**BROADCLYST CRICKET CLUB**

**CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

**1. NAME OF THE CLUB** The organisation shall be known as Broadclyst Cricket Club.

**2. AIMS OF THE CLUB** (i) To promote and encourage the playing of cricket in the community.

(ii) To foster the relationship with other teams by so doing.

(iii) To give the individual the opportunity to improve their standards.

(iv) To develop an open and welcoming club to all

**3. PREMISES** (i) The Club premises shall be the Clubhouse, Killerton Park, Killerton, Broadclyst, near Exeter.

**4. MEMBERSHIP** (i) Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons.

(ii) Membership entitles members to:

* + - * + Play cricket for the club
        + Use of the club facilities
        + Vote at the annual general meeting and special general meetings

(iii) A candidate for membership shall complete the current appropriate application form. These particulars shall be submitted to a member of the committee who along with at least one other committee member shall approve the application and elect the candidate as a member, before the candidate will be admitted to any privileges of membership

(iv) Membership of Broadclyst Cricket club shall be renewed annually, the membership period shall be from the 1st April to the 31st March the following calendar year. A new application form should be completed if any of the existing members details have changed or if they are a new member.

(v) The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club committee and decided by a majority vote.

(vi) Any non-playing member who has not paid their subscription in full by the 31st March is not entitled to use the club premises until payment of their subscription in full has been received by the club.

(vii) Any prospective member who wishes to represent the club as a player will be able to participate in two games prior to paying their subscription in full.

(viii) Any playing member who has not paid their subscription in full by the 31st March is not entitled to represent the club as a player or use the facilities until payment of their subscription in full has been received.

**5. MANAGEMENT** (i) The management of the club shall be vested in a Management Committee (“the Committee”) of not fewer than six and not more than twelve persons. This Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by a majority vote of those present who are entitled to vote.

(ii) The Committee shall meet monthly to transact any business arising with the exception of December and other months at the discretion of the chairman.

(iii) All subscribing members shall be eligible for election to the Committee.

(iv) The Committee shall have power at any time to fill any casual vacancy among the officers and Committee members and any member of the Committee so elected shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting, but then shall be eligible for re-election.

(v) A Committee meeting shall only be held if there are more than five elected members of the Committee in attendance.

(vi) The Committee shall organise such fund-raising events as are deemed necessary.

**6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

(i) The Committee shall convene each year in the month of January for an Annual General Meeting to which all current members of the Club shall be invited, and at which shall be elected the Committee, consisting of the following:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Club Captains

Club Vice-Captains

Fixture Secretary

Membership Secretary

Bar Officer

and other persons to the number provided above and shall present to the Annual General Meeting a report for the year and an audited statement of account.

(ii) Nominations for Officers and Committee Members will be taken from the floor and in writing to the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting, but only from fully paid up members of the Club. All Officers and Committee Members shall be elected annually and will serve for the ensuing year.

(iii) A Special General Meeting may be convened by the Secretary on receipt of (a) a request by the Committee of the Club, or (b) a request in writing supported by not fewer than six members of the Club. Such a request shall state the purpose for which the meeting is required. Such meetings shall be held within 28 days of receipt of the request and members shall be given 14 days notice of the meeting.

**7. BAR SALES** (i) No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club or any member thereof, any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to the purchase of intoxicating liquor by the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to Members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.

(ii) The purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be at the absolute discretion of the committee.

**8. GUESTS** (i) Guests may purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises.

**9. VISITORS** (i) The following persons other than Club members shall be entitled to use all the Club facilities and to purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises:-

* + - * + Members
        + Members of the public
        + Visiting Clubs or teams
        + Supporters of visiting Clubs or teams

Provided that such admission is limited to the day of the sports match or other event as is the purpose of the visit.

(ii) The names of all visitors to Broadclyst Cricket Club shall be recorded on each occasion of their visit. A visitors book will be provided for this purpose.

(iii) Any one member of the Committee can refuse to allow into the Clubhouse a visitor whose conduct or presence is considered by that member objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club.

(iv) Members of visiting recognised clubs (as defined in the 2003 Licensing Act), and their guests, shall be admitted to the Club as associate members and shall be allowed to purchase alcohol for consumption on the Club premises and enjoy any other benefits of membership during their visit.

**10. MEMBERS’ PROPERTY**

(i) The Club shall not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to any property of members, their guests, opposition and supporters, howsoever caused both in the Clubhouse and grounds.

**11. CLUB HOURS** (i) The Club shall be open during such hours as the Committee may from time to time determine.

**12. PERMITTED HOURS** (i) The permitted hours shall be as decided by the Management Committee.

(ii) Persons under the age of 18 years shall not be permitted to purchase or consume alcoholic liquor.

**13. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** (i) All moneys shall be paid to the Treasurer and shall be banked by them. Delegated authority for expenditure by the treasurer will be determined the committee. Expenditure outside of delegated authority shall not be incurred without the sanction of at least two committee members.

(ii) The Club’s financial year shall be 1st January to 31st December.

(iii) The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club’s aims as set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club.

**14. PRESIDENT** (i) An eminent member of the community nominated by the majority of the members shall be invited to become the Club President. He shall become a Member of the Club with all rights and privileges thereof and shall remain in office for an indefinite period. Should a subsequent election for President be necessary, it will only take place at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. The presidents is a life member.

**15. LIFE MEMBERS** (i) Any person who, in the opinion of the Committee has rendered special service to the Club may be elected a Life Member of the Club by the Committee or by Members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

(ii) Life Members shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings and be elected to the Committee.

(iii) Life members shall be exempt from membership fees.

**16. SUBSCRIPTIONS** (i) All adult Members of the Club, except Life Members, shall pay an Annual Subscription Fee as agreed at the Annual General Meeting. Fees should be paid in accordance with section 4 iv.

**17. ALTERATION TO RULES**

(i) Alteration to rules shall be made only at Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings convened for that purpose, following 28 days notice of the proposed alterations or amendments and accepted by a two-thirds majority of those present who are entitled to vote. The Secretary shall within 28 days of such alteration or amendment give written notice thereof to the relevant authorities or bodies.

**18. WINDING UP** (i) The affairs of the Club shall not be wound up except at a Special General Meeting especially convened for that purpose, following 21 days due notice in good time of a proposal to terminate the affairs of the Club and accepted by 75% majority of those entitled to vote.

(ii) In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:

(a) A registered charitable organisation(s).

(b) Another Club which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club.

(c) The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports.