

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

## 2024

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#### 1. Name

The name of the Association shall be "NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED" (the Club).

## 2. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to control, promote and govern cricket matches in which teams representing the Club participate, including but without limiting the generality thereof, games organised, conducted or managed by the Sydney Cricket Association.

#### 3. Interpretation

In these Rules, except so far as the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires:

- i) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- ii) "The Act" means the Associations Incorporations Act, 2009<sup>1</sup>;
- iii) "The Commission" means NSW Fair Trading, a division of the NSW Department of Finance, Services and Innovation<sup>2</sup>;
- iv) "Member" means any member of the Club, incorporating all classes of membership listed in clause 5(c);
- v) "Honorary Secretary" means:
  - A. The person holding office under these Rules as Secretary of the Club; or
  - B. Where no such person holds that office, the Public Officer of the Club;
- vi) NSWCA means the New South Wales Cricket Association<sup>3</sup>;
- vii) "Sydney Cricket Association" means the Sydney Cricket Association Incorporated;
- viii) "property" includes real and personal property, any estate or interest in any property, real or personal, any debt, anything in action, and any other right or interest, whether in possession or not;
- ix) "Special General Meeting" means a General Meeting of the Club other than an Annual General Meeting; and
- x) Incapacitated means unable to fulfil duties as required by this Constitution or the Act, including being unable to:
  - A. understand the information relevant to the decisions that will have to be made in the role of a member of the Management Committee;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> changed by Special Resolution at AGM 27/07/2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> changed by Special Resolution at SGM 28/11/2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> changed by Special Resolution at AGM 19/07/2024

- B. retain that information to the extent necessary to make those decisions;
- C. use or weigh that information as part of the decision making process; or
- D. communicate the decisions in some way<sup>4</sup>.

## 4. Club Colours and Playing Dress

- (a) The colours of the Club will be RED, BLACK and WHITE<sup>5</sup>.
- (b) All Members participating in games of cricket on behalf of the Club will appear in proper cricketing attire.
- (c) All playing and training apparel worn by players representing the Club will contain the Club's colours, will be of such design as approved by the Management Committee and will be approved by the New South Wales Cricket Association as required<sup>6</sup>.
- (d) The design of emblems and badges permitted to be fixed to a player's dress will be as determined by the Management Committee and approved by the New South Wales Cricket Association.
- (e) Subject to the approval of the New South Wales Cricket Association, the Management Committee may authorise the wearing of apparel not in accordance with clause (b) hereof provided that the Management Committee shall not be empowered to authorise or approve any alteration of the Club's colours.

## 5. Membership

- (a) Subject to these Rules the Members of the Club shall be comprised of the members of the Club immediately prior to incorporation together with such other persons as the Management Committee admits to membership or who are elected to life membership pursuant to Rule 6.
- (b) Membership is open to all persons who accept the objects and agree to be bound by the Rules of the Club.
- (c) Members shall consist of the following classes:
  - i) a **Patron**, a **President** and an unlimited number of **Vice Presidents** who shall be entitled to attend and vote at all General Meetings of the Club;
  - ii) Active Members those persons who have paid a membership subscription fee in accordance with clause (h) and who shall have full rights and privileges of the Club;
  - Life Members those persons who have been elected as Life Members of the Club in accordance with Rule 6 and who shall have full rights and privileges of the Club;

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  definition added by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> colours were changed by Separate Special Resolution at AGM in July 2000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> requirement for NSWCA approval added by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

