

Merrion Cricket Club

Rules

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Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

NAME OF THE CLUB

1. The club shall be called "Merrion Cricket Club." The colours of the Club shall be green, maroon and gold. The Club is constituted for the purpose of playing and promoting the game of cricket and for such social amenities as are usual, incidental or desirable in a cricket club.

MEMBERSHIP

2.1 The membership of the Club shall consist of the following categories and classes of members:-

(i) Playing members

- (a) life members,
- (b) senior members (including honorary and temporary members),
- (c) junior members
- (d) youth members, and
- (e) family members.

A “playing member” is a person who is entitled to play cricket, participate in Club activities and/or use the Club facilities in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

A “life member” shall be construed in accordance with Rule 2.2.

A “senior member” shall be 18 years of age or older as of the 1st April in any given year.

A “youth member” shall be less than 18 years of age as of the 1st April in any given year.

A “family member” shall be construed in accordance with Rule 2.8.

A “junior member” shall be construed in accordance with Rule 2.13

(ii) Non-playing members

- (a) corporate members,
- (b) pavilion members,
- (c) temporary pavilion members, and
- (d) social members.

A “non playing member” is a person who is entitled to participate in Club activities and/or use the Club facilities in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

A “corporate member” shall be construed in accordance with Rule 2.9.

A “pavilion member” shall be construed in accordance with Rule 2.10.

A “temporary pavilion member” shall be construed in accordance with Rule 2.11.

A "social member" shall be construed in accordance with Rule 2.12.

2.2 A person may become a life member of the Club subject to approval at a General Meeting of the Club, or by a unanimous vote of the Management Committee, on payment of €5,000 or whatever higher fee stands prescribed by the Management Committee. As per Rule 6, the quorum for a Management Committee meeting where a vote is taken to elect a life member shall be not less than 5. There shall at any given time be no more than 35 such life members. Such members are not subject to the payment of any annual subscription fixed pursuant to Rule 3.

2.3 A person may become a senior member of the Club in one of the following ways:

- (i) approved by the Management Committee in accordance with Rule 2.4 or Rule 2.6;
- (ii) elected by members of the Club in accordance with Rule 2.5.

2.4 Applications for senior membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Secretary supported by two senior members of the Club. The name and address of a candidate for membership shall be posted by the Honorary Secretary on a notice board in the Club pavilion for at least 14 consecutive days. Any objection by a senior member to a candidate must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary during the 14 day period.

Any applications for membership of the Club under this sub-rule shall be brought by the Membership Secretary to the next meeting of the Management Committee, together with any valid objections to same, at which the Management Committee shall vote on the election of the candidate to the Club. At least six members of the Management Committee must be present at a meeting where such a vote is taken.

2.5 On a motion put forward by the Management Committee, in recognition of his or her services provided to cricket or the Club, a person may be elected to honorary life membership of the Club by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting. Such persons shall be known as honorary members.

- 2.6 The Management Committee may grant temporary membership of the Club for a period of up to two months without the name and address of the candidate being posted in accordance with rule 2.4. Temporary membership may not be renewed. Any temporary member may apply for membership of the Club in accordance with Rule 2.3.
- 2.7 Applications for youth membership of the Club shall be made in writing to a senior member of the Club nominated by the Management Committee to be responsible for youth cricket who shall be empowered to determine the application.
- 2.8 A senior member of the Club may apply to the Management Committee to enable additional members of his or her family, being his or her partner and/or children still in full time education and under 18 years of age, play cricket in the Club, participate in Club activities and use the Club's facilities. Such additional persons, who shall be known as family members, will not be entitled to vote at General Meetings.
- 2.9 Companies or other legal entities may be admitted by the Management Committee as corporate members. The officers and employees of such company or legal entity shall have the same non-playing rights as those of a life or senior member but will not be entitled to vote at General Meetings unless they are life or senior members in their own right.
- 2.10 Applications for pavilion membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Secretary supported by at least one senior member of the Club. Any application for membership of the Club under this sub-rule shall be brought by the Membership Secretary to the next meeting of the Management Committee at which the Management Committee shall vote on the election of the candidate to the Club. At least five members of the Management Committee must be present at a meeting where such a vote is taken.
- 2.11 The Management Committee may grant temporary pavilion membership of the Club either on a daily or a weekly basis without having to comply with Rule 2.10.
- 2.12 Applications for social membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Secretary supported by at least one senior member of the Club. Any application for membership of the Club under this sub-rule shall be brought by the Membership Secretary to the next meeting of the Management Committee at which the Management Committee shall vote on the election of the candidate to the Club. At least five members of the Management Committee must be present at a meeting where such a vote is taken.

