

Farnsfield Cricket Club Constitution and Club Rules

1. Name

The Club is called Farnsfield Cricket Club

2. Purpose and Objectives of the Club

- a) Principally to actively promote and participate in the sport of amateur cricket.
- b) To provide the Members with facilities for sporting and social activities, and to provide a sporting interest for the residents of Farnsfield and the surrounding villages.
- c) To provide and maintain the playing field, Club House at Farnsfield Cricket Club, Station Lane, Farnsfield and any other pitch(es) agreed to be supported by the Management Committee.
- d) Membership of the Club is open to all regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation upon membership may be made based upon available facilities on a non-discriminatory basis.
- e) The Club fully adopts and supports the principles and guidelines contained within the ECB Inclusion and Diversity Policy.

3. Class of Membership and Subscriptions

Farnsfield Cricket Club is a members' Club.

Membership classes are available to see in the Spond registration form

Annual Membership Cards

Members falling into Class A(i), B,C and E will be issued annually with a Farnsfield Cricket Club Membership Card..

Admission of New Members

- a) Admission of new Members shall be by cleared payment of the first annual subscription. The Management Committee may refuse and/or cancel membership without stating its reasons if it considers this to be in the best interests of the Club, its members and/or the sport. As Licensing Laws dictate that new members must wait two days from their application before getting membership privileges, there will be a minimum two-day delay in new Members receiving their Membership Card.
- b) It is the responsibility of every member to ensure the Honorary Secretary is provided with their full name, address, email and contact telephone numbers.

Payment of Subscriptions

- a) The annual subscriptions in respect of each Class of Members are determined from time to time by the Management Committee and the appropriate Resource. Any alterations to the subscriptions may be effected by the Management Committee under the powers given hereby without any amendment to the Rules. Written notification by the Management Committee of the subscriptions payable from time to time and which are displayed on the Club premises and the Club's website, shall be sufficient evidence and notification of the current subscriptions payable.

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- b) All annual subscriptions (except the first subscription of a new Member) are due on or before the 1st day of April in each year.
 - c) All subscriptions are to be paid to the Honorary Treasurer of the club. Payment is to be made to Farnsfield Cricket Club.
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- d) If any Member fails to pay the agreed subscription on or before the 31st day of May next after it has become due, notice will be sent to the member calling attention thereto. If the member does not pay the amount within 14 days from this notification, the Management Committee will be notified. If the member can give the Management Committee a satisfactory explanation for the default, the Management Committee, upon payment of arrears, may approve the membership.

Termination of Membership

The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. The member in question may choose to follow the Complaints Procedure.

Any member may resign their membership by giving the Honorary Secretary written notice to that effect. Every such notice will be deemed to take immediate effect without re-imburement.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaint made by any member and /or a person under 18 and /or parent/guardian must be made in the first instance to the Club Safeguarding Officer who shall deal with it in accordance with the procedure set out in the ECB "Safe Hands" policy.

Every member (including all Officers of the Club and Trustees) shall be subject to all ECB Codes of Conduct. The Club through its Management Committee may at any time draft a new Code of Conduct which shall be adopted by the Club after consultation with the members by publishing a draft copy on the Club's Website. Subject to any responses the Code of Conduct may be adopted by the Management Committee on behalf of the Club 14 days after the date for responses has expired.

All Codes of Conduct shall be set out on the Club Website and at a prominent place within the Clubhouse.

Complaints which allege a breach or breaches of any Code of Conduct **should be lodged in writing with the Secretary/Chairman within 14 days of the breach alleged:**

The Management Committee shall then appoint a Disciplinary sub-committee (who's make up shall not only include members of the Management Committee) who will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of the complaint being lodged. Any member requested to attend a Disciplinary sub-committee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend (or where relevant a parent or guardian) or other representative and to call witnesses. The Management Committee on the recommendation of the Disciplinary (sub-committee) has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action, including the termination of membership.

The outcome of the disciplinary hearing ("the hearing") shall be put in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days of receipt of outcome of the hearing. The Management Committee can extend the period for lodging an appeal out of time if it appears reasonable to do so.

There shall be a right of appeal to an Appeals Committee (whose composition shall not include any member of the Disciplinary sub-committee) against either the findings or the sanction imposed or both following disciplinary action being taken. The Management Committee shall immediately appoint an Appeals Committee (a maximum of three) which shall not include members involved with the initial disciplinary hearing. The Appeals Committee shall consider the appeal within 7 days of the Secretary/Chairman receiving it or as soon as possible thereafter. The individual submitting the

appeal shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend, or where relevant a parent or guardian or other representative and to call witnesses and/or provide any written representations in support of the Appeal. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be given in writing within 7 days of the Appeal and its decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

4. Welfare of Young People

- a) The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Safe Hands - 'Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' and any future versions of the policy.
- b) All members of the Club are required to understand and adhere to this ECB Code of Conduct and the Farnsfield Cricket Club Safeguarding Policy Statement.
- c) The Management Committee shall appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation and the ECB Safe Hands policy.
- d) The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Club Inclusion and Diversity Policy and any future versions of this policy.