- iv) Associate and Practice Members those persons who pay a membership subscription fee in accordance with clause (h) but do not have all rights and privileges of Active Members; and
- v) **Honorary Members** those persons who each year are approved by the Management Committee to have the rights and privileges of Associate Members without the payment of a membership subscription fee.
- (d) The Patron, President and all Vice Presidents shall be elected by all the eligible Members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting each year. A Senior Vice President will be elected to represent all Vice Presidents on the Management Committee of the Club at the Annual General Meeting each year.
- (e) Except in the case of the Patron, President, all Vice Presidents, Life and Honorary Members, applications for membership shall be made in such form and contain such information as is determined from time to time by the Management Committee.
- (f) As soon as practicable after the receipt of an application for membership, such application shall be considered by the Management Committee who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant. The Management Committee shall not be required to give any reason or explanation for rejecting any application for admission.
- (g) A register of Members shall be kept by the Secretary of the Club, showing the name, address and date of commencement of membership for each Member.
- (h) Both Active and Associate Members shall pay such membership subscription fees as are determined from time to time by the Management Committee.
- (i) Membership shall cease upon resignation, expulsion, or failure to pay membership subscription fees by 30th November in each year or such other date as may be determined by the Management Committee.
- (j) Membership subscription fees shall fall on the last Saturday of September in each year or such other date as may be determined by the Management Committee.
- (k) The 12 months commencing on 1st September each year will constitute the "cricket year".
- (I) When a person is admitted for part only of the cricket year such Member will pay membership fees for membership up to the end of that cricket year as determined by the Management Committee.
- (m) The Management Committee may at its discretion waive payment of any membership subscription or playing fee payable by a Member.
- (n) The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1st May of each year or on such other date as approved by the New South Wales Cricket Association.

#### 6. Life Members

A person may be elected a Life Member of the Club at any Annual General Meeting by a majority of 75 per cent of those Members of the Club entitled to vote, present and voting. No person shall be elected as a Life Member of the Club unless his or her nomination for such election is recommended by the Management Committee.

## 7. Members' Liability

The Members of the Club shall have no liability to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities of the Club or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Club except to the amount of any unpaid membership fees.

#### 8. Management by Committee

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be controlled and managed by a Management Committee consisting of the Office-bearers and a maximum of 8 other Active or Life Members of the Club.
- (b) The Office-bearers of the Club shall consist of the President, a Senior Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer and the Delegates to the Sydney Cricket Association, who will be elected by eligible Members at each Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Office-bearers and the other members of the Management Committee will be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Any casual vacancy occurring in the Management Committee may be filled by a Member appointed by the Management Committee and such Member shall hold office until the conclusion of the immediately following Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Members of the Management Committee shall hold office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected until the conclusion of the immediately following Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Retiring members of the Management Committee are eligible for re-election.
- (f) A Member holding any salaried office of the Club or any office of the Club paid by fees will not be eligible for election to the Management Committee<sup>7</sup>.
- (g) No remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be paid or given by the Club to any member of the Management Committee except:
  - i) repayment of out-of-pocket expenses;
  - ii) interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being which is or would be charged by the Club's bankers for money lent to the Club; and
  - iii) reasonable and proper rent for premises let to the Club.
- (h) Subject to clause (i) a person who is an elected Office-bearer of the Club and is not an Active or Life Member of the Club is not eligible for election to the Management Committee.
- (i) The Patron is eligible for election to the Management Committee and to hold a position on the Management Committee concurrently with the position of Patron.
- (j) The Management Committee has the power to elect Vice Presidents of the Club, who need not be Members of the Club. Vice Presidents shall be elected annually, the term of their election to accord with the cricket year of the Club.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> changed by Special Resolution at AGM 27/07/2013

- (k) Subject to the Act and the Regulations made there under, to these Rules, and to any resolution passed by the Club in a General Meeting, the Management Committee:
  - i) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the Club other than those functions that are required by these Rules or the Act to be exercised by a General Meeting of Members of the Club; and
  - ii) has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the Management Committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper control and Management of the affairs of the Club.
- (I) The Management Committee may appoint any salaried officer of the Club to a Grading Committee<sup>8</sup>.

# 9. Delegates to the Sydney Cricket Association and the NSWCA<sup>9</sup>

- (a) The Club shall elect the number of delegates to the Sydney Cricket Association provided for by the rules of the Association as at the date of each Annual General Meeting<sup>10</sup>.
- (b) Following the appointment of the delegates to the SCA pursuant to Clause 9(a), the Management committee, at its next meeting, shall elect one of the SCA delegates as the Club's delegate to the NSWCA.
- (c) If, at any time, the Club does not have appointed delegates to the SCA, the Management Committee will be entitled to appoint one or two delegates to the SCA in such manner and on such terms as it considers appropriate in the circumstances.

