

Neyland Cricket Club Constitution

Name : The Club shall be called : **Neyland Cricket Club**

Objectives: The objectives of the CLUB shall be:

- To encourage the promotion, practise and playing of the sport of cricket in Neyland and outlying areas.
- To strive to the best of its ability to ensure that equitable treatment is given to all with whom it has contact irrespective of gender, religion, disability, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.
- To comply with the ECB 'safe hands-cricket policy for safeguarding children' and any amendments made to those guidelines from time to time, either by that body or any of its approved successors.
- To undertake any other activities that will assist in the furtherance of these objectives.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the CLUB by adopting and implementing the ECB Cricket Equity Policy and any future versions of the policy.

Status/Affiliations – The CLUB shall be an independently run club affiliated to any other clubs or bodies as approved by a two thirds majority at the annual general meeting. The CLUB'S affairs, business and the conduct of its members shall be in the interests of the CLUB conforming to the best principals of fair play and within the laws and rules of the game of cricket.

Membership – Membership initially shall be open to all, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, however membership may be revoked or withdrawn at any time by a simple majority of the management committee. The committees decisions on membership shall be final, although a member may appeal should his membership be revoked/suspended and the management committee will appoint an appeals panel of 3 members (1 officer) to hear the case. The committee will have the power to overturn the original decision made by the management committee if it so chooses and its decision is final. There is no further right of appeal.

Membership Categories:

Life Member – A person proposed, seconded and endorsed by at least six other members and agreed by a two thirds majority at the annual general meeting. This membership is usually conferred upon persons that have given outstanding service or brought honour and credit to the CLUB by their actions or deeds on or off the field of play.

Vice-President / Sponsor – A person or company paying a fee or gratuity or providing a service in support of the CLUB'S activities and accordingly approved by the management committee as a senior member.

Playing Member Senior – A person who has reached the age of 17 years as on September 1st at the end of a season and upon payment of the agreed annual subscriptions.

Playing member junior – A person aged under 17 years as on September 1st at the end of a season and upon payment of the agreed annual subscriptions. As part of this membership the parent/guardian/carer of that junior member will be given automatic non-voting membership status. (This does not supersede any other of the CLUB'S membership procedures)

Ladies membership – As per the above membership rules.

Fees / Subscriptions – All fees and subscriptions shall be set and agreed at each annual general meeting. Any person not paying the due amount membership fees / subscriptions are not members and as such are not entitled to vote and are not covered by the CLUB'S insurance.

Financial Year / Accounts – The financial year shall be from the 1st of December each year. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the presentation of the annual accounts at the Annual General Meeting and the day to day running of the bank account, however all cheques issued on the CLUB account shall require the signature of 2 members of the management committee and approved by that management committee and forwarded to the bank.

Annual General Meeting – The annual general meeting of the CLUB shall be held in the period during the last week of November up until 23rd December each year. A minimum of twenty one days notice shall be posted in the clubhouse prior to the meeting taking place. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include:

The adoption of the balance sheets

Election of the following officers :

- Patron (whenever deemed appropriate)
- President (Who shall then chair the meeting)
- Honorable Secretary
- Honorable Treasurer
- Development Manager
- Child Welfare Officer
- Assistant Honorable Secretary (whenever appropriate)

Election of the team captains. (The First Team Captain and Ladies Captain being deemed officers of the CLUB irrespective of age.)

Appointment of Coaches

Election of Committee, which shall consist of the above officers plus ten of members, the senior team captains and coaches.

Nomination for the position of the CLUB'S Officers must be in the hands of the Honorable Secretary seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for committee members and team captains can be put forward on the night.

Note: All nominations for committee and as officers must be properly proposed and seconded by bone-fide members.

Affiliations, fees and subscriptions – To be agreed by a simple majority.

Appointment of Auditor

Any Other Business (At the discretion of the President)

Extraordinary General Meeting – An extraordinary meeting can be called by an application in writing to the honourable secretary signed and supported by a minimum of ten members of the CLUB. The management committee shall have the authority to call an Extraordinary General Meeting by a decision of a simple majority of that committee. Twenty one days notice shall be posted in the CLUBHOUSE prior to the meeting taking place.

Management Committee – The management committee shall be made up of officers, First Team Captain, Coaches, the elected ten committee members plus any co-opted members onto the management committee. The management committee shall have the powers to co-opt

anyone onto the committee provided that person becomes a member of the CLUB. The management committee shall have full power and control over the property, funds, conduct and affairs of the CLUB with full powers to – Appoint, suspend or dismiss any member or paid servant of the CLUB and also to withdraw and persons membership who by their deed or actions are detrimental to the CLUBS good name or objectives. The management committee shall have full powers to make, alter or revoke any bye-laws and regulations as required in the best interests of the CLUB. The Management Committee shall elect the CLUB Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the first meeting that is held after the Annual General Meeting and they shall become officers of the CLUB.

Quorums / Voting – A minimum of five shall be present to hold a Management Committee Meeting with at least one of those present being an officer of the CLUB. A minimum of eleven members shall be present to an Annual General Meeting with at least two of those present being officers of the CLUB. A minimum of twenty-five members shall be present to constitute a quorum at an extraordinary meeting of the CLUB. At Management Committee Meetings the chairperson may vote on all aspects of the CLUB and in the eventuality of a tied vote he/she may cast a second deciding vote. A simple majority is all that is required in Management Committee meetings. At General Meetings a simple majority of the membership present is required to alter any rules, regulations, bye-laws or decisions made by the Management Committee the exception being that a two-thirds majority is required for any changes to this Constitution. Life Members shall have full voting rights at all General Meetings. Officers and Senior / Life Members only, may vote at general meetings.

Dissolution: The CLUB can be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present voting at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting called specifically for that purpose for which Thirty Days notice shall be posted and all members be informed in writing stating the resolution. Any such resolution so passed may give instructions for disposal of any assets held in the CLUB's name shall after discharge of all debts and liabilities shall not be distributed among members but shall be transferred to an organisation with similar aims and objectives.

Amended December 2007