

Bath and District Youth Cricket League Constitution

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1. **Name**

The organisation shall be known as the "Bath and District Youth Cricket League" and hereinafter shall be known as the BDYCL.

2. **Objects**

The Objects of the BDYCL are:

- i) To organise and administer annual league and cup competitions for its Member Clubs
- ii) To provide support and guidance on youth cricket related matters to its Member Clubs
- iii) To promote interest in cricket in the Bath area.

3. **Membership**

3.1 Membership of the League is open to any cricket club within reasonable travelling distance of Bath making an application and abiding by their obligations as detailed in this Constitution. Such clubs will be admitted upon receiving the majority vote of the current membership at the AGM and paying the appropriate membership fee(s).

3.2 **Seeking Membership**

Applications for Membership to the BDYCL should be made in writing to the League Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the AGM. Clubs applying for Membership will need to satisfy the Management Board and Member Clubs as to their suitability for admission and be represented at the AGM (but will carry no voting rights until elected). A Club shall be admitted to the League on acquiring a majority of votes cast.

3.3 **Resigning from Membership**

A Member Club resigning from the League shall submit their resignation in writing to the League Secretary before 31 December of the year preceding the relevant season.

3.4 **Withdrawal of Membership**

The BDYCL reserves the right to withdraw membership at the request of the Member Clubs and its League Officials; please refer to Disciplinary Procedures.

4. **Organisation and Administration**

4.1 Each BDYCL Member Club will be entitled to one vote at the AGM and at an SGM and shall elect the Officials and Management Board. A Club seeking election to the League shall attend the AGM but will carry no voting right.

4.2 The Management Board shall be responsible for the administration and management of all aspects of the BDYCL.

4.3 The Management Board will consist of the Officials of the BDYCL, which will be elected by Member Clubs at the AGM. Their positions shall be known as Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and League Administrator.

4.4 Any additional members may be elected to the Management Board at the AGM or otherwise co-opted to assist in the managing of the BDYCL by the Management Board.

4.5 Only the four Officials named above and each Member Club shall carry a voting right at the AGM and SGM.

4.6 A President shall be elected annually at the AGM and shall be entitled to attend any meeting and carry a vote.

4.7 In the event of a hung vote at the AGM or an SGM, then the Chairman shall hold a further (casting) vote.

4.8 Any AGM or SGM shall be considered invalid if the attendance is less than one third of those eligible to vote and the meeting shall be recalled.

5. **League Structure**

The Member Clubs will agree the competition structure(s) at the AGM for the forthcoming season. Appropriate fixtures shall be drawn and thereafter managed by the BDYCL in accordance with its objectives.

6. **Meetings**

6.1 **Management Board**

The Management Board of the BDYCL shall meet as deemed necessary by the Officials. In the event of a matter arising, at the written request of at least three Member Clubs, a meeting of the Management Board shall be convened to discuss the matter(s) arising.

6.2 **Post Season Review Meeting**

A Post Season Review/Pre-AGM Meeting will be held annually after the close of each season but no later than the 31 December. The purpose of the Meeting is to discuss the foregoing season and assist the Management Board in making recommendations of rule changes and competition structures for discussion and agreement at the forthcoming AGM.

6.3 **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held annually and no later than the 28 February. Each Member Club will be given a minimum of 28 days notice of the AGM and shall be obligated to attend.

The AGM will include but not limited to:-

- i) The presentation of the Annual Reports of the Management Board

- ii) The presentation of the Annual Accounts
- iii) Election / re-election of Officials
- iv) The consideration and effecting of any proposed rule changes
- v) Consideration of new applications for membership; and,
- vi) The discussion and voting on any other matters pertaining to the BDYCL

6.4 **Special General Meeting**

A SGM may be called at any time by the Management Board or at the written request of at least five Member Clubs, together with a purpose of that meeting. Member Clubs will be given not less than 7 days notice of the meeting and shall be obligated to attend.

