



CONSTITUTION OF THE BENTLEY CRICKET CLUB INC

1 NAME

The name of the Club shall be called the Bentley Cricket Club Inc, hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

2 COLOURS

The Club colours shall be white, blue and gold.

3 OBJECTS

- i) The encouragement and development and playing of cricket on an amateur and sportsmanlike basis.
- ii) The property and income of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects.

4 POWERS

The Club may, at a properly convened meeting, deal with all and any matters within its jurisdiction whether referred to in these rules or not.

The Club may appoint any such committees and any person not members of the Club, upon such committees, for the purposes of effectively carrying out the functions of the Club.

No amendments of, or addition to the Constitution shall be made except by a three-fourths majority at a General Meeting of the Club and notice of any proposed amendment must be in the hands of the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the date of such meeting. Upon receipt of such notice the Secretary shall circulate Club Members details thereof.

5 AFFILIATION

The Club at the commencement of each season shall apply for affiliation with the West Australian Suburban Turf Cricket Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") and shall deposit the necessary affiliation fee in force at the time of affiliation.



6 MEMBERSHIP

Club Membership shall consist of either:

i) Playing Member

Such membership shall be any subscription as decided at the Annual General Meeting of the Club held at the commencement of the season in which membership has been applied. Such subscription must be paid in full by the 30th November in the year of application.

Membership of the Canning Sports Club shall be compulsory for all Playing Members of the Club, 18 years and over, and shall be deemed payable with the subscription to the Club no later than the 30th November in the year in question.

Playing Members are required to be registered on the registration forms as set down by the Association and of the payment of the playing fees as decided by the Annual General Meeting, provided always that should any person seek to join the Club after the 30th November in any year, the subscription payable shall be in proportion of the number of Association games remaining to be played, to the total number of games for that season.

PROVIDED FURTHER: should any persons seek to join the Club who is unemployed or a full time student, or does not attain the age of 18 years as at the concluding date of the final match of the season in which such membership is applied, the subscription and fees shall be discounted of the amount in force at the time. The Club has the right to request the relevant proof of identification for any person seeking this form of membership, at any time.

However, should any Playing Member be unable to pay the current subscription, or fees for personal reasons, he can apply in writing to the President for special consideration and such application shall be dealt with in confidence by the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ii) Associate Member

Such membership shall be by subscription as decided at a General Meeting of the Club and such subscription must be paid in full on application. An Associate Member shall have the same voting rights as set out in Rule 12 of the Constitution and also be eligible for nomination to any administrative position of the Club.

Should an Associate Member be selected to play for the Club in an Association fixture match, he shall then become a Playing Member and assume all requirements of a Playing Member as set out in the appropriate rules of this Constitution.



7 UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

No Playing Member who as at 1st December of the year in question, is in arrears of subscription, shall be eligible for selection in any future teams of the Club, except as provided further hereunder. Such rule would not apply until the completion of a match which may have commenced on or before that date and extended beyond that date.

Furthermore, no Playing Member who is still in arrears of match playing fees at the date of the completion of the match following that in which such arrears were incurred, shall be eligible for selection in future teams of the Club, except as provided further hereunder.

Notification of such unfinancial playing members shall be given by the Treasurer to the President for subsequent enforcement of this rule. Such member or members shall be available for selection again when payment is made of outstanding subscription and playing fees.

This rule can be modified by a majority of Club Members, if circumstances are such that there are not sufficient financial Playing Members to form a team or teams, whichever is the case. In this regard the team or teams shall be selected firstly from financial Playing Members and secondly, from those Playing Members owing the lesser amount to those Playing Members progressively owing larger amounts.

8 LIFE MEMBERS

The Management Committee of the Club shall recommend to the Annual General Meeting of the Club the name or names of any Club member or members who in their opinion has or have rendered at least eight (8) years of special and valuable services to the Club. No more than two (2) Life Memberships shall be awarded in any one cricket, season. In recognition of such services, the Life Member will be awarded a Life Membership badge and will not be required to pay membership fees.



9 OFFICE BEARERS

The office Bearers of the Club shall consist of the following:

- Patron
- Vice Patrons
- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Captain
- Selection Committee
- Committee Persons (6)

All of whom shall hold office from an Annual General Meeting to the next A.G.M. and shall be eligible for re-election.

i) Auditors

There shall be an Auditor elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

ii) Common Seal

- a) The Club shall have a common seal on which its corporate name shall appear in legible characters.
- b) The Common Seal of the Club shall not be used without the express authority of the Committee and every use of that Common Seal shall be recorded in the minute book referred to in rule 10.
- c) The affixing of the Common Seal of the Club shall be witnessed by any two (2) of the President, Secretary and or Treasurer.
- d) The Common Seal of the Club shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary or of such other person as the Committee from time to time decides.



