

# **SOUTH WALES PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE**

## **CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution consists of the Constitution proper and its Appendices covering Match Regulations, Ground and Facilities Criteria and Disciplinary Regulations.

### **1) NAME**

The League will be known as “The South Wales Premier Cricket League” (SWPCL).

### **2) OBJECTS**

- a) To promote, foster, encourage and improve the standards of Cricket in South Wales; to promote interest in Cricket at all levels and to encourage and develop active participation in the game and to bring together through periodic meetings elected representatives of member clubs
- b) To recognise and uphold the Laws of Cricket (except as amended by the regulations attached hereto);
- c) To set and maintain the highest standards of club cricket and to take whatever action is considered; to promote good behaviour in senior and junior cricket in leagues, clubs and their teams in accordance with the Sports Council for Wales “Chwarae Teg. Fair Play” initiative of 2001, and any amendments made to those guidelines from time to time either by that body or any of its approved successors; to refuse to accept a player into the League during the period of a ban by another league or club, provide that the disciplinary procedure can be shown by the SWPCL to have followed the model identified in clauses 18-20 of the WCA Constitution (2006 issue)
- d) To admit clubs from the designated feeder leagues defined in the schedule attached to clause 4 below, but subject to the appropriate criteria for movement between leagues being met. Clubs who accept membership of the League shall by implication have agreed to abide by the Constitution and to accept the jurisdiction of the League’s Officers and Committees. Any club failing to accept jurisdiction will be deemed to have resigned from the League.
- e) To strive to the best of its ability to ensure that equitable treatment is given to all with whom it has contact irrespective of gender, religion, disability, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.
- f) To comply with the Child and Vulnerable Persons policy and implement procedures set out in the ECB policy of October 2003, and any amendments made to those guidelines from time-to-time, either by that body or its approved successors.
- g) To arrange representative matches, competitions and other fixtures as may from time-to-time be deemed advisable.

### **3) MANAGEMENT**

- a) The entire management of the League will be vested in a Management Committee and in an Executive defined as the three principle officers of the League i.e. Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer. The Executive shall be responsible for the conduct of the day-to-day affairs of the League.

### **4) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- (i) The Management Committee shall consist of the elected Officers of the League plus Three Representatives from each of the scheduled feeder leagues, two representatives from Glamorgan County Cricket Club and two directly elected representatives from the participating clubs.

The scheduled feeder leagues shall be:-

- (1) The South Wales Cricket Association (or its successor league)
  - (2) The South Wales Cricket League (or its successor league)
- (ii) The Management Committee shall meet regularly to review the actions of the Executive; to deal with any business referred to it by the Executive; and to deal with any matters reserved specifically to it under this constitution.
  - (iii) The Management Committee shall be empowered to add to, amend any Regulation save the playing regulations. Any addition or amendment to any Regulation must receive the votes of at least two thirds

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of the members present. Regulations cannot be amended while the season is in progress, or amended retrospectively.

- (iv) The Umpiring Co-ordinator, the Chief Inspector of Grounds, The Results Secretary, and Chairmen of sub-committees shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Management Committee but shall not have voting powers.
- (v) The Management Committee shall be entitled to replace any elected Officer of the League who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without good cause.
- (vi) The Management Committee shall determine the number of sub-committees that it may appoint, but must appoint a Disciplinary Committee Chairman. The Management Committee shall, from within its own number appoint a Vice-Chairman
- (vii) Neither Chairmen of sub-committees nor members of sub-committees are required to be members of the Management Committee. Membership of Sub-Committees shall not be more than five.
- (viii) Except where specified otherwise the Management Committee shall be empowered to deal with any matter including the enforcement of Regulations and/or breaches thereof. When considering breaches of any Regulation (except where otherwise provided), the Executive Officers shall absent themselves from the Committee (the Vice-Chairman taking the Chair), so that the Executive Officers can form an Appeals Committee if required.
- (ix) The Management Committee shall be empowered to deal with any matter not provided for under the constitution.
- (x) No decision of the Management Committee shall be discussed or rescinded at the immediately subsequent meeting unless the Chairman certifies that material circumstances have altered significantly since the previous meeting.
- (xi) The process of appeals against the decision of the Management Committee shall follow the provisions and principles for appeals as laid down in Section 5 of the Disciplinary Code (Appendix 3).