## **10. Meetings of the Management Committee**

- (a) The Management Committee shall meet as often as is necessary to conduct the business of the Club, but in any event not less than once every 2 months.
- (b) The quorum for meetings of the Management Committee shall be 7.
- (c) In the event of a vacancy or vacancies in the members of the Management Committee, the remaining members may continue to act, but if the number of remaining members is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Management Committee, they may act only for the purpose of appointing new members of the Management Committee to at least the numbers of members required to constitute a quorum.
- (d) Notice of Management Committee meetings shall be given at the previous Management Committee meeting or by such other means as the Management Committee may determine.
- (e) At a meeting of the Management Committee:
  - i) the President shall preside as chairperson of the meeting; or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> approved by Special Resolution at AGM 27/07/2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> reference to NSWCA and limbs (b) and (c) added by Special Resolution at AGM 19/07/2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

- ii) if the President is absent or unwilling to act as a chairperson such one of the remaining members of the Management Committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting shall preside as chairperson.
- (f) Questions arising at any meeting of the Management Committee shall be decided by the majority of votes of those members of the Management Committee present. In the case of an equality of votes the person presiding as chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (g) A person may attend a meeting of the Management Committee at the invitation of any of the Office-bearers or at the invitation of the Management Committee.
- (h) The Management Committee shall have the power to invite any external delegate to attend meetings of the Management Committee<sup>11</sup>. Such delegates will have no power to vote on matters appertaining to the business of the Club.
- (i) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the Management Committee is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any members of the Management Committee.

## **11. Management Committee – Vacation of Office**

The office of a member of the Management Committee shall become vacant if the member:

- i) dies;
- ii) ceases to be Member of the Club;
- iii) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*<sup>12</sup>;
- iv) resigns office by notice in writing given to the Honorary Secretary;
- v) after reasonable consideration, is determined by the Management Committee to have become Incapacitated and the Management Committee reasonably expects the Director will remain Incapacitated for a period exceeding 3 months, provided always that:
  - A. the member is first given the opportunity to make written or oral submissions to the Management Committee before a determination is made; and
  - B. any determination made under this clause v) shall be made with the Management Committee acting reasonably<sup>13</sup>.
- vi) is absent from 3 successive Management Committee meetings without reasonable excuse or without the approval of the Management Committee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> changed by Special Resolution at AGM 19/07/2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

## **12. General Meeting**

- (a) The quorum for General Meetings of the Club shall be 20 Members.
- (b) Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a General Meeting requires a special resolution of the Club, the Honorary Secretary shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the General Meeting, serve on each Member a notice, specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (c) Where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a General Meeting requires a special resolution of the Club, the Honorary Secretary shall, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the General Meeting, serve a notice on each Member specifying in addition to the information required under clause (b) the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- (d) No business other than specified in the notice convening a General Meeting shall be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an Annual General Meeting, business which may be transacted pursuant to Rule 13(b).
- (e) A Member desiring to bring any business before a General Meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the Honorary Secretary who shall include that business in the next notice calling a General Meeting given after receipt of the notice from the Member.
- (f) No item of business shall be transacted at a General Meeting unless a quorum of Members entitled under these Rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (g) If within half an hour after the appointed time for commencement of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of Members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to Members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.
- (h) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for commencement of the meeting, the Members present (being not less than 15) shall constitute a quorum.
- (i) The President shall preside as chairperson at each General Meeting of the Club.
- (j) If the President is absent from a General Meeting or unwilling to act as chairperson, the Members present shall elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.
- (k) The chairperson of a General Meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of Members present at the meeting adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (I) Where a General Meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the Honorary Secretary shall give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each Member stating the

place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

- (m) Except as provided in clause (I), notice of an adjournment of a General Meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.
- (n) A question arising at a General Meeting of the Club shall be determined on a means determined by the chairperson but such that all votes are able to be made available to any Member on request<sup>14</sup>. A declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the General Meeting will constitute evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
- (o) At a General Meeting of the Club, a poll may be demanded by the chairperson or by not less than 5 Members present at the meeting.
- (p) Where a poll is demanded at a General Meeting, the poll shall be taken.
- (q) Upon any request arising at a General Meeting of the Club only Active and Life Members shall be entitled to vote and shall have one vote only.
- (r) All votes shall be given personally.
- (s) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a General Meeting, the chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

