



The Constitution of The Whitkirk Club 05/06/2025

RULES

1- Name

The name of the Club shall be **The Whitkirk Club**.

2. Premises

The Clubroom and headquarters of the Club shall be at:

Whitkirk Cricket Ground

Selby Road Leeds LS15 0AA

3. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be:

- a) To protect and develop the interests of sport generally
in the Whitkirk area.
- b) To develop and extend the amenities of the Whitkirk grounds for the playing
of cricket, football, tennis, bowls and any other sport.
- c) To promote social and recreational activities amongst its members.

4. Membership

The Club shall be a Members' Club and shall consist of Ordinary Members, who are also members of one of the following clubs (herein after collectively called 'the constituent clubs.')

Whitkirk Cricket Club

Whitkirk Wanderers Amateur Football Club

Whitkirk Lawn Tennis Club

Whitkirk Bowling Club

Together with such Family Honorary Members as are hereinafter mentioned.

a) Associate Membership shall mean any member who is not a member of any constituent club, and Rule 11 will apply, in that these members will not be eligible to stand as committee member.

5.

The first Ordinary Members shall be the following five persons;-

Ralph Ifor Pritchard

John Robert Jackson Hammond

Barry Crole

Lester Thomas Hurst

Frederick Charles Manning

who, having determined to form themselves into a Club more than two days before these rules were intended to become operative, are, in this rule, referred to as 'Founder Members'. Family Members shall be the Spouses and Children under the age of eighteen years of Ordinary and Founder Members.

6.

Every candidate for membership, other than Founder Members, shall be proposed and seconded by two Ordinary Members (including Founder Members) of the Club, and the proposer and seconder shall vouch for the Candidate's fitness for Membership. The name and address of every candidate for membership, together with the names of their proposer and seconder, shall be exhibited in the Club premises for a period of at least seven clear days before such candidate is interviewed prior to election.

7.

Until the formation of a General Committee of the Club in accordance with Rule 11, election of Ordinary Members shall be by a majority of votes at a meeting of which the Founder Members, and such persons as shall then, already, have been admitted to membership under this rule, shall have been given two clear days notice. After the formation of a General Committee, election to membership shall be either by the Club in General Meeting, or by the General Committee of the Club. No reasons shall be given to any candidate in the event of their rejection.

8.

Honorary Members who shall not be liable to pay any entrance fee or subscription, but shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, may be elected by the Club in General Meeting.

9.

No person shall be admitted as an Ordinary Member of the Club, unless they are a fully paid up member of one of the constituent clubs.

10.

No person shall be admitted to membership, or admitted as a candidate for membership to any of the privileges of membership, whether as an Honorary, Ordinary, Family or Temporary Member, without an interval of at least seven clear days between their nomination for membership and their admission.

11.

The Affairs of the Club, except for those matters reserved for the Club in a General Meeting, shall be managed by the General Committee of the Club.

The General Committee shall consist of:

a) A Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary

who shall retire every year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

b) Nine members from the constituent clubs who shall be elected for three years.

THREE of these members shall retire each year, in turn, but shall be eligible for re-election.

Nominations for officers for the ensuing year shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not later than seven days prior to the meeting and no nominations shall be made without the consent of the nominee. In the event of no nominations being received for any position, the meeting shall have power to nominate and elect such officers as are required.

The General Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it may deem appropriate.

Five persons shall constitute a quorum of the General Committee and three a quorum of a sub-committee.

12.

There shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary of the club and other such officers of the club as the club may in General Meeting appoint.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, any other officer and three committee members shall be elected annually by the club in General meeting from among ordinary members of the club.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and any other officer, shall retire every year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and every such officer, shall act in accordance with the directions of the General Committee. The Secretary may, on behalf of the Club, subject to any directions given to them by the General Committee, employ such club staff as may be necessary for the running of the Club, and may terminate any such employment.

13.

Decisions of the Committee shall be by a simple majority of the members present and voting.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and any other officer of the Club, shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the General Committee. In the case of equality of voting, the Chairman of the General Committee shall have a second, or casting, vote.

