

CONSTITUTION OF THE SMITHFIELD R.S.L. CRICKET CLUB

NAME:

1. The name of the Club shall be the Smithfield R.S.L. Cricket Club.

OBJECTS:

2. The objects of the Club shall be:
 - (a) To promote, advance, cultivate and foster the game of cricket at both junior and senior levels.
 - (b) To assist in the educational advancement of the community by means of the development of a sense of fair play and a love of sport and in particular, the game of cricket.
 - (c) To encourage, advance and assist in the development of an improved standard of physical fitness in all members of the community, both individually and collectively.

COMMITTEE:

3.
 - (a) The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice- President- Senior Cricket, Vice-President - Junior Cricket, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Junior Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Social Secretary, Publicity Officer and four or more members of the club, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the club.
Also one representative per team (to be known as the Player's Representatives) are to be elected by the player's by the third competition game in each year.
 - (b) The President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Junior Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are to be known as the Committee's Executive. The Executive shall be a ex-officio member of all sub-committees.
 - (c) The Committee shall meet fortnightly (or some other regular period decided upon) on a mutually convenient night from the date of the Annual General Meeting throughout the cricket season in each year. Subsequent to the termination of each cricket season, and the date of the next Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall meet monthly , or at times as the Committee may determine.
 - (d) At all Committee meetings a quorum shall consist of five Committee members.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE:

4.
 - (a) All nominations for positions on the Committee of the club must be nominated at the Annual General Meeting of the club each year.
 - (b) All candidates for office, together with the proposer and the seconder, preferably must be full financial members of the Leo McCarthy Memorial Smithfield R.S.L. Sub-branch Club Ltd. (or applicants for membership if membership be full), at the time of nomination.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

5. (a) The Annual Membership Subscriptions shall be \$1.00. For playing members the last \$1.00 of their playing fees owed is deemed to be the Annual Membership Subscription.
(b) All members of the cricket club or at least one parent/guardian must be full financial members of the Leo McCarthy Memorial Smithfield R.S.L. Sub-branch Club Ltd. (or applicants for membership) and show current membership number upon registration.

UNIFORM:

6. The uniform of the club shall be as decided by the Committee, and it shall be compulsory on part of the players to wear the prescribed uniform.

HONORARY AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

7. The Committee shall be empowered to elect any person it may deem worthy to deserve Honorary/Life Membership, and may recommend to the members at the Annual General Meeting any person they may deem fit for election as Honorary Life Members. The right of Honorary members and Honorary Life Members to exercise a vote shall be restricted to the occasion of Annual Meetings, Special Meetings or Extraordinary Meetings.

7.1.1 Criteria for nomination for Honorary / Life members.

To be nominated for the above, Nominees must have at least one of the following criteria.

- (a) Ten years service as a player / coach / manager plus five years continuous service as a committee member.
- (b) Or twenty years service as a player.
- (c) Or ten years continuous service on the committee.

POWER OF THE COMMITTEE:

8. The Committee shall have the sole management of the affairs and concerns of the club, and shall have the power to perform all such acts and deeds as shall appear to it desirable or essential for the proper management of the club.

SUB-COMMITTEE:

9. (a) The Committee may from time to time appoint sub-committees for matters of special interest that may require investigation which subcommittee shall report the result of any such investigation to the full Committee.
(b) The Social Committee shall consist of at least two members of the general Committee in addition to the Social Secretary appointed at the Annual General Meeting, with power to add from financial members and supporters of the club.
(c) All monies raised by the Social Committee shall be paid into the club's official bank account. The General Committee may from time to time allot to the Social Committee such monies as it may deem necessary for carrying on the work of the Social Committee.

(d) The Social Committee shall regularly report through its Honorary Secretary all its activities and present a financial statement to the General Committee as and when required.

(e) The Junior Committee shall consist of the Vice-President Junior Cricket, the Honorary Junior Secretary and a representative from each junior team.

(f) The Junior Committee shall meet fortnightly or (some other regular period decided upon) at a mutually convenient time throughout the cricket season in each year and shall regularly report through its Honorary Secretary all its activities to the General Committee.

NON ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

10. Any member who may be elected to the Committee, absenting himself from three (3) consecutive Committee Meetings without forwarding a satisfactory explanation in writing, shall be held to have vacated his office and it shall be within the power of the Committee to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Committee of the club during the currency of the season, and may grant leave of absence.

APPOINTMENT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE:

11. The Committee at its first meeting after the Annual General meeting shall elect five of its members who shall comprise the Selection Committee, or the Grading Committee as the club sees fit. At the same meeting the Committee shall elect one other member to act as Deputy Selector in the event of any regular member of the Selection or Grading Committee not being available.

HONORARY TREASURER:

12. (a) The Honorary Treasurer shall receive all monies and bank the same as soon as possible, but preferably within seven (7) days of receiving same, in the name of the Smithfield R.S.L. Cricket Club Account. The Treasurer shall also keep a correct account of the income and expenditure, submit an extract thereof to the General Committee as and when required to do so, and see to the payment of all accounts when passed by the Committee. All cheques on the clubs bank account must be signed by any two of the three officials named President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary.

(b) A financial report is to be sent each year to the Secretary Manager of the Leo McCarthy Memorial Smithfield R.S.L. Club, no later than September.

HONORARY SECRETARY:

13. (a) The Honorary Secretary shall attend and take minutes of the General Committee meetings, conduct correspondence under the direction of the

Committee, and generally carry out the policy and instructions of the Committee.

(b) The Honorary Junior Secretary shall attend and take minutes of the Junior Committee meetings, conduct correspondence related to Junior Cricket under the direction of the Committee and report regularly to the General Committee.

ELECTION OF DELEGATE:

14. The Committee shall appoint a Delegate (or Delegates) to represent the club on the Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Association or to such other body to which the club may be affiliated.

APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN AND JUNIOR COACH:

15. (a) Prior to the first premierships match in the season, the Committee shall, at an ordinary Committee Meeting appoint a Captain of each team for the first three (3) games, then to be reviewed by the players.
- (b) Prior to the first premierships match in the season, the Committee shall, at an ordinary Committee Meeting appoint a Coach for each Junior team.
- (c) In the event of the Captain resigning during the season, or being prevented owing to injury or any other circumstances from taking his place in the selected team, the players shall as early as practicable appoint alternatively a successor, or a deputy for the time being whichever is deemed advisable to fill any such vacancy or to act for the necessary period.
- (d) In the event of the Junior Coach resigning during the season, or being prevented owing to injury or any other circumstances from continuing their duties as a coach, the Committee shall as early as practicable appoint alternatively a successor, or a deputy for the time being whichever is deemed advisable to fill any such vacancy or to act for the necessary period.
- (e) If for any reason during the progress of the playing season the Committee considers it desirable in the interests of the Club, to vary or rescind the appointment of either the Captain or Junior Coach, the Committee is empowered, at any General Meeting at which such action is contemplated, to do so after a majority vote in favour of effecting such a change.

CAPTAIN ON THE FIELD:

16. The Captain shall have sole management of the team entrusted to his command and decide for it in all matters of dispute which may arise on the field of play.

CONDUCT ON THE FIELD:

17. (a) The Captain or Junior Coach of each team is required to inform the Committee after the occurrence in the field of any act of disobedience, bad language, or unseemly conduct of any player calculated to lower the dignity of the Club.
- (b) Any player or players disobeying the orders of the Captain or Junior Coach while on the field or using abusive or bad language, shall be dealt with as the Committee may determine.

EXPULSION:

18. a) The General Committee shall have the power to expel any member who shall be found guilty of such conduct as shall, in the opinion of the General Committee, render such member of the club, unfit to continue a member thereof, and the General Committee shall not be bound to give any reason for such expulsion. Any person so expelled, may within three months from the date of such expulsion appeal against the decision of the General Committee to a Special General Committee Meeting of the club to be called as herein provided.
- b) The general committee may decline/reject a registration from any person whom they deem unsuitable to play for the Club. The committee shall not be bound to give any reason for the decision. (22-May-2003)
- (c) The general committee may decline/reject a nomination from any person whom they deem unsuitable to hold a committee position in the Club. The committee shall not be bound to give any reason for the decision. (22-May-2003)

MEMBERS TO PLAY IN MATCHES:

