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The Constitution

NAME

1. The name of the club shall be the "Northbridge Cricket Club."

COLOURS

2. The club colours shall be red, gold and blue. Club uniforms such, as caps, blazers, etc., shall be in such a pattern as specified by the Committee.

MEMBERS

- 3. The number of members shall be unlimited.
- 4. The members shall consist of the following categories.
 - (a) Active Members

All financial members of the Club.

(b) Life members

Those members previously elected as life members. All persons, who have been recommended for life membership by the Committee, shall be elected to life membership at an NCC committee meeting on a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 4/5ths of the members present and entitled to vote. Life membership shall be awarded at the following annual presentation night.

(c) Ex-Officio Members

The holders for the time being of the offices of Patron, President and Vice Presidents shall, if not Active or Life Members, be Ex-Officio Members during the term of their appointments.

THE EXECUTIVE

5. The Executive of the club shall consist of a patron, president, vice president, honorary secretary, honorary treasurer, a minute secretary, a Committee consisting of at least five members, a special selection committee and at least two members acting as delegates to the Northern Suburbs Cricket Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 6. The Executive for the ensuing year shall be elected at the AGM of the club. The Committee shall have the power to remove from office any office bearer other than the patron, president or vice presidents, who, in the opinion of the committee, has been absent from three consecutive committee or selection meetings without satisfactory explanation.
- 7. Any casual vacancy occurring in the Executive shall be filled by the Committee or appointed by the Executive.

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- 8. All nominations shall be subject to the approval of the Committee, which shall be bound to give its reasons for failing to approve any nomination. All other nominations shall be called for at the AGM.
- 9. No more than one key position (key positions being president, vice president, honorary secretary, honorary treasurer) should be held by one person. However, in the event that all other avenues have been exhausted to fulfill this requirement, two positions can be held by an individual until such time as a suitable alternative candidate is appointed.
- 10. The election of the Executive shall be taken by a show of hands unless a ballot is directed by the chairman or demanded by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote, when the chairman shall appoint two scrutineers (not being candidates for the office for which such ballot is proceeding), who shall furnish him with the result of such ballot, provided that in the event of two or more candidates polling an equal number of highest votes for any of the offices, a ballot shall be taken between such candidates until there is a result.

MANAGEMENT

- 11. The Committee, from time to time, may appoint from its numbers such sub committees as it may think desirable to further the interests of the club, and may co-opt other members of the club to assist on any such sub committees.
- 12. All such sub committees shall at all times be answerable to and subject to the control of the Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 13. The AGM shall be held each year on the date appointed by the Committee after giving 14 days prior written notice to all members of the club. The Annual Report including a statement of receipts and expenditure, balance sheet and a summary of player results for the past year are to be presented at the AGM.
- 14. No other business shall be transacted at such meeting unless notice of motion thereof has been given in writing to the honorary secretary seven days prior to the meeting.

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SPECIAL MEETING

15. A Special Meeting shall be held whenever the Executive directs or on receipt by the honorary secretary of a written requisition signed by not less than 11 members of the club. In the latter case, the object for calling such a meeting must be clearly stated in the requisition. Such meeting shall be called within fourteen days after receipt of such requisition. Seven days notice in writing shall be given to every member of any special meeting, and such notice shall state the business for which the meeting has been called. No business, other than that stated in the notice convening such Meeting, shall be taken without unanimous consent of the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 16. Meetings of the Committee shall be held at such times as it may resolve.
- 17. Special meetings of the Committee shall be called by the honorary secretary as and when directed by at least three members of the Committee, or at his own discretion provided that notice in writing stating the time and place of holding such meeting has been given to each member of the committee forty eight hours prior to the time fixed for holding of that meeting. No business other than that stated in the notice convening such meeting shall be taken without unanimous consent of the meeting.

QUORUM

- 18. No business shall be taken nor any resolution passed at any meeting unless a quorum is present. A meeting shall lapse unless a quorum is present within one half hour of the time for which the meeting has been called.
- 19. A quorum shall be formed at all AGMs by ten (10) members. A quorum shall be formed at special meetings by fifteen (15) members. A quorum shall be formed at committee meetings by five (5) members and at all sub committee meetings by two members where the sub committee consists of three members, and by three members where the subcommittee consists of more than three members.