## **13. Annual General Meeting**

- (a) An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in June or July of each year at such time and on such date as the Management Committee may determine but no later than the last Friday in July, such date to comply with the requirements of the Sydney Cricket Association<sup>15</sup>.
- (b) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting, the business of an Annual General Meeting shall be to:
  - i) confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting held before that meeting;
  - ii) receive from the Management Committee reports upon the activities of the Club during the last preceding financial year;
  - iii) elect the Patron of the Club;
  - iv) elect Office-bearers of the Club and a maximum of 8 other members of the Management Committee;
  - v) elect the Club's delegates to the Sydney Cricket Association pursuant to clause 9<sup>16</sup>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> changed by Special Resolution at AGM 27/07/2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> added by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

- vi) elect two (2) selectors to the Men's Grading Committee and two (2) selectors to the Women's Grading Committee to select teams for grade competitions pursuant to clause 27, subject to the following conditions<sup>17</sup>:
  - A. both members of each Grading Committee must be Members or Officebearers of the Club; and
  - B. if in accordance with clause 8(I) the Management Committee has appointed a salaried officer of the Club to a Grading Committee, then the number of selectors to be elected to the relevant Grading Committee in accordance with clause (v) shall be one; in all other cases, the number of selectors to be elected shall be two;
- vii) elect an Honorary Auditor or Auditors;
- viii) receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members under the Act<sup>18</sup>.

## (c) Method of Election of Office-bearers and Committees at the Annual General Meeting

- i) Only Active Members, Life Members, the Patron, the President, the Senior Vice President and active Office-bearers shall be entitled to vote, and no person shall be entitled to more than one vote, and no person shall have more than vote, for the Annual Election of Office-bearers or other Committees of the Club.
- ii) Nominations for Office-bearers for the ensuing year may be made in writing by informing the Honorary Secretary before the annual General Meeting or by verbal nomination to the Honorary Secretary at the Annual General Meeting. All nominations must be seconded. Each nominator and seconder must be a person eligible to vote.
- iii) The President shall appoint two scrutineers acceptable to the Meeting and who are not candidates for any position among the Office-bearers or various Committees of the Club.
- iv) The Method of election shall be:
  - A. each eligible voter shall vote for the exact number to be elected; and
  - B. the number of votes obtained by each candidate shall be written in descending order. This descending order shall decide the successful candidates beginning from the top of this list a candidate shall be declared elected until the total number required shall be elected. For example, if four (4) are to be elected from seven (7), those occupying positions 1 to 4 on the list in descending order shall be elected.

## **14. Special General Meetings**

(a) The Management Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the Club.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> changed by Special Resolution at SGM 28/11/2023

- (b) The Management Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than 15 Active or Life Members of the Club, convene a Special General Meeting of the Club.
- (c) A requisition of Members for a Special General Meeting:
  - i) shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;
  - ii) shall be signed by the Members making the requisition;
  - iii) shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary; and
  - iv) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the Members making the requisition.
- (d) The Management Committee shall convene a Special General Meeting within 1 month after the date on which a requisition of Members for the meeting is lodged with the Honorary Secretary, and each Member shall be advised by notice in writing at least 7 clear days before the day appointed for the Special General Meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting and no other business shall be conducted at the meeting.

## **15. Disciplining of Members<sup>19</sup>**

- (a) A complaint may be made to the Management Committee by any person that a Member has:
  - i) refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these Rules;
  - ii) persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of the New South Wales Cricket Association By-Laws (as amended or updated from time to time);
  - iii) acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the game of cricket;
  - iv) wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club; or
  - v) breached a condition of any code of behavior of the Club as determined from time to time by the Management Committee.
- (b) The Management Committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.
- (c) If the Management Committee decides to deal with the complaint, the Management Committee may refer the matter to a Judiciary Committee being a sub-committee of three members of the Management Committee ("Judiciary Committee").
- (d) Where the Management Committee refers a matter to the Judiciary Committee under clause (c) the Honorary Secretary must promptly: notify the Member concerned:
  - i) as to the nature of the complaint and he grounds on which it is based;
  - ii) that he or she is to appear before the Judiciary Committee, at a meeting to be held not earlier than 3 days and not later than 14 days after service of the notice;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> changes to clause 15 approved by Special Resolution at AGM 19/07/2024

