

NARBOROUGH AND LITTLETHORPE CRICKET CLUB

CONSTITUTION:

1. Name

The Title of the Club shall be Narborough and Littlethorpe Cricket Club hereinafter called The Club.

2. Aims and Objectives

The objects of The Club shall be the organisation and encouragement of Cricket in Narborough and Littlethorpe. To ensure a duty of care to all Members of The Club by adopting and implementing the ECB's 'Safe Hands' – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children. 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.

To encourage all Members to participate fully in the activities of The Club.

3. Membership

(a) Membership of The Club shall be open to anyone interested in the Sport of Cricket on application regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity nationally, sexual orientation religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of Membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

(b) The Club may have different classes of Membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscription at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

(c) Application for membership of The Club shall be by completion of a Membership Application Form and by payment of the relevant subscription/payment fees as determined by The Annual General Meeting of the Club.

(d) The Club Committee may refuse Membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conducted or character likely to bring The Club or Cricket into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Committee who shall appoint an Appeals Committee to hear the appeal.

(e) All Members will be subjected to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining The Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any Codes of Conduct that The Club adopted. The Constitution shall identify those members eligible to vote at any General Meetings.

4. Officers

The Officers of The Club will be as follows:-

Executive Officers

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Welfare Officer
- Club Captain
- Fixture Secretary

Honorary Officers

- President

5 Election of Officers

All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of The Club, from and by the Members of The Club.

All Officers shall be Elected for a period of one year, except the President who will serve a three year term.

6. Management Committee

The affairs of The Club shall be conducted by a Management (General) Committee (The Committee) comprising of The Executive Officers of The Club and seven other Members (2nd XI Captain, League Representative, Chair of Bar, Chair of Cricket, Chair of Development, Chair of Ground and Chair of Social) selected from, and by the Full Members of The Club. Only these Members of The Club shall be entitled to vote at Committee Meetings.

The duties of The Committee shall be:-

- a) To control the affairs of The Club on behalf of The Members.
- b) To keep accurate Accounts of the Finances of The Club through the Treasurer. These to be audited before every Annual General Meeting. The following Officers shall be authorised to sign Club Cheques – any Two from the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
- c) To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of Equal votes, the Chair shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

The Committee shall have powers to appoint sub-Committees as necessary, and to Co-opt advisers who may be non Club Members invited to advise on specialist subjects.

7. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Committee Meeting of The Club shall be held each year at a time to be fixed by The General Committee. This Meeting shall be advertised 14 days beforehand and its purpose shall be:-

- a) To adopt the Annual Balance Sheet of The Club
- b) Election of Officials
- c) Review Club Subscription Rates and agree them for the forthcoming year.
- d) Transact such other business received in writing by The Secretary from Members 7 days prior to the Meeting and included on the Agenda.

8 Disciplinary and Appeals

All complaints regarding the behavior of Members should be lodged in writing with the Secretary.

The Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary sub-Committee who will meet to hear Complaints within 21 days of a Complaint being lodged. Any Member requested to attend a Disciplinary sub-Committee Meeting shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The Committee (or its sub-Committee) has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action, including the termination of Membership.

The outcome of the Disciplinary hearing shall be put in writing to the person who lodged the Complaint and the Member against whom the Complaint was made within seven days following the hearing.

There shall be a right of appeal to The Committee against either the finding or the sanction imposed of both following disciplinary action being taken. The Committee shall appoint an Appeals Committee (a maximum of three) which shall not include Members involved with the initial disciplinary hearing but may include non Members of The Club. The Appeals Committee shall consider the appeal within 21 days of The Secretary receiving the appeal. The individual submitting the appeal shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

9. Dissolution

- a) If at any General Meeting of The Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of The Club to be held not less than one Month thereafter to Discuss and vote on the resolution.

- b) If at that Special Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds (three Quarters) of the Full Voting Membership present at the Meeting, the Committee Shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of The Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

- c) The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

- d) After selling all liabilities of The Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net Assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Charity **and/or**

 - To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club **and/or**

 - To The Club's governing body for use by them for related Community Sports.