

Constitution of the Bolton Cricket League

Title and Status

The League shall be named "The Bolton Cricket League" (hereinafter called 'the league'. The league is a non-profit making organisation and the colours of the League shall be Blue and Gold.

Objectives

The objectives of the league shall be to: □□

Organise cricket for member clubs on a competitive basis. □□

Promote the highest possible standards of Cricket and playing facilities. □□

To foster and develop the playing of cricket at all levels.

Ensure that play is conducted within the spirit and laws of the game of cricket and the leagues competition rules. □□

Ensure a duty of care to all member clubs and members regardless of race, gender, disability and sexual orientation.

Membership

The League shall consist of not more than 24 clubs. Applications will only be considered after any vacancies have been advertised.

Those clubs who have in the past been elected to the membership of the league and are still participating in the league structure.

A condition of continuing membership is that all clubs should field two senior teams each week and junior sides as informed to the league prior to the commencement of the league season.

Membership shall be continuous unless a club:□□

Terminates it in writing no later than the date set by the League Cricket Conference of the year preceding the season of withdrawal.

Member Clubs will only be eligible to participate in the leagues fixtures or competitions if all monies owing to the league are paid by the last day of September

All Member Clubs will be subject to the rules regulations of the Constitution and by joining the League will be deemed to have accepted these rules and regulations and any Codes of Conduct that the League has adopted or shall be liable to a fine, suspension or expulsion from the League at the discretion of the Management Committee. Complaints of any kind should be sent in writing to the League Secretary.

Each Club must be Clubmark accredited by the start of season 2015.

Officers and Management

The Management of the league shall be vested in The Management Committee, and made up of the Officers of the league and a maximum of four members drawn from affiliated clubs or otherwise nominated, all of who shall be elected annually at the AGM. □

The Officials that are the members of the Management Committee are the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Vice Chairman.

The Chairman will normally be eligible for re-election after a two-year period.

All other Officials will be elected for a period of one year.

A person will not hold more than one office concurrently.

The President will normally be eligible for re-election after a three-year period and will be an ex officio member of the Management Committee with no voting rights

The Management Committee may propose at the Annual General Meeting, the name(s) of people who have rendered meritorious service to the league for appointment as Life Members. Life Members may be elected at the Annual General meeting to membership of the Management Committee but otherwise have no automatic rights to membership thereof.

A representative nominated by the Junior Committee shall be co-opted onto the Management Committee. The representative shall have no voting rights.

A representative nominated by the BCL Umpires and Scorers Association shall be co-opted onto the Management Committee. The representative shall have no voting rights.

The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt to fill any vacancy until the following AGM. No club shall have more than two of its members elected to the Management Committee.

All Officials will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee will be responsible for implementing new policy, codes of conduct and rules and regulations that affect the organisation of the league and managing the league regarding all matters including: □

- the efficient running of the league
- control of the league finances
- appointing sub-committees considered necessary from time to time, delegating to each sub-committee appropriate powers and appointing an officer or one of its members to chair the sub-committee. The Management Committee will develop the subcommittees' detailed terms of reference. A report from each of the sub committees will be received at each Management Committee meeting.
- establishing minimum standards for playing conditions and facilities
- ensuring youth development meets required standards
- dealing with discipline and complaints
- compilation and regular publication of league tables to member clubs, following submission by member clubs of results and match facts onto the Play cricket web site.
- award of winners and runners-up trophies and any other awards based on

merit.

A quorum of the Management committee will consist of 5 of elected officers and members. Voting shall be on a basis of simple majority. All members of the Management Committee are entitled to a vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman will have a casting vote

Meetings should be no less than bi-monthly.

Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31st December each year when the following business shall be transacted:

- a) to receive the Secretary's report.
- b) to receive and adopt the league's audited accounts.
- c) to elect the officers and members of the Management Committee.
- d) to appoint the External Auditor.
- e) to set the subscription for the coming season.
- f) to consider and decide upon proposals properly submitted which must achieve a two-thirds majority to be agreed.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the Management Committee at any time or may be convened by the Secretary on receipt of a written notice signed by not less than ten clubs.

Notification of an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting and all relevant documentation will be circulated four weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Each club shall be entitled to two votes at a General Meeting and may send two delegates. Officers of the league shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

Clubs failing to be represented at any General Meeting shall be fined £50.

Proposals and nominations from member clubs or from the Management Committee shall be submitted to the Secretary no later than 30th November before the AGM.

Member Club Meetings

A pre season meeting will be held in March/April for the purpose of briefing Club officers about administration arrangements and rule changes for the coming season.

Handbooks for the year will be distributed together with other appropriate documentation.

An end of season meeting will be held to review the season, prize claims and a discussion on the proposed amendments to rule.

The Secretary will notify clubs at least 14 days prior to the meeting and each will send a representative to these meetings who shall stay in attendance and failure to do so will result in a penalty of £50 being imposed against that club.

Finance

Audited accounts for the financial year ending 30th September shall be prepared and sent to Member Clubs with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

The annual subscription shall be paid by 1st April of each year, and shall be fixed at the preceding Annual General Meeting.

Any club leaving the league consents to all funds being retained for the benefit of the continuing member clubs.□□

On dissolution or cessation of the league any surplus would go to the number of member clubs at the time.□□

Any surpluses retained year on year shall be held for the benefit of the member clubs and held as an advance of funds for the future administration of the league.

Liaison with the County Board

The Management Committee or a sub-committee thereof will meet with representatives of the Lancashire County Board.

ECB Safe Hands Policy

The League has adopted the ECB Safe Hands Policy in total in order to pursue safe environments for young and disadvantage people within the League's clubs.

General

All matters not covered by the Constitution will be dealt with by the Management Committee whose decision shall be final.