- 2.13 A junior playing member shall be a person in full time attendance at a University or other College of further education. Applications for junior membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Secretary supported by at least one senior member of the Club. Any application for membership of the Club under this sub-rule shall be brought by the Membership Secretary to the next meeting of the Management Committee at which the Management Committee shall vote on the election of the candidate to the Club. At least five members of the Management Committee must be present at a meeting where such a vote is taken.
- 2.14 Lists of all life, senior (including honorary but not temporary members), youth, family, corporate, social and pavilion (but not temporary pavilion members) members of the Club shall be maintained by the Membership Secretary who shall append a copy of such lists to the report of the Annual General Meeting.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

3. The annual subscription payable by each class of member shall be such sum as is fixed from time to time by a General Meeting of the Club. The amount of the annual subscription so fixed shall remain in force until otherwise resolved in a subsequent General Meeting.

All members shall have their class of membership determined by the Management Committee.

The subscriptions of members shall be due in advance on May 1 of each year and shall be paid to the Honorary Treasurer. Members whose subscriptions are unpaid by June 1 of any year shall not be entitled to play in any game of cricket or to use the facilities of the Club or participate in any of the Club's activities until they have paid their subscriptions. Members whose subscriptions are unpaid by the Annual General Meeting of that year shall cease to be members but may be reinstated by the Management Committee on payment of their subscriptions. The first subscription of members who are elected on or after 31 March in any year shall cover the year commencing on the following May 1.

Newly elected members shall pay their subscriptions to the Honorary Treasurer within 14 days of their election.

The Management Committee shall be authorised to set the subscription rate for family membership taking into account the prevailing subscription rates, without the need for a general meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS

4. An Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the end of October each year. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee on its own initiative or on receipt of a request signed by any ten members of the Club entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

All members other than temporary members and social members shall be sent at least seven day's notice of each General Meeting stating the business to be transacted thereat and shall be

entitled to attend and speak. The notification to be sent in writing or electronically if the member has elected to receive electronic notification.

The quorum at such meetings shall be 16, made up of life members, junior playing members, senior playing members, pavilion non-playing members who have been members of the Club for at least ten consecutive years, and honorary members. The President shall act as Chairman. In his absence, a past President, a Vice-President or a member counting towards a quorum shall be agreed upon as Chairman by a majority of those present and entitled to vote.

Only life members, junior playing members, senior playing members, pavilion non-playing members who have been members of the Club for at least ten consecutive years, and honorary members shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his normal vote. No proxies shall be allowed and if a majority of members present and entitled to vote wish any question under discussion to be put to a vote by ballot then that mode of voting shall be adopted.

A majority vote of those present and voting shall be decisive except that a three-fourths majority of those present and voting shall be required to

- a) alter these Rules, or
- b) authorise the Trustees and Management Committee to mortgage or encumber the Club property in any way, or
- c) authorise the Trustees and the Management Committee to borrow subject to Rules 5 and 6, or
- d) pass a resolution for the dissolution of the Club.

The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- a) In the absence of the President, a Chairman shall be elected.
- b) The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any subsequent Special General Meetings shall be read.
- c) Relevant correspondence and apologies shall be read and noted.
- d) The Honorary Secretary's Report shall be read.
- e) The Honorary Treasurer shall present accounts and a report on the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club for the current year. The Honorary Treasurer shall also present a report from the Audit Committee
- f) The following shall be elected from amongst the life members, junior playing members, senior playing members, pavilion non-playing members who have been members of the Club for at least ten consecutive years, and honorary members:

- (i) A President.
- (ii) Vice-Presidents of whom there shall not be more than 10.
- (iii) Captain of the first XI.
- (iv) Vice-Captain of the first XI.
- (v) Honorary Secretary.
- (vi) Honorary Treasurer.
- (vii) A Management Committee composed of the above (excluding the Vice-Presidents) and four additional members, at least two of which four must be playing members. At every Annual General Meeting all four additional members shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting. The Management Committee so elected shall take office immediately after the Annual General Meeting for a period of twelve months.