VOTING

- 20. Only life members, the Executive and active members of the prior and current year shall be entitled to vote at any AGM.
- 21. Only life members, the Executive and active members shall be entitled to vote at any Special Meeting.
- 22. The Chairman at all meetings has a casting vote.

DUTIES OF HONORARY SECRETARY

23. The Honorary Secretary shall receive all correspondence and submit same to the next Committee meeting or AGM, record names and addresses of all members, keep all records of the club and carry out such duties as from time to time directed by the Committee and or any AGM.

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DUTIES OF MINUTE SECRETARY

24. The Minute Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the club and shall make them available on the website (http://www.northbridgecricketclub.org).

DUTIES OF HONORARY TREASURER

- 25. The Honorary Treasurer shall receive all revenues of the club and have charge of all its property, exclusive of equipment, which he shall not lend or dispose of without the consent of the Committee.
- 26. The Honorary Treasurer shall make payments upon the authority of the Committee and shall keep an accurate account off all receipts and payments in a general ledger which shall be available for inspection by members of the Committee at any meeting of such committee and to the members at any AGM and shall be liable to account at any time to the Committee for any monies received by him.
- 27. The Honorary Treasurer shall make a financial statement available to the committee at each committee meeting.
- 28. All monies belonging to the club shall be banked at the first convenient opportunity after receipt in a bank to the credit of the Northbridge Cricket Club, and all cheques issued on behalf of the club must be signed by the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary or by such approved signatories as the Committee may from time to time determine.
- 29. The Honorary Treasurer may expend a sum of money not exceeding \$100 without the authority, previously obtained, of at least 2 other members of the Committee, but such expenditure shall be reported by him for ratification at the next meeting of the Committee.

FINANCIAL

- 30. Each member of a team shall be liable to pay fees as may be determined by the Committee from time to time, except for life members who may participate without charge.
- 31. The Committee shall have the power to extend the date for the payment of monies payable by a member and, in exceptional circumstances, shall have the power to waive any or all of said monies.
- 32. The Committee shall have the power to impose on members of the club a levy when deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the financial affairs of the club.

DISICIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST MEMBERS

33. Any member acting in a manner inconsistent with the Laws of cricket, or otherwise acting to the detriment of the club shall be liable for suspension, expulsion or to be otherwise dealt with at a special meeting of the Committee. Any member accused of misconduct shall be given seven days notice in writing of any charge that is brought against him, and if such a member fails to appear the matter may be dealt with in his absence.

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- 34. Any member dealt with by the Committee under the proceeding rule shall forthwith be informed by the committee of its decision, and he may appeal against the decision at a special meeting for that purpose. Should an appeal be lodged the Committee shall direct the calling of a special meeting for the purpose of hearing such an appeal at least seven days after the appeal is lodged.
- 35. No member dealt with by the Committee or by the club in accordance with clauses 33 or 34 shall have any claim for damages or restitution for money from or against the committee, the club or any member thereof in respect of anything said in the course of or incidental to the conduct of the committee.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

36. The Committee may by a majority of those present and voting at any meeting decline to renew the membership of any member. The member whose membership is so declined may appeal to a special meeting in accordance with the procedures as laid down in rules 34 and 35.

SELECTION OF TEAMS AND CAPTAINS

- 37. A sub-committee appointed by the committee with no fewer than three (3) club members shall elect all teams for the first two rounds of the programmed matches after due consideration of ability.
- 38. The sub-committee shall also appoint the captains and vice captains for all teams for those two rounds.
- 39. Upon conclusion of the second round of programmed matches, the club shall elect a new selection committee. This committee shall consist of the elected team captains, together with a non-captain chairman.
- 40. Consideration for promotion and demotion should be based not solely on player performance on the field but what is in the best interests of the club.
- 41. The chairman of selectors is responsible for the following:
 - (a) notification to players of the team in which they have been selected.
 - (b) notification to all relevant parties of any subsequent alterations that may occur
 - (c) applying for relevant required permits requested by captains
 - (d) resolving selection stalemates
 - (e) assisting to fill teams which are short of players for any forthcoming match
- 42. The selection committee shall confer for the purposes of selecting teams and shall update MyCricket with a list of the names of the players selected for each team at the beginning of each selection week.
- 43. A member of the selection committee may be replaced by another member of the club at the discretion of the members of the selection committee provided a majority of the selection committee agree with the appointment.
- 44. Prior to the commencement of the third round of programmed matches, each team as selected for that round shall elect a captain and vice captain by secret ballot and the captain and vice captain so elected shall continue to act in those capacities until:
 - (a) He voluntarily resigns from the captaincy or vice captaincy, as the case may be: or
 - (b) He ceases to be a member of the team; or

