

# **BEAR FLAT CRICKET CLUB**

## **RULES**

### **Rule 1 – Name**

The name of the Club shall be the Bear Flat Cricket Club, which shall hereinafter be referred to in these rules as the “Club”. The Club shall be affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through whichever League or Leagues the Club is a member.

### **Rule 2 – Objects**

The objects of the Club are as stated in paragraph 4 of the Company’s Articles of Association.

### **Rule 3 – Badges, colours, etc.**

The emblem of the Club shall be a White Polar Bear and the Club’s colour is Navy Blue.

### **Rule 4 – Membership**

- (a) Membership shall be open to players and other individuals who agree to abide by the rules of the Club.
- (b) Non-playing membership shall be open to any non-player who agrees to abide by the rules of the Club; such non-playing members shall not be selected for, nor play in matches but shall enjoy all other privileges of membership.
- (c) Members who have performed long and/or signal service to the Club may be granted Honorary Life Membership by a majority vote of the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Application for membership of the Club shall be by completion of a membership application form and by payment of the relevant subscription/joining fees as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club.
- (e) No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the Club or be eligible for selection for any Club team unless the appropriate subscription has been paid by the specified date or membership has been agreed by the Management Committee.
- (e) The Management Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or cricket into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Management Committee who shall appoint an Appeals Committee to hear the appeal.
- (f) All members will be subject to the rules and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these rules and any Codes of Conduct that the club has adopted.

No person shall be admitted to membership or be admitted as candidates for membership to any of the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between their nomination or application for membership and their admission. Nor may persons becoming members without prior nomination or application be admitted to the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between the approval of their becoming members (in accordance with the next following rule) and their admission as members.

Applications for membership shall normally be considered by the Management Committee however, should there be a considerable time until the holding of the next

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Management Committee meeting, then applications from other than playing members may be considered immediately by the Honorary Secretary or Acting Secretary, and not less than two other elected members of the Management Committee. The applicant shall be notified of the decision by the Honorary Secretary. Applications for playing membership made during the cricket season may be considered at the next Selection Committee meeting, shall be approved or rejected by a simple majority of that Committee, shall be signed by the Committee Chairman and passed to the Honorary Secretary who shall notify the applicant of the decision.

Any application considered outside of the Management Committee shall be reported by the Honorary Secretary to the next Management Committee meeting.

(g) Resignations

Resignations shall only be accepted in written form and addressed to the Chairman or Honorary Secretary of the Club.

### **Rule 5 – Organisation and Management**

(a) Management

The management of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee and Officials duly elected by the members at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

(b) Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held each October on a date to be fixed by the Management Committee, all members entitled to attend and vote thereat being notified in writing by the Honorary Secretary at least **14 clear days** in advance. Ten members shall be a quorum for such a meeting.

(c) Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Honorary Secretary:

- (i) on the recommendation of the Management Committee, or
- (ii) at the written request of 10 members. All members being notified in writing by the Honorary Secretary at least 14 clear days in advance. Ten members shall be a quorum for such a meeting.

(d) Officials

The following officers of the Club shall be elected for the ensuing year at each Annual General Meeting, normally by a show of hands, but by ballot if so demanded by a simple majority of members present:

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President*	Saturday XI Captain
Chairman	Sunday XI Captain
Honorary Secretary	Saturday XI Vice Captain
Honorary Treasurer	Sunday XI Vice Captain
Club Captain	Mid-week XI Captain
Communications Officer	Safeguarding Officer
Fixture Secretary	

\*The Office of President will normally be held for a period not exceeding two years

Non-playing members shall be eligible for election as officers except to the positions of Saturday and Sunday Captains and Vice-Captains.

(e) Management Committee

The Management Committee shall consist of the following officers:

Chairman	Communications Officer
Honorary Secretary	Saturday XI Captain
Honorary Treasurer	Sunday XI Captain
Club Captain	Mid-week XI Captain
Safeguarding Officer	Fixture Secretary

and such other members as the Management Committee shall from time to time decide. The Committee may also fill any casual vacancies until the next Annual General Meeting.

Meetings of the Committee shall normally be held on not less than eight occasions at regular intervals throughout the year and shall be convened by the Secretary giving all Committee Members at least three days' notice. Five elected members of the Committee shall be a quorum at such a meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(f) Selection Committees

The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:

Club Captain	Sunday XI Captain
Saturday XI Captain	Mid-week XI Captain

The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Club Captain. Two members shall be a quorum at such a meeting and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. The Committee shall elect from their number a Team Secretary who shall be responsible for notifying the players and the Press of selection. The Selection Committee may co-opt such additional members as it may require subject to not less than two-thirds of its total number being directly elected members of the Management Committee.