7. **Rule Changes**

7.1 These Rules or the Playing Rules shall not be altered or amended except by a majority vote at the AGM or otherwise specially convened meeting of the Member Clubs, i.e. an SGM.

7.2 The Secretary must receive a proposal for any additions, deletions, or other alterations to the rules in writing and no less than 21 days before the AGM with the name of the Club proposing the motion, together with that of a seconder.

7.3 Any changes to this Constitution will require a majority vote of those in attendance.

8. **Finance**

8.1 The Financial Year of the BDYCL shall be from the 01 January to 31st December.

8.2 The Treasurer, acting on the instruction of the Management Board, shall administer the funds of the BDYCL in pursuit of its objects.

8.3 The BDYCL is not inaugurated to make a profit and will receive income and carry out expenditure only in pursuit of its objects. Any surplus of income over expenditure in a given financial year will be retained for future use in the continued pursuit of its objects.

8.4 The Treasurer and Management Board are empowered to seek appropriate sponsorship of BDYCL from commercial organizations.

8.5 Membership of the BDYCL is subject to an annual subscription, which becomes due immediately upon receipt of an invoice from the League and is payable by no later than the earlier of 30th April or the Pre-Season Meeting of the same year. Any Club failing to pay its Annual Subscription by the due date shall not be eligible to compete in the League's Competitions.

8.6 Annual Subscription rates will be voted upon at the AGM and are currently £10 per team entitling entry to the League and Cup Competitions for that team.

9.1 **Child Welfare**

9.1 All Member Clubs shall ensure a duty of care to their young players and therefore the participants of the League, by adopting and implementing the ECB 'Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' and any future versions of the Policy.

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9.3 A Child Welfare Officer shall be elected annually at the AGM, who shall be entitled to attend any meeting and carry a vote.

- 9.4 The League Child Welfare Officer role shall be primarily to advise the Management Board and Member Clubs on matters relating to their duty of care to young participants of the League and provide a point of contact for any referrals on child welfare issues emanating from Member Clubs and their appointed Child Welfare Officers.
- 9.5 The League Child Welfare Officer shall have a clear CRB check and have received the pre-requisite training for the role as detailed in the "Safe Hands" policy prior to taking up duties.
- 9.6 In the event the BDYCL is unable to fill the position of League Child Welfare Officer or until such time as the elected League Child Welfare Officer has received the required training, education and clearance then the Somerset County Welfare Officer will act on behalf of the BDYCL regarding Child Welfare matters.
- 10. Matters Not Covered in the Rules and Constitution and Playing Rules**
- 10 The Management Board is empowered to deal with any matter directly or indirectly affecting the BDYCL and not covered in these rules.
- 11. Interpretation of the Rules**
- The Management Board's interpretation of League Constitution and Playing Rules from time to time is final.
- 12. Disciplinary**
- 12.1 The BDYCL has no formal arrangements regarding individual disciplinary related issues and it is expected that Officials and Member Clubs act in accordance with the Constitution and Playing Rules and within the spirit of the BDYCL.
- 12.2 The Management Board will consider any reported offences and make appropriate recommendations to the member clubs either in respect of individuals or Member Clubs
- 12.3 Any such issues that are not resolved arbitrarily will be heard at a specially convened meeting (see 6.1) called by the Management Board
- 12.4 Expulsion of the BDYCL will require a 75% vote of the AGM or a SGM to carry the motion.
- 13. Dissolution or Amalgamation**
- 13.1 The BDYCL may only be dissolved or amalgamated with another organisation if at least 80% of Member Clubs and Officials vote in favour; unless, volunteers are not forthcoming in order to either carry out the objects of the BDYCL nor fulfil the function of the Management Board nor an alternative resolution is made, then the activities the BDYCL shall be suspended.
- 13.2 If after 3 years the BDYCL is unable to function then it shall automatically be dissolved.
- 13.3 In the event of dissolution the assets and/or funds of the BDYCL will be donated to an appropriate cricketing organisation, which shall be decided upon by a vote of the eligible membership. In the absence of such then any remaining funds shall be given to the Lords Taverners.