

Bracknell Baseball Club



CONSTITUTION

Initially agreed 11/11/93

Modified at: 1996 AGM, 1997 AGM, 1999 AGM, March 2002 EGM, 2002 AGM,
2005 EGM

1 NAME

- 1.1 The name of the club shall be Bracknell Baseball Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

2 OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

- 2.1 The objective of the Club is to organise a team or teams to play baseball and softball within a controlling organisation's structure and to strive to win that organisation's National Championship.
- 2.2 The controlling organisations shall be the British Baseball Federation and the British Softball Federation.
- 2.3 In order to successfully meet the main objective the Club will promote all aspects of baseball and softball in the Bracknell area, to encourage people to join the Club and to ensure that as many people as possible can play baseball and softball by organising new teams.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The Club shall consist of the officers and members and others as nominated by the Executive Committee.
- 3.2 Membership of the Club shall be open, and (in accordance with the Baseball Softball UK Equal Opportunities Statement) not unreasonably restricted on the grounds of sex, race or of political, religious or other opinions, to any person in the area who is prepared to accept and support the objectives of the Club.
- 3.3 In accepting membership, a person agrees to abide by the constitution of the Club and the rulings of the Executive Committee.
- 3.4 Members under the age of 16 years shall be considered as junior members.
- 3.5 Junior members shall not have the right to vote at meetings, but their parents or guardians are entitled to vote on their behalf as full members on the committee.
- 3.6 Voting shall take place under the following rules:
- (a) Full members have one vote per paid membership
 - (b) The parent/guardian/carer has one vote per paid junior membership
 - (c) An adult shall only have 1 vote.

4 DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS

- 4.1 Disciplinary & Appeals Procedure - Refer to Appendix 1
- 4.2 Player's Code of Conduct - Refer to Appendix 2
- 4.3 Coach's/Manager's Code of Conduct - Refer to Appendix 3

4.4 Parent's/Guardian's Code of Conduct - Refer to Appendix 4

5 **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 5.1 Membership fees shall be stipulated by the Executive Committee distinguishing between each group of players that it deems fit.
- 5.2 Annual membership fees fall due on 1 May.
- 5.3 The Executive Committee may decide upon other charges or subscription at its discretion.

6 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 The Executive Committee's duty is to manage the Club's affairs (not the teams') and to carry out the members' wishes between General Meetings.
- 6.2 The Executive Committee will consist of:
President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Member-At-Large
Adult Representative
Youth Representative
- 6.3 These officers shall be elected at the Club's AGM to serve until the subsequent AGM and may seek re-election.
- 6.4 Should a vacancy arise on the Executive Committee then the Executive Committee will have the power to elect a replacement.

7 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 7.1 Any member shall be entitled to attend the Executive Committee Meetings as an observer (i.e. would have no right to speak unless invited to do so by a majority of the Executive Committee).
- 7.2 There should be a minimum quorum of 4 members at an Executive Committee Meeting.
- 7.3 Motions at an Executive Committee Meeting will be passed by a simply majority.

8 **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 8.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 3 months after the last club fixture. 21 (twenty one) clear days written notice shall be given to Members of the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member and posting a notice on the Club notice board. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least 7 days before a meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to Members not less than 7 days before the meeting.
- 8.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:
- (a) Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting
 - (b) Receive the accounts for the year from the Treasurer
 - (c) Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Secretary

- (d) Elect the Officers of the Club
- (e) Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from Members 7 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.

NOTE: The agenda could provide for "Any Other Business" but Members should be encouraged to refer other items to the Executive Committee and give the required notice for important Annual General Meeting business.

- 8.3 Special General Meetings may be convened by the Executive Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not less than 8 Members of the Club. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.
- 8.4 Nomination of candidates for election of Officers shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations can only be made by members and must be seconded by another member.
- 8.5 At all General Meetings, the chair will be taken by the President or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the Club or by members attending the meeting.
- 8.6 Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chair shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.
- 8.7 A quorum for an General Meeting shall be forth tenths of the members of the Club to include 5 Executive Committee Members.

9. **DISSOLUTION**

- 9.1 If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the Dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- 9.2 If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the members of the Club, the Executive Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club.
- 9.3 After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the Club, but shall be applied for Inland Revenue (CASC) approved sporting or charitable purposes.