

CORNWALL YOUTH CRICKET LEAGUE CONSTITUTION (REVISED JANUARY 2016)

- 1 Name.** The organisation shall be known as the Cornwall Youth Cricket League (hereinafter called the CYCL).
- 2 Aims.**
 - i. To promote, develop, support and be responsible for the monitoring and progression of youth cricket in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Cornwall Cricket Board Ltd.
 - ii. To ensure all members, playing and non-playing, conform to the laws of the game and Codes of Conduct.
 - iii. Equity. The CYCL is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:
Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognizing inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.
The CYCL respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
The CYCL is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment, and abuse.
All CYCL members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
The CYCL will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to the group disciplinary procedures.
- 3 Membership** Membership shall be open to all Clubs who have, or propose to have, Youth Teams on payment of an annual affiliation fee as determined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Admittance to membership shall be determined by the Management Committee.
- 4 Management** The transaction of the business of the CYCL shall be vested in a Management Committee elected at the AGM which, in addition to the powers of authority of this Constitution, may exercise all powers and authority and undertake all acts in the furtherance of aims for which the CYCL is established and are not hereby expressly directed.
- 5 General Meetings** The AGM of the CYCL shall be held following the season and by 28th February at the latest.
At least 21 days notice shall be given of the AGM in writing to all member Clubs accompanied by the Agenda and papers signifying the business to be transacted which shall include: Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM and any business arising therefrom; Annual Report (Secretary); Verified Statement of Accounts and Treasurer's Report; Election of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, one District representative from each of the Districts of Cornwall, a representative of the Cornwall Schools' Cricket Association, a representative of the Cornwall Cricket League, a representative of the Cornwall Youth Cricket Festival, a representative from Women's and Girls' Cricket, a representative to the Cornwall Association of Cricket Coaches, the Cornwall Cricket Board Director of Development, and the Cornwall Cricket Development Manager; to consider amendments to the Constitution which the Secretary must receive in writing at least 14 days before the AGM; to set the Annual Affiliation Fee paid by member Clubs; other business duly notified to the Secretary, in writing, at least 14 days prior to the AGM.
- 6 Extraordinary General Meeting** By simple majority of the Management Committee or on a requisition signed by at least ten member Clubs an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be convened by the Secretary giving at least 14 days notice in writing to all member Clubs specifying the business to be transacted.
- 7 Voting** At all meetings of the CYCL including the AGM and any EGM each member Club shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of an equal vote the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Voting at all meetings shall be by a show of hands except where the Management Committee or meeting Chairman decides voting shall be by ballot. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of those present, other than amendments to this constitution, which require a majority vote by a minimum of two-thirds of those present.
- 8 Committees**
 - i. The CYCL Management Committee shall consist of the members elected at the AGM, including the post of Vice-Chairman which shall be rotated annually in alphabetical order amongst each District.
 - ii. Such other committees or sub committees shall be established as deemed appropriate by the Management Committee or by vote at the AGM or any EGM. The terms of reference of such committee shall be determined by the Management Committee.
 - iii. The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members to the committee as it feels necessary. Co-opted members shall also be entitled to a vote on the Management Committee and shall serve until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.
- 9 Secretary** The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence, the Notice, Agenda and Minutes of AGM, EGM and Management Committee meetings. Minutes of the aforementioned meetings shall be presented for confirmation at the following meeting. (Minutes should also be taken of Sub Committees).
- 10 Treasurer** The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters including receipt of monies, payments, banking and the production of an audited Annual Statement of Accounts and Annual Report. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for producing an up-date report of the financial position as required by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall ensure that all cheques are signed by two of the following officers: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, CDM. The Treasurer shall ensure the agreed insurance policy is in place.
- 11 Financial Year** The CYCL's financial year shall be from 1st October to 30th September.
- 12 Suspensions** The Management Committee or such other committees or sub committees shall have power to suspend or exclude any Club or one of its officials or playing members for contravention of this Constitution and/or documented rules and/or Codes of Conduct.
- 13 Appeal** Any Club or individual suspended or excluded by the Management Committee or such other committees or sub committees shall have the right to attend an appeal hearing, be represented and produce witnesses in support of their appeal. The Appeal Board (a maximum of three persons) shall not include members of the original decision-making committee.
- 14 Dissolution** If at any General Meeting of the CYCL a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the CYCL the Secretary shall immediately convene an EGM of the CYCL to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution. If at that EGM the resolution is carried by a majority vote by a minimum of two-thirds of eligible voters the CYCL Management Committee shall thereupon or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution proceed to realise the assets of the CYCL and discharge all debts and liabilities of the CYCL. After discharging all debts and liabilities of the CYCL the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the CYCL but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation having objectives similar to the CYCL.