



## **CONSTITUTION OF THE AFRICAN CARIBBEAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

### **1. Name**

The name of this association shall be **AFRICAN CARIBBEAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

### **2. Aims**

The aims of the association are to:

- i) Develop African Caribbean Cricket Association to become a supporting umbrella association, to affiliated cricket clubs within the African Caribbean community, encouraging and assisting, them in their structural and financial development;
- ii) Encourage and support the African Caribbean cricketing community to regenerate an interest in playing and supporting cricket in all formats and levels of the game;
- iii) Engage and develop the interest and skills of African Caribbean youths of various ages and genders, to participate in playing and supporting cricket at all levels and in all format of the game;
- iv) Explore and develop cricketing pathways and opportunities, for selected individuals of African Caribbean descent, to benefit from formal and informal coaching, trials and engagements by cricket clubs at local, county and where possible the national levels.

### 3. Objectives

The association will fulfil the aims set out at **paragraph 2** above by:

- i) Publicising its aims and objectives to affiliate clubs, through meetings, mail shots of various forms and the distribution of records of meetings;
- ii) Aggressively developing outreach approaches to African Caribbean cricket clubs and inviting them to become affiliated to African Caribbean Cricket Association;
- iii) Soliciting invites to African Caribbean Cricket Clubs' Annual General Meetings or meetings with their committee or designated committee member to inform and engage them in our aims and objectives;
- iv) Discuss and identify with clubs their developmental needs and devise a strategy to attracting African Caribbean players of various ages to those clubs;
- v) Disseminate key objectives to the relevant African Caribbean cricket clubs by representatives of African Caribbean Cricket Association;
- vi) Informing clubs of funding, training, partnerships and mentoring that can assist them in these endeavours;
- vii) Devising plans and strategies to show African Caribbean cricket clubs the potential benefits of amalgamating their administrative and practical resources without necessarily surrendering their existing individual identities or finances;
- viii) Identifying with affiliated clubs reasons and opportunities for them to acquire home grounds and assist and support them in such undertakings;

Where appropriate coordinate efforts with those such as Surrey County Cricket Club's Chance to Shine League and the Lord Taverner's City Cup Competition;

Enlist the support of celebrity personnel to launch and promote an African Caribbean Cricket Development Awareness and Participation Day, at local Cricket clubs during the cricket season, to promote recruitment to such clubs and to the African Caribbean Cricket Association;

- ix) Setting up and becoming the reference point to which all clubs can post their details of their respective events;
- x) Encouraging local cricket clubs to align themselves with local African Caribbean football teams in order to pool resources as well as preserve the African Caribbean community and create the opportunity to broaden the membership base;

- xi) Creating an African Caribbean cricket league to ensure and promote unity and joint enterprise among representative African Caribbean cricket clubs. The final may be hosted at a County ground or a local Cub;
- xii) Arranging amalgamated memorial cricket games for the commemorating cricketer and non cricketer deceased;
- xiii) Facilitating local club nominees to access formal coaching and umpire training and certification, which may have the additional benefit of keeping retired players and non players in the game and promotes African Caribbean Cricket Association's endeavours;
- xiv) Facilitating and encouraging the appropriate records checks for those involved in youth cricket (e.g. Disclosure and Barring Service); and
- xv) Promoting events such as film night, race night, cultural events and dances.

#### 4. **Membership**

Membership of the African Caribbean Association shall be open to:

- i) Cricket and other sports clubs whose membership consist primarily, but not exclusively, of individuals of ***African Caribbean heritage***; and
- ii) Anyone who is interested in helping the organisation to achieve its aims and objectives, and is willing to abide by its rules.

#### 5. **Membership Fees**

- i) Clubs - The annual membership fee for affiliating cricket and other sports clubs shall be **£25.00** payable to the Association in advance
- ii) Individuals - The annual membership fee for affiliating individuals shall be **£10.00** payable to the Association in advance.

## 6. Administration

The Association will exploit use of evolving technology for the execution of its business. Separate documents will be provided governing its website terms of use, data protection and retention policies.

The website domain name will be '**africancaribbeancricket.com**'.

## 7. Management

i) African Caribbean Cricket Association shall be administered by a Management Committee of not less than five (5) people and not more than fifteen (15) members elected at the organisation's Annual General Meeting. Committee Members must be at least 18 years old.

ii) The officers of the Management Committee shall be:

Chairperson  
Vice Chairman  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Assistant Secretary  
Welfare Officer  
Media Officer

and such other officers the association shall deem necessary at the meeting.

iii) The Management Committee shall meet at least four times a year.

iv) At least two thirds of Management Committee members must be present for the Management Committee meeting to take place.

v) Voting at Management Committee meetings shall be by show of hands on a majority basis. If there is a tied vote then the chairperson shall have a second vote.

vi) The Management Committee shall have the power to set up sub-committees and working parties as deemed necessary, which shall be accountable to the Management Committee.

## **8. Finance**

- i) Any money obtained by the association shall be used only for the furtherance of the aims of the association ;
- ii) Any bank accounts opened on behalf of the association shall be in the name of the association;
- iii) Any cheque issued by the association shall be signed by at least two of any three nominated signatories;
- iv) The Management Committee will ensure that the association stays within its budget.

## **9. Committee Meetings**

- i) The Management Committee shall be accountable to the members ;
- ii) All Management Committee meetings must be *minuted* and available to any member on request;
- iii) All Management Committee members shall be given at least seven (7) days' notice of a meeting unless it is deemed an emergency meeting in which case a meeting can be convened on notice as is deemed appropriate by the Chairperson.

## **10. General Meetings**

- i) The Management Committee shall call at least six (6) general Meetings held each year. The members shall be given at least seven (7) days notice of a meeting.

## **11. Annual General Meeting**

- i) The Management Committee shall call an Annual General meeting which shall be open to all members. The purpose of this meeting is for the association to account for its actions and consider the regeneration and development according to its aims and objectives including the election of members of the Management Committee;
- ii) The Chairperson of the Management Committee shall normally chair the Annual General meeting;

- iii) At least fourteen (14) days' notice of such a meeting must be given to all members;
- iv) All meetings, including AGMs, must be minuted, and the minutes made available to any member on request ;
- v) The quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be two thirds of the membership of which not more than four (4) may be Management Committee members;
- vi) The business of the AGM shall include:
  - o receiving a report from the Chairperson of the association's activities over the year;
  - o receiving a report and presentation of the last financial year's accounts from the Treasurer on the finances of the association;
  - o electing a new Management Committee and considering any other matter as may be appropriate at such a meeting;

## **12. Alteration of the Constitution**

- i) Proposals for amendments to this Constitution or dissolution of the association (see Clause 11) must be delivered to the Secretary in writing.

The Secretary in conjunction with all other officers shall then decide on the date of a forum meeting to discuss such proposals, giving at least four weeks (28 days) clear notice.

- ii) Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any general meeting.
- iii) The Management Committee shall be responsible for the interpretation of this Constitution and shall decide on any matter which this Constitution is silent, with the Chairperson having the deciding vote if a majority decision cannot be reached.

## **13. Dissolution**

The association may be dissolved and wound up at any time if agreed by two thirds of those members present and voting at any general meeting. Any assets shall be returned to their providers, if they require it, or shall be passed to another association with similar aims.

**14. Adoption of the Constitution**

The members present at the Annual General Meeting held on

..... 2014 adopted this constitution:

**Signed:**

..... (Chair)

..... (Secretary)

..... (Treasurer)

..... (Member)

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