



RIDGE BEARS
BLEDLOW RIDGE CRICKET CLUB FOUNDED 1892

1. Name

The name of the Club is Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club.

2. Club Purposes

The purposes of the Club are to foster and promote participation in the amateur sport of cricket within the community, providing facilities for playing cricket, opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.

3. Affiliation

- 3.1 The Club is affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through the Bucks County Cricket Board.
- 3.2 The Club and its members shall ensure that members, playing and non-playing, abide by the ECB Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and by the Laws of Cricket.
- 3.3 The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy.
- 3.4 The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Cricket Equity Policy and any future versions of this policy.

4. The Management

The body elected under rule 4.1 shall both be the Managing and the Governing Body and shall be called "the Management Committee"

- 4.1 At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) the following shall be elected: President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of Ground Sub Committee, Chairman of House and Bar Sub Committee, Chairman of Fund Raising and Social Committee, Club Captain, Club Welfare Officer and Junior Representative
- 4.2 The following shall also be elected at the Annual General Meeting but will not form part of the Management Committee: Fixture Secretary, 1stX1 Saturday Captain, 2ndX1 Saturday Captain, the Junior's administrator.
- 4.3 The elected Cricket Club Management Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Club, shall have overriding authority over all aspects of the Club (social and sporting), pass by-laws as deemed fit and shall be responsible for all matters arising from the conduct of the Club

and its members, even if not dealt with specifically within these rules. It shall also be responsible for maintenance of and preparation of the pitch

- 4.4 The Management Committee may co-opt members to the committee in an advisory capacity only and appoint such sub committees as necessary for the smooth running of the club.
- 4.5 .In general terms, the Management Committee shall be financially responsible for the upkeep of the ground, ground equipment and pavilion and agree contributions for these items from the Tennis Club annually.
- 4.6 Each member of the Management Committee shall have one vote, excepting the President being non-voting and the Chairman having only a casting vote. A simple majority is needed to carry a motion after it has been proposed and seconded.
- 4.7 The Club Secretary shall call a Management Committee meeting at any time upon the request of two members of the Management Committee
- 4.8 More than four of the elected members of the Management Committee must be present at a duly convened meeting before business may be transacted.
- 4.9 Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed he/she must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned
- 4.10 The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults
- 4.11 The Committee shall appoint a Club Welfare Officer to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation and the ECB Safe Hands policy. The Club Welfare Office shall report to relevant Committee meetings and the reports, together with any action taken, must be minuted.
- 4.12 Any bank account in which any part of the Club's funds are deposited shall be operated by the Committee and shall be held in the name of the Club. Unless regulations state otherwise, all cheques and orders for payment of money from such accounts must be signed by at least two people authorised by the Committee, including at least one Committee member.
- 4.13 The Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activity and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of the Club; its membership; its duty to report back to the Committee. The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or change its mandate and operating terms
- 4.14 Annual club reports and statements of account must be made available for inspection by any member and all club records may be inspected by any Committee member

4.15 Team selection will be performed by a sub committee comprising of all the captains and vice captains.

5. Membership

5.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

5.2 The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will have an equitable pricing policy and will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

5.3 The level of subscriptions will be decided by the Committee from time to time and notified to the members.

5.4 The Club will have the following classes of membership:

- Life Members - Conferred by the Management Committee as it see fit
- Senior Playing- Over 18 years of age.
- Junior Playing- Under 18 years of age or a student.
- Associate (Social) Non-Playing - Over 18 years of age.
- Vice Presidents - Over 18 Years of Age and invited by the Management

5.5 Application for membership of the Club shall be by completion of a membership application form.

5.6 No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection for any Club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Club Committee Two days must also have passed since the application for membership was submitted before membership can be granted.

5.7 The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, at their discretion but only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or cricket into disrepute and:

5.7.1 The Club Committee may only refuse to admit a new member if a resolution is passed at a meeting where the person in question has

been notified in writing in advance and been given 14 days to submit written representations for the Club Committee to consider at the meeting. Appeal against a refusal of membership shall be to the Appeal Committee as detailed below.

5.7.2 The procedure for taking disciplinary action against a member, including removing membership, is dealt with in more detail below.

- 5.8 All members will be subject to these Rules and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these Rules, any Club Regulations and any Codes of Conduct that the Club has adopted. A Code of Conduct for Members and Guests must be displayed prominently to ensure that all Club guests and non-member volunteers are aware of the code and the requirement to abide by it.
- 5.9 New members will pay a subscription on a pro-rata basis to the number of weeks remaining of the season. New members will have one month to pay their subscription from the date of their election to membership.
- 5.10 A member not having paid their subscription by 31st May will only be considered for selection for any team if the club is unable to field the required number of teams to fulfil its fixtures from those members that have paid on time.
- 5.11 The Club Committee will keep a register of members.
- 5.12 Membership is not transferable and shall cease on death.
- 5.13 A member may resign by written notice to the Club, but the return of any subscription paid is at the discretion of the Club Committee.