- iii) the date, place and time of that Judiciary Committee meeting; and
- iv) that the Member may at that meeting:
  - A. make oral representations in relation to the matter;
  - B. submit any written material or evidence, in relation to the matter;
  - C. produce any witnesses on his or her behalf; and
  - D. be represented.
  - (e) The Judiciary Committee may, after hearing the matter:
    - i) issue a warning in the nature of a reprimand to the Member;
    - ii) suspend any or all of the privileges attaching to the Member's membership of the Club, for a specified period;
    - iii) suspend or disqualify the Member from membership of the Club, for a specified period;
    - iv) expel the Member from the Club; or
    - v) otherwise make directions to the Member in relation to actions relevant to the subject matter of the complaint..
  - (f) Where a Member is the subject of a disciplinary process under the New South Wales Cricket Association By-Laws or Cricket New South Wales Complaints and Dispute Resolution Policy (or otherwise under the Cricket New South Wales Integrity Framework (as amended or updated from time to time)) and is required to appear before a Judiciary Committee or equivalent ("the Association Judiciary") in relation to a complaint which is the subject of a matter referred to the Judiciary Committee of the Club under clause 15(c):
    - i) the Member will not be required to appear before the Judiciary Committee of the Club until that matter has been heard and determined by the Association Judiciary; and
    - ii) the requirement specified in clause 15(d) for the notification of a Member and the service of a notice thereunder, shall not commence until that matter has been heard and determined by the Association Judiciary.
  - (g) The Judiciary Committee may adjudicate in the absence of the Member who is the subject of the complaint should that Member fail to attend before the Judiciary Committee as required.
  - (h) Where the Judiciary Committee imposes a penalty under clause 15(e) the Honorary Secretary shall, within 7 days after that decision has been made, by notice in writing, inform the Member of the decision and of the Member's right to appeal under clause 16.
  - Any penalty imposed upon a Member by the Judiciary Committee under clause (e) shall have effect immediately upon its imposition, notwithstanding the rights of a Member to appeal against the decision of the Judiciary Committee under clause 16.

## **16.** Right of Appeal of Disciplined Member<sup>20</sup>

- (a) A Member may appeal against the decision of the Judiciary Committee under clause 15(e) within 7 days after notice of the decision under clause 15(h) is served on the Member, by lodging with the Honorary Secretary a notice to that effect.
- (b) The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the Member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
- (c) Upon receipt of a notice from a Member under clause 16(a), the Honorary Secretary shall notify the Management Committee which shall appoint 3 of its members to form an Appeals Committee which shall hear the appeal within 7 days after the date on which the Honorary Secretary received the notice. The members of the Management Committee who were members of the Judiciary Committee which dealt with the matter in the first instance shall be excluded from appointment to the Appeals Committee.
- (d) The Appeals Committee may confirm, amend or reverse any decision of the Judiciary Committee.
- (e) A Member who has been suspended or has had any of his or her membership privileges suspended by the Judiciary Committee under clause 15(e), and who has not been completely exonerated on appeal, if any, by the Appeals Committee, shall be prohibited from acting in any administration position or as an Office-bearer of the Club or as a captain of any team controlled by the Club until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club held after the expiration of such suspension.

## **17. Special Resolutions**

- (a) A special resolution must be passed by a General Meeting of the Club to effect any of the following changes:
  - i) an alteration to the Club's name;
  - ii) an alteration to the Club's Rules;
  - iii) an alteration of or addition to the Club's objects;
  - iv) an alteration to the Club's colours;
  - v) an amalgamation with another incorporated or unincorporated association;
  - vi) to voluntarily wind up the club and distribute its property; or
  - vii) to apply for registration as a company or a co-operative society.
- (b) A resolution of the Club is a special resolution if-
  - it is passed by a majority which comprises not less than 75 per cent of such Members of the Club as, being entitled under these Rules so to do, vote at a General Meeting of which not less than 21 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution was given in accordance with these Rules; or

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 20}$  changes to clause 16 (including separation from clause 15) approved by Special Resolution at AGM 19/07/2024

ii) where it is made to appear to the Commission that it is not possible or practicable for the resolution to be passed in the manner specified by the Commission.

