

# **GRAPPENHALL CRICKET CLUB**

## **RULES & CONSTITUTION**

Last updated October 2022

1. That the Club shall be called THE GRAPPENHALL CRICKET CLUB, and that the colours be Navy Blue and Gold.
2. That the Club's main purpose is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of cricket.

In addition, the aims of the club are:

- a) To encourage the playing of the game of amateur cricket through the provision of practice and playing facilities, coaching and fixtures for junior members.
- b) To afford all members such privileges and benefits as it may be possible to arrange.
- c) To ensure all members, playing and non-playing, conform to the Laws of the Game and Codes of Conduct.
- d) To encourage all members to participate in the life of the Club through playing, social and fund raising activities and general management.

The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy.

3. That the Officers of the Club consist of the President, Chairman, Vice - Chairman, Hon - Secretary and Hon - Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year.
4. That the Management Committee shall consist of the President, Chairman, Vice - Chairman, Hon - Secretary, Hon - Treasurer, Senior Captains, Safeguarding Officer, Junior Manager and five full members. At least 3 members of the committee should be unrelated to each other and not co-habiting. The Club shall consider the skills needed and diversity when forming its Committee.
5. The ordinary members of the committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. No member shall be eligible for election to the Management Committee until he has been a member for at least two years. The Management Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club.
6. "The Committee shall appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation and the ECB Safe Hands policy. The Club Safeguarding Officer shall be a Committee member and report to relevant Committee meetings and the reports, together with any action taken, must be minuted".
7. That the members of the Management Committee shall meet at least monthly, or as the Committee shall decide, or at any other time when summoned by the secretary. At least 5 Committee members should be present to make the meeting quorate. The committee may delegate responsibilities to sub-groups to work on specific projects or initiatives. These sub-groups will report directly into the Committee for decision making.
8. That during any decision making process within the committee, where any Committee member has conflicts of interest or a personal interest withdraws and does not take part in the decision.
9. That the clubs finances shall be managed by a designated Treasurer who has a place on the Management Committee. Finance reports shall be shared with the Committee at least monthly. Finance reports shall be shared annually at the Annual AGM. All cheques and orders for payment of money from

Club bank accounts must be signed by at least two people authorized by the Committee, including at least one Committee member.

10. That the Team Selection Committee shall consist of the Captains of the senior teams together with a Chairman appointed by the Management Committee. The Vice - Captains will act in the absence of the Captains.
11. That the Annual General Meeting be held in October or November each year for the purpose of electing Officers and Management Committee for the ensuing year and to receive the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's statement of accounts.
12. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of cricket. The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code of Conduct and any future versions of this policy"

The membership of the Club shall be divided into the following categories: -

FULL PLAYING MEMBER. who shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club.

FULL NON - PLAYING MEMBER. who shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club except playing.

FULL PLAYING UNDER 21. those in full time employment under the age of 21 who are no longer junior players, who shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club

FULL TIME STUDENT. those players under the age of 21 but no longer junior players, whilst in full-time education, who shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club

OVER 40's PLAYING MEMBER. who shall be entitled to play only Over 40's cricket and shall be entitled to the social facilities of the Club, and to no other privileges

LIFE MEMBER. who for distinguished services to the Club, may be elected as such at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club without payment of subscriptions.

SOCIAL MEMBER. who shall be entitled to the social facilities of the Club, and to no other privileges.

JUNIOR MEMBER. (under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> April of the new season) who shall be entitled to the playing facilities of the Club, and to no other privileges.

The Management Committee may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to an Appeals committee. Any Committee member involved in the original decision making process should be excluded from the appeals process. The appeals committee may include non-committee members if appropriate.

The entrance fee and current subscription shall become due on admission and if unpaid within one month, the admission will be void. There is a mechanism in place at the discretion of the Chairman to help members who may have financial difficulties.

Junior members will make an annual application which will include Child Protection Safeguards. The application will be countersigned by a parent.

