



## **Limerick Cricket Club**

### **Members Responsibilities**

The purposes of Limerick Cricket Club (LCC) is to promote the amateur sport of cricket in Limerick and community participation in the same.

This document in conjunction with the *Club Constitution* seeks to outline the policies and procedures of the club and the responsibilities of members of the club.

It is not an all-encompassing document and all members should consider their actions so as to not bring the club into disrepute with illegal or unethical behaviour.

#### **Membership Fee**

The club is running four adult teams and underage teams. The club pays competition fees, umpire fees, provides equipment, has rent and insurance costs, and is always working to develop facilities in Adare. It is important that all members recognise the significant cost in running a club and that they are responsible to contribute their annual membership fee as agreed at the previous Annual General Meeting (AGM).

#### **Contact Details**

The club has a group on *WhatsApp* "LCC Notice Board" and "Match Updates / Chat" for official communications across members and club interests.

The club uses the *Teamo* app for managing availability and selection for all members. Members are responsible to declare themselves either available or unavailable for selection by midnight on the Tuesday prior to the weekend fixtures, except for the exception of weeks starting with bank holiday Mondays in which this deadline is pushed forward 24 hours to midnight on Wednesday. This facilitates the prompt selection and publication of teams.

If for whatever reason you have a difficulty accessing either of the official club communication platforms (*WhatsApp*, *Teamo*) it is the responsibility of the member to use other forms of communication (call, email, text) to contact their captain. Members should not expect club captains to contact you regarding availability.

#### **Training**

Training for all squads will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at our facility in Adare from 6pm.

Members will arrive on time to training. Members will assist in any set up or clean up associated with training.

Training sessions are important for club captains and selectors to view abilities, skills, development and commitment of players and this impacts on their selection decisions.



## **Match Days**

The warm up will start no later than 11.20 for all teams for both home and away matches to ensure peak preparation leading into the game. After the toss, the captain will adapt his warm up as he sees fit. The captain has the right to delegate another player to manage the warm up to whom the rest of the team must comply with.

### **Home**

Players will arrive **no later than 11am** before play to assist in setting up.

Players will provide lunch for both teams. This means providing enough food for a **minimum of two people**. The match day captain will judge if the amount brought suffices and has the right to reprimand a player if he feels they have come up short.

Players will clean up after each match and leave the containers and equipment in a condition that they would expect to find it in themselves.

Players will remain at the ground as a team until the captain on the day declares that all match and ground matters are resolved and thanks the players for representing LCC.

### **Away**

Players will arrive on time to the designated meeting point for departure.

Players should, where possible, share the provision of transport.

Players may opt to drive directly to the ground but must inform the captain beforehand in due time.

Non driving members will offer the driver of the car that they travel in €10 to cover fuel costs, except in the case of 12<sup>th</sup> man, scorer or travelling supporter.

Players will remain at the venue as a team until the captain on the day declares that all match matters are completed and thanks the players for representing LCC.

### **Safety**

Members are responsible for their own safety and to be conscious of the safety of others (fellow members, opposition players, supporters, general public) at all times.

The club provides helmets, thigh pads, batting leg guards, batting gloves, keeping gear, etc. For hygiene reasons it is the responsibility of each member to buy their own abdominal guard.

There are MCU and Cricket Ireland rules and regulations on protective equipment that must be worn during competitive fixtures, and also age restrictions on bowling spells, and fielding positions pertaining to close-in catchers. Captains will be aware of these rules, and members will follow the instructions of their captain or on field umpire in this matter.

As a club LCC insists that at all times in matches and training that all members, whilst batting, **MUST** wear a helmet, irrespective of the bowling being faced. All wicket keepers if standing up to a bowler **MUST** wear a helmet irrespective of the bowling being faced. Failure to comply will lead to an immediate stop to the match or training sessions and play can only be resumed if the player wears a helmet or leaves the pitch. *This is non-negotiable.*

Continuous breach of safety rules may result in sanctions ranging from immediate suspension from the match or training session in progress, to omission from match day squads, to removal of membership of Club.

## **Members Conduct**



To avoid any misunderstanding and to confirm an inclusive club ethos there is only one official club language which will be used in training, matches and any club business. The language that is common to all nationalities is English. Members will at all times use only English when representing LCC in order to avoid the exclusion of other players.

Communication is important as an individual may take offence at a misunderstood word or phrase, or might not understand a safety warning given in an unfamiliar language. Miscommunication may result in errors in batting partnerships or fielding units.

All members MUST use English on the pitch whether training, warming up, having a friendly chit chat with fellow countrymen, fielding or playing a match to ensure an inclusive and welcoming environment for all. For those not clear, when you cross that white boundary line you are on the pitch.

Despite repeated requests over more than four months This rule has been breached on a regular basis in the past. As a result, the Committee is left with no other choice than to implement strict punitive measures.

Members found in breach of this rule will be subject to following disciplinary actions:

1. During training: the member will be sent off the pitch for a 5-minute timeout (no matter if you are fielding, bowling, warming up or batting)
2. During a match: the member will be sent off the pitch for 2 overs (even if we have to field with 10 or less players or that means losing a match)

The Committee recognizes that in heat of the moment during a match or otherwise there might be outbursts in language other than English. Members will extend the basic courtesy of translating it for their teammates so that they will understand.

Repeat offenders will receive a one match ban by default.

Members are responsible for their on-field and off-field behaviour when representing LCC. Abusive and threatening behaviour to club members, opposition players, umpires, spectators, and the general public will not be tolerated. Under the *Club Constitution* a member found in serious breach of conduct may have their club membership revoked.

Members are responsible for their conduct and use of appropriate language whilst representing or supporting LCC. Members should be aware that children compete both for and against LCC and attend matches as supporters. Members will be aware that our constitution states "*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*" **and** our members will act in a manner that upholds this ethos.

*Continuous member misconduct may result in sanctions ranging from immediate suspension from the match or training session in progress, to omission from match day squads, to removal of club membership.*

### **Members Concerns**

LCC encourages a culture of openness and honesty. If members have legitimate concerns, there are various options open to them:



1. *Club Captain, team Captains:* Any member with a legitimate concern can discuss their concerns with their team captain or club captain.
2. *Committee Members:* Any member with a legitimate concern can discuss their concerns at a time suitable and appropriate to both.
3. *Child Protection Officer:* Any member with a legitimate concern regarding a child (u18) should make contact with the club *Child Protection Officer* immediately to discuss their concerns.

Approved