## **18. Public Officer**

- (a) The Management Committee shall ensure that a person is appointed as Public Officer.
- (b) The first Public Officer shall be the person who completes the application for incorporation of the Club.
- (c) The Management Committee may at any time remove the Public Officer and appoint a new Public Officer provided the person appointed is 18 years of age or older and a resident of New South Wales.
- (d) The Public Officer shall be deemed to have vacated his or her position if he or she<sup>21</sup>:
  - i) dies;
  - ii) resigns;
  - iii) is removed by the Management Committee or at a General Meeting;
  - iv) becomes bankrupt or financially insolvent;
  - v) takes up residence outside of New South Wales; or
  - vi) ceases to be a Member of the Club.
- (e) When a vacancy occurs in the position of Public Officer the Management Committee shall within 14 days notify the Commission in the prescribed form and appoint a new Public Officer.
- (f) The Public Officer may be a member of the Management Committee or any other Member eligible for election to the Management Committee.

#### **19.** Insurance<sup>22</sup>

The Management Committee may effect and maintain such insurance as it deems necessary either on its own account or through policies held by the New South Wales Cricket Association or the Sydney Cricket Association.

## 20. Funds

- (a) The funds of the Club shall be derived from the membership subscription fees, playing fees, donations, subsidies, grants and such other sources determined or approved by the Management Committee.
- (b) The fee payable by a Member as a playing fee will be as determined by the Management Committee.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 21}$  changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> changed by Special Resolution at AGM 19/07/2024

- (c) All money received by the Club shall be deposited as soon as practicable in any account opened in the Club's name with a bank, building society or corporation, deposits in which have been prescribed as authorised securities pursuant to the Trustee Act, 1925.
- (d) All outgoing money transfers and any other negotiable instruments shall be signed or authorised electronically by any 2 of the President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Honorary Treasurer<sup>23</sup>.

#### (e) Fund Raising

- The raising or obtaining in the name of the Club of all moneys, donations, sponsorships, incentives, trophies or the like for the Club or for a Member or Members of the Club in their capacity as Members of the Club must be approved or ratified by the Management Committee or its duly appointed nominee(s).
- ii) The allocation, appropriation and disbursement of all moneys, donations, sponsorships, incentives, trophies, or the like received or obtained by or made available or promised to the Club, whether in the form of money or otherwise, shall be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Management Committee.
- iii) The Management Committee shall have due regard to the expressed wishes of such donors or sponsors regarding the allocation, appropriation or disbursement of such moneys, donations, sponsorships, incentives, trophies or the like.
- iv) The provisions of Rule 15 shall apply to any Member who contravenes this clause.

#### **21.** Authorisation of Accounts

All accounts shall be presented to and approved for payment at a meeting of the Management Committee and details of the payment shall be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

#### **22. Official Documents**

Official Documents of the Club shall be attested by the signatures either of 2 members of the Management Committee or of 1 member of the Management Committee and the Public Officer<sup>24</sup>.

#### 23. Services of Notices and Documents

- (a) For the purpose of these Rules, a notice or document may be served by or on behalf of the Club upon any Member personally or by sending it electronically or by post or delivering it to the Member's address shown in the register of Members.
- (b) Where a notice or document is sent to a person electronically or by post, the notice or document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purposes of these Rules to have been delivered in the ordinary course of events<sup>25</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> changed by Special Resolution at AGM 27/07/2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> changed by Special Resolution at AGM 27/07/2013

## 24. Minutes

- (a) The Honorary Secretary or the Assistant Honorary Secretary or such other person as the Management Committee may determine shall cause minutes to be made of any and all meetings of the Management Committee and any and all General Meetings of the Club.
- (b) The minutes of a meeting shall be ratified in writing by the chairperson of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.

## 25. Keeping, Custody and Inspection of Books

- (a) The Honorary Treasurer shall ensure that correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Club. Such records shall be available for inspection by any Member and shall be held in the custody of the Honorary Treasurer.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by these Rules, the Honorary Secretary shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the Club. Such records, books and other documents shall be open to inspection, free of charge, by any Member at any reasonable hour.

