

# QUEDGELEY & HARDWICKE CRICKET CLUB

## CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the club is Quedgeley & Hardwicke Cricket Club.
2. The purposes of the club are to foster and promote participation in the amateur sport of cricket within the community, providing facilities for playing cricket, opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.
3. The club is affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through the Gloucestershire Cricket Board.
4. The club and its members shall ensure that members, playing and non-playing, abide by the ECB Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and by the Laws of Cricket.
5. The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy.
6. The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Cricket Equity Policy and future versions of this policy.
7. The Club committee has the power to;
  - Acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, clubhouse, transport, medical and related facilities;
  - Provide coaching, training, medical treatment and related social and other facilities;
  - Take out any insurance for club committee, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties;
  - Raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans, grants and charges;
  - Borrow money and give security for the same and open bank accounts;
  - Buy, lease or licence property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same;
  - Make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits;
  - Set aside or apply funds for special purposes or as reserves;
  - Deposit or invest funds in any lawful manner;
  - Employ and engage staff and others providing services;
  - Co-operate with any organisation, club, sporting body, government or government related agency;
  - Do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes.

None of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently and within the general law.

8. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
9. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a fair and non-discriminatory basis. The Club will have an equitable pricing policy and keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
10. The levels of subscriptions will be decided by the Committee from time to time and notified to the members.

11. Application for membership shall be by completion of a membership application form.
12. The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, at their discretion but only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or cricket into disrepute.
13. The Club will hold an Annual General Meeting once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM. At every AGM;
  - The members will elect a Committee including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve until the next AGM;
  - The Treasurer will produce a summary of the financial accounts of the club;
  - The Committee will present various reports on the Club's activities since the previous AGM;
  - The Committee shall appoint a Club Welfare Officer to ensure compliance with safeguarding legislation and the ECB safe Hands policy. The Club Welfare Officer shall report to relevant Committee meetings and the reports, together with any actions taken, must be minuted.
14. The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than 75% of those present and voting support that proposal at a convened general meeting.
15. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.