall have the power to appoint a Management Group comprising the Chairperson, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. The Management Group shall meet as required to deal expeditiously with any urgent business before bringing their conclusions to the full Committee for action or ratification
- v) A Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the Club, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the

Member concerned has been given the chance of putting his/her case to the Committee with an appeal to the Club members, or is removed by Club members at a general meeting. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

**d) Committee Meetings**

- i) Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed he/she must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned.
- ii) The Committee may decide its own way of operating however, the following rules apply:
  - (1) At least 4 members must be present for the meeting to be valid;
  - (2) Committee meetings shall be held face to face. Individual committee members may join the meeting by telephone;
  - (3) The Chair or whoever else those present choose shall chair meetings;
  - (4) Decisions shall be by simple majority of those voting;
  - (5) A resolution in writing signed by the majority of committee members shall be valid without a meeting;
  - (6) The chair of the meeting will have a casting vote.
- e) The Committee shall appoint a Designated Liaison Person and a Club Welfare Officer to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation. The Club Welfare Officer shall report to the relevant Committee meetings and the reports, together with any action taken, must be minuted.
- f) The Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activity and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of the Club; its membership; its duty to report back to the Committee. The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or to change its mandate and operating terms.
- g) Any bank account in which any part of the Club's funds is deposited shall be operated by the Committee and shall be in the name of the Club only. All cheques and orders for payment of money from such accounts must be signed by at least two people authorised by the Committee, including at least 1 Committee member.
- h) Disclosure - Club statements of accounts and documents must be made available for inspection by any member upon request within 14 days of that request. All club records may be inspected by any Committee member.

**11) Removal of Membership, Discipline and Appeals**

- a) Any complaints regarding the behaviour of members, guests or volunteers should be lodged in writing with the Secretary.
- b) The procedures for taking disciplinary action against any members, including removal of membership, are dealt with under the Club's Disciplinary Procedures.

**12) Liability of members**

In the event of the Club becoming insolvent and unable to repay any sum or part of a sum or sums of money for which the Club is liable each member of the club will be liable for an equitable proportion of any such sum or sums. The members upon whom such liability shall devolve shall be full members on the date of the holding of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) immediately previous to the date on which the Club became insolvent or who became ordinary or playing members since that date.

**13) Club Regulations**

The Committee may make Club Regulations consistent with these Rules and will publicise these to the members.

**14) Notices**

- a) Notices to be sent out in accordance with these Rules and Club decisions may be sent by hand, by post or by suitable electronic means and will be treated as being received:
- i) 24 hours after being sent by electronic means or delivered by hand to the relevant address;
  - ii) Two clear days after being sent by post;
  - iii) Notice of all meetings must also be put on the Club's notice board;
  - iv) A technical defect in the giving of notice of which the members of the Committee are unaware does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting

**15) Amendments**

These Rules may be amended at a general meeting by two-thirds of the votes cast.

**16) Dissolution**

Should it become necessary at any time to dissolve the Club, a general meeting shall be convened for that purpose. One month's notice of such a meeting shall be given, and the resolution to be proposed shall be stated thereon. Suspended members and members whose resignations are pending shall not be deprived of their votes. It shall be necessary for five-sixths (5/6) of the members present and voting to decide in favour of dissolution before the resolution can be carried.

**17) Distribution of the assets of the Club**

In the event of the dissolution of the Club, the surplus assets, if any remain after the payment of all debts and liabilities, including the costs of dissolution, shall be distributed, in value or in specie, in equal shares among the full members of the Club as on the date of the resolution for winding-up.

**18) Indemnity of Officers**

Every officer of the Club shall be indemnified by the Club against all losses, costs and expenses which any officer may incur or become liable for by reason of any contracts entered into, or any act or thing done by him or her as such officer or in any way in the discharge of the duties of such officer. The amount for which such indemnity is proved shall immediately attach as a lien on the Club assets and shall have priority of payment as between the members and all other claims.

**19) Youth Cricket Section**

In accordance with the Objects of the Club as stated in Rule 3 the Committee shall make provision for a youth cricket section. The membership of this section shall be restricted to persons under the age of eighteen (18) years of age on the first day of September of the current year. The affairs of the Youth Section shall be subject to such regulations and directions as may be determined by the Committee.