



Luton Town & Indians Cricket Club Club Constitution

1.0 NOMENCLATURE & CONSTITUTION:

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be **LUTON TOWN & INDIANS CRICKET CLUB**.
- 1.2 The objects of the Club shall be: -
- (a) To promote the amateur sport of Cricket in Luton and community participation in the same.
 - (b) To play cricket in accordance with the England and Wales cricket board rules and within the laws of the local leagues.
 - (c) To promote opportunities to play cricket, social activities and for goodwill and understanding among its members.
- 1.3 (a) The Club is firmly and enthusiastically committed to 'Safe Hands' – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children – as part of its commitment to ensuring that the game provides a safe and enjoyable experience for all children.
- (b) The Club will adopt and adhere to the principles of the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code during the 2022 season.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- 2.1 Luton Town & Indians Cricket Club is a private members club and is a non-profit making organisation. All profit and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the club's facilities. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body or to members on winding up or dissolution of the club.
- 2.2 Application shall be for the membership of Luton Town & Indians Cricket Club.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Membership is open to any person, cricket playing or non-playing who shall be bound by the Constitution and rules of the Club and undertake to observe the club rules and comply with Executive Committee decisions. All members undertake to play cricket in accordance with the England and Wales cricket board rules, and within the laws of the local leagues and in the Spirit of the game.
- 2.5 The Club may have different classes of membership and appropriate subscription payable on a

non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscription levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. The Annual Subscriptions shall be those fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee. An entrance fee, fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee, shall be payable by all new members in addition to the annual subscription.

2.6 Classes of Membership.

A. Senior Playing Membership

A Senior player (18yrs and over) is any person who has paid the full annual subscription. Such membership entitles the member to use the facilities at LTICC Clubhouse and premises and confers eligibility for selection to all Cricket matches.

Application for membership of the club shall be by completion of the player membership application form and agree to conform to the conditions as stipulated above in 2.4.

B. Junior & Colts Playing Membership.

A junior member is any person who at the start of the school year on 1st September is under the age of 18 years.

A Colt member is any person who at the start of the school year on 1st September is aged between nine years and under seventeen years.

Application for membership to the Colts Section must be made, on behalf of the applicant, by the applicant's parent or legal guardian. Subject to an interval of at least two clear days between nomination and admission and payment in full of the Colts annual subscription, the applicant's parent or legal guardian shall be afforded the benefits of club membership **with the exception of:** Voting Rights, eligibility to make nominations; holding office or, standing for election to the Executive Committee of the Club. Such privileges to which the parent or legal guardians entitled shall apply only whilst their charge remains a member of the Colts Section of the Club.

C. Non-Playing membership.

A non-playing member is any person who has paid the appropriate fee. Such membership entitles the member to use of the facilities at the LTICC Clubhouse and premises but **does not** confer eligibility for cricket selection.

Application for membership of the club shall be by completion of the non-player membership application form. Every candidate for admission as a non-playing member shall be proposed, on the application form, by one member and seconded by another, both of who shall have been Club members for at least twelve months' standing, and who shall vouch, from their personal knowledge, for the suitability of the candidate.

The election of candidates for non-playing membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of a Membership Sub-committee comprising the Officers and one other member of the Executive Committee. The Membership Sub-committee may require the attendance of any candidate and their proposer and seconder to answer such reason for the non-election of a candidate.

D. Family Membership.

A family member is the wife, husband or child/children (under the age of 18 years at 1st April) of a fully paid up Senior Playing member, Non-Playing member or Honorary member. Such membership entitles the member to use of the facilities at the LTICC Clubhouse and premises but **does not** confer eligibility for cricket selection nor have any voting rights.

E. Associate Membership.

An Associate member is any person or group of persons who have paid the appropriate fee. Associate Membership shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee and shall apply only to Clubs or groups that become associated with Luton Town and Indians Cricket Club. The membership fee for Associate Membership shall be as determined from time to time by the

Executive Committee and shall apply to the Associate Club and not to an individual. Membership of an Associate Club shall entitle the member and their guests to full use of the Clubhouse facilities, and the Bar at the applicable LTICC standard rate charges but shall **exclude** qualification for election as an Officer, Membership of the Executive Committee, attend General Meetings and have **no voting rights** as members.

F. Honorary Member.

The Management Committee shall have the power to confer honorary membership on persons for outstanding service to the Club. Honorary members are not required to pay a subscription and shall be entitled to use of the facilities at the LTICC Clubhouse and premises. Honorary membership can be terminated at the discretion of the Management Committee.

