

## THURSTONLAND CRICKET CLUB (Founded 1874)

### RULES (November 2005)

**1. NAME:** The name of the club is Thurstonland Cricket Club, referred to hereafter as the club.

**2. OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of the club shall be:

The promotion of cricket and cricket matches and the social enjoyment and recreation of its members.

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting the ECB 'Safe Hands - Welfare of Young People in Cricket' policy and any future versions of the policy

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB Equity Policy Statement and any future versions of the policy.

To help in this it is hoped that every member will take an interest in the management of the club and help to ensure that its rules are observed.

**3. MANAGEMENT:** The officers shall consist of President, Senior Vice - President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Their work will be assisted by a General Committee. The officers of the club and members of the committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the club but in his/her absence the committee shall have the power to elect a chairman. In the case of equality of vote, the chairman shall have the casting vote. The treasurer shall take charge of all monies and keep account thereof to be presented to the committee at such times as deemed necessary. He/she shall prepare a balance sheet and full statement of accounts for presentation at the Annual General Meeting or special meeting for such purpose. The secretary shall take the minutes and attend to all correspondence.

The committee shall have power to attend to all management of the club and make necessary by-laws and appoint sub-committees. The committee shall meet at least once a month and at other such times as is deemed desirable. Five shall form a quorum. The committee shall have power to co-opt to their number as they think fit.

**4. MEMBERSHIP:** Membership shall be open to all, irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status or sexual orientation, provided they uphold the the aims and objectives of the club and pay the appropriate subscription.

**5. SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Full Playing Member - £15; Ordinary Social Member - £7; Junior member ( Aged 17 or under at midnight on August 31st of the year previous to the start of the subscription year on April 1st ) - £5. Family membership (A) - Senior Playing Member plus spouse/partner and one junior membership - £22; Family Membership (B) - Ordinary Social member plus spouse/partner plus one junior membership - £15 or such sums as may be decided by the majority of not less

than two-thirds of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for such purpose.

Any member whose subscription is not paid by May 31st will not be eligible to play in a game or have use of the club facilities. The committee shall have the power to waive any member's subscription in any case where they consider that circumstances warrant this action.

**6.** No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the club, or any member thereof, any commission, percentage or similar payment on, or with reference to, purchases of intoxicating liquor by the club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the club to members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the club.

**7.** The purchase for the club and the supply by the club of intoxicating liquor shall be in the absolute discretion of a sub-committee of not less than three members, being members of the committee appointed by the committee for that purpose. In the event of any member ceasing for any reason to be a member of the committee he/she shall automatically cease to be a member of the sub-committee and another member of the committee shall be appointed in his/her place. Such sub-committee shall in no way be limited in freedom of purchase.

**8.** There may be admitted to the club's registered premises persons other than members or their guests and intoxicating liquor may be sold to such persons by or on behalf of the club for consumption on the premises and not elsewhere.

**9.** No money or property of the club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the club as a whole or for some charitable, benevolent or political purpose chosen by a resolution of a general meeting.

In the event of the club being wound up, after the settlement of all necessary debts to creditors, remaining financial assets and/or material goods shall be given to another club with similar sports purposes which is a charity or to another club with similar sports purposes which is a similarly registered CASC or to the club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

**10. AUDITORS:** The auditors of the club's annual accounts shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting.

**11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November on such a date as the committee thinks fit or as is most convenient. The election of officers shall take place, the balance sheet presented and such business conducted as is thought necessary for the welfare and good conduct of the club. The books shall be closed on September 30th each year.

**12. NOMINATIONS:** Nominations for officers shall be made on a sheet posted in the clubroom for 14 days before the AGM. All candidates, proposers and seconders

must be fully paid up members of the club at the time, otherwise the nomination is void.

**13. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:** A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the secretary whenever the committee deems it desirable or by the president on receiving a requisition signed by 12 members ( or one-fifth of the total membership of the club for the time being ) stating the object thereof. Notice of such a meeting and the business thereof shall be posted in the clubroom at least seven days prior to the meeting. No other business shall be transacted at that meeting.

**14. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS:** The committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member who, in the opinion of two-thirds of those present at the meeting, has so misconducted him/herself as to prejudice the interests of the club. No member shall be so dealt with until he/she has received seven days' notice in writing by registered letter from the secretary to attend the committee meeting to explain his/her conduct. Such person shall have the right to appear at the next AGM or Special Meeting called for such purpose for reinstatement.

**15. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:** The committee shall have the power to elect at their first meeting of the financial year Honorary Life Members to make a total of not more than 25. Such free life members shall have all the rights of full members.

**16. LIST OF MEMBERS:** A list of members and a record of subscriptions paid by them shall be available for consultation in the clubroom.

**17. COMPLAINTS:** All complaints and disputes shall be notified in writing to the secretary who shall submit such matters at the next meeting.

**18. VISITORS:** Members may only introduce no more than two visitors at any one time and no visitor may be introduced more than six times in one year. The name and addresses of these visitors shall be entered in a Visitors' Book together with the name of the member introducing them.

Visiting teams and officials are classed as members for the day.

**19. CLUB OPENING:** The club shall be open between 11.00 and 23.00 on each day provided that the committee shall have power to extend these hours on any specified occasion.

**20. BAR OPENING:** The hours for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be from 12.00 to 23.00 or at times within those hours decided by the committee.

**21. ALTERATION OF RULES:** no alteration or addition to these rules shall be made except by resolution carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of members present at the AGM, the notice of which shall have contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition. The secretary shall, as soon as possible and in any case within twenty-eight days of the making of such alteration or addition to these rules, give notice of such alteration or addition to the Chief Officer of Police and to the Clerk of the Local Authority of the District within which the club is situated.

**22.** Any matter arising not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the committee whose decision shall be final and binding.