6. All General Meetings

- 6.1 All members may attend all general meetings of the Club in person.
- 6.2 All full members, over the age of 18, have one vote.
- 6.3 Members must be given at least 14 clear days written (email is acceptable) notice of all general meetings.
- 6.4 The quorum for all general meetings is 8 members present
- 6.5 If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the start of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned to the following week at the same time and place or such other time and place as the Committee decide and any voting members attending the adjourned meeting will constitute a quorum.
- 6.6 The Chair or (in his or her absence) another member chosen at the meeting by the members shall preside.
- 6.7 Except as otherwise provided in these Rules or in Club Regulations every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.

- 6.8 Formalities in connection with general meetings (such as how to put down resolutions) shall be decided by the Committee in Club Regulations and publicised to Club members.

7. Annual General Meetings

The Club Fiscal year shall be from 1st November to 31st October following. The AGM will normally be held in November, with not more than 15 months elapsing between meetings. At every AGM:

- 7.1.1 the Members will elect a Committee including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve until the next AGM
- 7.1.2 the Treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the latest financial year audited as the Committee shall decide;
- 7.1.3 the Committee will present a report on the Club's activities since the previous AGM;
- 7.1.4 the Members will appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts; and
- 7.1.5 the Members will discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the Rules) and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

8. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Committee or on the written request of not less than 10 members signed by them. Such EGM shall be held on not less than 14 nor more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the Committee or in default by the Chair. If the Committee fails to call a meeting within 14 days of receiving a valid request from the members then the requisitionists may themselves call a meeting, the costs of which will be reimbursed by the Club.

9. Removal of Membership, Discipline and Appeals

- 9.1 Any complaints regarding the behaviour of members, guests or volunteers should be lodged in writing with the Secretary.
- 9.2 Any person that is the subject of a written complaint or appeal shall be notified of the procedures to be followed by the relevant committee in reasonable time to prepare for any hearing.
- 9.3 The Committee shall appoint a disciplinary sub-committee (Disciplinary Sub-Committee) who will meet to hear complaints within [21] days of a complaint being lodged. Any person requested to attend a Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend or other representative and to call witnesses. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action on behalf of the Committee, including the termination of membership or exclusion from Club premises.

9.4 The outcome of the disciplinary hearing shall be put in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the person against whom the complaint was made within 14 days following the hearing.

9.5 There shall be a right of appeal within 14 days of receipt of the disciplinary decision or decision to refuse membership:

9.5.1 against the Disciplinary Sub-Committee's findings or the sanction imposed or both; and

9.5.2 against the Committee's refusal to admit a new member

in either case, the Committee shall appoint an appeals committee ("Appeals Committee"). The Appeals Committee shall have a maximum of three members 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 who submitted 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.

10. Club Regulations

The Committee may make Club Regulations consistent with these Rules and will publicise these to the members.

11. Notices

11.1 Notices to be sent out in accordance with these Rules may be sent by hand, by post or by suitable electronic means and will be treated as being received:

11.1.1 24 hours after being sent by electronic means or delivered by hand to the relevant address;

11.1.2 Two clear days after being sent by first class post; or

11.1.3 Three clear days after being sent by second class post.

11.2 Notice of all general meetings must also be put on the Club's notice board(s) and website (if any).

11.3 A technical defect in the giving of notice of which the members or the Committee are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

12. Amendments

12.1 Amendments to the Club rules may be agreed and instituted by the Management Committee. Such amendments shall be subject to ratification at the first AGM following.

13. Winding Up the Club

- 13.1 The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.
- 13.2 The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- 13.3 After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - 13.3.1 to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a charity; and/or
 - 13.3.2 to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC; and/or
 - 13.3.3 to the Club's national governing body for use by them for related community sports

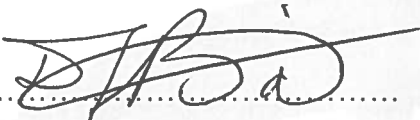
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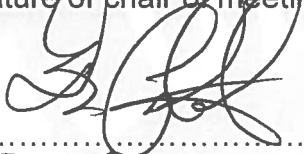
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Signed

Name D. J. BIRD

Signature 

[Name and signature of chair of meeting]

Witnessed 

Name D. GABRIELE

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