## 26. Audit

The Honorary Auditor or Auditors appointed by the Members shall, prior to the Annual General Meeting each year, audit the books, accounts and records of the Club and the report of such audit shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

## 27. Selection of Teams<sup>26</sup>

- (a) For the first round of each grade competition conducted by the Sydney Cricket Association in any cricket season, male teams to represent the Club will be selected by a Men's Grading Committee and female teams to represent the Club will be selected by a Women's Grading Committee. Each Grading Committee will comprise 2 members appointed by the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Each Grading Committee shall appoint a captain for each team and present the appointed captains at least 1 week prior to the first round of the relevant grade competition to the Management Committee. The Management Committee may remove any appointed captain at any time by a majority vote of no less than 75 per cent.
- (c) Teams to represent the Club after Round 1 of each grade competition will be selected by a Selection Committee, comprising the relevant Grading Committee together with the captain of the team being selected, or the coach in place of the captain of a team predominantly comprising players aged under 18. The captain (or coach) of the team below the team being selected may offer advice, but will have no voting rights.
- (d) The captain of any team representing the Club may be removed and replaced at any time by the relevant Grading Committee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

- (e) The chairperson of each Grading Committee shall be appointed by the Management Committee and shall act as chairperson of all Selection Committees for the Club's teams of the relevant gender.
- (f) The basis of selection of any other team representing the Club will be as determined by the Management Committee.
- (g) In the absence of a team captain from a Selection Committee meeting his or her nominated representative shall act in his or her stead.
- (h) Should a Grading Committee member vacate his or her position during the cricket year the Management Committee will appoint a replacement for the current cricket year.

#### 28. Compliance with New South Wales Cricket Association Obligations of Affiliates

- (a) The Club shall comply with all obligations of affiliates of the New South Wales Cricket Association set out in the New South Wales Cricket Association By-Laws. The Management Committee is responsible for ensuring such compliance<sup>27</sup>.
- (b) In particular, any addition to or alteration or amendment of any of these Rules shall be of no effect until and unless approved by the Board of the New South Wales Cricket Association in respect of any proposed addition to or deletion or amendment of any of these Rules.
- (c) Where practicable the Honorary Secretary shall notify, and seek the approval of, the Board of the New South Wales Cricket Association in respect of any proposed addition to or deletion or amendment of these Rules.

#### **29. Surplus Property**

In the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of the Club, all the surplus property of the Club pursuant to Section 53 (2) of the Act shall vest in the New South Wales Cricket Association.

## **30.** Duties of the Honorary Secretary and Assistant Honorary Secretary

- (a) The Honorary Secretary shall keep written minutes of all proceedings of the Club and such minutes shall be available at all meetings of the Management Committee and General Meetings of the Club. He or she shall also receive all correspondence and submit same to the next Management Committee or Annual General Meeting, record names and addresses of all Members, keep all records of the Club and carry out such duties as from time to time are directed by the Management Committee and or a General Meeting<sup>28</sup>.
- (b) The Assistant Honorary Secretary shall assist the Honorary Secretary to carry out all duties as set out in regard to the position of Honorary Secretary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> added by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023

## 31. Duties of the Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Honorary Treasurer

- (a) The Honorary Treasurer shall receive all revenues of the Club and have charge of all its property, which he or she shall not lend or dispose of without the consent of the Management Committee.
- (b) The Honorary Treasurer shall keep an account of receipts and expenditure of the Club in an appropriate electronic form which shall be available for inspection at all Management Committee and General Meetings of the Club. At all meetings of the Management Committee, he or she shall submit a financial statement and detailed listing of all players who have represented the Club and whose playing fees are due but have not been paid<sup>29</sup>.
- (c) The Honorary Treasurer will also be responsible for preparing the Annual Financial Statements of the Club. A Profit and Loss Statement and a Balance Sheet will be prepared. The Balance Sheet is to clearly show the assets and due but unpaid liabilities of the Club at Balance Sheet close each year.
- (d) The Assistant Honorary Treasurer will assist the Honorary Treasurer to carry out all the duties of the position of Honorary Treasurer and to present all information required of the Honorary Treasurer when that person is unable to attend Management Committee meetings or the Annual General Meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> changed by Special Resolution carried at AGM on 21/07/2023 and SGM on 28/11/2023