



# Clapham Commoners Cricket Club Constitution

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## 1. Name

The club shall be called Clapham Commoners Cricket Club, hereafter referred to as 'the Club' or 'CCCC'.

## 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- To organise and play friendly, social cricket matches at various locations without a fixed home ground.
- To operate as an inclusive, not-for-profit club run by and for its members.
- To uphold and promote the Spirit of Cricket as defined by the MCC, encouraging respect, fairness, and integrity both on and off the field.
- To provide a welcoming, inclusive environment for all players, regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, ability, background or skill level.
  - To preserve and celebrate cricketing traditions, while embracing modern values of inclusivity, respect, and enjoyment of the game.
  - To foster lifelong friendships and camaraderie through the game of cricket, recognising its unique ability to unite people from different walks of life.
  - To encourage participation in cricket as a means of promoting physical health, mental wellbeing, and community connection.
  - To support and maintain strong relationships with host clubs, grounds, and opposition teams, acting as respectful guests and ambassadors of good cricketing conduct.
  - To promote enjoyment above competition, valuing the social and recreational aspects of cricket as central to the club's ethos.
  - To respect the Laws of Cricket, and the role of umpires, scorers, and match officials in maintaining fair and enjoyable contests.
  - To nurture a culture of volunteerism and shared responsibility, where members contribute to the club's running in a spirit of teamwork.

### 3. Membership

- Membership is open to all individuals aged 18 and over who support the objectives of the Club.
- All members must pay annual dues as determined by the Committee.
- The Committee may offer honorary or life memberships at its discretion.
- The Committee may suspend or remove any member whose behaviour is deemed contrary to the Club's values, following a fair process.
- Membership can be divided into Playing members and social members, with different dues and benefits that are determined by the Committee

### 4. Club Management

#### 4.1 Committee:

The Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of:

- Chair
  - Provides overall leadership and strategic direction for the Club.
  - Chairs all committee meetings and ensures effective decision-making.
  - Acts as a figurehead and representative of the Club in external matters.
  - Supports other Committee members and ensures the Club operates in line with its constitution.
- Secretary
  - Handles administrative duties, including keeping minutes of meetings.
  - Maintains an up-to-date list of members and contact details.
  - Sends out notices for meetings and official communications.
  - Acts as the main point of contact for general club correspondence.
- Treasurer
  - Manages the Club's finances and maintains accurate accounts.
  - Collects membership dues and match fees.
  - Pays for club expenses such as ground hire, equipment, or insurance.
  - Prepares and presents financial statements at the AGM.
  - Oversees the Club's bank account, with at least one other authorised signatory.
- Fixtures Secretary
  - Organises and confirms the Club's fixture list with opposing clubs and hosts.
  - Maintains a shared calendar of upcoming matches.
  - Sends match confirmations with details (time, location, format, opposition contact).

- Supports the Captain and Secretary in communicating availability.

- Captain(s)

- Leads the team on match days, including setting batting/bowling orders and tactics.
- Selects squads, usually in consultation with the Fixtures Secretary or Committee.
- Encourages a positive, inclusive, and enjoyable match environment.
- Communicates match-day logistics and expectations to players.

- Social Secretary

- Organises Club social events such as post-match gatherings, dinners, and tours.
- Promotes a welcoming and sociable atmosphere for all members.
- Supports new member integration and club bonding off the field.

-Roles can be combined if needed

-Additional roles may be created as needed.

#### 4.2 Election & Terms:

- Officers are elected at the AGM and serve for one year.
- All officers are eligible for re-election.

#### 4.3 Committee Meetings:

- Committee meetings shall be held as required.
- A minimum of 3 Committee members is required for a valid meeting.
- Each Committee member has one vote; in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- If one committee member has more than one role, the officer still has one vote

## 5. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- The AGM shall be held once per year, typically during the off-season.
- Members shall receive at least 21 days' notice of the meeting.
- Business includes:
  - Reports from the Committee
  - Election of officers
  - Approval of financial accounts
  - Setting of annual membership dues
  - Any other business tabled by members

## 6. Membership Dues

- Annual dues shall be set at the AGM based on the financial needs of the Club.
- Dues must be paid in full before a member is eligible to play in any fixture.
- The Committee reserves the right to waive or reduce fees in special circumstances.

## 7. Finances

- The Club operates as a not-for-profit organisation.
- All income shall be used solely to further the Club's aims.
- The Treasurer shall maintain accurate and up-to-date financial records.
- A Club bank account shall be held in the Club's name, with at least two signatories (one of whom must be the Treasurer).
- The financial year of the Club shall run from 1st November to 30th October.

## 8. Discipline and Conduct

- All members are expected to uphold the Club's values and conduct themselves in accordance with the Spirit of Cricket.
- Misconduct may result in disciplinary action handled fairly by the Committee.

## 9. Dissolution

- The Club may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting.
- Any remaining funds shall be donated to a cricket-related charity agreed at that meeting.
- No individual member shall benefit financially from the dissolution of the Club.

## 10. Amendments to the Constitution

- Amendments may only be made at an AGM or EGM by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting.

Adopted by the Committee on: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Chair:           Alce          

Secretaries:           Kegobani                     Albin          

Treasurer:           [Signature]          

Club Captain:           Alastair