19. All players to play in matches shall be chosen by the Team Selectors. In the event of any member chosen to play in a match being absent, the Captain shall act on the advice of the members of the Selection Committee present at the ground to fill the vacancy thus created. In the event of no member of the Selection Committee being present at the ground, the Captain and the Vice-Captain shall act on their own judgement.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

20. An Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held at some time during the off season each year (the date and place of meeting to be decided by the General Committee) for the purpose of receiving the Treasurer's Report, the election (by ballot if necessary) of the General Committee as herein provided. The Annual Meeting shall also consider any other business submitted to the meeting in a proper manner and in accordance with the Constitution herewith.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

- 21 (a) The President, or Secretary, shall call a Special General Meeting on receiving a requisition setting forth the objects of the proposed meeting signed by eight (8) members. Seven-(7) days notice of such Special General Meeting shall be given to members either by notice in daily press or usual public places where club notices are displayed. Such a Special Meeting shall be held within fourteen (14) days from the date of such requisition, and at least twenty (20) members shall be present to constitute a quorum at such a Special General Meeting.
- (b) The General Committee shall have power to call a Special Meeting of the Club whenever they have matters under consideration upon which it may be deemed necessary or desirable to obtain the opinions of the

members. The same notice shall be given in this instance as for a Special General Meeting call on the requisition of members.

CHAIRMAN:

22. The President or a Vice-President shall take the chair at each General or Committee Meeting, but in the event of neither being present at the meeting, the members present shall appoint a chairman for the occasion. The chairman of the meeting, in addition to his ordinary vote, shall have a casting vote.

FINANCIAL YEAR:

23. The financial year of the club shall be deemed to commence on the 1 st July in each year, and terminate on the 30th June in each year. All members shall be deemed to be financial for the purpose of voting at the Annual General Meeting, or for nomination purposes, if the Annual Subscription has been paid prior to the end of the financial year.

VOTING AT MEETINGS:

24. (a) At all the meetings of the club, financial members of the club only shall be entitled to vote. For this purpose financial members shall be deemed to be holders of full Member's tickets. Members under sixteen (16) years of age are not entitled to vote, however one of their parents/guardians may vote on their behalf. The vote of every meeting excepting as elsewhere specified, shall be determined by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by any two (2) members.

(b) In situations where a member believes that a person is unsuitable to hold an office on the committee, the person should be given the opportunity to raise their concerns before voting occurs. (22-May-2003)

The person deemed unsuitable to stand for a position should be asked to leave meeting while matter is discussed. Following the discussion, a show of hands should be called for as to whether the person's nomination will be accepted or rejected. The committee shall not be bound to give any reason for the acceptance or rejection of a person's nomination. (22-May-2003)

ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION:

25. Any of the present Rules may be altered or repealed or a new Rule introduced by a simple majority at the Annual General Meeting of the club, or by a three-fifths majority of the members present at a Special General Meeting of the Club, provided due Notice of Motion in writing, signed by the Proposer and Seconder, has been lodged fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES:

26. In the event of any question not provided for by these Rules arising, the General Committee shall have the full power to act in the matter as it considers fit.

BY-LAWS:

27. The General Committee shall have power to make such By-Laws as may be deemed advisable for carrying out the objects of the club and to vary or rescind such laws from time to time if necessary. Provided always that such By-Laws shall not interfere with the Constitution as written herein, also providing that Notice of Motion has been given of such intention to vary or rescind such By-Laws at the previous meeting.

MISCONDUCT OF OFFICERS OR SERVANTS:

28. The General Committee may at any time upon complaint from anyone, investigate such complaint, and if necessary, suspend any officer or servant of the club until its next meeting when such complaint will be considered and dealt with.

AUDIT:

29. The Accounts of the club shall be audited by two Auditors, one of whom shall be a member of the Committee of the club, and a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure by the Treasurer duly audited, shall be submitted with a report at the Annual General Meeting of the club.

TEAM MANAGER:

30. Each team must elect a Team Manager who is responsible for the Team's affairs off the field and is responsible for the safe keeping of the club's property, which has been entrusted to the team. The General Committee has the right to veto any appointment to this position as it sees fit.