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- (c) He is deposed by a resolution of not less than seven members of the respective team, provided that such resolution is properly carried out by secret ballot controlled by a nominated senior player. Such a ballot may verbally be requested of a senior player by not less than two members of the team.
- 45. In the event of the captain or vice captain of any team being absent from or during any match, the members of that team shall elect another member to act as captain or vice captain in the absence of the regularly appointed captain or vice captain during that match.
- 46. Any member who, having been notified of his selection, fails to give the chairman of selectors notice before noon on Friday prior to commencement of the match that he will be unable to play, may be liable for his ground fees for the match, whether or not an emergency may have occurred.
- 47. Any member who refusing to play with the team for which he has been selected or failing to give the respective captain a satisfactory explanation of his absence during a match or of his late arrival thereat or for any other justifiable cause, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and may be dealt with under rule 27.

TEAM DUTIES

48. Captain

The captain is in charge of the on-field activities of the team.

49. Vice Captain

The vice-captain assists the captain with on-field activities and acts as captain in the captain's absence.

50. Equipment Manager

The equipment manager ensures that the team cricket kit always has sufficient equipment in match condition and that a new ball is provided for the team before the commencement of each match.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CLUB AWARDS AND AVERAGES

- 51. Club awards shall be decided upon by no less than three (3) club members nominated by the Committee. Nominations are to be made by secret ballot.
- 52. The club's perpetual major award, the "Ken Wood Cup" shall be awarded each season to the outstanding member of the club. When deciding the recipient of this award, the Committee shall take into account performances on the cricket field, sportsmanship and other services rendered to the club.
- 53. The club's perpetual junior award, the Lance Thornton cup shall be awarded each season to the outstanding junior member of the club. When deciding the recipient of this award, the Committee shall take into account performances on the cricket field, sportsmanship and other desirable attributes that the recipient has displayed. In the event the club does not have a junior side the award shall be allotted to the outstanding junior member of the club under the age of 21 years at the beginning of the season. If there is no such player, the award shall be awarded to the most outstanding younger member of the club.

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54. Player of the Season awards shall be judged on a points formula as specified by MyCricket. Individual tallies shall be made as of the conclusion of all programmed, premiership matches and shall not include points accrued during any final game.

Runs	1.5 Points
Unassisted wickets (b, lbw)	15 Points
Assisted wickets	15 Points
Catches	10 Points
Stumpings	10 points
Unassisted runouts	2 points
Assisted runouts	0 points
100s	10 points
50s	5 points
5 wickets in innings	5 points
Not outs	0 points

- 55. A member, in order to be considered eligible for the batting averages in a senior team must have gained a batting aggregate of at least 200 runs and must have participated in at least 50% of that teams programmed matches.
- 56. A member, to be eligible for consideration as the winner of the bowling average in a senior team must have gained a minimum of 20 wickets in a particular team and must have participated in at least 50% of the programmed matches. In the case of no member of a particular team reaching or passing the qualifying standards, the member closest to the qualifying mark shall be declared the individual bowling average winner of that team.
- 57. Consideration for all other awards shall be based on on-field performance.

ALTERATION OF RULES

58. This constitution shall not be amended without the consent of two thirds of the members at an annual general or special meeting.

SERVICE OF NOTICES

59. All notices that are required to be served under this constitution upon members may be served by post or by e-mail to the last known address of the relevant member. Service by post is deemed to have been affected 48 hours after notice was given.

MEMBERS BOUND BY RULES

60. A copy of this constitution shall be available on the clubs website.

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- 61. Every member of the club shall be bound by this constitution.
- 62. The laws and practice of the Northern Suburbs Cricket Association Incorporated shall be deemed to be incorporated into this constitution, to the extent that there is any inconsistency the terms of this constitution shall prevail.