2.7 All persons representing the Club or acting formally on its behalf in any capacity or role shall be required to be a fully paid up member of LTICC. ***An employee of LTICC or a person holding a franchise issued by LTICC shall not be eligible for membership.***

2.8 Details of Membership Applicants: The name of the Applicant together with the name of those proposing and seconding the application for membership shall be displayed on or near the Club Notice Board for not less than seven days before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

2.9 Membership Cards: No candidate elected by the Executive Committee shall be deemed to be a member of the club, or participate in its privileges or benefits, without an interval of at least two clear days between their nomination and their admission and until s/he has paid their first subscription. Thereafter, he/she shall receive a Membership Card which must be shown to any Officer, Committee Member or member of Staff of LTICC, who may at any time require production thereof.

2.10 Guest and Visitors:

Every member shall be entitled to introduce visitors subject to such Bye- Laws or Regulations as shall be made from time to time by the Committee and every visitor shall be considered a guest and be accompanied by the member introducing him/her. This entitlement is subject to the following provisions:

No person shall be introduced as a visitor to the Club who has been expelled from membership or whose conduct or presence in the Clubhouse shall be considered by the Committee to be objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club. The name and address of each visitor with the date of their visit shall be entered in the Visitors' Book together with the name of the introducing member, who shall be responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their guest whilst on Club premises.

2.11 Annual Subscriptions:

The annual subscription renewals are payable by the AGM date. Subscriptions not paid on the due date shall have to make a fresh application. The membership of a member who fails to pay their subscription within 28 days of the due date shall be deemed to have lapsed and a fresh application for re-admittance to the membership of the Club will be required. Re-applications will be treated as a new application and will be subject to the payment of an entrance fee under the provisions of rules 2.3 and 2.4.

2.12 Termination of Membership.

The Club's Executive Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause as conduct or character of the member is likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute.

Membership Resignation: Any member may resign membership by giving a written notice, which shall have immediate effect, to the Club Honorary Secretary.

No person, who ceases to be a member, shall be entitled to the return of any subscriptions but shall remain liable for any money due to the Club at the time membership ceases.

3.0 CLUB COLOURS:

3.1 The colours of the Club shall be Orange, Green and Maroon and the Borough Coat of Arms.

4.0 AFFILIATION:

The Club shall be affiliated to the following bodies:

- 4.1 England and Wales Cricket Board.
- 4.2 The Bedfordshire County Cricket Board.
- 4.3 The Saracens Hertfordshire League.
- 4.4 The Bedfordshire County Cricket League.
- 4.5 The Millman Trophy.
- 4.6 The Luton and District Midweek Cricket League.
- 4.7 The Club Cricket Conference.

5.0 MANAGEMENT:

- 5.1 The Club shall be governed by the Annual General Meeting and decision taken there at shall be binding.
- 5.2 The day-to-day Management of the Club shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee.
- 5.3 The Executive Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

5.4 CLUB OFFICERS.

The Officers of LTICC shall comprise of:

- (1) the Hon. Chairman, (2) Hon. Vice Chairman, (3) Hon. Secretary, (4) Hon. Treasurer, (5) Director of Cricket,**
- (6) the Hon. Chairman (LT. Sports Club), (7) Hon. Secretary, (LT. Sports Club), and (8) Hon. Treasurer (LT. Sports Club).**

5.5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of LTICC shall comprise of the eight Officers as in Clause 5.4, plus the Hon. Assistant Secretary and seven elected committee members.

In addition to these sixteen positions the following will be Ex-Officio members of the Executive Committee: The Fixture Secretary, Health & Safety Officer, Child Welfare officer and the three Trustees of Luton Town Sports Club.

- 5.6 The Officers of the Club, except for the Trustees, shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but be eligible for re-election. Three of the other Members of the Executive Committee shall retire in rotation at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election
- 5.7 The Trustees (Sports Club) shall be elected at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Cricket Club and shall remain in office until resignation, death or until removed by Resolution of a General Meeting.

- 5.8 Any Member of the Executive Committee absenting him/herself from three consecutive Meetings of the Committee shall be considered as having resigned from the Committee unless such absence can be explained satisfactorily.
- 5.9 The Committee shall have the power to appoint a Member, who has been a fully paid-up member of the Club for two consecutive calendar years at the time, to fill any casual vacancy on the Executive Committee, until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 5.10 Seven members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy. The Chairman and a duly appointed Deputy shall preside. The Chairman may exercise a casting vote in the event of a tie.

6.0 TEAM CAPTAINS:

- 6.1 The Team Captains shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall be nominated as provided by Rule 2.3
- 6.2 In the event of any Captain not being able to play, the Cricket Sub-Committee shall appoint a Captain to manage any chosen team.

7.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TEAM CAPTAINS:

- 7.1 The Officers of the Club listed in Rule 5.4, the Members of the Executive Committee listed in Rule 5.5, and the Team Captains shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All nominations shall reach the Hon. Secretary in writing no later than fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting at which election shall take place.

