



THE CHALLOW AND CHILDREY CRICKET CLUB

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. The club shall be called "THE CHALLOW AND CHILDREY CRICKET CLUB".

OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

2. The objects of the Club are:
 - a. To play and encourage, in all respects the interest and development of the game of Cricket and to provide and maintain a cricket ground and such other facilities as are required for that purpose;
 - b. To engage in such other sports and recreations as the Club in general meeting may from time to time decide;
 - c. To provide and maintain Club premises for the use of members for social activities and recreation including the supply of refreshments to members.
 - d. To provide and maintain club premises for the use of members for regulated entertainment including discos and live music.

3. Equity Policy Statement

This club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

'Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society. The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status. The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse. All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity. The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.'

MEMBERS

4. Membership shall be open to all persons over the age of 8 years regardless of their race, creed or colour but no person shall become a member until elected under these Rules. Challow and Childrey Cricket Club aims to ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB "Safe Hands -Welfare of Young People in Cricket" Policy and any future versions of the Policy. The full "ECB Safe Hands - Welfare of Young People in Cricket" document can be seen at www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/child-welfare/

5. The Club shall consist of:-

- a. No more than 500 ordinary members, aged 18 years and over;
- b. No more than 10 Life members;
- c. Junior members under the age of 18 years whose numbers shall be fixed from time to time by Committee.

6. Candidates for membership of the Club shall be elected by the vote of a simple majority of the Committee present at any Committee meeting at which the proposal for election shall be considered. Every candidate for membership shall be proposed in writing by one member and seconded by another both of whom shall be personally acquainted with the candidate.

The name of every candidate for membership must, for not less than two days preceding the day when the candidate comes up for election, be posted prominently in a part of the Club premises frequently used by members and until the candidate is elected he shall not be entitled to any privileges of membership.

7. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership without payment of further subscriptions for the remainder of their lives. The Committee shall have the power to elect as a Life member any member of not less than 10 years standing who shall in their opinion have rendered notable services to the Club but such election shall not take effect unless and until confirmed at the Annual General Meeting next following the date of such election. Any member wishing to nominate another member for Life membership must make such nomination in writing to the Honorary Secretary for consideration by the Committee and no nominations for Life Membership shall be accepted at a general meeting of the Club other than those that may be made by the Committee under this rule.

8. Juniors under the age of 18 years shall be eligible to become members of the Club but only on an annual basis. On 31st March in each year all juniors shall cease to be members of the Club and those wishing to continue as members will be required to renew their membership for the ensuing year. Junior Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except that they shall not be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting or other general meetings of the Club nor serve as an Officer of the Club or as a member of the Club.

9. The Club shall keep at its premises a Register containing the names and addresses of all members defined in Rule 5 (a) and (b) and a separate Annual Register of Junior Members as defined in Rule 8.

10. Members and officials only of Clubs and Sports Organisations who visit the Club for the purpose of taking part in matches or tournaments or other properly organised sporting activities shall for the day of such visits be deemed to be

temporary members and shall be entitled to the privileges of membership including the purchase of intoxicating liquor for consumption only on the Club premises provided that on all such occasions notice of intended visit shall be posted on the Club's notice board at least 72 hours before the commencement of such a visit.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

11. Except for those members identified elsewhere in these Rules as not being liable to pay any subscription, each member shall pay to the Club an annual subscription the amount of which shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee.
12. All annual subscriptions shall be payable without demand on the 1st day of April in each year except that the first subscription of a member shall become payable immediately upon his election to the club.
13. The Committee shall have power in its discretion at any time to require payment of:-
 - a. An entrance fee payable by a member on election to the Club;
 - b. A fee or levy payable by each member playing in any match or taking part in any specific sporting or other activity organised or provided by the Club.
14. No candidate who has been elected a member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until payment of the entrance fee (if any) and the first annual subscription has been made. If such entrance fee and subscription is not paid within one month after notice shall have been sent informing the member of his election the committee may declare such election void.

OFFICERS

15. The officers of the Club shall be:-
 - a. The President and Vice-Presidents (the limit to whose numbers shall be fixed by the Committee) all of whom shall not be required to pay any annual subscription;
 - b. The Executive Officers who shall be the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Club Captain, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Fixture Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer.

All the Officers of the Club shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. A retired Officer shall be eligible for re-election.

COMMITTEE

16. The Club shall be managed by a Committee which shall consist of all the Executive Officers of the Club as defined in Rule 15 (b) together with no more than 8 (eight) elected members. Such powers of management shall include (so far as not managed by the Club in general meeting or otherwise by general body of members) the purchase for the Club and supply to the Club of intoxicating Liquor.

17. At each Annual General Meeting of the Club, the elected members of the Committee shall retire and the vacancies shall be filled by ballot. The retiring elected members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
18. In the event of a casual vacancy arising on the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to appoint any member of the Club so qualified by these Rules to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term of the person originally elected but the proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated in consequence of there being less than the prescribed number of members thereof.
19. The Committee shall have power:-
 - a. To make such Bye-Laws and Regulations consistent with the Rules for proper management of the Club and its playing field and premises as it shall think expedient; and
 - b. To appoint Sub-Committees for special purposes and to delegate to such Sub-Committees the functions and powers of the Committee relating thereto. The Committee may at their discretion appoint any member of the Club to serve on a Sub-Committee notwithstanding that such member may not be an elected member of the Committee or Officer of the Club as defined by these Rules provided that no such appointed person shall be eligible to serve as the Chairman of a Sub-Committee nor shall any Sub-Committee be so constituted that the number of persons appointed by the Committee exceed the number of properly elected members of the Committee and Officers of the Club.
20. The Committee and the Sub-Committee shall meet when necessary for the management of the Club.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

21. A member desiring to resign from the club must give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary but shall be liable for his subscription for the year during which he resigns.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

22. Whenever a member's annual subscription has not been paid by the 1st August in any year, the Committee may at their discretion cancel his membership of the Club and, if such resolution be passed he shall immediately cease to be a member.
23. In addition to the provisions of Rule 22, the Committee shall have the power to expel any member who shall offend against the Rules of the Club or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee render him unfit for membership of the Club. Before any such member is expelled in accordance with this Rule, the Honorary Secretary shall give him 7 days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform him of the complaints made against him.

No member shall be expelled without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him nor unless at least two-thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of his expulsion provided that any member so expelled from the Club shall have the right to appeal against the decision of the Committee to an Appeals Committee which

shall consist of 3 members who are not Officers of the Club nor members of the Committee and who shall be elected annually at each Annual General Meeting. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and conclusive.

24. No member whose membership has been terminated under Rule 23 shall be introduced by any other member as a visitor to any part of the Club' playing field or premises and he shall forfeit all rights to and claim upon the Club, its property and funds.

CLUB EMPLOYEES

25. Subject to any directions given to him by the Committee, the Honorary Secretary may, on behalf of the Club, engage domestic staff and other Club Servants as may be necessary for the efficient running of the Club and may lawfully terminate any such engagement. The club employees shall be under the orders of the Committee only and no member shall reprimand a Club employee.

If a member has any cause of complaint against a Club employee he shall bring the same before the Committee in writing.

TRUSTEES

26. The Club shall have four trustees who shall be appointed by the Club in general meeting and the property of the Club shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee may from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minutes book shall be conclusive evidence).

The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. A Trustee shall hold office until death or resignation or until a resolution removing him office shall be passed at a general meeting of the Club by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote. On death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee the Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment by the Club in general meeting of a new Trustee in his place.

For the purpose of giving effect to such appointment, the Honorary Secretary of the Club is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and he shall by deed duly appoint the New Trustee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27. A General Meeting of the Club shall be held once in every year (but not later than 15 months after the last Annual General Meeting) upon a date and at a time and place to be fixed by the Committee to transact the following business.
- a. To receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year;
 - b. To consider and, if approved, to accept any proposal for the addition or alteration to the Rules;
 - c. To elect the Officers of the Club and members of the Committee;
 - d. To appoint an auditor or auditors;

- e. To deal with any special matter which the Committee desire to bring before members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee;
 - f. To decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.
28. Any member desirous of moving any resolution at the Annual General Meeting other than a resolution relating to the Statement of Accounts and the election of Officers, Auditors and the Committee shall give notice thereof in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than 7 (seven) days before the date of such meeting.
29. Notices convening the Annual General Meeting shall be displayed prominently on the Club premises in those parts of the Club most frequently used by members for a period of not less than 14 (fourteen) days before the date of the meeting.
30. No Officer of the Club or member of the Committee or Trustee of the Club may serve as an auditor of the Club.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