Life members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, their names being first submitted to the

Management Committee for ratification before 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Only Officers of the Club, life members and members over 18 years of age paying full subscription, to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

13. The Annual Subscription shall be determined by the Management Committee and presented to members for approval at the Annual General Meeting for the following categories of membership. The Club ensures it will have an equitable pricing policy and will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

Full Playing Member, Full Non - Playing Member, Full Playing Member under 21, Full Time Student, Over 40's Playing Member, Social Member, Junior Member (under18).

A Junior Member becomes a Senior Member if he attains the age of 18 before April 1st. of the new season

A Full Playing Under 21 Member is defined as over 17 and under 21 on 1<sup>st</sup> September of the preceding season and in full time employment

A Full Time Student Member is defined as over 17 and under 21 on 1<sup>st</sup> September of the preceding season and in full time education.

The Subscription for Social Membership is for single or joint membership. Partners of any paid up full members automatically become Social members of the club.

Junior members- second and subsequent children within a family receive a £20 discount on each membership paid. Upon paying the subscription for any Junior Member, parents obtain automatic Social Membership.

The subscription is due on the 1st. April each year. If unpaid within one month the committee may suspend the member from all or any of the privileges of the Club during his default, and if unpaid within three months may terminate his membership. Membership shall be terminated in default of payment within one year.

14. The Management Committee shall publish a Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure which will be displayed in the Club.

The Management Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member who misconducts himself on the ground, breaks the rules or damages the property of the club. Appeal against expulsion may be made in accordance with Rule 12.

15. That any member refusing without sufficient reason to play in a match for which he is selected, may be suspended from playing in matches for up to one month. Any selected member unavoidably prevented from playing, must give notice to the Captain or Vice - Captain at least 24 hours before the match.
16. That a grounds person together with an assistant grounds person when necessary be appointed by the Committee who shall decide the period of such employment and the remuneration thereof.
17. That matches be cancelled when it is considered the ground is unfit, such decisions to be made by the acting captain after consultation with any member of the Management Committee present.
18. That a charge per match is made upon each member playing in a senior fixture home or away, such charges being fixed each season by the Management Committee.

19. That a Special General Meeting of members may be called at any time by the Management Committee, or by the Secretary on receiving a written requisition signed by 20 members. In either case 7 days notice thereof must be given to each member, stating the reason for which it is called.
20. That no rule shall be altered or new rule proposed except at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting as in rule 19, and no proposal to do so shall be made unless notice thereof shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least 7 days in advance of such meeting.
21. The Club shall be open daily (including Sunday) between the hours of 11 - 00 am. and 11 - 30 pm. The hours for the purpose of supplying intoxicating liquor shall be : -

Monday to Saturday	11.00am. to 11.00pm.
Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday	12.00 noon to 10.30pm.

Or other hours as decided by the Management Committee within the framework of the licensing laws, and communicated to the Licensing Authorities.

22. Visiting teams and officers may be admitted to the Club and intoxicating liquor sold to them for consumption on the premises.
23. Subject to the approval of the Management Committee the Club premises, or any part thereof, may be hired to other societies, organisations or individuals for dances, parties, conferences or similar events, which events will have been approved in advance by the Management Committee or representative of, on not more than twelve occasions in any one year.

On each occasion that such an event under this rule takes place at the Club premises the Licensing Authorities shall be informed in writing not less than seven days before the event is due to take place, and intoxicating liquor may be supplied to persons attending such functions. For the purposes of this rule the year shall run from 1st. October to the following 30th September.

24. Persons under the age of 18 years will not be allowed to purchase or consume intoxicating liquor.
25. Grappenhall Cricket Club agrees that should the Club cease to operate, 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:
  - a) A registered charitable organization
  - b) Another club which is a registered CASC
  - c) The England & Wales Cricket Board for use by them for related community sports.
26. All surplus income or profits are reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
27. The new committee shall, within six weeks of taking up its office, debate and publish its objectives and policies. Statements to cover the following twelve and thirty-six months shall be made.
28. All words herein that relate to the masculine gender will also relate to the feminine gender.
29. That these rules be published within the club, and that the Management Committee shall have the power to decide all questions not provided for in the rules.

Chairman -----

Signed -----

Date ----- 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 -----