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1 Name of League

The name of the League shall be The Warwickshire Cricket League.

2 Objectives

- 2.1 The objectives of the League shall be the organisation of a League for Cricket Clubs in membership in accordance with these Rules.
- 2.2 To promote that which is best for the development of cricket.
- 2.3 To play the game in accordance with the Laws of Cricket and "The spirit of the game".
- 2.4 If there are any exceptions they will be shown in the Leagues' playing regulations.

3 Membership

3.1 The original members of the League are those elected to membership at the commencement of the 1998 season.

3.2 Further clubs may be admitted to membership of the League by the Management Committee.

3.2.1 As a condition of membership of the League, a Club shall demonstrate to the League, if requested by the League Management Committee, that the Club has the following documents:

- a) A Club Constitution which shall have been approved by a general meeting of its membership
- b) Minutes of the last three years of the Annual and other general Meetings, detailing, in particular, the properly approved appointment of the Club officers
- c) An up-to-date membership list
- d) Proof that the Club's finances have been properly regulated, e.g. financial statements, bank statements, etc.

Should any Club be unable to produce any or all of the above documents on request by the Committee, the League shall reserve the right to cease the Club's membership of the League

3.3 A Club shall cease to be a member of the League if:

3.3.1 It shall terminate its membership by notice in writing signed by its Chairman or Secretary to the League Secretary to be received no later than

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the 30th November preceding the season at which the Club wishes to resign or

- 3.3.2 It shall be expelled from membership by the Management Committee for gross misconduct or continual infringement of the Rules and/or regulations.
- 3.3.3 It is promoted to the Birmingham & District Premier League.
- 3.4 It is a condition of membership of the League that clubs will be members of the English Cricket Board by virtue of their being members of their County Cricket Board.

4 Structure

The League shall have cricket divisions as follows:

- 4.1 Premier Division (To consist of 12 teams). To be the flagship of the League and to prepare clubs for promotion to the Birmingham League.
- 4.2 Divisions to consist of 12 teams with no regional restrictions.
- 4.3 Divisions (To consist of a maximum of 10 teams)
- 4.4 New clubs joining the League will be placed by the Management Committee in a division that best represents their playing ability and ground standard.

5 President and Vice-Presidents

The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year. They are elected to preside over the League, the President being the Leagues most senior officer. They are to act as the supreme administrative body, dealing with disputes between the Management Committee and Clubs.

6 Management Committee/Officers (Including powers thereof)

- 6.1 The League shall be managed by a Committee as provided by these rules.
- 6.2 The Committee shall be managed by Officers undertaking the roles of chairman, secretary and treasurer, which positions shall be elected annually by a League General Meeting. Those Officers shall be responsible for recommending to a League General Meeting a Committee consisting of themselves and any other Officers, which they shall deem necessary to ensure proper management of the League. Such additional Officers shall also be elected by a League General Meeting.
- 6.3 The Management Committee have the power to introduce playing and administrative regulations together with a code of conduct to ensure the

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continual improvement in the management of the League. The Management Committee shall also be responsible for the management of the Leagues finances which may include the payment of fees/expenses as deemed necessary. In addition the Committee will also have the authority to deduct points from clubs if they fail to comply with the rules and/or regulations or award points where appropriate.

- 6.4 Nomination of Committee members shall be made by notice in writing to the Secretary, signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the club nominating that person or from a representative of a member club at the AGM. The Committee member so nominated and elected shall remain in office for a period of 12 months unless he/she shall resign by notice in writing to the Secretary or the club by which he/she was nominated revokes his/her nomination in writing to the Secretary signed by the Chairman or Secretary of such Club.
- 6.5 The Management Committee members shall be elected by a majority vote of those clubs present.
- 6.6 Members of the Management Committee have the right to create their own sub-committees to enable them to manage their own or any additional function that they are asked to undertake.
- 6.7 At every meeting of the Management Committee and Sub-Committees the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- 6.8 At a meeting of the Management Committee a quorum shall be four.
- 6.9 The Committee may also appoint additional people to assist in managing the league but they shall have no voting rights at Management meetings.

