



# Shipton-Under-Wychwood Cricket Club

Oxfordshire Team of the Year 2011

Cherwell League Division 1 Champions 2002 & 2011

Oxfordshire Twenty20 Champions 2011

Club House: 01993 831337

President: Mr. S. Brain

National Village Knockout Champions 2002 & 2003

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## Constitution and Rules

### Name and Object

1. The name of the Club shall be Shipton-under-Wychwood Cricket Club and the objects are to promote interest in and appreciate in the playing and watching of cricket and other sports and the furtherance of social activities.
2. The club premises are situated at the Cricket Ground, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

### Membership

3. The classes of membership shall be Playing Members, Vice Presidents and Non-Playing Members.
4. Membership of the Club shall be open to all irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status and sexual orientation. The Club adopts both the ECB Equity Policy Statement and the ECB Safe Hands Policy.
5. The General Committee may suspend the Membership of any Member whose conduct, whether on the Club premises or elsewhere, is or has been in the opinion of the Committee, contrary to the interest of the Club or injurious to its reputation.

### Officers

6. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Fixture Secretary, Honorary Bar Secretary, Honorary Secretary of the "100 Club", Team Captains and such further Officers as may from time-to-time be elected by the General Committee of the Club.
7. The Officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. All Officers must be members of the Club.
8. In the event of an Officer resigning before the next Annual General Meeting the General Committee shall elect a successor.
9. The General Committee shall be entitled to elect additional Officers of the Club should they deem this to be requisite.

### Management

10. The affairs of the Club in all matters not in these Rules reserved for the Club in General Meeting shall be conducted by a General (or Management) Committee.

11. The General Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Club and not less than two ordinary members of the Club who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Such Ordinary Members of the General Committee shall go out of office in every year but shall be eligible for re-election.
12. The General Committee shall have power to appoint such Sub-Committees as may be necessary and Members may be co-opted on to the General Committee, or Sub-Committees as these Committees may deem necessary.
13. The General Committee shall have power to make any arrangements they deem appropriate for raising funds for Club Purposes including in particular the establishment of a Club Lottery open to a regulated number of Club Members and to be known as the "100 Club" the administration of which may be delegated to an Honorary Secretary appointed for this purpose.

## **Trustees**

14. There shall be four Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time-to-time as necessary by the Club in General Meeting from among the Officers and Ordinary Members of the Club who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during his life or until he shall resign by notice in writing given to the General Committee or until a Resolution removing him from office shall be passed at a General Meeting of the Club by a majority comprising two thirds of the Members present or entitled to vote.
15. All property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being in their own name so far as necessary and practicable, for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the General Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment by the Club in General Meeting of a new Trustee in his place, and should as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after the said appointments.
16. The Trustees shall in all respects act in regard to any property of the Club held by them in accordance with the directions of the General Committee; shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Committee's directions. No purchaser, leases or mortgages, shall be concerned to enquire whether any direction has been given.
17. Subscriptions shall be fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club are payable in respect of the period from any day of the Annual General Meeting in each year expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the same year. Any Playing Member not having paid his subscription by the first day of June in each year shall automatically cease to be a Member unless a reason satisfactory to the Committee is given for the delay in payment, and the Committee may as a condition precedent of any such Member continuing to be a Member of the Club impose a fine upon the defaulting member.
18. The Treasurer shall keep proper books of accounts to enable him to present at every Annual General Meeting of the Club or at any other time if required (on reasonable notice to him by the General Committee) an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the Club, including a separate statement with regard to the purchase and supply of tobacco and intoxicating liquor for the preceding year or for the current year as the case may be and shall present such statement and report accordingly.

## **Intoxicating Liquor**

19. The purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be at the absolute discretion of the General Committee which shall in no way be restricted in its freedom of purchase and the General Committee shall appoint an Honorary Bar Secretary for the purpose of liaison with the suppliers.
20. No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club or of any member thereof any commission percentage or similar payment on or with reference to the purchase of intoxicating liquor of the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club, Members, or Guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.
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- i. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied otherwise than to a Member who has been a Member of the Club for at least two days, or whose nomination or Application for Membership was made at least two days before his admission to the privileges of membership.
  - ii. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied otherwise than to Members and Officials of Teams visiting the Club premises for the purposes of playing a match or fulfilling a social engagement.
  - iii. No Member shall be entitled to introduce more than 3 bona-fide guests into the Club at any one time.
  - iv. There shall be no supply of intoxicating liquor for the consumption off the premises except to a Member in person.
  - v. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to a person under the age of 18.
  - vi. Intoxicating liquor may be sold by the Club on no more than 12 occasions in any one year to persons who are not Members of the Club, but who are attending a social function at the Club's premises authorised by the Executive Committee and organised by a reputable body who will control the function, but no function shall be permitted to which admission may be obtained by payment of money at the door whether for a ticket or otherwise.
  - vii. The total number of non-voting Members may not exceed 15% of the total Membership.
  - viii. The hours of opening will be Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 11.00pm, Sundays Good Friday and Christmas Day 12.00 noon to 3.00pm, and 7.00pm to 10.00pm.