THE SMITHFIELD R.S.L. CRICKET CLUB BY-LAWS

In accordance with paragraph 27 of the Smithfield R.S.L. Cricket Club Constitution the following By-Laws have been written:-

BY-LAW NUMBER 1: FEES (REPEALED, AGM 1994)

Fees must be paid by the end of the second competition game. Those senior players whose children are juniors of the club have until the end of the third competition game to pay their fees. Players who fail to pay by this date will be deemed by the Committee to be "unfinancial" and will be ineligible to play until the debt is cleared.

BY LAW NUMBER 2: PLAYER'S ATTIRE

The on field attire of all players must be predominantly white. Torn clothes and shirts with slogans (especially of a derogatory nature) will be considered as unacceptable attire. Club issued white playing shirts must be worn at all times whilst playing except for one day games where club issued blue shirts may be worn as long as all team members are wearing the blue shirts. Hats must be of a style suitable to the game of cricket.

BY LAW NUMBER 3: JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION

Where Fairfield/Liverpool Cricket Association rules do not apply, no player shall be omitted from the playing eleven a second time, until all other players have been omitted for one game, except under circumstances caused by injury or disciplinary action.

BY LAW NUMBER 4: SENIOR AWARD QUALIFICATIONS

(a) To qualify for a senior bowling average award, a player must have bowled a minimum of 60 overs or have taken a minimum of 15 wickets during the season. To qualify for a senior batting award, a player must have played in at least half of the matches for the season.

Senior and Junior Club Championship points will be calculated in the following manner:-

- 1 point per run scored, plus
- 10 points per wicket taken, plus
- 10 points per catch taken in the field or 15 points for a wicket keeper catch or stumping.

(b) Performances in Semi Finals and Finals will have no bearing on a player's average or aggregate nor will they influence club championship points.

BY LAW NUMBER 5: JACKETS

All financial members of teams who win a Premiership will be eligible to receive a jacket or premiership baggy cap. This is subject to the financial situation of the "Jacket & Cap Pool" as set down at the beginning of the season and after review at the end of the season. The value of the pool is to be divided equally amongst the Premiership winning teams, to either purchase or subsidize the purchase of jackets or baggy caps.

BY LAW NUMBER 6: JACKETS

A junior player that wins both a junior premiership and a senior premiership in the same season shall be entitled to the equivalent of two jackets or premiership baggy caps provided that he has played for the majority of that season in both sides as well as having paid both junior and senior fees for that particular season.

BY LAW NUMBER 7: INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES DURING THE SEASON

A player that achieves the following shall be awarded a trophy for outstanding achievements.

- (i) 7 wickets in an innings
- (ii) 10 wickets in an match
- (iii) Bowling a hat -trick
- (iv) Scoring a century

BY LAW NUMBER 8: LIFE SUSPENSION

As of 8th July 1997, Gavin Grantham is suspended for " life" from the cricket club as a result of having displayed severe misconduct.

BY LAW NUMBER 9: MISCONDUCT OF PLAYERS

If any member of Smithfield RSL Cricket Club is accused of misconduct, the committee must give the accused a fair hearing i.e. ask the defendant to appear before the committee in order to tell his side of the story; before passing judgement.

BY LAW NUMBER 10: EMERGENCY MEETINGS

24 hours notice will be given to all members of the committee when emergency meetings are required to take place. These emergency meetings will take place on a Tuesday evening whenever possible.

BY LAW NUMBER 11: JUNIOR AWARD QUALIFICATIONS.

Under 10 and 11 . To qualify for a bowling award.

A player must have bowled a minimum of 50 overs or has taken 12 wickets. To qualify for a batting award, a minimum of 100 runs.

Under 12 and up. To qualify for a bowling award.

A player must have bowled a minimum of 60 overs or has taken 15 wickets.

To qualify for a batting award a player must have batted in a minimum of 5 games and scored a minimum of 150 runs.

SMITHFIELD R.S.L. CRICKET CLUB**LIFE MEMBERS**

Norm Green 47 Swan Street Kanwal NSW 2259	Colin Wilson 27 Lily Street Wetherill Park NSW 2164 12 May 2001
Geoff Lennox Bradley Address Unknown Previously of Rosford Street Mollymook NSW 2539	Danny West 36 Roland Street Wetherill Park NSW 2164 12 May 2001
Ian Steel 11 Casurina Close Lake Haven NSW 2263	Warwick Atkinson 46 Stimson Street Smithfield NSW 2164 12 May 2001
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