14. [Trustees](#)

There shall be four Trustees of the Club, one from each constituent club, who shall be appointed from time to time, as necessary, by the Club in General Meeting, from among Ordinary or Honorary Members who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during their life, or, until they shall resign by giving written notice to the General Committee, or until a Resolution removing them from office shall have been passed at a General Meeting of the Club by a two thirds majority of members present and voting.

15.

Any property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees, for the time being, in their own names, for the use and benefit of the Club.

On the death, resignation, or removal from office of a Trustee, the General Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment of a new Trustee in General Meeting and thereafter vest the property of the Club in the names of the Trustees as then constituted.

The Trustees shall have, with the consent of the General Committee, all powers of dealing with the property of the Club, including powers of sales, leasing, pledging or mortgaging the property of the Club.

16.

The Club shall indemnify the Trustees against any liability which they may incur, as Trustees of the Club, in connection with any property of the Club held by them.

17.

All memberships shall be family memberships and cover husbands/wives/partners and all children under the age of 18. The membership fee may vary as the General Committee may from time to time determine.

18.

Annual subscriptions shall be payable on election, as provided in Rule 7, and thereafter, without demand, on the First day of June in every year. The General Committee may terminate the membership of any person whose subscription remains unpaid on the 30th day of June in the same year.

19.

The Treasurer shall keep such proper books of account as will enable them to present at every Annual General Meeting of the Club, or at any other time if required, (upon reasonable notice), by the General Committee, an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the Club, including a separate statement with regard to the purchase and supply of tobacco and intoxicating liquor, for the preceding year, or for the current year, as the case may be, and shall

report accordingly. The books and accounts of the Club shall be audited annually by a qualified Accountant who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

19a

The annual net profit of the Club shall be calculated by deduction of the annual expenses and maintenance costs, including loan repayments, incurred by the normal running of the Club together with all complex costs for rent, (external) rates, insurance, electricity and gas.

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The annual net profit, as defined in Rule 19a, shall be distributed as follows:-

5% to each of the constituent clubs

80% to the Development Account.

The above distribution is to be paid during the first week in June.

The funds paid to the Development Account are to be administered by the Development Committee which shall comprise of two members of each constituent sporting section and two committee members of the Whitkirk Club.

The said Development Account shall be used to further develop amenities for sport at Whitkirk (Any amendment to this Rule shall be subject to the special provisions of Rule 34 relative to Rule

21. [intoxicating Liquor](#)

The supply of intoxicating liquor on the Club premises shall be permitted during general licensing hours:

Monday to Saturday 11.00am to 11.00pm

Sunday 12noon to 10.30pm

Christmas Day and New Year's Eve opening will be in line with the general licensing hours.

No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to members or to any other persons on the Club premises otherwise than by or on behalf of the Club.

22.

The General Committee shall arrange the supply of intoxicating liquor, for sale by the Club to members, and to other persons on the Club premises, and shall secure the due observance of the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 (or any modification thereof) and of any conditions attaching to any Registration Certificate granted in respect of the Club premises

23.

No person shall be paid, at the expense of the Club, any commission, percentage or similar payment, on, or with reference to, purchases of intoxicating liquors by the Club; nor shall any person directly, or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefits from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members or their guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

24.

No intoxicating liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

25. General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during May in every year. Notice of the day, time and venue of such meeting shall be available to every Ordinary Member of the Club at least 14 days before the day of such Meeting.

26.

A General Meeting of the Club may be summoned at any time by the General Committee. Any members entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting must be capable of summoning one or requiring one to be summoned at any time on reasonable notice if a specified number of them join to do so; and the number required must not be more than thirty nor more than one fifth of the total number of the members so entitled. The period of notice for such a General Meeting shall be 14 days but a shorter period may be prescribed at the discretion of the General Committee if the urgency of the business so requires. (Licensing Act 1964-Schedule 7.2.(3).)

27.

At any General Meeting of the Club, every Ordinary Member including Life/Honorary members shall be entitled to one vote upon every question raised. The Secretary shall take Minutes of the proceedings at all General Meetings of the Club. Amended 22/05/2015 AGM.