5. Management of the Club

- a) The management of the Club (except as otherwise provided by these rules) shall be deputed to a Management Committee of not more than 10 members from classes A (i), B and C.
- b) The Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.
- c) The Management Committee must include those officers of the club who are the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, the Club Safeguarding Officer and three members of the Cricket Resource.
- d) At the Annual General Meeting all members of the Management Committee shall retire and be available for re-election, should they so decide, with the exception of the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary.
- e) The Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary shall retire and be available for re-election six months after the date of the AGM.
- f) Candidates for election as officers and members of the Management Committee may be proposed by any two members from classes A (i), B and/or C, in writing to the Honorary Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting (or Extraordinary General Meeting if so called).
- g) The Management Committee has the power to appoint a Member to fill any vacancy on the Management Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.
- h) The Management Committee will meet at least ten times per year to examine the accounts and the affairs of the club. A minimum of 50% Committee members shall form a quorum. Minutes will be taken of all the proceedings of the Management Committee and will be open to the inspection of any Member of the club.

- i) Any member of the Management Committee absent from six consecutive meetings without due cause may be considered as having resigned and will be so informed in writing.
- j) The Management Committee may also from time to time appoint such Resource Groups as they may deem necessary or expedient, and may depute or refer to them such of the powers and duties of the Management Committee as the Management Committee may determine. All Resource Groups are to periodically report their proceedings to the Management Committee and will conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Management Committee.
- k) The Management Committee has the power to deal with all matters of urgency, not covered by these rules.

6. General Meetings (Annual or Extraordinary)

- a) The Annual General Meeting is to be held no later than 1st April each year upon a date and a time to be fixed by the Management Committee, and displayed on the Club Noticeboard and the club website one month in advance, for the following purposes:
 - i) to receive from the Management Committee a report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the proceeding financial year;
 - ii) to elect the officers of the Club and Members of the Management Committee;
 - iii) to decide on any business or resolution which has been properly submitted with at least 28 days prior notice.
- b) The Management Committee may at any time for any special purpose call an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- c) 51% of membership categories A (i), B and C may at any time for any special purpose call an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- d) Fourteen days at least before an Extraordinary General Meeting, a notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat will be posted on the Club Noticeboard and the Club Website, and no business other than that of which notice has been given will be brought forward such a meeting.
- e) At all general meetings of the Club a Committee member, holding the role of collaborative chair, or in his absence a member selected by the Management Committee, will take the chair. Members from categories A (i), B and C are entitled to one vote upon every motion. Motions are decided upon a simple majority of those Members present and eligible to vote, and in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- f) The quorum at all general meetings will be seven members belonging to membership categories A (i), B or C.
- g) If at any time the Club in general meeting passes a resolution authorising the Management Committee to borrow money, the Management Committee is thereupon empowered to borrow for the purpose of the Club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution, and thereupon the Trustees will at the direction of the Management Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Management Committee may

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deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club after passing such resolution are deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

7. Amendment to Rules

Any repeal, addition to or amendment of these rules shall be effected at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened specifically for that purpose by simple majority of those present from Member Classes A (i), Band C.

8. The President and President Elect

The President and President Elect shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The member elected President Elect shall become President one year after this election without consent. The office of President will normally be for one year but this may be varied with the consent of any President Elect who may be affected and at the discretion of the General Meeting. The offices of President and President Elect shall be non-executive but will carry the right to attendance at any meeting of the Committee. The President will be invited to preside at all official functions of the Club and will be kept up to date with the activities of the Club. Should the President not be able to attend, the appropriate resource nominate an alternative.

9. Club Accounts and Finance

The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objectives as set forth in these rules.

- a) The financial year of the Club ends on 31st October of each year, and annual accounts shall be prepared to this date by the Honorary Treasurer.
- b) As soon as practicable after the end of the financial year, the accounts shall be audited, if required, by the Club Auditor who shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting. A vacancy occurring in the office of auditor during the year shall be filled by the Management Committee.
- c) Any bank account in which any part of the Clubs funds are deposited shall be operated by the Management Committee and shall be held in the name of the Club approved by the Management Committee. Unless regulations state otherwise, 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 one Committee member.
- d) The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of Members and all surplus funds are reinvested within the Club for the benefit of the Club.
- e) The Club operates as a Community Amateur Sports Club as provided for within the Finance Act 2002.