Members shall receive at least 14 days notice before the Annual General Meeting with full details of all nominations submitted to date. A member shall not be regarded as validly nominated for any appointment unless his consent to nomination is given in writing to the Hon. Secretary at the time of the submission of the nomination by the Executive Committee or by the Proposer and Seconder. Signatures of the Proposer and the Seconder will be accepted electronically; an email from the account of either the Proposer or the Seconder, confirming their nominations will serve as an electronic signature.

Members aged under 16 shall not be entitled to vote nor make nominations.

In the event of nominations for any appointment or appointments exceed the number to be elected; a ballot shall be taken at the Annual General Meeting. Should there be no nominations for any particular appointment under this rule, the Annual General Meeting shall have power to make such appointment.

8.0 POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

All decisions related to the Club matters and/or, any other matter not covered in the Constitution, will be taken by the Executive Committee on a majority basis. In the event of split decision, the Honorary Chairman may exercise a casting vote.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to:

- 8.1 To raise funds and to invite and receive grants, donations and other contributions.
- 8.2 To establish Sub-Committees and/or Working Parties for Special purposes and to delegate to such Sub-Committees and/or Working Parties any of the powers of the Executive Committee.

- 8.3 To decide all disputes between members, or between the Club and any member or members.
- 8.4 To co-opt any member of the Club to a Sub-Committee and/or Working Party.
- 8.5 Generally to manage the affairs of the Club in accordance with **the Constitution and the Club Rules**.

9.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- 9.1 The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club shall be held during the month of December each year and notice of the date, time and venue of such meeting shall be posted by the Honorary Secretary on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse and notice sent electronically to members no less than six months in advance of the AGM date [and, again,] at least twenty-eight full days before the date of the AGM.
- 9.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - I. To receive from the Executive Committee a report, balance sheet and a Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year.
 - II. To elect Officers of the Club and fill vacancies on the Executive Committee and to appoint Auditors for the ensuing year.
 - III. Decide on any Motion that may have been submitted to the meeting in accordance with the provisions of the following paragraph.
- 9.3 Any member seeking to move a Motion at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen full days before the date of the AGM and a copy of the Motion shall be posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse upon receipt of the Motion. Each Motion must be proposed and seconded by a fully paid-up member of the Club or collectively by Executive Committee. Signatures of the Proposer and the Secunder will be accepted electronically; an email from the account of either the Proposer or the Secunder, confirming their motions will serve as an electronic signature.
- 9.4 No amendment (other than a Motion for Adjournment) shall be moved to any Motion proposed at any General or Special General Meeting unless written notice thereof shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary not less than seven full days prior to the Meeting. Whenever such notice is received, it shall be posted immediately on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse.
- 9.5 Members must have been fully paid-up members of the Club for two complete years by the date of the General Meeting before they are eligible for nomination for any of the positions on the Executive Committee.

10.0 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:

- 10.1 A Special General Meeting may be called in pursuance of a resolution of the Executive Committee or at any time within twenty-one days of the receipt by the Hon. Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by at least 12 members of the Club stating fully the purpose for which such a meeting is required. The Executive Committee may at any time upon given reasonable notice convene an Extra-Ordinary meeting of members.
- 10.2 Fourteen full days' notice of the Special General Meeting and the object for which it is called will be sent electronically to members and at the same time notice shall be posted by the Honorary Secretary on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse.
- 10.3 The Special General Meeting will be subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) That only the business stated on the Requisition shall be transacted at the Meeting,

(b) That the business so stated shall be of major importance to the affairs of the Club.

11.0 GRIEVANCES:

- 11.1 All grievances must be logged in writing to the Honorary Secretary.
- 11.2 All questions of the decision or interpretation of rules shall be referred to the Executive Committee.
- 11.3 Any disputes shall be referred for arbitration to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be deemed as final.

12.0 MISCONDUCT:

- 12.1 Any member found guilty of misconduct or disobedience, both on or off the field shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as the Executive Committee shall decide upon.

13. ANNUAL AWARDS:

- 13.1 At the end of each Season, members who have participated in a minimum of 10 matches shall qualify for the following awards:

Batsman, Bowler, All Rounder of the Year and Young Player of the Year.

The final nominee for each award, on the recommendation of the Cricket Committee, will be determined by the Executive Committee who in addition to basing their judgement on the individual's performance shall also have the power to determine the minimum numbers of innings or overs necessary (which may vary annually) to further qualify the nominees.

- 13.2 No one person shall be nominated for more than one of the awards in 13.1,
- 13.3 Any other award or presentation gift in appreciation of services rendered to the Club may be presented to any person deemed worthy by the Executive Committee.
- 13.4 An award for the Club Member of the year shall be presented to any member whose services, both on and off the field to the Club are deemed worthy of as adjudged by the Executive Committee.