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(g) Miscellaneous

- (i) Any member absent from a properly convened Committee Meeting shall furnish an explanation for such absence. The Committee shall have power to dismiss from office any Committee Member who, in its opinion, is not fulfilling his obligation to the Committee.
- (ii) The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Annual or Special General Meetings and Management Committee Meetings. Formal minutes of Sub-Committee Meetings need not be kept but reports of business transacted at all such meetings (except team selection) shall be submitted to the full Management Committee.
- (iii) The Saturday and Sunday Captains and the Honorary Treasurer shall render to every Annual General Meeting reports of the past year. In addition, the Honorary Treasurer shall submit a Statement of Account.

(h) Policy Re Younger Children

- (i) Non-members' children are to be excluded from the ground except on match days, when their stay will depend on their behaviour.
- (ii) Club Members are asked to ensure that their children, at the ground, behave on match days.

(i) Transport

The Club shall organise transport to and from away matches, which shall be arranged by the Honorary Secretary. The Honorary Treasurer will propose to each Annual General Meeting the match fee to be payable by each paying member, taking part in matches at home or away to ensure the travel account for the season is not in deficit. The Management Committee shall have the power to amend the match fee during the year should the costs of providing travel facilities change which necessitate an alteration to keep the travel account at around break even.

(j) Holding of meetings by electronic means

A General Meeting may be held face-to-face or by suitable electronic means agreed by the Management Committee whereby each participant may communicate with all other participants. Each notice of such a meeting which is not held face-to-face to include details of how to gain access to the meeting by electronic means and how votes are to be cast. A meeting of the Management Committee may, at the direction of the Chairman be held either face-to-face or by suitable electronic means and each notice of such a meeting which is not held face-to face to include details of how to gain access to the meeting by electronic means and how votes are to be cast.

### **Rule 6 – Finance**

- (a) The Club is not instituted for financial profit or gain and no dividend, bonus or similar payment shall be made to any member. Any surplus of income over expenditure shall be used for furthering the objects of the Club.

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- (b) The financial period end of the Club shall be 31 October.
- (c) The Annual Subscription rates shall be determined each year at the Annual General Meeting. These subscriptions shall be deemed to fall due on the day after the Annual General Meeting. Failure of members to pay subscriptions by 31 March may, at the discretion of the Management Committee, result in their membership being terminated. All playing members shall pay the appropriate subscription each season but, at the discretion of the Management Committee, a rebate may be granted for new members joining after the start of the season for each complete calendar month between 1 May and the date of their first selection.
- (d) The funds of the Club shall be administered by the Honorary Treasurer, acting under the instruction of the Management Committee.
- (e) The funds of the Club shall only be invested in Government Securities, or Trustee Securities, except with the express authority of the Annual General Meeting; but the Management Committee with the approval of an Annual or Special General Meeting may purchase, take on lease mortgage or sell freehold or lease-hold land or buildings for the specific purpose of carrying out the policy of the Club, either alone or jointly with any other Club or person.

### **Rule 7 – Dissolution or Amalgamation**

- (a) The Club may not be dissolved nor its funds distributed except with the consent of not less than three-quarters of its members voting in a ballot.
- (b) The Club may not be amalgamated with another organisation except with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the members voting in a ballot.
- (c) The decision to ballot members shall be taken at a Special General Meeting called by the Management Committee.

### **Rule 8 – Amendment of Rules**

These rules shall not be altered or amended except by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an Annual General or Special General Meeting.

### **Rule 9 – Rules of the Game**

The Rules of the Marylebone Cricket Club shall be the rules of the Club as regards the Game.

### **Rule 10 – General**

That a Game, for purposes of averages, records, etc, shall be deemed to have terminated at the close of the over in which it was won by either side.

### **Rule 11 – Compensation**

Members of the Club play in games at their own risk and the Management Committee will not be held responsible for any injury sustained travelling to, or from, or during games, nor damage to or loss of any personal effects carried on such occasions.

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## **Rule 12 – Interpretation of Rules**

Interpretation of the foregoing rules, or decisions on points not covered therein, shall rest with the Management Committee.

These rules were last updated on 7 February 2022 following changes which were adopted by the 2022 Annual General Meeting