10. Club House

- a) The club house and pavilion shall be opened to members as the Management Committee

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and appropriate Resources shall from time to time determine. The Management Committee and appropriate Resources may close it from time to time if deemed necessary due to cleaning, repairs or trading issues. Such closures should not prevent the playing of sporting activities nor breach any League rules for the provisions of such facilities on sporting occasions.

- b) Verification of membership status may be requested from time to time.
- c) Regulations made by the Management Committee and appropriate Resource may lay down the conditions upon which any game may be played in the Club House and may prohibit any games, the playing of which are unlawful or would in the opinion of the Management Committee be injurious to the interests of the Club.
- d) Every member is allowed to introduce visitors subject to such regulations as are made from time to time by the Management Committee and appropriate Resource, and every visitor is to be considered the guest of and be accompanied by the member introducing.
- e) No person can be introduced as a visitor into the club who has been expelled from Farnsfield Cricket Club membership or whose conduct or presence in the club is considered by the Management Committee and appropriate Resource prejudicial to the interests of the club and/or the sport.

11. Licensed Bar

- a) The purchase and sale by the Club of intoxicating liquor will be in the delegated discretion of the Commercial, Membership, Club House and Ground Resource Groups.
- b) The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor will be according to the prevailing licensing laws from time to time.

12. Cricket Resource

The Cricket Resource will be responsible for the organisation, administration and operation of the cricket activities, including the creation of a fair and transparent selection and notifications process of teams and officials for each game.

13. Interpretation of Rules

The Management Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and also upon any matters arising not provided for in these Rules and affecting the Club. Interpretation of all Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for Community Amateur Sports Clubs ("CASC"), as provided for in the Finance Act 2002. The Management Committee's decision shall be final.

14. Trustees of the Club

The number of Trustees will not be more than six nor less than three. The property of the Club (other than cash which is under the control of the Honorary Treasurer) is vested in the Trustees.

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They will deal with the property of the Club as directed by resolution of the Management Committee (of which an entry in the minute book will be conclusive evidence). The Trustees will hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the Management Committee who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting, remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee. Where by reason of such death, resignation, or removal it shall appear necessary Management Committee deems it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or additional Trustees the Management Committee will by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he will by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Management Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 will apply to any such appointment.

15. Winding Up

For consideration to be given to the winding up of the Club, an Extraordinary General Meeting must be called by the Management Committee. The Honorary Secretary will circulate the proposition to Members at least 14 days prior to the Extraordinary General Meeting being held. A resolution to wind up the Club can only be passed by 75% majority of those Members present and entitled to vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting. If the proposal to wind up the Club is passed, the Management Committee will be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs. Once all liabilities of the Club have been settled, the Management Committee shall dispose of any remaining assets to one or more of the following:

- (i) A registered charitable organisation(s)
- (ii) Another Club which is a registered CASC
- (iii) The sport's national governing body for use by them for relating community sport.

16. General

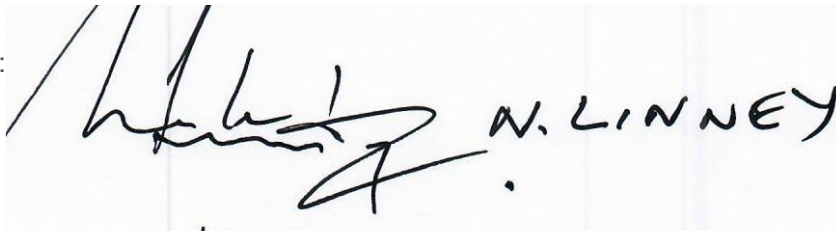
- a) No Member shall, except for providing goods and services on fair and equitable commercial terms at the request of the Management Committee from time to time, receive any profit, salary or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the Club.
- b) No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club or of any Member thereof any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to any purchases made by the Club, nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor or other services by or on behalf of the Club to Members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole, and from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the operation of the Club.
- c) No Member will give the address of the Club in any advertisement or use the Club address for business purposes except where such advertisement or use is on behalf of the Club and with the express agreement of the Management Committee.
- d) Every Member of the Club will each year communicate to the Honorary Secretary his home address, contact number and email address (where available).
- e) A copy of these rules will be displayed on the Club premises.

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Adoption

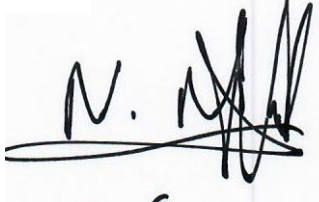
These Rules are hereby signed and adopted as the Constitution of the Farnsfield Cricket Club.

Club Chairman:



W. LINNEY

Trustee:



N. MARSHALL

Date Signed: 11 May 2022

to be reviewed before each AGM