10 DUTIES

Patron:

The Patron/s need not necessarily be members of the Club.

President:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Committees. He shall see that the business is conducted in a proper manner. In the case of equality of votes he shall have a casting vote. He may call a Special Meeting of the Club or Committees of which seven (7) days notice at least of such meeting shall be given.

Vice President:

The Vice President shall assist the President in every manner possible and in the absence of the President from any meeting, shall preside and conduct the business. In the case of an equality in voting he shall have a casting vote when deputising for the President.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall attend all meetings and take minutes thereof, receive all correspondence and issue all notices of all meetings when required. He shall keep a Minute Book and copy of all correspondence dispatched and received.

The Secretary shall on behalf of the Association keep and maintain the register of members in accordance with Section 27 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 and that register shall be so kept and maintained at his or her place of residence.

The Secretary shall keep and maintain in an up to date condition the rules of the Club, in accordance with Section 28 of the Association Incorporation Act 1987. The Secretary shall keep and maintain a record of the names and addresses of the Office Bearers specified in Rule 9 of these rules and shall otherwise comply with Section 29 of the Associations Incorporations Act 1987.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all monies received and expended and shall attend all meetings. He shall pay all monies received into such Bank as may be approved by the Club. He shall prepare and submit a financial statement for each meeting and an Annual Financial Statement for the Annual Meeting.

Management Committee:

Shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) Committee Persons. The Management Committee may exercise all such powers of the Club as are not by these rules required to be exercised by the Club in general Meeting.



11 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers shall be by ordinary or secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Nomination of candidates shall be made with the consent of the nominee, and such nominations must be proposed and seconded by Members of the Club.

The newly elected officers shall take office immediately following the close of business at the Annual General Meeting. Should any office remain vacant at the close of the Annual General Meeting, the Club shall elect an officer at any subsequent meeting.

If any office shall become vacant, from any cause, during the current season thereof, the Club may fill the vacancy and the person then elected shall hold office for the remainder of the season.

12 MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than the 31st August in each year.

The Management Committee Meeting shall be held monthly, or at such times as shall be decided upon at a previous Committee Meeting.

Special Meetings of the Club or Management Committee may be called by the President or Secretary of which seven (7) days notice of such meetings shall be given.

At meetings of the Management Committee, four (4) Members shall form a quorum.

At General Meetings of the Club, ten (10) Members shall form a quorum.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, twelve (12) Members shall form a quorum.

No Club Member at any meeting shall be entitled to more than one (1) vote on each matter subject to a decision by voting. Whenever any meeting of the Club is called, the Secretary shall give notice of the time and place of the holding of such meeting to every Club Member at least seven (7) days before the time when it is proposed to hold such a meeting.

13 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all meetings shall be:

- Reading and Confirmation of Minutes
- Election of Officers
- Correspondence
- Financial Statement
- Accounts
- Reports
- Motions
- General Business

Provided that the order may be varied on the grounds of urgency or convenience.



14 MOTIONS

Motions may be submitted orally unless the Chairman or these rules otherwise direct, in which case they must be reduced to writing and signed by the Mover. Every notice of motion not made at a General Meeting must be in the hands of the Secretary fourteen (14) days before submission to a General Meeting. The Secretary must notify all Club members of such notice of motion seven (7) days before hearing the motion.

Any motion not seconded shall not be further debated, but lapse.

When an amendment is declared carried, it shall take the place of the original motion when a further amendment can be proposed until the motion is finally decided by a simple majority.

15 MATCHES

All matches shall be played in accordance with the MCC rules, and the By-Laws of the Association.

Where the Club has two (2) or more teams playing in the Association, the teams playing in the higher grades shall not be allowed to forfeit any match without the approval of the Board of the Association.

Should the number of financial Playing Members permit, a roster system shall be introduced in the selection of all teams, excluding the "A" Grade, taking into account the number of games each Playing Member has played during the season.

Whichever team shall be duty team, shall endeavour on the day to be present at the ground of the playing of the match at least 30 minutes before the time of the commencement of the match, and when not duty, then at least 15 minutes before the commencement of the match.

