

34. If at any time the Club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money, the Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes 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 security as shall be specified. 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.
35. In these Rules the Trustees mean the Trustees of the Club of whom no fewer than two or more than four shall exist at any one time, and shall include the Chairman of the Sparsholt Parish Council or such other member of this Council that he may appoint as his representative during his term of office. New Trustees will be appointed by the existing Trustees with the approval of the Annual General Meeting. They shall serve for life or until resignation.
36. The Club is bound under the ClubMark requirements to ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB "Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket" Policy and any future variations of this policy.
37. If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of the Members present, and if such a resolution is confirmed at a Special General Meeting at which not less than one-half of the Members shall be present, by a majority of two thirds of the Members voting thereon, the Committee shall proceed to dissolve the Club.
38. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:
  1. A registered charitable organisation(s).
  2. Another Club which is a registered CASC
  3. The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

Last changes to constitution made at 2008 AGM.

Where the words 'his' and 'he' are used in this Constitution they should also be taken to be 'her' and 'she'.

T Dunford

T Edwards

B Selley

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

21. Any voting Member desirous of moving any resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary not later than the thirty- first of October.
22. The Committee may at any time for any special purpose call a Special General Meeting and they shall do so forthwith upon the requisition on writing of any ten Members stating the purposes for which the meeting is required.
23. Fourteen days at least before the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting, a printed or written notice of such Meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to every Member, and no business other than that of which notice has been so given shall be brought forward at such Meeting.
24. At all General Meetings of the Club the Chairman and in his absence the Vice- Chairman or if necessary a Member selected by the Meeting, shall take the chair. Every Member present entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion, and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
25. The quorum at all General Meetings shall be as follows: for motions proposing any repeal or amendment of the Rules or for motions relating to the expulsion of Members, fifteen Members; for all other business, the Members.
26. The financial year of the Club shall end on the last day of October in each year, to which day the accounts of the Club shall be balanced.
27. At every Annual General Meeting an auditor shall be elected to serve for the ensuing year. A vacancy occurring in the office of auditor during the year shall be filled by the Committee.
28. The charges for refreshments shall be fixed by the Committee.
29. The purchase of intoxicating liquor for supply by the Club shall be in the absolute discretion of a sub-committee of not less than three members being elected Members of whom at least one shall be a Committee member. The Club Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the committee.
30. The income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club.
31. Every Member shall be allowed to introduce visitors subject to such regulations or bylaws as shall be made from time to time by the Committee, and every visitor shall be the guest of and be accompanied by the Member introducing him, both of whom shall sign the visitors' book immediately on entering the Club premises.
32. These Rules may be added to, repealed, or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting. Provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it be carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Members voting thereon.
33. The Committee shall from time to time make, repeal and amend all such bylaws and regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as they shall think expedient for the internal management, use of ground and well being of the Club within the terms of the Trust Deed. All such bylaws and regulations shall be binding upon the Members until repealed by the Committee or set aside by a resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

12.6 Where the Club has imposed any penalty, the player shall have the right of Appeal to the President of the Club, who shall nominate a senior Committee member to carry out a review of the findings of the internal club Inquiry, and of the penalty or penalties imposed.

13. Any person on ceasing to be a Member of the Club shall forfeit all right to claim upon the Club, its property and funds.
14. The entire management of the Club (except as provided for by these Rules) shall be deputed to a committee of not less than 5 Members, including Club Officials and excluding Vice-Presidents.
15. At the Annual General Meeting officers of the Club shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election. Candidates must be proposed by any two Members by notice in writing to the Secretary at least seven days before the Meeting. Voting shall be by ballot and every Member shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. The candidates up to the number of vacancies who receive the most votes shall be declared elected, and in the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. If no nominations have been received for a particular post, nominations may be taken at the Meeting.
16. In the event of a vacancy on the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to appoint any playing Member of the Club to fill such vacancy, but the proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated in consequence of there being less than the prescribed number of members thereof.
17. The President shall be elected by the Members and shall hold office until death or resignation, unless removed from office by a resolution of the Committee, or Members.
18. The Committee shall meet at least every three months to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the Club; notices of meetings shall be sent to each Committee member. A quorum shall consist of five members. Minutes shall be taken of all proceedings of the Committee, and shall be open to the inspection of any Member of the Club on applying to the Secretary thereof.
19. The Committee may from time to time appoint from among their number such sub-committees (in addition to the sub-committees under rule 29 thereof) as they may deem necessary or expedient, and may depute or refer to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine.

Such sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the direction of the Committee.

20. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the months between December and February (but no later than Feb 10<sup>th</sup>) in each year upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee for the following purposes:-
  - a) To receive from the Committee a report, balance sheet, and statement of the accounts for the preceding financial year and an estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the current financial year.
  - b) To elect the Committee and to appoint an auditor for the ensuing year.
  - c) To decide on any resolutions which may be duly submitted to the Meeting as hereinafter provided.

A copy of the report, audited balance sheet, statement of accounts and estimate shall be sent to Members three days at least before the Annual General Meeting.

11. Any Member may resign his membership by giving the Secretary notice in writing to that effect.
12. If, at any time, the Committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, they may by letter invite any Member to resign from the Club within a time specified in such letter. In default of his resignation, the question of expulsion shall be submitted to a Special General Meeting, to be held within 3 weeks after the date specified in such letter as the date before which he shall have been invited to resign.

The Member whose expulsion is sought shall have notice of such meeting and of the grounds on which it is sought to expel him. At such Meeting the Member shall be allowed to offer an explanation for his conduct verbally or in writing, and if two-thirds of the Members present shall vote for his expulsion he shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club. Provided that the voting at any such Special General Meeting shall be by ballot, if not less than five Members present thereat shall so demand. It shall be in the power of the Committee to exclude such Member from the club house and grounds until such Special Meeting shall be held.

Disciplinary Rules as recommended by the NCA have been adopted to deal with issues arising from League Cricket, as follows:-

- 12.1 It shall be a disciplinary offence for any player in the course of, or in connection with, a cricket match to misconduct himself or to act at any time in a manner likely to prejudice the good name or interests of the Club or of the League.
- 12.2 For the purposes of these Rules the expression 'the player' shall throughout these Rules be deemed to mean and include not only any player, whether a professional or otherwise, but also any member or official of the Club or if appropriate any other person involved in any incident of possible misconduct occurring on the field of play or on the premises of the Club as may be appropriate in the particular circumstances.  
The Club of its own volition, and without any need for the receipt of a written complaint or other prompting, shall where any possible case of misconduct occurs as stated above, or otherwise as the Club thinks fit, convene an internal Club Inquiry to consider any such possible misconduct involving a player or players of the Club, or as appropriate any other persons involved in the incident on the field of play or premises of the Club.
- 12.3 The purpose of the internal Club Inquiry shall be to establish the facts and where appropriate to take the necessary action so as to ensure that the Club does not fail properly to control or discipline its player or players, and to ensure that the Club acts in a manner designed to protect the good name of the Club and of the League and of cricket generally.
- 12.4 Any player requested to attend such an internal Club Inquiry, or any Appeal therefrom, shall be told that he is entitled to be accompanied at the Inquiry by a friend or other representative.
- 12.5 If at the Hearing the internal Club Inquiry finds that misconduct has been proved, the club shall have the following powers:-
  - a) If the conduct constitutes gross misconduct, the Club shall have the power to terminate the player's membership forthwith
  - b) To suspend the player's membership of the Club for a period
  - c) To suspend the player's right to be considered for selection by the Club to play in one or more matches.

## SPARSHOLT C.C. CONSTITUTION 2011

1. The Club shall be called Sparsholt Cricket Club.
2. The object of the Club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of cricket.
3. The Club shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, playing and non-playing Members, including life Members. The non-playing Members shall not be able to exercise the power of voting.
4. Persons of either sex shall be eligible for Full Membership provided that they are over 16 years of age.

Children below the age of 16 may be elected as Junior Members, without the right to hold office or to exercise the power of voting. No Member shall be permitted to purchase or consume intoxicating liquor upon the premises of the Club whilst under the age of 18.

5. Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of cricket as a particular sport.

The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

Every candidate for admission as a Member shall be proposed by one Member and seconded by another. The candidate shall be proposed by entering on the appropriate document his name in full and residence, with the signatures of the proposer and seconder.

6. The particulars relating to a candidate shall be posted prominently in the club room for fourteen days preceding the day when the candidate comes up for election. The candidate shall be balloted for by the Committee and must have the approval of a simple majority of those present and voting. A candidate so rejected shall not be proposed again for election within a period of twelve months.
7. On the election of a new Member, the Secretary shall notify the same to him in writing and request him to pay his subscription to the Treasurer. If payment be not made within one month from the effective date of the Secretary's notice, the election shall be void unless sufficient cause can be shown to the satisfaction of the Committee.
8. All candidates for admission shall come up for election in order in which their names were proposed.
9. Full playing Members, Junior Members and non-playing Members shall pay such entrance fees and subscriptions as may be determined by a General Meeting.
10. All annual subscriptions (except as provided by Rule 7) shall be payable on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May each year, and if after a reminder has been given, a subscription has not been paid on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July following, the defaulter shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club. He may, at the discretion of the Committee, be re-admitted to membership on payment of all arrears.