## **General Meetings**

22. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in every year and notification of the date thereof shall be circulated to Members at least 14 days before the meeting and the posting of the Notices shall be deemed to have been sufficient notice to Members.

23. Notice of a Motion for the Annual General Meeting must be notified in writing by a Member to the Honorary Secretary before 31<sup>st</sup> December in any year.
24. A General Meeting of the Club may be summoned at any time by the General Committee and shall be so summoned immediately upon any six Members delivering to the General Committee a written request in that behalf. A General Meeting shall be summoned by causing a Notice therefore to be posted in the Club premises in the manner prescribed in rule 29 for a period of at least fourteen days immediately before the day appointed for the meeting, but this period may be abridged in the discretion of the General Committee if the urgency of the business to be discussed in their opinion so requires.
25. At any General Meeting of the Club every member of the Club shall be entitled to on vote upon every question raised. In the case of equality in voting the Chairman of the Club or in the event of his absence the Chairman of the Meeting (who shall be a Member elected for the occasion by the Meeting before any other business is open) shall have a second casting or vote. The Secretary shall take notes of the proceedings at all General Meetings of the Club.

### **Visitors and Guests**

26. Non-members of the Club may be invited to play for the Club in up to four matches in any one Season, subject to the non-availability of Club Members.
27. Any Member shall be entitled to introduce guests to the Club provided that no person whose application for Membership has been declined or has been expelled from the Club has been introduced as a guest. The Member introducing a guest shall be responsible for his guest strictly observing these Rules and the Club By-Laws and shall enter his/her guest in the Visitors Book on the Club premises.

### **By-Laws**

28. The General Committee may from time-to-time make, vary and revoke, By-Laws (not inconsistent with these Rules) for the regulation of internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of Members and the By-Laws for the time being shall be binding on all Members.

### **Notice**

29. Each Member shall keep the Secretary informed of their private address or some other address at which communications may be addressed to them. Nevertheless it shall not be necessary to send any notice intended for Members generally to any Member, by post or otherwise, except in the case of a Notice convening any General Meeting for any of the purposes of Rule 24. All Notices shall be posted by being affixed in a prominent position on the Club premises in a part of the Club that is frequented by Members; it shall be the duty of the Secretary to ensure that any Notice remains so exhibited throughout any period required on that behalf by or under these Rules.

### **Alteration of Rules**

30. These Rules may be revoked, added to, or altered, by a majority comprising two thirds or more of the Members present and entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Club of which Notice has been duly given under Rule 24 specifying the intention to propose the revocation, addition or alteration, together with full particulars thereof.

## **Exclusion of Liability**

31. Neither the Club nor any Officer thereof shall be liable to any Member or guest of a Member for any loss of or damage to any property occurring from whatever cause, in or about the Club premises; nor for any injury sustained by any Member or guest whilst on or entering or leaving the Club premises; a Notice to this effect should at all times be displayed in a prominent position on the Club premises.

## **Dissolution**

32. If, at any time, the Club shall pass a General Meeting by a majority comprising two thirds or more of the Members present entitled to vote a resolution of its intention to dissolve, the General Committee, or failing them the Trustees, shall take steps to convert into money all the property of the Club, with power to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular property if the Club in General Meeting shall so authorise. Out of the process for such conversion, the Trustees shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the club, including the expenses of such conversion.

Any balance remaining in their hands shall be disposed of by them for sporting or charitable purposes, as the Club in General Meeting shall resolve; and thereupon the Club shall for all purposes be dissolved.

A copy of the Notice convening any General Meeting under this Rule shall be sent by the Secretary by post of every member at his address last notified to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the date appointed for the meeting; but any accidental omission to send such copy notice or the non-receipt of the same shall not invalidate the proceedings or the Resolution.