

CLUB CONSTITUTION – THE SHADWELL CRICKET CLUB

1. The name of the Club shall be 'The Shadwell Cricket Club'.
2. The aims of the Club shall be [1] to provide sporting activities, social events and refreshments for its members and [2] to promote junior cricket in the community (in accordance with the ECB child protection policy 'Safe Hands' and all other relevant ECB codes of conduct). Membership shall be open to all irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, colour, social status and sexual orientation (in accordance with the 'ECB Cricket Equity Policy').
3. The Club shall consist of President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Welfare Officer and members.
4. All (non excused) members will pay an annual subscription to be determined by the Executive Committee. On payment of this each Club member will receive a receipt. The annual subscription for playing members must be paid along with their first match fee of the season. Any playing member failing to do this will be unavailable for selection in any of the Clubs teams until payment is made.
5. Every candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Club in writing to the Secretary.
6. Candidates for membership shall be elected by the Executive Committee or by the membership sub-committee (consisting of the 1st and 2nd XI Captains and the Secretary) at their sole discretion.
7. There shall be the following categories of membership within the Club:
 - (a) Senior playing members, who shall pay an annual subscription and match fees to be determined by the Executive Committee.
 - (b) Junior playing members (under 17 as on 1st September in the preceding year), who shall pay an annual subscription and match fees to be determined by the Executive Committee.
 - (c) Youth playing members (under 21 as on 1st September in the preceding year), who shall pay an annual subscription and match fees to be determined by the Executive Committee
 - (d) Non-playing members, who shall pay an annual subscription to be determined by the Executive Committee.
 - (e) Life member (who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club - such members to be excused liability for subscriptions).
 - (f) Parental member (who shall become an automatic non-voting member on registration of their child/children with the Club- such members to be excused liability for subscriptions).
8. The Executive Committee may, at its sole discretion, excuse any Playing member (with good reason) from payment of any match fee or subscription, or part thereof.
9. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of November. At the AGM the following business shall be conducted:
 - (a) Presentation and (if accepted) the passing of the accounts for the previous financial year (ended the 30th September prior to the Meeting). The accounts shall first have been audited by the Club Auditor.
 - (b) The election of Officers and the Executive Committee.
 - (c) The election of an Auditor.
 - (d) The receiving of the Averages.
 - (e) The discussion of the general state of the Club.
 - (f) Any such other business as shall have been communicated to the Secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent to the members.
10. The Club shall not be dissolved except at an Extraordinary General Meeting of members and then only by two-thirds majority of those members present. Application of assets on dissolution shall be for 'approved sporting or charitable purposes' - approved by members of the Club in Extraordinary General Meeting or by the members of the club's governing body.

(In the event of the organisation dissolving, any remaining landfill communities fund money shall be transferred to any enrolled environmental body, and not to an organisation of similar objects and status.)
11. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time and shall be held within 21 days of the request of at least ten members. Such requests must state the purpose for which such meeting is required.
12. Rules shall only be amended or new rules proposed at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Proposals for new rules and agenda items must be given to the Secretary 14 days before the date of the meeting.

13. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by an Executive Committee comprising of senior members of the Club who shall meet on a monthly basis. The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Welfare Officer and not less than four other senior Club members. Executive members will serve for a period of 1 year and be elected at the AGM (Members who are unable to attend the AGM may stand for any office within the Club provided they have notified the Secretary in writing of their intention 14 days prior to the AGM).

14. Ten members will form a quorum in all meetings except Executive Committee Meetings when the number shall be six.

15. The Teams Selection Committee shall consist of the 1st and 2nd XI Captains and the midweek XI Captain who shall meet weekly during the playing season, on the day of their choosing.

Any legitimately selected player who fails to give the selection committee notice of withdrawal from a team (by 1830 Thursday: for Monday/weekend games or 1830 Monday: for mid-week games) without good reason shall be liable to a fine of £10 at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

16. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members for the purpose of dealing with specific matters. They also have the power to fill any vacancies that arise on the Executive Committee. Any officer elected in this manner will be eligible for re-election at the AGM

17. At all Executive Committee (and Sub-Committee) meetings each Committee member present shall be entitled to one vote. At all other meetings (including AGM and EGM) each senior member present (excluding life members and parental members who are not on the Executive Committee) shall be entitled to one vote. The Chairman shall chair all meetings. In the event of the Chairman being unable to attend, the members present shall elect a Chairman. (In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second casting vote.)

18. The Secretary shall record the minutes of every official meeting of the Club in a minute book (or similar) kept for that purpose. These can be inspected by any Club member on request to the Secretary.

19. The Executive Committee shall have the power to stipulate the minimum qualifications for the Club batting and bowling prizes.

20. The Executive Committee has the power to fine, reprimand, suspend (for a period not exceeding 12 months) or expel any member who shall infringe any law or by-law, or whose conduct, whether within the Club-House or elsewhere, shall in the Executive Committee's opinion render that member unfit for membership. No member shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled without being given the opportunity of a defence before at least two thirds of the Executive Committee. Every member so summoned shall receive at least three days notice in writing from the Secretary. Such notice shall contain a statement of the charge brought against the member. A suspended member shall not be entitled to use the Club facilities, or vote at any election nor hold any office, during suspension, but shall remain liable to pay any dues and demands.

21. The supply and purchase of intoxicants for the Club shall be at the absolute discretion of the Executive Committee or any sub-committee formed for this purpose (subject to appropriate licensing laws).

22. No money or property of the Club, or any gain arising from the carrying on of the Club, shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club as a whole or for some charitable or benevolent purpose chosen by resolution of a General Meeting.

The work of the Club shall not be for the benefit of landfill site operators who may contribute to the Club and claim credit under the landfill communities fund. Nor shall it be for the benefit of contributing third parties, as defined in the landfill tax regulations.

23. If at any time the Club, in General Meeting, shall pass a resolution to borrow money, the Executive Committee shall thereupon be 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 securities as shall be specified in such resolution and thereupon the Executive Committee shall make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Executive Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club whether voting on such resolution or not and all persons becoming members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

24. There shall be three Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Club in General Meeting from among its full members. The Trustees must be willing to be appointed and signify their willingness to be appointed prior to

them being so appointed. The General Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and the appointment can also take place at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. The names of any proposed Trustees shall be published in accordance with the Rules, to the members at least 21 days prior to any such meeting. A Trustee shall hold office during his/her lifetime or until he/she shall resign by notice in writing given to the Executive Committee or until a resolution of the members at either the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting removing him/her from office. Any such resolution shall be by majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

25. All property of the Club, including land, investments and other assets, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being in their own names, so far as it is necessary and practicable, for the use and benefit of the Club. On death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the Executive Committee of the Club shall take steps to procure the appointment by the Club as specified above of a new Trustee in the place of the outgoing Trustee. The Club will then ensure that all lawful and practical steps to procure the vesting of all the property of the Club held by the Trustees, as directed by the Executive Committee, shall be vested in the new Trustee along with the existing Trustees. The Trustees shall, subject to any direction from the Executive Committee, have power to sell, lease, mortgage, pledge any Club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Executive Committee's directions. No purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether or not any such direction has been given.
26. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property, and if that is not sufficient, against the members of the Club jointly and severally provided they act in accordance with the direction of the Executive Committee and any wishes of the Club passed by two-thirds majority at any meeting.