- (viii) Chairperson of the Cricket Committee
- (ix) Chairperson of the Finance Committee
- (x) Honorary Team Secretary.
- (xii) A Selection Committee composed of the Captain of the first XI, Vice-Captain of the first XI and honorary Team Secretary (all as elected above) and three other members.
- (xiii) An Audit Committee composed of three members. The Audit Committee shall be responsible for reviewing the accounts presented to it by the Honorary Treasurer in advance of the Annual General Meeting. A report from the Audit Committee shall be given to the Management Committee and presented to the Annual General Meeting by the Honorary Treasurer.

g) Notices of motion put forward by the Management Committee and notices of motion received in writing by the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days before the meeting shall be considered. All notices of motion must be included in the Agenda sent to members with the notice of the meeting.

No alteration shall be made in these rules unless the proposed alteration has been included in the Agenda sent to members.

No other motion may be dealt with unless on the Agenda save with the concurrence of three-fourths of those present and entitled to vote, the minimum so consenting to be twelve.

The order of business at a Special General Meeting shall be as follows:

- a) In the absence of the President, a Chairman shall be elected.
- b) Relevant correspondence and apologies shall be read and noted.
- c) Special business for which the meeting was called shall be considered.

TRUSTEES

5. The property of the Club shall be vested in Trustees whose number shall be less than or equal to four.

The Trustees shall be elected at a General Meeting from amongst the life members, senior playing members, pavilion non-playing members who have been members of the Club for at least ten consecutive years, and honorary members. They shall hold office until they-

- a) resign or,
- b) cease to be members of the Club or
- c) are removed from office by resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

The Trustees shall hold such property as aforesaid in trust and shall deal with same as directed by a resolution of a General Meeting. An entry in the Minute Book shall be sufficient evidence of such direction. Provided always that the Management Committee shall have power to instruct the Trustees from time to time to vary the investments (if any) in such manner as the Management Committee shall direct.

The Trustees shall be indemnified against any loss, liability and expense properly incurred by them and each of them in the carrying out of their duties as Trustees. This

indemnification shall apply as well to future as to all existing liabilities and expenses of the Trustees incurred on behalf of the Club.

The Trustees shall not have authority to mortgage or encumber the property of the Club in any way without the consent of a three-fourths majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club.

Subject to the consent of a three-fourths majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club, the Trustees shall have power to borrow, for the purposes of the Club, by way of overdraft, term loan, loan account or otherwise, with interest in the category of accommodation granted, such amount of money as approved at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, such borrowings to be effected in the names of the Trustees, and to give security for such borrowings and the interest thereon if required, by the issue of bills of exchange, promissory notes or other obligations or Securities of the Club, or by Mortgage or Charge upon all or any part of the property of the Club, and thereupon the Trustees shall, at the direction of the Management Committee, make all such dispositions of the property of the Club, or any part thereof, and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Management Committee may deem proper for giving such security.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

6. The Management Committee shall control the management of the Club and shall issue such regulations as it may deem necessary.

The Management Committee may appoint an additional member to the Committee to take responsibility for cricket of school-going members in the Club. Any member so appointed must be eligible for election to the Management Committee as per Rule 4.

The Management Committee shall have power to remove from that committee any committee member who absents himself without leave from meetings of the committee on three successive occasions. The Management Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees to perform under the control of the Management Committee such duties as the Management Committee may direct. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be ex officio members of all sub-committees. The Management Committee may dissolve any sub-committee or alter the membership thereof at any time without notice.

A quorum of the Management Committee shall be four except in the case of a vote being taken on the election of a new member when the quorum shall be five.

The Management Committee shall meet at least once every three weeks during the months of April to September inclusive and at least once every six weeks during the other months of the year. At least three day's notice of all meetings shall be given in writing by the Honorary Secretary to all members of the Management Committee unless at least seven members agree to waive this notice.

The President shall take the chair at all meetings of the Management Committee. In his absence the Captain of the first XI shall take the chair or, in his absence, the Vice-Captain of the first XI shall take the chair.

The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

Minutes shall be made in suitably durable books of all resolutions and proceedings of the Management Committee. Minutes signed by the Chairman shall be sufficient evidence of the facts stated therein unless the contrary be proved.

