

## THE CRICKETER CUP RULES

1. The Competition shall be called 'The Cricketer Cup'. The object of the Competition is to allow eligible clubs to compete for 'The Cricketer Cup' at all times in accordance with the Marylebone Cricket Club's 'Spirit of Cricket,' as published as the 'Preamble' to the 'Laws of Cricket' (the 'object'). All participating clubs agree to participate in the Competition in accordance with and subject to these rules (the 'Rules') and the Competition playing regulations (as published and amended from time to time).

### Eligibility

2. The Competition shall be open to such clubs ('member clubs') which the Competition Committee (the 'Committee') decide to invite to compete and whose teams consist exclusively of former members of their school who were full-time academic students for a minimum period of three consecutive school terms and who have permanently finished their secondary school education.
3. No person may ever play for more than one member club in the Competition.
- 4.1. Any pupil leaving school in any given year shall be ineligible to play in a bye round and first two rounds of the Competition in that year.
- 4.2. Any player who is subject to any kind of disciplinary suspension by any Club, League, County, The England and Wales Cricket Board, or any other recognised Cricket Governing Body shall not be eligible to play in any capacity in any Cricketer Cup match until that suspension is duly served and all fines (if any) have been paid.

N.B. It is the responsibility of member clubs to comply at all times with the eligibility rules. A member club found to be in breach of any eligibility rule shall forfeit the match in question and be subject to any further penalty imposed by the Committee. The Committee's decision on all eligibility issues shall be final and binding.

5. Invitations to compete in the Competition shall be decided by the Committee by majority vote. All invitations will be communicated to clubs by the Secretary of the Committee on an annual basis. The entry fee for the Competition shall be proposed by the Committee to The Annual General Meeting of the Competition and shall be payable with acceptance of entry by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year.

### Presidents and Vice-Presidents

6. The President shall be nominated by the Committee and proposed and elected by a majority vote of member clubs present at the Annual General Meeting. He will hold

office for not more than four years. He may attend all Committee Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings, but will not be entitled to vote on issues therein.

7. Vice-Presidents may from time to time be nominated by the Committee or member clubs in recognition of outstanding service to the Competition or to a member club's involvement therein. They shall be proposed and elected by a majority vote of member clubs present at the Annual General Meeting. They may attend all Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings but will not be entitled to vote on issues therein.

### **Officers**

8. The Officers of the Competition shall be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, each of which honorary roles shall be nominated by the Committee and proposed and elected annually by a majority vote of member clubs present at the Annual General Meeting.
9. The Chairman shall chair the meetings of the Committee and the Annual General Meeting, and he and the Committee shall be responsible for the management and future strategy of the Competition and ensure that all member clubs participate in the Competition in accordance with the object at all times.
10. The Secretary shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Competition, be the main point of contact for all incoming and outgoing member clubs' correspondence and oversee the administration of, inter alia, the Annual General Meeting and Committee meetings, the playing regulations and match arrangements, disciplinary matters, the Competition website and statistical summary and all sponsorship and other commercial matters. This shall not preclude the sharing by the Secretary of secretarial responsibilities with other suitable persons, but only the Secretary shall be an officer of the Competition.
11. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the finances of the Competition. He is authorised to maintain a bank account or accounts in the name of the Competition, to collect entry fees from member clubs and to pay outstanding accounts for the Competition. He shall provide a statement of the Competition's accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

### **The Committee**

12. The general management of the Competition shall be the responsibility of the Committee, which shall consist of the three Officers listed in Rule 8 and not more than twelve ordinary members as follows:

- (i) six ordinary members shall be the nominated representatives of a different member club, each of whom shall serve on the Committee for a period of three years and then be replaced in rotation by the nominated representatives of six other member clubs in accordance with a rotational list administered by the Secretary; and
  - (ii) a maximum of six ordinary members from member clubs shall be nominated by the Officers and invited in writing by the Chairman to serve on the Committee, subject to formal proposal and election by a majority vote of member clubs present at the Annual General Meeting of the Competition, for an initial term of three years which may be subsequently renewed by the same process.
13. The Committee will have responsibility for the Competition's Rules and playing regulations and all disciplinary matters and other disputes regarding the Competition or the application of these Rules and playing regulations shall be subject to full and final adjudication by a majority vote of the Committee, who shall have the power to impose such sanctions as it deems appropriate (including but not limited to formal warning, suspension or expulsion from the Competition) on member clubs or individual players who breach the Rules or otherwise act in any way contrary to the object of the Competition. No member of the Committee considering any decision or dispute involving a member club or its players shall be connected with that club or its players or if relevant the club's opponents or a member club which might benefit from any decision or action taken by the Committee. This shall also apply in Rules 28, 29 and 34.
  14. The Committee should meet at least once in any calendar year to transact the business of the Competition. Not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given by the Secretary to members of the Committee for the next meeting. The Secretary has responsibility for drawing up the agenda in consultation with the Committee. Minutes of Committee meetings shall be given to all members of the Committee and be available to member clubs upon request.
  15. The Chairman shall chair every meeting of the Committee, or nominate a deputy in his absence, in default of which those members of the Committee present shall elect a chairman for that meeting. A quorum for Committee meetings should consist of not less than six members of the Committee. All resolutions before the Committee require a proposer and seconder with the vote taken by a show of hands and on a bare majority of those present and eligible to vote. In the event of a tied vote, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote as well as his own.
  16. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt a representative of a member club to fill up any vacancy in their number which may occur during the year, subject to ratification at the subsequent Annual General Meeting by a majority vote of member clubs present. The co-opted member of the Committee shall have full voting rights.

17. The Committee may appoint sub-committees to whom it may delegate any functions that it considers would be better exercised by a sub-committee which will act on the direction of the Committee. Any sub-committee may co-opt additional members from the competing member clubs.

### **Annual General Meeting**

18. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held not earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> November and not later than 30<sup>th</sup> November in each year. Twenty-eight days' written notice of the date, time and venue of the AGM shall be given to the member clubs by the Secretary in such manner as the Committee decides to be most effective to draw it to the attention of the member clubs. Each of the member clubs shall be entitled to one vote and the Chairman or his deputy (as applicable) shall have an additional casting vote in the event of equality of votes. The Chairman shall chair the meeting, or nominate a deputy in his absence, in default of which those representatives of member clubs present shall elect a chairman for that meeting. Each member club may be represented by a number of delegates but shall have only one vote.
19. The business of the AGM shall be to approve the minutes of the previous AGM; to receive a report from the Secretary on the Competition; to receive from the Treasurer a statement of accounts for the preceding financial year; to elect the President, Vice-Presidents, Officers and Committee members in accordance with these Rules; to decide upon any resolution or matter for discussion which may have been submitted to the Secretary by either the Committee or a member club for inclusion on the agenda of the meeting. A resolution by a member club must be given in writing to the Secretary by no later than 28<sup>th</sup> September. Such resolution by a member club must also be seconded in writing to the Secretary by no later than 28<sup>th</sup> September by another member club. The Secretary shall include resolutions correctly proposed and seconded by member clubs in the notice of the AGM sent to member clubs without comment on such resolutions from the Committee.
20. All resolutions accepted on to the agenda of the AGM require a proposer and seconder with the vote taken by a show of hands and on a bare majority of the votes cast for and against, excluding abstentions, by those present and eligible to vote, with the exception of resolutions regarding the Rules and playing regulations of the competition, and resolutions put to the meeting to reverse, amend or overturn a decision of the Committee, that shall require a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast for and against the resolution, excluding abstentions, by those present and eligible to vote. In the event of a tied vote, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote as well as his own.

## **Extraordinary General Meeting**

21. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be convened either by the Committee or upon the requisition of six member clubs in writing. Whether the EGM is called by the Committee or upon the requisition of six member clubs, the Secretary shall give member clubs twenty-eight days' notice in writing of the date, venue, time and the business to be conducted at the EGM. The same voting rules as for AGMs (see Rule 20) shall apply. Should a resolution be put to the meeting to reverse or amend a decision of the Committee, a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast for and against the resolution, excluding abstentions, by those present and eligible to vote, shall be required for the resolution to be adopted.

