



THE LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE CRICKET SOCIETY

RULES

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be “THE LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE CRICKET SOCIETY”.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society are to further interest in and enthusiasm for cricket at all levels.

3. PRESIDENT

The Society shall have a President who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

4. CONSTITUTION

The Society shall be governed by a Committee, consisting of the offices of Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, with no more than eight (8) and no less than four (4) committee places. All officers and committee members shall be members of the Society.

- a) The Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall retire each year. They will be eligible to stand for immediate re-election.
- b) Committee members are each elected or re-elected for two (2) years. This means that half of the non-officer committee members come up for election each Annual General Meeting.

5. QUORUM

The quorum at Committee Meetings shall be five (5) including at least one officer of the Society and all General Meetings fifteen (15).

6. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the offices of President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer and four (4) committee places shall be made in writing with the written consent of the nominees, to the Hon. Secretary at least 28 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

7. ATTENDANCE

Absence from three (3) consecutive Committee Meetings without valid reason shall disqualify a member from the Committee. In this case, the vacancy so caused may be filled by the Committee by co-opting another member of the Society who would have to stand for formal election at the next Annual General Meeting. If a member has to leave the Committee for any other reason, the resulting vacancy may be filled in the same manner.

8. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee shall have the power to appoint a sub-committee of any required number for a specific purpose. The members of such sub-committee may or may not include one or more officers. Members who are not on the Committee may be asked to serve on the sub-committee if they have a specific relevant skill.

9. PATRONS AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Patrons and Honorary Life Members may be elected at the discretion of the Committee.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are as follows: -

- a) There is a joining fee for new Members and for lapsed Members who rejoin the Society.
- b) There is an Annual Subscription for all members with Junior Members under 18 years of age on 1st May being eligible for a reduced rate.
- c) The current Subscription Rates are published annually in the Programme of Guest Speakers and / or in at least one of the Newsletters. They are also to be found on the Society's Web Site.
- d) The Committee has authority to increase subscriptions as the need arises but not more than once in any financial year. Increases may not be greater than twenty five per cent (25%) at any time without the approval of members being obtained at the Annual General Meeting.
- e) Subscriptions are due on 1st May each year.

11. UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS

The name of any member whose subscription remains unpaid by the **30th day of November** in each year may be removed from the list of members at the discretion of the Committee. Members who are unable to produce a current membership card may be refused admission to the Society's meetings.

12. NEW MEMBERS

Any person wishing to become a member of the Society must submit and sign an application Form and pay the current joining fee and annual subscription. The Committee has the discretion to refuse, with good reason, any application from prospective members in which event the joining fee and annual subscription would be refunded.

13. VISITORS TO MEETINGS

Non-members are welcome to attend any meeting, unless advised to the contrary, on payment of the current fee which entitles temporary membership for that evening. Persons introduced by a member must give their name: anyone not accompanied by a member must give their full name and address. The current fee is published annually in the Programme of Guest Speakers and/or in at least one of the newsletters. It is also to be found on the Society's website. The same person may not come to a meeting on more than two (2) occasions in one season.

14. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year for the election of Officers and Committee, to receive the Hon. Secretary's Report and the Hon. Treasurer's Report for the financial year, which shall end on 30th April each year. The Financial Statement and Balance Sheet shall be presented and any other business discussed. Fourteen (14) days' notice of the meeting shall be given in writing by the Hon. Secretary to each member of the Society.

15. RESOLUTIONS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All resolutions for the Annual General Meeting shall be proposed and seconded and shall be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary not later than twenty nine (29) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

16. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time at the request of ten (10) members of the Society, who shall state their reasons in writing. The Hon. Secretary shall, within twenty-one (21) days of receiving such a request, convene a meeting of all members stating the object of the meeting.

17. RESIGNATIONS

Resignations from membership shall be notified to the Hon. Secretary or the Hon. Treasurer. Any member who has not resigned by the 30th November in any year shall be liable to pay the relevant subscription.

18. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Alterations, amendments or additions to the Rules shall be made only with the approval of a majority of members present and voting at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

19. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

An independent examiner, who may be a member of the Society or of the Committee, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to review the accounting records of the Society and to state that there is no matter giving him/her reasonable cause to believe that the accounts and accounting records have not been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 1993.

20. POWER OF THE COMMITTEE

The Ruling of the Committee shall be accepted on any matters not dealt with in the Rules.

Approved at the AGM held on 13th October 2011