

PETERLEE CRICKET AND SOCIAL CLUB RULES

1. Name.

The name of the Club is Peterlee Cricket And Social Club, hereinafter referred to as 'the Club'.

2. Objects.

The objects of the Club are to provide Members of the Club the means of social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, mental and moral improvements and rational recreation.

To promote all lawful sports and games whether played indoors or outdoors.

3. Admission of Members.

The power of electing persons to Membership of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee. A candidate of Membership of the Club must have attained the age of 18 years. Applications for Membership shall be made on the proper Membership application form. Membership is open to all Members of the community. Such application shall be dealt with by the Management Committee ensuring the privileges of Membership are in the interest of the Club and Members of our community.

4. Trustees

There shall not be more than three (3) trustees of the Club. The trustees shall be ex-officio Members of the Management Committee. All investment and interest in land (whether freehold or leasehold) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Management Committee shall direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The trustees shall be indemnified against financial loss and expense out of Club property. The trustees shall be nominated by a resolution passed at an annual general meeting or special meeting and shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution passed at a general meeting duly conveyed and held for that purpose of giving effect of such nomination. The Chairperson is hereby designated as the person to appoint new trustees of the Club within the meaning of section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and so by deed appoint person or persons so nominated by the Club as trustees of the Club and provisions of the Trustees Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall be in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or management Committee by conclusive evidence of the fact so stated. Nothing herein contained shall prevent a trustee from being eligible to hold office in the Club.

5. Management

The general management of the Club shall be entrusted to the management committee which shall consist of: Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, the Trustees and up to Nine (9) other Members, with the exception of the trustees. All the aforementioned shall be elected annually by ballot following nomination, and bona fide accreditation at the Annual General Meeting. Five (5) Members shall form a Quorum. The Management Committee shall have power to delegate duties to Members or to a Sub Committee(s) and to co-opt Members as deemed necessary, nominees for any position must be proposed and seconded by fully paid up financial Members and must attend the Annual General meeting. A Committee Member may be expelled from the Committee provided that at least two thirds of the total Committee present are in favour of the motion. The general committee shall have the power to declare a seat vacant should a committee Member be absent from three consecutive meetings without a satisfactory explanation.

6. Individual Committees

Due to the diversity of individual concerns within the Club, the Management Committee shall be the Principle Committee. All Individual sports or activities Clubs shall from time to time inform the Principle Committee of their Individual rules, constitution, or articles of association to their sport or activity. The Management Committee shall act in the best interest of social activity and or sport, and shall foster a spirit of partnership and community engagement. To this effect the principle Committee shall consider the views of its user groups. Each user group can elect or nominate one representative to attend the general management committee meetings as a non voting Member In order that views and expressions can be received, albeit by mutual consent the well being of the Helford Road Sports and Community Club remain paramount.

7. Supply of liquor

A) The supply of Liquor or intoxicating drinks by or on behalf of the Club shall be under the sole control of the Management Committee.

B) The Club shall be registered in accordance with the licensing Act (or other enactments) and the hours of open for sale of Intoxication drinks shall be fixed by the Management Committee, provided the Management Committee may restrict the use of the Club premises or reduces the permitted hours as it deems fit.

8. Guests

A Member shall be permitted to invite guests to parts of the Club premises where intoxicating liquor is sold or supplied, not more than two persons on each occasion. Guests must be persons who have attained the age of 18 years and a Member introducing guests shall enter the names and addresses of the guests with his own name in a book, which shall be kept for that purpose at the Club premises. No guests shall be permitted to purchase Intoxicating drinks and Members shall be responsible for their behaviour. Should a guest enter the premises more than 20 times in one calendar year he/she shall be offered Membership at the Management Committee's discretion.

9. Annual General Meeting

The annual accounts shall be prepared in accordance with instructions from the Club treasurer and the Principal Committee. The Chairperson shall fix a date giving 14 clear days notice that an annual general meeting shall take place. Such notices of motion must be received no less than 14 clear days prior to the AGM and shall be in writing to the Club secretary stating the nature of the said motion/business to be raised.

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10. Visiting Teams

The Management Committee may from time to time authorise the sale of intoxicating liquor to players, team officials and Members of the Club visiting the premises used by the Club for the purpose of taking part in or watching games authorised to be played by the rules of the Club provided that such sale takes place only on days when a match or game has taken place with such team. Any Member responsible for introducing Members of a visiting Club shall be held strictly responsible for their conduct whilst on the Club premises but shall not be required to enter their respective names and address in the visitors books.

11. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be conveyed by the secretary either on the order of the Management Committee or upon a requisition signed by 40 Members or one-quarter the total Club Membership, whichever be the lesser specifying the purpose of the meeting. The Secretary shall convey the said Special General Meeting within 30 calendar days of the receipt of such order or requisition and give Members 14 clear days notice of the date, time and the nature of the business that will be considered. 40 Members or one-quarter the total Club Membership whichever be the lesser shall form a quorum for such Special general Meeting. The Chairperson shall exercise a casting vote if deemed necessary.

12. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be considered at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. A resolution to dissolve the Club may only be passed by three-quarters of all fully paid up financial members.

13. Conduct Of Members

Any four Management Committee Members may suspend the Membership of any Member whose conduct, whether on the premises of the Club or elsewhere, has been in the opinion of those Committee Members contrary to the rules or interests of the Club or injurious to the Club. In the case of such action or if the Management Committee wish to reprimand, suspend or terminate Membership of the following procedure will be adopted:

1. The Member shall be given written notice of the particulars of the complaint against him.
2. The Member shall then be given within 21 calendar days, the opportunity to appear in person before the Management Committee to answer the complaint.
3. No decision to reprimand, suspend or terminate Membership shall be endorsed unless two-thirds of the full Management Committee (or two-thirds of a quorum of that committee) vote in favour of such action.

14. Exclusion Of Liability

Neither the Club nor any Member of Staff nor Officer of the Club shall be liable to any Member, guest or visitor for any loss or damage to any property from whatever cause in or about the Club premises, nor for any injury sustained by any Member, guest or visitor on entering or leaving the Club premises.

15. Financial Year

The financial year for the Club shall be from 6th April to 5th April each year and will accord with Inland Revenue timescales. That the Club appoint annually a qualified chartered accountant/auditor to prepare the annual balance sheet. That such auditor obtains all the information and explanations necessary to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error, and such audit gives true and fair statement of the Clubs financial affairs. That the Management Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounts and a satisfactory system of control and takes adequate precautions to guard against fraud/falsification and to facilitate its discovery, ensuring correct checks and balance are regularly in place.

16. Bye-Laws

The Management Committee may make, vary or revoke byelaws (not inconsistent with these Rules) for the internal regulation of the Club and conduct of Members. Such byelaws will be binding on all Members until the next Annual General Meeting when they will lapse unless confirmed by a simple majority of Members present.

17. Notification

1. A copy of these Rules and the Club byelaws will be made available to each Member of the Club.
2. A record of the business of the Management Committee meetings and General Meeting shall be available in the Clubhouse for the perusal of all Club Members.

18. These rules supercede any previous rules and are approved by the management Committee. In the year 2009 on behalf of Helford Road Sports And Community Club.