31. A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee for any of the following purposes:-
- a. To consider and, if approved, to accept any proposal for the addition or alteration to the Rules;
 - b. To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to place before the members including the expulsion of a member;
 - c. To receive the resignation of the Committee or to remove any member or members thereof from office and to fill any vacancy or vacancies caused thereby.
32. A Special General Meeting must be convened by the Committee within 21 days from the receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than 10 members specifying the matters which members wish to place before the Club.
33. Notice convening a Special General Meeting shall be sent to all members not less than 7 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

PROCEDURE

34. At all general meetings of the Club and at all meetings of the Committee the Chairman of the Club and in his absence the Vice-Chairman of the Club shall take the chair. Every member present entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
35. A quorum at general meetings shall consist of 25 members, a quorum at Committee meetings shall consist of 6 members of whom at least 2 shall be Officers of the Club and at Sub-Committee meetings shall consist of half the constituted number of the Sub-Committee but not less than 3.

36. A member shall be eligible for election or re-election as an Officer of the Club or as a member of the Committee or Appeals Committee only if he shall be present at the meeting at which his election or re-election is proposed or shall have previously signified in writing to the Honorary Secretary his willingness to stand for such election or re-election.

CLUB PREMISES AND BAR SALES

37. The Club premises shall be opened to members on such days and between such hours as the Committee shall from time to time determine but the Committee shall also have the power (on no more than 4 occasions in any year) to open the Club premises for official Club functions at which attendance is restricted to invited members only provided that notice of any such function is prominently displayed in the Club premises for at least 14 days before the date on which that function is due to take place.

38. The charges for refreshments shall be fixed by the Committee.

39. The supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club premises will be permitted during such hours as may from time to time be fixed by the Committee within such hours as are permitted by law and with due observance of any conditions attached to any licence held by, or on behalf of the Club, or to any registration certificate granted in respect of the Club premises. The Committee shall ensure that a notice detailing the permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor be displayed at all times on the Club's official notice board.

40. Except as provided for in Rules 10 and 43, intoxicating liquor shall only be sold for consumption on the Club's premises to members of the Club and their bona-fide guests as permitted under rule 42. Intoxicating liquor for consumption off the Club premises shall only be sold to a Club member in person.

41. No member or other person shall be permitted to purchase, be supplied with or consume on or off the premises of the Club intoxicating liquor whilst under the age of 18 years.

42. Each member may introduce into the Club not more than three persons on any one day as guests subject to such regulations or by-laws as shall be made from time to time by the Committee. The members introducing any person as a guest shall be responsible for ensuring that the name and address of the person so introduced is entered in the Visitor's Book immediately on entering the premises and both member and guest shall sign the Visitor's Book which shall be kept on the Club's premises at all times. The member introducing a person as a guest shall accompany and be responsible for the conduct of the person introduced while on the Club premises.

43. On no more than 12 (twelve) occasions in any one year there may be admitted to the Club premises persons other than members and their guests and, subject to any conditions a Magistrates Court may impose in accordance with the provisions of Section 49 of the Licensing Act 1964, intoxicating liquor may be supplied to them, by or on behalf of the Club, for consumption on the premises and not elsewhere. On no such occasion shall any charge be made for admission to the Club premises.

44. No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club or of any member thereof any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club; nor shall any person, directly or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor, by or on behalf of the Club, to members or guests apart from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.

PAYMENT TO MEMBERS

45. No member shall, except for professional services rendered at the request of the Committee, on any pretence or in any manner receive any profit, salary or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the Club.

CLUB PROPERTY

46. No money or property of the Club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the Club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club as a whole.

47. That if the Club is dissolved any assets will be applied for approved sporting or charitable purposes, to comply with the legislation. In other words the asset must be given or transferred to another CASC. A Registered charity or the sports governing body.

ALTERATION OF RULES

48. No addition or alteration to the existing Rules shall be made except by a resolution carried by a majority of at least four-fifths of the members present at a general meeting the notice of which shall have contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.

THE RULES PRINTED HEREIN WERE ADOPTED AT A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2004 WITH ADDITIONS ADDED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS ON 21 JULY 2005 AND 24 AUGUST 2006.