

BADGERS CRICKET CLUB CLUB RULES

Name and colours

1. The club shall be called the *Badgers Cricket Club*.
2. The club colours shall be black and white.
3. The club shall be affiliated to the Club Cricket Conference

Club Members

4. The club shall consist of:
 - (a) Full playing members - aged eighteen years or over
 - (b) Non-playing members
 - (c) Honorary Members - who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (AGM). Membership must be proposed by at least two Committee members and election must be unanimous. Such members will be ex-players and / or ex-Club Officials, with a minimum of five years service and they will remain Honorary Members for life, unless unanimously removed at a future AGM.
 - (d) Players – aged eighteen years or over, who play for the club but have not been elected as members
 - (e) Junior Players – under eighteen years or in full time education, as of the 1st January, who may play only under the supervision of a parent or guardian, who will be expected to be present for the full duration of proceedings

Club Officers

5. The officers of the club shall be:
 - (a) A President – who, when the Office becomes vacant, shall be appointed by unanimous decision at the AGM.
 - (b) A Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Team Secretary, Captain, Vice-Captain - who shall be elected in that order at each AGM.
6. [Rule 6 was deleted by the 2013 AGM]

Election of Club Officers

7. Each Club Officer (except the President) shall hold office for one year until the next AGM when they shall stand down. At this time they shall be eligible for re-election to their former offices without nomination.
8. Nominations for Club Officers may be proposed and seconded by members, other than the nominee, at or prior to the AGM, but no person shall be elected as a Club Officer without his consent to serve if elected.
9. If a Club Officer position is contested the candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected. The Chairman, or in their absence the President, or in the absence of both the Chairman and the President the chair of the AGM, shall have the power to exercise a casting vote in the event of a tie.
10. Any Club Officer who stands down and fails to secure re-election to their former office shall be eligible for election without nomination to any office failing to be filled at the same AGM.
11. Any member, nominated for a particular office and failing to be elected to that office, shall be eligible for election without nomination to any office failing to be filled at the same AGM.

Eligibility for Club Officers

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12. No person may be nominated as a Club Officer unless they have been a full playing member with three seasons' service at the date of their nomination, excepting:

- (a) The President - who may also be a non-playing member of three years standing
- (b) The Chairman - who may also be a non-playing member of three years standing
- (b) The Vice-Captain - who may be a full playing member with one season's service at the date of nomination.

Resignation of Club Officials

13. If a Club Officer resigns during their term of office an additional member shall be co-opted in their place by the Committee. Formal election for the vacant post will take place at the next AGM.

Club Committee

14. The Committee of management (elsewhere referred to as "the Committee") shall consist of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Captain, Team Secretary and the Vice-Captain.

15. All Committee meetings shall be called by the Chairman at least seven days prior to the date of the proposed meeting. At Committee meetings three shall form a quorum.

16. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members as it considers necessary and to form sub-Committees for specific purposes.

Responsibilities of Club Officials

17. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings except sub-Committees and shall have the power to exercise a casting vote in the event of a tie. The Chairman's ruling on points of order, appropriate to matters that may be discussed, shall be final. In the absence of the Chairman a Vice-Chairman shall be elected to preside.

18. The Honorary Secretary shall maintain a written record of all meetings, arrange and confirm club fixtures and deal with any other matters as the Committee decides. In addition the Honorary Secretary shall maintain a record of personal details of members, players and ex-members, solely for the purposes of matters of the club.

19. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters concerned with the club. The Treasurer will present details of the club finances, including full details of income, expenditure and the club's balance sheet to the AGM. The Treasurer shall present details of the club finances to any EGM or Committee meeting if called upon to do so.

20. The Captain is responsible for all on field activities. In addition the Captain shall be responsible for the custody, maintenance and transport of club playing gear, with at the Captains' discretion, the assistance of other club members.

21. The Team Secretary will confirm player availability for forthcoming matches. Teams shall be selected by the Captain, with assistance from the Vice-Captain and Team Secretary (the *selection sub-committee*). The selection sub-committee will give priority to club members. The Captain or Team Secretary will circulate details of the selected team before each fixture.

Club Membership

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22. Every candidate for membership shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another member. Every proposal for membership shall be submitted to the Committee and no member shall be elected otherwise than by the unanimous decision of the members of the Committee.