Subject to the consent of a three-fourths majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club, the Management Committee shall have authority to mortgage or encumber the property of the Club.

Subject to the consent of a three-fourths majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club, the Management Committee shall have power to borrow, for the purposes of the Club, by way of overdraft, term loan, loan account or otherwise, with interest in the category of accommodation granted, such amount of money as approved at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, such borrowings to be effected in the names of the Trustees, and to give security for such borrowings and the interest thereon if required, by the issue of bills of exchange, promissory notes or other obligations or Securities of the Club, or by Mortgage or Charge upon all or any part of the property of the Club, and thereupon the Trustees shall, at the direction of the Management Committee, make all such dispositions of the property of the Club, or any hereof, and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Management Committee may deem proper for giving such security.

Notwithstanding the rules in relation to borrowing by the Trustees as per Rule 5, and the paragraph above, the Management Committee and the Trustees shall have the power to additionally borrow an amount not greater than the previous year's subscription income, on its own initiative, and for the avoidance of doubt, without the consent of an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Club.

The Management Committee shall have power to make and may alter, add to or amend from time to time such regulations and local rules as they may consider necessary for the proper running and control of the Club and shall exhibit them in the pavilion. All members and visitors shall be deemed to have notice thereof and be bound thereby.

The Management Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and of any regulations and local rules made thereunder and its decision shall be final and binding on all members.

HONORARY SECRETARY

7. The Honorary Secretary, under the control of the Management Committee, shall manage the business of the Club. He shall be responsible for such secretarial duties as the Management Committee may direct and he shall submit all incoming communications to the Management Committee for consideration.

HONORARY TREASURER

8. The Honorary Treasurer shall, under the control of the Management Committee, keep correct books and accounts showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of

the Club. These books and accounts shall be open to inspection by any member of the Management Committee at all reasonable times. The Honorary Treasurer shall present to the Annual General Meeting a report on the financial affairs of the Club including all receipts and disbursements of the Club and outstanding debtors or creditors. This report shall also record any indebtedness of the Club.

The Honorary Treasurer shall pay all monies received into a bank approved by the Management Committee. The monies shall be there on account of and for the use of the Club. All cheques on account of the Club shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer or by any two other members of the Management Committee so authorised by a meeting of that committee.

HONORARY TEAM SECRETARY

9. Notification of team selections shall be given by the Honorary Team Secretary in such manner as the Selection Committee may direct.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

10. The Captains of all senior teams other than the first XI shall be co-opted to the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee shall select all senior teams of the Club.

A quorum of the Selection Committee shall be three.

The Selection Committee shall meet at least once every two weeks during the playing season.

The Captain of the first XI shall take the chair at all meetings of the Selection Committee. In his absence, the Vice-Captain of the first XI shall take the chair. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

The Captain of the first XI, the Vice-Captain of the first XI, the Honorary Team Secretary and the other elected members of the Selection Committee shall be entitled to vote in the selection of all teams. The Captain of the second XI shall be entitled to vote in the selection of the first team and, otherwise, Captains shall be entitled to vote only in the selection of their own teams.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

11. Members shall be bound by the Club rules and regulations. If the Management Committee considers the conduct of any member to be injurious to the best interests of the Club they may suspend him or call upon him to resign. In such cases the members' subscription shall not be refunded.

The Management Committee, at a special meeting called for the purpose, shall have power to remove from membership any member deemed guilty of misconduct. At least seven members shall be present at such a meeting. The motion for expulsion shall require a three-

fourths majority in favour to be carried.

Any member losing or damaging Club property or property in the custody of the Management Committee shall replace or make good same, at the discretion of the Management Committee.

All complaints or communications on Club matters should be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

DISSOLUTION

12. If, at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a resolution for the dissolution of the Club is passed by a three-fourths majority of the members present and voting, then

- a) The Management Committee shall thereupon, or at such future date as may be specified in the resolutions, proceed to realise the property of the Club and, after the discharge of all liabilities and such payments (if any) as may be specified in such a resolution, divided the balance equally among such senior playing and pavilion non-playing members who were members of the Club continuously for the ten years immediately preceding the date of the resolution referred to in this rule, life members, and lastly honorary life members who were, at the time of their election as such, included in one of the above three classes of membership, and
- b) Upon the completion of such division, the Club shall stand dissolved.