14.0 LUTON TOWN SPORTS CLUB:

- 14.1 The members of LTICC shall elect members to the Luton Town Sports Club Committee and Sub-Committee as mentioned at paragraph in 5.5 of this Constitution.

15.0 PROPERTY and FUNDS:

- 15.1 The property and funds of LTICC cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club.
- 15.2 LTICC may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post-match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided in the Finance Act 2002.
- 15.3 LTICC may also in connection with sports purposes of the Club:
 - I. Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.
 - II. Employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Executive Committee with the person concerned present.
 - III. Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests.
 - IV. Indemnify the Executive Committee and Members acting properly in the course of running

the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

16.0 CLUB RULES, BYE-LAWS and REGULATIONS:

- 16.1 The Committee may from time to time make, repeal and amend all such Bye-Laws and Regulations (not inconsistent with these Rules) as they shall think expedient for the internal management and well-being of the Club. All Bye-Laws and Regulations made by the Committee under this Rule shall be binding upon the members until repealed by the Committee or set aside under the provisions of the following Rule [16.2].
- 16.2 Amendments to the Club rules may be proposed by the Executive Committee or in writing by any Club member. The Executive Committee shall defer the matter until the next Annual General Meeting or convene a Special General Meeting in accordance with Rules 9, 10 and 11. At such meetings, no rules may be amended except by motion supported by not less than 2/3rds of the votes entitled to be cast by the numbers present.
- 16.3 **PRIORITY:**
Where there is any conflict between any of the above Rules ('Key Rules') and any other rule or rules, the 'Key Rules' will take priority. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASCs (Community Amateur Sports club, as first provided by the Finance Act 2002).

17.0 FACILITIES:

- 17.1 **Clubhouse:**
The members of the Club will have right of access to the Clubhouse throughout the year unless notified otherwise exceptionally and specifically to the contrary.
The use of the Clubhouse shall be defined by Section 16 (Property and Funds) above.
- 17.2 **Sports Field:**
The members of the Club shall have right of access to the Sports Field throughout the entire year. In the case of special events, the Executive Committee holds the right to levy a charge of equal value to all members of the Club for entry to the event. This implies that when the fee or charge is paid in full, access must be granted to the member.
- The use of the Sports Field and Clubhouse shall be as defined by Section 16 (Property and Funds) above.

18.0. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 18.1 All communications to the Club or the Executive Committee shall be addressed to the Honorary Secretary who shall conduct all correspondence of the Club and keep a record of proceedings.
- 18.2 All matters not catered for by these rules shall be dealt as the Executive Committee may decide, subject to the right of the Annual Meeting or of a Special General Meeting to approve or reject the Executive Committee's decision.

19. DISSOLUTION:

- 19.1 A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at an Extraordinary General meeting and shall be carried by at least three-quarters of the members present.

- 19.2 The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Management Committee shall be responsible for winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.
- 19.3 Upon dissolution of the Club, any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC with similar aims and objectives, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them for related community sports. The final choice will be made by the Management Committee.
- 19.4 Any fund remaining after any debts have been paid will be donated to a local Sports Club with similar aims and objectives, and preferably to a club with an active junior section. The final choice of Club will be made by the Management Committee.

SIGNED COPY OF THE CLUB CONSTITUTION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

APPENDIX 1

RECORD OF AMENDMENTS.

Amendment Approved.	Clause Amended.
22 nd March 2004.	??
2008 AGM 14 December 2008	: Rule: 7.1 Line 10
2009 AGM 06 December 2009	: Rule: 7.1 Line 11
2010 AGM 12 December 2010	: Rules: 6.2 Delete Line 1. 8.1 Insert new Rule 8.1
2011 AGM 11 December 2011	: Rules: (1.0); (2.3); (5.3 (a), 5.3 (b)); (6.0, 6.1); (7.0; 7.1); (8.2, 8.4); (9.1,9.3); (10.0); (11.0); (12.1) and (15.0)
2014 AGM 14 December 2014	: Rules: (2.1, 2.5, 2.6, 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.14); (5.1c); (14.1); (16.1)
2015 AGM 13 December 2015	: Rules: (2.9, 2.15); (5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9); (9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5); (10.1, 10.2, 10.3); (15.0, 15.1); 16.1, 16.2, 16.3); (17.3, 17.4); and (18.0, 18.1, 18.2)
2016 AGM 11 December 2016	: Rules: (2.20); (7.1); (9.1, 9.3) and (11.0)
2017 AGM 14 December 2017	: Rule: (5.5)
2019 AGM 08 December 2019	: Rules: (5.4, 5.5, 5.6); (8.0) and (16.3 deleted)
2020 AGM 05 December 2020(virtual)	Rule: None
2021 AGM 05 December 2021	: Rule: (2.0, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.10, 2.11 and 2.12)