

# **SURREY SENIOR CRICKETERS**

## **CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

### 1. SURREY SENIORS 60/70+.

The name of the organisation shall be SURREY SENIOR CRICKETERS ("SSC")

### 2 OBJECTIVES

- To encourage the playing of the amateur sport of cricket in the Spirit of Cricket through the provision of practice and playing facilities, coaching and fixtures for all playing members, conforming in all respects with the Laws of the Game and Codes of Conduct.
- To afford all members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.
- To ensure all members of all categories have the opportunity to participate in the life of the organisation through playing, social and fund raising activities and general management.

### 3 AFFILIATIONS

It is the ambition of SSC that it shall become affiliated to the England & Wales Cricket Board (through the Surrey Cricket Board) and other such organizations as the Management Committee shall deem to be of benefit to SSC including membership of Spitfire County Championship in England, Wales and Scotland.

### 4 MEMBERSHIP

- Playing membership shall be open to all persons over the age of 59 years, irrespective of gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status or sexual orientation. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members, SSC will adopt and implement the ECB Equity Policy Statement and any future versions of the Policy. All members playing cricket for the organisation or at practice for SSC - or in net practice, will be insured against any actual damage or injury caused by them or to them through an active ECB insurance policy.
- SSC may have different classes of membership, including non-playing membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. SSC will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining SSC will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the organisation has adopted
- The SSC Committee may refuse membership, or remove it only for good cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring SSC or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made in writing, to the SSC Secretary, and such appeal hearing shall be held within 14 days of receipt of the appeal notice. The appeal shall be heard by a panel of three persons independent of those members who made the original decision and may include non members.

- All subscriptions shall be paid by the 1st April. The Management Committee is empowered to increase the level of payment due if not made by this date. The Cricket Sub-Committee is empowered to deny selection to any player whose subscription (or any other dues e.g. match fees) is outstanding.

## 5 MANAGEMENT

The transaction of the business of SSC shall be vested in a Management Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting (or Inaugural Meeting). In addition to the powers and authority of this Constitution, the Management Committee may exercise all powers and undertake all acts in furtherance of the objects for which SSC is established and which are not hereby expressly directed.

Minutes shall be prepared of all official SSC meetings and shall be made available for inspection by the members.

## 6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES

- The Officers of SSC shall consist of the President (optional-ex Officio); Vice-Presidents(optional); Chairman; Vice-Chairman(optional); Hon Secretary; Hon Treasurer; Fixture Secretary; 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI captain; 3<sup>rd</sup> XI captain(s), Over 70s captain, Cricket Manager, Availability Manager, External Relations/Sponsorship Manager, Tours/Social Manager; Two committee members without portfolio. A Spitfire Representative will be appointed from within the committee to ensure good relationship with Spitfire Championship.
- No business shall be conducted without a minimum of four Committee members being involved, and following a defined modus operandi for day to day management of operations.
- The Committee shall meet as necessary and be responsible for the government of SSC within the framework of these rules and shall have the power to deal with anything not covered by the Rules and to decide on the interpretation of these Rules in the event of any disagreement as to their meaning and such decision shall be final and binding upon the members.
- The Committee shall appoint Sub-Committees to manage matters relating to Cricket. Finance, Social Events and any other Sub-Committees as it deems necessary, or expedient.
- The Committee shall have power to grant Honorary Life Membership, without further subscription, to members who it is felt are entitled to recognition of their services to SSC.
- The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members in the event that additional or special support is required.

## 7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The Annual General Meeting of SSC shall be held between 1st November and 1st March of the following year, on a date to be decided by the Management Committee at which the audited accounts of the Organisation shall be presented, the election of Officers and Management Committee shall take place and any other business shall be discussed and transacted.
- Notice of Annual General Meeting, together with the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, and Agenda will be circulated to members at least 14 days before the date of such meeting.

- Proposed alterations by members to these Rules and other proposals shall be considered at the Annual General Meeting. No proposal to change, delete from, or add to the Rules will be deemed carried unless it receives not less than two-thirds of the votes cast of those present and entitled to vote. No business shall be conducted without a minimum of ten members being present.
- An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the discretion of the Committee or on receipt by the Hon Secretary of a written request signed by at least ten full members stating the purpose for which the Meeting is required.
- Notice of any Extraordinary General Meeting and its Agenda shall be circulated to members at least 28 days before date of such meeting.
- At all meetings, each paid up member shall have one vote. In the event of an equal vote the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. All decisions in all committees shall be by a majority vote.

## 8 PROPERTY AND FUNDS

- A bank account shall be kept in the name of SSC at a Bank approved by the Committee into which all monies received on behalf of SSC shall be paid by the Hon Treasurer or other responsible official.
- Accounts for payment will be certified by the Hon Treasurer or Hon Secretary and cheques will be signed by two of the following: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Treasurer, Hon Secretary or nominated Committee Member.
- The accounts of SSC will be kept by the Hon Treasurer and audited annually by the auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting. (For the purpose of such audit, the books shall be closed on the 31st day of October each year).
- The property and funds of SSC cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the organisation.
- SSC may provide sporting and related social activities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits.
- SSC may also in connection with the sports purposes of the organisation
  - (i) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
  - (ii) employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;
  - (iii) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
  - (iv) indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of SSC against any liability incurred in the proper running of SSC (but only to the extent of its assets).
- The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability, discrimination and child protection and has adopted the ECB Child Protection policy "Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket" and its successors.

## 9 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Members of SSC shall advise the Hon Secretary of any changes of address, telephone Numbers, Internet id's as they occur.

## 10 WINDING UP

- The members may vote to wind up SSC if not less than two thirds of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.
- The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of SSC's affairs.
- After settling all liabilities of SSC the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
  - (i) to another organisation with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity

and/or

- (ii) to another organisation with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club, CASC

and/or

- (iii) to the organisation's governing body (i.e. the Surrey County Cricket Board who represent the ECB) for use by them for related community sports.

## 11 PRIORITY

Where there is any conflict between the above Rules and the Constitution and Rules of Surrey Senior Cricketers Association ("SSCA") those of the SSCA shall take precedence.