



WEST CHILTINGTON & THAKEHAM CRICKET CLUB  
Established 1921

# West Chiltington and Thakeham Cricket Club

## Rules and Constitution

1. The Club shall be called the "West Chiltington and Thakeham Cricket Club" ("the Club").
2. The Club colours to be green and gold and the Club badge to be a gold coloured windmill on a green background.
3. The rules of the Club regarding the game shall be in accordance with the laws laid down by the Marylebone Cricket Club.
4. Club Members.
  - 4.1. The Club consists of a President, Honorary Life Members, Vice Presidents, and playing and non-playing (social) members ("the members").
  - 4.2. The Club shall have a President elected by the members in general meeting. The post shall be effective for five years unless terminated earlier by death or resignation.
  - 4.3. Honorary Life Members may be elected by the Club members in general meeting as an honour for services rendered to the Club.
  - 4.4. Vice Presidents shall "elected by the Management Committee for the time being.
  - 4.5. Only the President, Honorary Life Members, Vice Presidents, and members of full age i.e. members aged 18 years and above shall be entitled to vote or hold full office. The Committee may from time to time make such regulations as they think appropriate in relation to the junior members of the Club i.e. playing members under the age of 18 years.
  - 4.6. Membership shall be open to all irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, colour, social status and sexual orientation.
  - 4.7. Membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April in one year to the 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year.
  - 4.8. Applications for new membership may be accepted when accompanied by the required subscription, the name, address and contact details of the candidate. All members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the Club has adopted.
5. Subscriptions and Playing Fees
  - 5.1. Subscription and playing fees shall be determined by the members in general meeting.

5.2. Part of this subscription as determined by the Management Committee will be automatically paid as a membership fee to the West Chiltington Sports Association provided that membership does not conflict with the rules of this Association.

## 6. Club Management.

6.1. The management of the Club shall be entrusted to a Management Committee ("the Committee") to be elected by the Club at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM").

6.2 "The Committee will consist of, as a minimum, the Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain (or representative), Colts Chairman (or representative) and Child Welfare Officer"

The Committee may also arrange for the election to the Committee at the AGM other Club members to carry-out other tasks.

6.2. The AGM of the Club shall be held annually during the closed season and not more than 15 months shall elapse between one AGM and another. The Honorary Secretary shall give not less than 21 days notice to all members whose annual subscription shall have been paid for the previous season. All members are entitled to attend the meeting but junior members shall not be entitled to vote.

6.3. The Committee may appoint any member of the Club to fill any vacancy.

6.4. All members of the Committee shall have equal voting rights. All matters not unanimously agreed upon shall be decided by vote and in all cases of equality the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

6.5. The Committee shall be responsible for either approving or not approving all applications for membership and their decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

6.6. The Committee shall propose all Club members for membership of the West Chiltington Sports Association.

6.7. Whenever juniors have subscribed as members of the Club, their involvement with the Club and the policies and procedures to manage them safely will be defined and implemented by the "Club Youth Policy" document, and this document will be updated and reviewed on a regular basis.

## 7. Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM").

7.1. The Committee may at their discretion call an EGM at any time on giving not less than 10 days notice by circular to all members specifying the purpose for which the meeting is called. No decision at such meeting shall be made unless 12 members are present and any decision must carry a two-thirds majority vote of all members present and voting.

7.2. The Committee shall also call an EGM on written request of 12 members of the Club.

## 8. Committee Meetings.

8.1. The Committee shall hold meetings on not less than 6 occasions each year and any 4 Committee members shall form a quorum.

8.2. The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees but no final decisions shall be made by such Sub-Committees without reference to the main Committee.

## 9. The Committee shall be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amount of money as the Committee shall determine and at such rate of interest and in such form upon such security as the Committee shall resolve.

10. Selection of the Club teams shall be in line with Club policy.
11. The Club shall hold its current bank account at such bank as the Committee shall determine and all cheques to be signed by the Honorary Treasurer and one other Committee member whose signature has been forwarded to the bank by the Committee.
12. All accounts of the Club shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer and accounts shall be submitted to the AGM each year. Any member holding Club money must pay this over to the Treasurer, or their nominated substitute, as soon as practicable together with details of how the amount is made up.
13. At each AGM the Honorary Treasurer shall present an income and expenditure account as at the 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.
14. The Honorary Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Committee as well as of the AGM and any EGMs.
15. No alteration of the Rules and Constitution to be made except at the AGM or an EGM and 10 days notice to all Club members of any proposed alteration shall be given by the Honorary Secretary prior to the dates of these meetings.
16. The Committee has the power to hire out or loan equipment or facilities belonging to the Club.
17. The Club will follow the rules as laid down by the ECB (and all updates of those rules) and incorporate them in all operation documents where applicable in respect of the following:
  - 17.1. Model discipline regulations.
  - 17.2. Guidelines on the Conduct of Hearings.
  - 17.3. Directive 2.6 and Sentencing Guidelines Recreational Cricket.
  - 17.4. Club Charter.
  - 17.5. Conduct.
  - 17.6. Child Protection Policy.
  - 17.7. Code of Conduct for Club Officials and Volunteers.
  - 17.8. Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians.
  - 17.9. Equity Policy Statement.
  - 17.10. Guidelines for Dealing with an Incident/Accident (with use of Reporting Form).
  - 17.11. ClubMark.
  - 17.12. ECB's Safe Hands Safeguarding Programme.
18. The Club takes seriously its responsibilities to all Club members, including the welfare of junior Club members. To this end, the Club fully endorses the ECB policy on the Welfare of Young People in cricket, and adopts the systems and procedures as outlined in the ECB "Safe Hands" policy. Further, to comply with ECB child protection and guidelines, the Club will appoint a Child Welfare Officer, to whom all child protection concerns should be initially addressed.
19. In the event that the Club is wound up (other than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation), any asset realised from the winding-up shall be passed to the Fields in Trust, Registered Charity 306070.