Annual General meeting (AGM)

23. An AGM of the club shall be held in every year no later than March 31st. Notice convening the AGM shall be sent to all members not less than fourteen days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be discussed.

24. At an AGM eight shall form a quorum. All members including Playing, Honorary and non-playing members may attend AGMs; they shall all be entitled to vote and they shall all be counted as part of the necessary quorum.

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

25. An EGM shall be held in any of the following circumstances:

- ⑤ If considered necessary by the Committee
- ⑤ By the written request (sent to the Chairman) of not less than three full playing or honorary members, who must specify the object of the meeting
- ⑤ On the resignation of three or more members of the Committee

26. At an EGM eight shall form a quorum. All members including Playing, Honorary and non-playing members may attend EGMs; they shall all be entitled to vote and they shall all be counted as part of the necessary quorum.

27. In the event of a written request for a meeting the EGM shall be convened (by the Chairman) within twenty one days from the receipt of the request.

28. Notice convening an EGM shall be sent to members not less than seven days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

Subscriptions and Match Fees

29. Subscriptions and match fees shall be of such amounts and be payable at such times as shall be decided annually at the AGM.

Non-payment of fees

30 (a). Playing members who after 31st May in any year are in arrears with their subscriptions shall be liable to forfeit their eligibility to play, subject to the discretion of the Committee.

30 (b). Any playing member who has not paid a subscription for any year by the time of the following year's AGM shall be deemed to have relinquished membership, but shall nevertheless be eligible at any time thereafter to be proposed for membership under Rule 22.

Behaviour

31. All players and members of the club are expected to behave, both on and off the field of play, in accordance with the club's long standing tradition of friendly competition and fair play.

32. A player or club member who fails to observe the required standard of behaviour may have their membership suspended or, in certain cases, may be expelled from the club, following a unanimous vote by the Committee.

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Club Awards

Annual awards

33. The Tommy Noble batting cup shall be awarded to the player that heads the official batting averages in the given year. To qualify for the official batting averages the player must have completed five innings.

34. The Brian Moore bowling cup shall be awarded to the player that heads the official bowling averages in the given year. To qualify for the official bowling averages the player must have bowled a minimum of fifteen overs, spread over at least five games.

35. The Mick Willmott Catching Cup shall be awarded to the player who has taken most catches in the given year. Catches taken as wicket-keeper do not count towards the catching cup.

36. The Captain's Cup shall be awarded on the basis of a member's overall contribution to the club, not just their on the field performances, as decided by the Captain.

37. The Frank Butt Cup shall be awarded for the season's best performance in relation to the player's ability, as decided by the Captain.

38. 'Wang Fu' shall be awarded in recognition of the most significant contribution, on or off the field, to each season's tour, as decided by the Captain.

Special Awards

39. An award will be given to any member who scores a century in an innings, which qualifies for the official batting averages.

40. An award will be given to any member who takes six wickets in a game, which qualifies for the official bowling averages.

41. The Committee shall have the power to make special awards to players and club members, at its discretion. For example, in recognition for outstanding on field achievement or services to the club.

Dissolution

42. A resolution to dissolve the club shall only be proposed at an EGM and shall be carried if agreed by a two thirds majority of members present and members voting in absentia.

43. The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the club.

44. Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the club shall be distributed amongst local charities and local benevolent funds, which are directly related to cricket, as decided by the Committee.

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Miscellaneous

45. The club's financial year end shall be December 31st.

46. The club's bank account shall be operated by any two of the following four members: the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer or the Captain.

47. The club shall take out adequate public liability insurance to cover all officers, members and players engaged in activities associated with the club. The amount of insurance will be informed by ECB guidelines.

48. The club's website shall administered by a webmaster who is appointed by the committee.

Equal Opportunities

49. It is an ECB directive that membership of all clubs under its auspices shall be open to all persons irrespective of age, sex, colour, creed or sexual orientation. Any club or individual member(s) found to be in breach of this directive may face disciplinary action.

Young Players

50. The club will conform to all ECB directives related to young cricketers.

Updating Club Rules

51. The Committee shall have the power to amend the club rules but no such alteration shall take effect until the amendments have been confirmed at the AGM, or EGM convened for the purpose.

Availability of Club Rules

52. A copy of the club rules shall be supplied to each player. In addition a copy of the Club Rules will be posted on the Club website.