## **Playing of the Competition**

22. Each year the Committee shall produce a set of Competition playing regulations by which the member clubs shall be bound. Changes in the Competition playing regulations must be adopted by member clubs at a General Meeting (AGM or EGM) at which voting shall be in accordance with Rules 20 and 21.
23. The Committee shall be responsible for providing umpires and balls for each match.
24. The dates for every round including the final shall be fixed by the Committee in compliance with the Rules and Playing Regulations, and informed to all participating schools by no later than the Annual General Meeting preceding the season for which they have been fixed. The matches shall be played on those dates unless, with the exception of the final which shall be played on the date fixed by the Committee, an earlier or later date is agreed in writing by both member clubs and informed to the Secretary and Chairman in advance of the match being played, and provided that all member clubs shall achieve a result by the Sunday preceding the date of the next round in accordance with the procedures set out in the Rules and Playing Regulations. The Committee shall use its best endeavours to fix dates that do not clash with other competition cricket and the main period of college and university exams.
25. All matches except the final must be played on the relevant member club's school ground whenever it is available. If not so available then the match must be played on a ground regularly used by the home side, failing which on a ground mutually acceptable to both member clubs. If it proves impossible to achieve a result in a match on the agreed set date, the member club which did not have the choice of ground in the first instance shall have the choice of ground for the replay, subject to the conditions applying above to the initial match and to the Playing Regulations of the competition. The home club will bear all the costs of staging each match.

26. The Final shall be played on such ground as the Committee shall from time to time decide and the costs of each Final shall be borne by the Competition.
27. The draw for the following year's Competition shall take place on any occasion deemed appropriate by the Committee provided that member clubs shall be informed of the occasion and have the right to be present at the draw. In order to cover the situation where an additional school (or schools) enter(s) or re-enter (s) the competition resulting in the number of competing schools exceeding 32 a bye round shall be played. No School who plays in the bye round shall do so again until all other schools have done so with the exception of a School re-entering the competition, who may play in the bye round at the discretion of the Committee. A School entering the competition may play in the bye round at the discretion of the Committee. The draw shall be made accordingly.
28. Any member club failing to fulfil a fixture on the date set for the match **save in exceptional circumstances** shall either be expelled from the competition by the committee or be suspended by the committee from receiving an invitation to play in the competition for such period of time as the committee deems fit. The decision as to whether exceptional circumstances have arisen under this Rule shall be taken by a majority vote in the Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.
29. Any disputes arising in the course of the Competition shall be decided by the Chairman and Secretary in consultation with the Committee. Decisions as to all such disputes shall, if necessary, be decided by a majority vote in the Committee, whose decision will be final and binding. Any disciplinary issues arising in the course of the competition shall be decided by The Officers, who at their discretion may consult with other members of the Committee. Their decision shall be final and binding.

### **Member Clubs**

30. Each member club shall agree in writing to the Treasurer or his appointed nominee by 31<sup>st</sup> March to participate in the Competition in each year in accordance with the object set out in Rule 1.
31. Each member club shall be responsible for the fulfilment of Competition matches and for the conduct of all their players.
32. Each member club is expected to be represented at the Annual General Meeting and to nominate its voting representative to the Secretary.

### **General**

33. The President, Vice-Presidents, Officers and Committee members accept no personal liability whatsoever in respect of the Competition (including but not limited to any

liability for any player injury suffered during the course of Competition matches) and any such personal liability as does exist shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by law.

34. Any matters not provided for by these Rules or any case of doubt as to the meaning and effect of any of these Rules shall be decided by the Committee. Decisions as to all such matters shall, if necessary, be decided by a majority vote in the Committee, whose decision will be final and binding.
35. All member clubs shall be jointly and severally liable for any financial liabilities of the Competition.
36. The competition's Rules and playing regulations shall only be amended at a General Meeting in accordance with the rules and practices applicable at such meetings (see Rules 18, 19, 20 and 21 above).
37. Dissolution of the Competition shall only take place after a resolution to such effect has been passed by a three-fourths majority of those members clubs and Officers present at an Extraordinary General Meeting specially convened for such purpose by twenty-eight days written notice by the Secretary and at which representatives of at least three-quarters of the member clubs in the Competition at that time shall be present. In the event of dissolution then any surplus funds shall be distributed to the member clubs in equal shares.

### **Safeguarding**

38. All competing Clubs shall be responsible for adhering to the Safeguarding and Child Welfare Policies in place at the host school and on the ground on which the match is being played.