28. Visitors and Temporary Members

Members may introduce and entertain four guests at the Club on any one day, and there shall be kept at the Club a Visitors' Book which both the Member and his guest shall sign. Temporary Members may be admitted to the Club four weeks in any one calendar year upon payment of 25 pence per person. Members of visiting teams playing any sport on the Whitkirk grounds, together with the families and friends of such members of visiting teams, may also be introduced and entertained as guests of the Club. The Member introducing a guest shall be responsible for that guest strictly observing these Rules and the Club Bye-Laws. No person whose Membership has been terminated or suspended, or whose application for Membership has been rejected, shall be introduced as a guest. A visitor may not be introduced on more than two occasions within any calendar month.

29. Bye Laws

The General Committee may from time to time make, vary and revoke Bye — Laws (not inconsistent with these rules) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of the Members, and the Bye — Laws for the time being in force shall be binding on all members.

30. Conduct of Members

No betting shall be allowed in the Club. No lottery shall be promoted in the Club except on behalf of the Club and with the consent of the General Committee. Gaming shall be permitted in the Club so, however, as not to contravene any of the provisions of the Betting Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963, or any statutory modification thereof for the time being in force.

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The General Committee may suspend or terminate the Membership of any person whose conduct, whether in the Club premises or elsewhere, is or has been, in the opinion of the Committee, prejudicial to the interests or reputation of the Club.

The General Committee shall inform the Member of the suspension or termination of their membership and give them notice that they have a right of appeal against such suspension or termination within 14 days of such notice to a General Meeting of the Club. At such General Meeting, any allegations against such member shall be related by a member of the General Committee, to which allegations, such member shall have a right of reply. The decision of the Club in General Meeting, whether to reinstate a suspended member or to confirm the termination or suspension of their membership, shall be taken by vote and shall be final and conclusive.

33. [Notices](#)

Each Member shall keep the Secretary informed of their address. Each Member shall be entitled to receive notice of any General Meeting of the Club.

Any decision of the Club in General Meeting shall not, however, be invalid by reason of any member not having received his notice.

34. [Alteration of Rules](#)

These Rules may be revoked, altered or added to by a two thirds majority of Ordinary Members present and voting at any General Meeting of the Club, but, in the case of Rule 20, no revision, alteration or addition can be made unless the previous consent in writing of each of the constituent clubs shall be obtained.

Notice of any proposed alteration, restriction or addition to the Rules must be delivered to the Honorary Secretary in writing not later than the 15th March in any year.

The notice of the meeting, in accordance with Rule 33, shall specify the proposed Rule Alterations.

35 [Exclusion of Liability](#)

Neither the Club nor any officer thereof shall be liable to any member or visitor for any loss of, or damage to any property, or injury to any person from whatever cause arising, occurring, in or about the Club premises.

36 Insurance

Wherever possible, the Club shall adequately insure the whole of the Club premises, contents and stock against all risks and insure also against the liability of the Club, General Committee Officers, and employees, in respect of the personal injury, damage to property, of members, visitors or any Third Party.

37 Dissolution

If at any time, the Ordinary Members of the Club in General Meeting pass by a two thirds majority a resolution to dissolve the Club, the General Committee or, failing them, the Trustees, shall take immediate steps to convert into money all the property of the Club with power to postpone such conversion as they think fit; out of the proceeds of such conversion, the Trustees shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club, including the expenses of such conversion, and any balance remaining in their hands shall be disposed of by them as the Club in General Meeting shall resolve; and thereupon the Club shall be dissolved. Provided that if the Club shall not resolve upon the disposition of such balance, the same shall be divided equally between all persons who were Ordinary Members of the Club at the date of the resolution to dissolve.

Clause 38 (new)

No honorarium or similar monies to be given/taken by any committee member, without prior AGM agreement. Furthermore, all powers to grant any such monies to be the sole responsibility of the members via an AGM vote. These powers to reside with the members via an AGM and cannot be delegated to the club committee. All committee roles to be advertised as voluntary roles and not paid positions.