



Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club Inc

“The Famous Dark Maroons”

CONSTITUTION OF THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED

1. **NAME:** The name of the Club shall be the UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED.
2. **COLOURS:** The Club's colours shall be Maroon and White.
3. **AIM:** The aim of the Club shall be to foster cricket and sportsmanship in the Upper Beaconsfield area.
4. **AFFILIATIONS:** The Club shall be affiliated with the particular Cricket Association decided upon at the Annual Meeting.
5. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons who fulfill the conditions of membership which shall be payment of a membership subscription decided upon at the Annual Meeting and who abide by the rules of the Club.

Life members shall receive full membership rights. Subscriptions, as determined at the Annual Meeting, shall be payable by the first selection day in November in any cricket season. Failure to pay will result in non-selection. Players who play their first game after Christmas shall only be liable to pay half subscriptions.

Definitions of Membership:

- a) Family membership shall be defined as follows: adult parent or parents and juniors, with the adult parent or parents eligible to vote.
 - b) Non-playing members shall be eligible for voting rights on the payment of an annual subscription determined at the annual meeting.
 - c) Juniors are members of the under-age teams and shall not be eligible for voting rights.
 - d) Student membership shall be offered to players in senior teams who are full-time students, apprentices, unemployed or other like cases that the Committee may determine at its discretion.
 - e) Life members shall generally be exempt from paying fees.
6. **COMMITTEES:**
- a) **Executive:** An Executive of the Club shall be formed which shall consist of: (i) President, (ii) Two Vice Presidents, (iii) Secretary and (iv) Treasurer - all of whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Executive shall meet to conduct urgent business of the Club.

Duties of the Executive:

- i) **President** - shall preside over Club Meetings or if the president is unavailable, the Executive shall appoint a Chairman.



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- ii) **Secretary** - shall record Minutes of all general meetings and attend to all secretarial duties of the Club.
 - iii) **Treasurer** - shall attend to all financial matters of the Club, keep account of receipts and expenditure and bank money at the bank nominated by the Club at the Annual Meeting, as well as prepare an annual budget. The Treasurer shall also present financial statements to Committee meetings, general meetings and an **audited statement** to the Annual Meeting. All cheques drawn by the Club shall be signed by the Treasurer and either the Secretary or the President.
 - iv) The **Vice Presidents** shall be (1) the Chairman of the Selection Committee and shall also preside over meetings in the absence of the President and (2) Vice President who shall carry out other duties that the Committee determines.
- b) **General Committee:** A General Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. This Committee shall consist of the Executive plus four other elected members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt when the need arises. Failure by any member to attend **three meetings in a row** shall render that person ineligible to continue as a member. That person shall be replaced. Casual vacancies shall be filled within 14 days. Such vacancies shall be filled by appointment made by the General Committee. The four members of the General Committee shall each be elected to fill one of the following areas of responsibility: (1) **Juniors Coordinator**, (2) **Social**, (3) **Grounds Representative**, (4) **Equipment & Clubrooms** and shall be responsible to the Committee for all matters relating to these areas.
- c) **Social Committee:** A Social Committee shall be formed consisting of a member appointed from the General Committee and **two or more members elected at the Annual Meeting**. Its function shall be to organize Club social activities.
- d) **Selection Committee:** A Selection Committee shall be formed by the **15th September** of each year. It shall consist of a Chairman (who shall be the Vice President of the Club) and the Captains of the Senior teams who shall be appointed by the General Committee by **15th September** of each year. Three votes shall decide the composition of any team and shall be cast by the Chairman, the Captain of the team and the Captain of the next lower team. The selection of the lowest grade shall be determined by the Chairman and the Captains of the two lowest grades.
- e) **Practice Committee:** A Practice Committee shall be formed by 15th September of each year. Its composition shall be determined by the General Committee.

All Committees shall have the power to co-opt.

7. **FUNDS:** The funds of the Club shall be derived from membership subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the General Committee determines.



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8. **QUORUMS:** The quorum at all Committee Meetings shall be one more than half the total number of members on such a Committee whereas for all General Meetings the quorum shall be one more than a third of the members of the club.
 9. **VOTING:** Voting at all General Meetings shall be open to all financial and life members. At Committee meetings and General Committee meetings (other than the Annual Meeting) resolutions may be carried by a majority of those present who are eligible to vote. The Chairman of any Committee shall have a deliberate and casting vote.
 10. **MEETINGS:**
 - a) **Annual:** The Club shall hold an Annual Meeting no later than 14 days prior to the Cricket Association's Annual Meeting. All financial members shall be notified in writing at least 14 days clear before such an annual meeting. At the Annual Meeting election of office bearers, committee members, a public officer and an honorary solicitor shall be held. Nominations for office bearers and committee members shall be in writing and shall be lodged with the Secretary **prior to** the commencement of the meeting. If no nominations are forthcoming the Chairman may accept nominations from the floor. Two life memberships may be granted at the Annual Meeting provided any nominations and criteria have been lodged with the Secretary in writing at least 14 days prior to the meeting. **Criteria for nomination** shall be at least ten years of service to the club, or having played 150 games or having been a club member for at least 15 years. Team nominations and membership subscriptions for the coming season shall be determined at the meeting.
 - b) **General Meetings** - During the cricket season a minimum of **two General Meetings** of the Club shall be held to discuss any matters relating to the running of the Club. 14 clear days of notice of such meetings shall be given to all members.
 - c) **Procedure at Meetings** - All General Meetings of the Club shall be organised according to recognised meeting procedure. All members of the Club shall be entitled to move motions as well as to speak to motions put.
 11. **DISSOLUTION:** The Club may be dissolved only with the agreement of more than three-quarters of the Club members and may only be dissolved at a Special Meeting convened for that purpose. In the event of the winding up of the club or of the cancellation of the incorporation of the Club, the assets of the Club shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
 12. **CLUB DISCIPLINE:** The General Committee of the Club shall have the power to call before it any member of the Club who has been deemed to have been, in the opinion of the General Committee, acting in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Club. Such a member shall be given the opportunity to explain his actions. The Committee shall have the power to impose penalties in such cases.
 13. **CUSTODY OF RECORDS:** Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the Secretary shall keep in his custody or under his control all books, documents and securities of the Club.



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14. **INSPECTION OF MEMBERS:** The accounts, books and records of the Club shall be available for inspection by members.
 15. **REGISTER OF MEMBERS:** The Secretary shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by the members at the address of the Public Officer.
 16. **SEAL:**
 - i) The Common Seal of the Club shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
 - ii) The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Executive Committee and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signature of either two members of the Executive or of one member of the Executive and of the Public Officer of the Club.
 17. **AMENDMENTS:** This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting but only if at least **three-quarters** of those members present vote in favour of such amendments and provided **at least 14 days of notice** (in writing) has been given to all members. All proposed amendments must be in the hands of the Secretary twenty-one days prior to the Annual Meeting.
 18. **ALTERATION OF STATEMENT OF PURPOSES:** The Statement of Purposes of the Club shall not be altered except in accordance with the Act.
 19. **INTERPRETATION:** In this Constitution the words "the Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and "the Regulations" means Regulations under the Act.
 20. The date of the adoption of the original Constitution was **13th May, 1986**. Further amendments to the constitution were dated **27th May, 1987** and also **May 1996**.
 21. On **September 14th 2000** a meeting was held to ratify the rules of the club which were amended to ensure that they comply with Schedule 1 of the Liquor Control Reform Act of 1998 including reciprocal arrangements for visiting members of other clubs as well as the keeping of a Visitors' Book.