

MELROSE CRICKET CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Club shall be The Melrose Cricket Club (hereinafter referred to as the Club).
  2. The objects of the Club shall be the promotion and development of the game of cricket, to provide facilities for playing the game and the provision of social facilities for the members of the said Club.
  3. The Club Colours shall be Yellow, Black and White.
  4. The Club shall be affiliated to the Scottish Cricket Union and may affiliate to any other body having the same object.
  5. Membership of the Club shall be divided into different classes and shall consist of the following:
    - (a) Full members comprising The Honorary President, Honorary Vice-Presidents, Life Members and Annual Members (non playing and playing).
    - (b) Junior Members comprising playing members under the age of eighteen years.
    - (c) Temporary Members comprising guest players, and players and officials of visiting teams.
  6. No person shall be allowed to become honorary or temporary members of the Club or be relieved of the payment of the regular subscription except:
    - (a) Life Members; (See Clause No 22).
    - (b) Guest players and players and officials of teams invited to play Cricket at Huntlyburn, who shall be awarded temporary membership restricted to the period of their visit.
  7. The Office Bearers shall consist of an Honorary President, Honorary Vice-Presidents, a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Assistant Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Assistant Treasurer, the Captain and Vice-Captain, 1st XI. Office Bearers shall be appointed and hold office for one year but shall be eligible for re-election.
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8. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a General Committee of male members consisting of the President, the Vice-President, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Assistant Treasurer, the Captain and Vice-Captain, 1st XI and seven other members who shall be elected annually by the General Body of Members. Five shall form a quorum. The Committee shall have the power to fill, and who shall meet at least three times per annum, any vacancy which may occur during the year.
  9. Teams shall be chosen by a Selection Committee elected annually from the General Committee. The Selection Committee shall consist of five members two of whom shall be the Captain and Vice-Captain of the 1st XI, Three shall form a quorum.
  10. The names and addresses of persons proposed as full members of the Club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club rooms for at least a week before their election and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of full members.
  11. Candidates for admission to full membership shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club and elected at a General Meeting of the Club or by the General Committee.
  12. Any member wishing to withdraw his membership shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary before the start of the Cricket Playing Season, or he will be held liable for the subscription for the ensuing year..
  13. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in October, or November when the Honorary Treasurer shall submit his Financial Statement, duly audited, for the approval of the members. Copies of the Financial Statement and notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be distributed to the full members one week before the Annual General Meeting.
  14. Correct Books and Accounts shall be kept showing the financial affairs and intromissions of the Club. The accounts of the Club shall be audited by a person not an office bearer, appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
  15. In the event of the dissolution of the Club all available assets, after the discharge of all liabilities, shall be distributed amongst the Scottish Cricket Union and other amateur sports and or charities, in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Committee at the time of dissolution may at its sole discretion consider to be fair and reasonable.
  16. The property of the Club shall be vested in the General Committee during their term of office.
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17. The General Committee shall have power to compel any member to show his membership card before admission to any General Meeting, and to exclude anyone whose bona fides are not established to their full satisfaction.
  18. The General Committee shall have power to expel any member who in their opinion has violated the Constitution or been guilty of any conduct, which in the opinion of the Committee, has been detrimental to the interests of the Club or the game of Cricket.
  19. The expelled member shall have seven days within which to request a Special General Meeting of the Club to hear an appeal.
  20. A Special General Meeting will be held within fourteen days of the receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition signed by ten members stating the object for which the meeting is desired. The object of the meeting shall be stated in the notice calling the Special Meeting.

The General Committee may call a Special General Meeting any time it so desires, the agenda to be stated and no other business to be discussed without the consent of the meeting.

A Special General Meeting shall be called on the written request of a member expelled under Rule 17.

Seven clear days notice shall be given of all Special General Meetings.
  21. The Subscriptions shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting, and will be payable in advance for each year at the commencement of the coming season.
  22. The General Committee may submit to the Annual General Meeting for election as a Life Member the name of any member who has rendered outstanding service to the Club.
  23. CLUB ROOM
    - (a) The General Committee shall have power to provide a Club Room for the sale of alcoholic liquors in the Huntlyburn Pavilion. The Club Room shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Acts for the time being in force and shall be open for the sale of alcoholic liquors within the following hours as set out in the Current Licensing Acts.
    - (b) No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under eighteen years of age.
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23. (c) Use of the Club Room shall be restricted to:
- (i) Full Members as defined in Rule 5(a).
  - (ii) Guest players and players and officials of visiting teams who have been awarded temporary membership of the Club under Rule 5(c).
  - (iii) Visitors introduced by Members as under-mentioned.
- (d) Any Member as defined in Rule 5(a) may introduce, on any one instance, a maximum of three visitors into the Club Room, provided that upon the admission of such visitors to the Club Room, the introducing Member shall enter his own name and addresses of the visitors in a book which shall be kept for the purpose and which shall show the date of each visit. A visitor shall not be supplied with alcoholic liquor unless on the invitation and in the company of a Member. A visitor shall not be permitted to make payment either directly or indirectly for alcoholic liquor supplied to him.
- (e) Alcoholic liquor will only be supplied for consumption within the Club Room and in the room or rooms within the premises prescribed by the General Committee for the purpose. No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club premises for consumption off the premises except to a Member of the Club in person, for consumption by him, or to a person holding an Excise Licence for the sale of such liquor.
- (f) A Club Master may be appointed by the General Committee and he shall be responsible to the Committee for the order to be observed in the Club Room and shall have the power to refuse liquor to any person, if he sees fit. The Club Master may be a member of the General Committee.
- (g) No member of the General Committee and no Club Master if so appointed or other person employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of alcoholic liquor therein or in the profits arising from the sale.
- (h) No gambling shall be allowed within the Pavilion, the General Committee shall have power to withdraw Membership from any Member who shall violate the Rules or who in the opinion of the General Committee shall be guilty of unseemly conduct.
- (i) There will be no permitted hours on a Sunday for the sale of, or supply of, alcoholic liquor for consumption off the premises.
24. Any alteration in the foregoing Constitution can only be made at a General Meeting and must be carried by a two-thirds majority of members present. Written notice of any proposed alteration must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary fourteen days before the meeting. A quorum for this purpose shall be fifteen.