

BLEDLOW RIDGE CRICKET CLUB

Meadow Styles Sports Ground, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge



Membership Regulations

Roles and Responsibilities

1. Responsibility for membership matters rests with the Management Committee of the Club (the Committee) who may delegate matters to a sub committee comprising of elected and/or co-opted members. The club is open to all on a non-discriminatory basis.
2. The Committee will appoint a membership secretary, who will be responsible for implementing a formal membership application and approval process, for maintaining the Club's membership records and for the collection of membership fees. If the post is not filled, responsibility for the duties of the membership secretary will pass to the Club Secretary.
3. Membership is open only to individuals, is a personal privilege and cannot be transferred.
4. The membership year starts on the 1st April and ends on the following 31 March.
5. Membership subscriptions are due by 31st May in any given year. Members joining the Club after 30 June will be required to pay a subscription within one month of joining the Club, which at the discretion of the Committee may be discounted to 60% of the prevailing rate.
6. Membership fees cannot be repaid except in exceptional circumstances on the recommendation of the membership secretary to the Committee.
7. The Club will maintain a register of members in which it will keep the information it needs for the appropriate running of the club. All data will be handled in line with the Club's privacy policy which is published on the Club website. Information recorded in the membership register is private and available only to the elected members of the Management Committee.
8. All members (other than Honorary Members) are required to pay subscriptions to the Club at the rates set by the Committee by the due dates set in these regulations. Non-payment of any subscription in full by the due date results in the automatic suspension of the members rights and privileges until payment is made. At the Committee's discretion certain exceptions or consideration may be made as outlined in the paragraph 9 below.
9. The Club is committed to the principle that no-one should be denied the opportunity to play or contribute to cricket on financial grounds, and the membership secretary has the authority to deal with individual cases as he deems appropriate. For example by allowing

a reduced level of subscription or a player, playing at the invitation of the club captain. Any such arrangement will be recorded in the membership register.

10. For the purpose of the membership regulations, a junior member is defined as being under 18 years of age at the start of the membership year.

Categories of Membership

11. **Playing Member:** Playing members will be accepted by application to the Committee and will enjoy the full facilities of the Club including playing for the Club. New playing members who join after the 30th April in any given year, may be accepted into the Club on the authority of the club captain, or one of the Committee officers for a period of one month or until the Committee meets in the normal course of its business and is able to ratify their membership. Playing members may attend meetings of the club membership and may vote at such meetings. Membership is contingent on the payment of the membership subscription.
12. **Non-Playing Member:** Non-Playing members will be accepted by application to the Committee - and will enjoy the full facilities of the Club, with the exception of those relating to playing. New non-playing members who join after the 30th April in any given year, may be accepted into the Club on the authority of one of the officers of the Club for a period of one month or until the Committee meets in the normal course of its business and is able to ratify their membership. Non-playing members may attend meetings of the club membership and may vote at such meetings. Membership is contingent on the payment of the membership subscription.
13. **Associate Member:** Associate membership will be granted on application to individuals who wish to be associated with and support the activities of the club. An associate member may utilise the facilities of the club but may not attend meetings of the club nor be a member of any of its committees. The annual fee for associated membership will be set by the committee or relevant subcommittee except that for the parents or guardians of juniors enrolled in the junior academy the fee for an associate membership will be deemed paid when the junior subscription is paid in full.
An associate member may however serve by invitation on a committee to fulfil a specific role, and whilst serving in that role on that committee will be enjoy the same voting rights as a non-playing member.
14. **Honorary Members:**
 - 14.1 The Committee may bestow an honorary membership on an individual.
 - 14.2 Honorary Life Membership is awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the club over an extended period of time of at least twenty years,

- 14.3 An Honorary Vice Presidency is awarded for a period of one calendar year to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the activities of the club in the last year.
- 14.4 At the Annual General Meeting the members will elect an Honorary President to serve until the next AGM.
- 14.5 Honorary members are invited to make a financial contribution to the club, but are not under any obligation to do so. Honorary member except those defined in 14.7 below, may utilise the facilities of the Club and may attend meetings of the club and will have a vote at such meetings. The membership secretary will record in the membership register the reason(s) why the Committee has bestowed an honorary membership on an individual
- 14.6 Visiting teams, and those playing social cricket at the club, and their associated entourage (e.g. umpire, scorer, parents, supporters etc) will be deemed honorary members for the day of the match.
- 14.7 The wives, partners, and minor children of all current members of the Club are deemed to be honorary members of the club and may enjoy the full facilities of the club except to attend and vote at meetings of the club.