### **7) FINANCE**

- a) The Financial Year shall end on 30th October each year.
- b) Subscriptions shall be set by the Annual General Meeting and paid by 30th May each year.
- c) The Management Committee will determine from time-to-time any penalties that may be imposed for late payment of subscriptions
- d) The Management Committee shall be empowered to set a maximum for which an away team may be charged for tea.

### **8) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the South Wales Premier Cricket League will be held on the first Monday in December at a venue nominated by the Management Committee
- b) At least 28 days notice in writing of the AGM will be given to member clubs, advising date, time and venue.
- c) Written particulars of proposals, notices of motion and nominations for office, must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 21 days prior to the date of the meeting, properly proposed and seconded by separate clubs. Nominations for office and proposals for changes to playing regulations may also be made by the Officers of the League. or by the Management Committee. All proposals for changes to playing regulations must conform to requirements for Premier Leagues as laid down by ECB.
- d) The agenda, together with a copy of any proposals, notices of motion and nominations will be sent to clubs at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- e) All member shall be entitled to one vote.
- f) The following business shall normally be transacted at an AGM:
  - (i) Apologies for absence
  - (ii) Adoption of previous year's minutes
  - (iii) Chairman's report
  - (iv) Treasurer's report and adoption of the annual audited accounts

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- (v) Result Secretary's report
- (vi) Notices of motion and other proposals .
- (vii) Proposals for changes to playing regulations.
- (viii) Election of President, if vacant
- (ix) Election of Officers: Chairman; Treasurer; Secretary;
- (x) Annual subscriptions and fees.
- (xi) Elections of Honorary Member(s) and Vice-President(s)
- (xii) Any other business as may be allowed by the Chairman.

The Chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in all matters.

### **9) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) A special general meeting shall be called on receipt by the Secretary of a written request, signed by duly appointed officers of not less than five clubs.
- b) Each request shall state clearly the nature of the business to be discussed and shall be accompanied by a payment of a sum as will from time to time be decided by the Management Committee to cover expenses of such meetings.
- c) The rules for the conduct of such a meeting shall be the same as the rules of the Annual General Meeting save that only the proposed business and any amendments thereto shall be discussed.

### **10) PROMOTION/RELEGATION**

Teams within the South Wales Premier Cricket League shall be subject to promotion and relegation except where the total number of match cancellations and abandonments across all first eleven matches represents 40% or more of the scheduled matches.

Candidate clubs for promotion must meet the following criteria: -

- a) Meet the specified Ground & Facilities standards appropriate to the South Wales Premier Cricket League.
- b) Meet the required standards and participation levels in Junior Cricket as defined in the regulations.
- c) Be capable of playing first and second eleven matches on each fixture date specified for the League.

Promotion

One club from each of the scheduled leagues will be eligible for promotion.

Relegation

The bottom two clubs in the League will be liable to be relegated to the appropriate scheduled league.

### **11) ANTI-DOPING RULES**

- a) Any cricketer must, if requested by an official, designated by the Governing Body, for the purpose of doping control, submit to a doping control test. Failure to do so will be taken as if a positive result has been obtained and dealt with accordingly.
- b) If the analysis of a sample obtained from a player indicated the presence of a banned substance, the recognised procedure as laid down by the Sports Council for Wales shall be followed, and the Council or its designated Sub-Committee shall take such action as is considered appropriate.

### **12) DISSOLUTION OF LEAGUE**

- a) A proposal for the dissolution of the League may be put in the normal way to an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called specifically for this purpose.
- b) After a dissolution resolution is passed, the officers of the League will become the trustees of the assets of the League, and after deducting reasonable expenses, distribute the assets equally to member clubs as at the date of dissolution.

### **13) OTHER**

All member clubs must be affiliated to Cricket Wales