REGISTRATION OF CLUBS ACTS 1904-2000

13.1. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to members of the Club between the hours of 8.00 o'clock in the morning and 10.00 o'clock at night.

13.2. No excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person or be consumed on the Club premises by any person:- a. at any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday; b. on any other day, as specified hereunder, outside the times so specified in respect of it-

- i. Saint Patrick's Day: between 12.30 pm and 12.30 am. On the following day;
- ii. the 23rd December: if it falls on a Sunday, between 10.30 am and 11.30pm.;
- iii. Christmas Eve and the eve of Good Friday: between 10.30 am and 11.30 pm.;
- iv. the eve of any public holiday (other than Christmas Eve): I. if the eve falls on a weekday, between 10.30 am and 12.30 am on the following day, or II. if it falls on a Sunday, between 12.30 pm and 12.30 am on the following day;
- v. any other Sunday (except a Saint Patrick's Day which falls on a Sunday): between 12.30 pm. and 11.00pm.;
- vi. any other Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday: between 10.30 am and 11.30 pm; and
- vii. any other Thursday, Friday or Saturday: between 10.30 am and 12.30 am on the following day.

The hours specified in paragraph (b) above in respect of any day specified in that paragraph are in addition to the period between midnight and 12.30 am on that day where that period is included in the hours so specified in respect of the eve of that day.

13.3. Nothing contained in the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 to 2000 or contained by virtue only of the only of the operation of paragraph 13.2 of this Rule shall operate to prohibit the

supplying for consumption on the Club premises of excisable liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable liquor on the Club premises by any person: a. on Christmas Day between 12.00 midday and 10.00 pm, or b. on any other day for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of that day during which it is lawful for the Club, by virtue of paragraph 13.2 of this Rule, to supply excisable liquor for consumption on the Club premises, If in each case the excisable liquor is- i. ordered by or on behalf of that person at the same time as a substantial meal is so ordered, and ii. consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended.

13.4. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied at any time to, or be consumed on the Club premises by, any member or person under 18 years of age.

13.5A. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 13.5B, a visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor on the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member and the member shall, upon the admission of such a visitor to the Club premises or immediately upon his being supplied with such liquor, enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book which shall be kept for that purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.

13.5B. Where members of a group are visiting the Club premises for the purpose of- a. taking part in any past-time, sport, game or recreation there, or b. organising or taking part in the organisation of, or arrangements for, any such activity, excisable liquor may be supplied to them at the request and in the presence of an official of the Club on the occasion of the visit and an official of the Club shall enter the name of the group concerned, and the number of persons in it, in a book which shall be kept for that purpose.

13.6. No member of the Management Committee and no manager or servant of the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or in the profits arising from such sale.

13.7. The Management Committee shall have power to amend this Rule so as to comply with the provisions of the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 to 2000, or of any Act which may be passed amending same, or so as to comply with the requirements from time to time of the licensing statutes. Notice of any change shall be given to members by posting the particulars thereof in the Club premises and upon such posting each member shall be deemed to have knowledge thereof and to be bound thereby.

13.8. Any member breaking this rule may be liable to expulsion.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

14. All personal belongings of members, visitors and others brought to, kept at or left in the Club premises shall be at the sole risk of the owner. The Club or the Management Committee shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to such belongings however it may arise. This rule, however, shall not prejudice any claim made by the Club or by its owners of such property against insurance companies or others in case of fire or theft or if otherwise covered by insurance.

GENERAL

15. A copy of these rules shall be posted in the pavilion.

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

16. A Finance committee shall be established as a sub-committee of the Management Committee. The purpose of the Finance Committee shall be to organise and coordinate fundraising in the Club and generally assist the Treasurer in carrying out his duties. The Finance committee shall, in addition to the Chairperson, consist of such other members of the Club as the management committee shall determine.

CRICKET SUB-COMMITTEE

17. A Cricket Committee shall be established as a sub-committee of the Management Committee. The purpose of the Cricket Committee shall be to manage the day to day running of cricket in the club. The Cricket Committee shall, in addition to the Chairperson, consist of the captain and vice-captain of the 1st XI, the team secretary and such other members of the Club as the management committee shall determine.