7 General Meetings

- 7.1 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to all clubs and officials by the Secretary at least 56 days prior to the date of the meeting.
 - 7.1.1 Proposed alterations to these Rules must be submitted to the Secretary by a club, signed by the club Secretary and seconded by another club. Such alterations must be submitted to the League Secretary at least 42 calendar days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
 - 7.1.2 The Secretary shall give due notice of all such proposed additions or amendments to all clubs at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November at a time and place to be fixed by the Committee for the following purposes:

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- 7.2.1 To receive from the Committee a general report.
- 7.2.2 To receive from the Committee a statement of audited accounts for the preceding season.
- 7.2.3 To fix the membership subscription for the ensuing year.
- 7.2.4 To appoint the Management Committee members for the ensuing year. Other Officers may be elected/appointed by the Management Committee or full membership to enhance the management of the League.
- 7.2.5 To appoint an Auditor.
- 7.2.6 To vote on proposed alterations.
- 7.3 A special General Meeting may also be called upon the requisition in writing given to the Secretary of any six member clubs stating the purposes for which the meeting is required.
- 7.4 At every General Meeting each member club shall be entitled to be represented by two persons. All persons so present shall be entitled to speak at a General Meeting but on any resolution each member club represented shall only have one vote.
- 7.5 At every General Meeting the Chairman of the Committee shall take the Chair, but if he/she shall not be present the Vice-Chairman. If neither is present, a Chairman of the Meeting shall be appointed from amongst the members of the Committee in attendance.
- 7.6 At every General Meeting of the League the quorum shall be 20 clubs.
- 7.7 For the purpose of the Rules an Extraordinary Resolution shall be a Resolution passed at a General Meeting by a majority of 66% of the member clubs voting.
- 7.8 Divisional Meetings
 - 7.8.1 Divisional Meetings shall comprise representatives of all clubs in a particular Division to be held on dates and at venues as arranged by the League. Such Meetings shall be normally held in January, April, and October.
 - 7.8.2 Such Meetings shall normally comprise Clubs from more than one Division and be based on the Band system as described in Playing Regulations Rule 1. However, the League shall reserve the right to call a Meeting of just one Division or jointly of any number of Divisions, as the League shall require.

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- 7.8.3 Where a Club shall have teams eligible for more than one Meeting, the Club shall be required to send a representative to each of the Divisional Meetings. However, where the Meeting is a joint Meeting of more than one Division, the Club may send a single representative to cover all those Divisions appropriate to the Meeting.
- 7.8.4 Attendance at such Meetings shall be mandatory and non-attendance for any reason shall make the Club liable to forfeiture of league points as prescribed below:
- 5 League points for each non-attendance to be deducted in the season following the Meeting. Such penalty will also apply to any club not attending the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.8.5 The making of Resolutions, Voting Majority and Voting Rights shall be the same as those in Annual or Emergency General Meetings, i.e. one vote per Club and a 66% majority of the member clubs voting.

8 Voting Rights

- 8.1 All member clubs are entitled to have one vote only regardless of how many teams they have.

9 Annual Subscriptions

The annual subscriptions of each member club for the ensuing year shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting with power for the Management Committee to levy a supplement subscription as necessary. The annual subscription should be paid to the Treasurer by 30th April preceding the season. Should a subscription not be paid, the Management Committee reserves the right to allocate no match points to either 1st or 2nd XI until the subscription is paid in full. An invoice is to be raised for each club and records of non-payment advised in Management Committee meetings.

10 Infringement of Rules

A member Club which, in the opinion of the Committee, infringes any of the rules of the League or the Laws of Cricket (including the spirit thereof) will have such points deducted, be fined, expelled or otherwise dealt with as the Committee shall determine.

11 Alteration of Rules

These Rules may only be amended by a Resolution passed at a General Meeting.