



# Grace's Cricket Club

## CONSTITUTION

1. **Name** Grace's Cricket Club.
2. **Address** Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, London N1 9SE.
3. **Aims** To promote the enjoyment of cricket in the gay and lesbian community.
4. **Constitution** This constitution supersedes any previous document bearing that name.
5. **Committee and Meetings**
  - 5.1 A committee is formed to run the interests of the club. The following are suggested committee posts, but the committee may elect additional, or remove existing, positions or position-holders as it sees fit:  
  
*Honorary President*  
*Honorary Vice President(s)*  
*Chairman*  
*Vice Chairman*  
*Club Captain*  
*Club Vice Captain*  
*Secretary*  
*Treasurer*  
*Publicity Officer*  
*Fixtures Secretary*  
*Tours Secretary*  
*Social secretary*  
*Website/Newsletter Editor*  
  
There may also be one or more members of the club holding honorary positions, for example as Honorary President or Honorary Vice President.
  - 5.2 Committee meetings will be held on an ad hoc basis at the discretion of the Chairman.
  - 5.3 An annual general meeting (AGM) will be held towards the end of each year. All committee members must apply for re-election.
  - 5.4 An extraordinary general meeting (EGM) may be requested to the secretary *either* by the committee *or* by a fully paid-up member with a written request signed by no fewer than five other club members and containing the reason for the request. An EGM must be convened within 28 days of the secretary receiving a valid request.
  - 5.5 The Chairman will be responsible for the conduct of any votes taken at meetings. The Chairman is not allowed to vote, but in the event of a tie will have the casting vote.

- 5.6 All club members will be given reasonable notice of each meeting and will be invited to submit agenda items to the Secretary. The final agenda will be circulated at least three days in advance of the meeting.
- 5.7 All meetings will require a quorum to take place. In the case of a committee meeting, a quorum will be one third of its members, rounded down to the nearest whole number. For AGMs and EGMs, a quorum will consist of one quarter of the fully paid-up membership, rounded down as above.

## **6. Accounts**

- 6.1 The club funds shall be held in a bank or building society account in the club's name.
- 6.2 Expenditure is normally authorised at a committee meeting of the club. If expenditure needs to be authorised between such meetings, the authority to do so rests with any two of the following responsible officers: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, or Vice-Chairman. The two *must* include either the Treasurer or the Chairman, or both of these officers. No individual member of the committee or the club has the authority to commit the club to any other expenditure.
- 6.3 Funds shall only be withdrawn on the signature of authorised members of the Committee. Cheques must be signed in accordance with the rules on responsible officers in sub-section 6.2 above.
- 6.4 Proper receipts must be obtained for all expenditure refunds, with the exception of authorised telephone calls made by members of the club. A list of such calls should be given to the Treasurer before a refund can be given.
- 6.5 The Treasurer will present accounts for inspection at each committee meeting. The final accounts will be audited by an independent accountant at the end of the financial year and presented to the committee for approval.
- 6.6 In the event of disbandment of the group, the available assets will be distributed equally to all fully paid-up members.

## **7. Subscriptions and Membership**

- 7.1 Membership fees shall be set at each AGM.
- 7.2 Membership of the club is discretionary and may be denied by the committee. The committee may expel members as it sees fit with reference to the Grace's Cricket Club Code of Conduct (April 2005).

## **8. Constitution Amendments**

This constitution can be amended by the committee, but any changes must be approved by a two-thirds majority, rounded down to the nearest whole number, of the votes cast by fully paid-up members at an AGM or EGM.

**Shane McGing**  
**Chairman**  
**September 2006**