Playing fees shall be fixed before the commencement of the first match of each season.

In the event of a Playing Member having been chosen as 12th Man, and carried out such duties as required by the Captain, he shall be deemed to have played in the match.

16 TROPHIES

- i) Trophies shall be awarded each season as decided at the Annual General Meeting or Meeting during that season and in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - a. All trophies will be determined based upon regular season statistics and not include finals, games outside regular association games and the 20/20 competition. In the event of a tie all parties involved in the tie shall be awarded the prize.
 - b. Should the club consider the introduction of any additional awards or alter the rules governing existing awards as listed in Section 16 ii) it may do so by carrying a motion at sanctioned meeting of the club during the season.
 - c. No playing member who is not financial at the expiry of seven (7) days following the completion of the final match of the season shall be eligible for a trophy.
- ii) The following are the qualification requirements for each of the existing major awards presented by the Club



- a. **Bowling Average / Aggregate in a Grade:** A player must have bowled a minimum of 50 overs and taken 15 wickets in the selected grade to qualify for a bowling average trophy in that grade. The bowling aggregate trophy will be awarded to the player who takes the most wickets in the grade.
 - b. **Batting Average / Aggregate in a Grade:** A player must have scored a minimum of 150 runs and had 5 innings in the selected grade to qualify for a batting average trophy in that grade. The batting aggregate trophy will be awarded to the player who makes the most runs in the grade.
 - c. **Fielding:** Will be determined by a method agreed to by the committee before the season commences, if no method is agreed to fielding votes as awarded by the players at the completion of each match will be recorded and tallied to determine the winner in each grade.
 - d. **Hayward Medal:** The Player in the highest grade of the club who receives the highest recorded votes from the umpires votes during the regular season. A player may receive this award if they have received another playing award.
 - e. **Ralph Dungey Award:** Will be awarded to the player who has not received another playing award and receives the highest points by a player as per the Ralph Dungey points system in that year during the regular season. The Ralph Dungey points system is calculated by adding the total wickets multiplied by ten (10), total number of runs scored, and the total fielding votes.
 - f. **Consistency Award:** Will be based upon points received by a player as per the Ralph Dungey system, with the exception being wickets will be worth fifteen (15) points. This award will be given to the player with the most points. A player may receive this award if they have received another playing award.
 - g. **David "Chuck" Berry Club Person Award:** Will be awarded to the person whom the club deems has contributed most to the club on and off the field in that season. The committee in consultation with the members will select a nomination list which will be voted upon by the committee on a 3-2-1 basis to determine the overall recipient. A player may receive this award if they have received another playing award.
- iii) Should a Playing Member whilst playing with the Club achieve any of the following:
- * Play 50 games or multiple thereof
 - * Score 100 runs or more in an innings
 - * Take seven or more wickets in an innings
 - * Take a Hat Trick in a match.
 - * Completes seven or more dismissals (catches and/or stumpings) in an innings.

The player shall be given an appropriate award in recognition of such achievement.



17 CLEARANCES

In the event of a Playing Member of the Club wishing to transfer to another Club in the Association, a clearance will be necessary to conform with the Association By-Laws.

In the event of a Playing Member of the Club wishing transfer to another Club not affiliated with the Association, no clearance will be required provided such Member is financial with the Club. Should a Playing Member be unfinancial, he shall forthwith pay all money owing by him to the Club and failing this, the Club will notify the association and also the Club to which such Member wishes to be transferred, of the Member's unfinancial state with relation to this Club (ie Bentley Cricket Club).

18 ATTIRE

Every Playing Member, playing in an Association match shall wear strict cricketing attire as set out in the By-Laws of the Association. Any Playing Member causing the Club to incur a fine by infringement of this By-Law shall be responsible for re-imbursing the Club for the amount of such a fine. Shorts shall not be worn except in the case of a Playing Member being under the age of 16 years.

19 INSPECTION OF RECORDS

A member may at any reasonable time inspect without charge the books, documents, records and securities of the Club.

20 DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ON WINDING UP

If, on the winding up of the Club, any property of the Club remains after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the Club and the costs, charges and expenses of that winding up that property shall be distributed:

a) to another Incorporated Association having objects similar to those of the Club,

OR

b) for charitable or benevolent purposes, which incorporated association or purposes, as the case requires, shall be determined by resolution of the members when authorising and directing the committee under section 33 (3) of the Association's Incorporation Act (1987) to prepare a distribution of the surplus property of the Club.