

THE COROMANDEL VALLEY RAMBLERS CRICKET CLUB INC.

CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE:

The Club shall be called “Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club”

2. CLUB COLOURS:

The colours of the Club shall be navy blue and light blue.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

There shall be three grades of membership – Active, Honorary and Life.

- (a) Active: Any person who is an active participant of the club and who has paid the subscriptions as set out in Rule 7 shall be eligible for Active Membership and shall be elected according to the provisions of Rule 5 (a) following.
- (b) Honorary: Any person, whether a past Active Member or not, whom it is desired to honour, may be elected an Honorary Member or Honorary Vice-President. Such membership shall be considered as conveying the highest mark of esteem the Club may bestow and shall be given only to those who have given special service to the Club.
- (c) Life: Any person who has been an Active Member for not less than fifteen continuous years or who has participated in 150 or more Club matches may be granted life membership.

4. OBJECTS:

The objects and purposes for which the Club exists shall be as follows:

- (a) To provide cricketing activities for members.
- (b) To provide other sporting, recreational, social and cultural activities for the benefit of members and their immediate families.
- (c) To engage in or support such welfare or community projects as may be considered of benefit to the members or past members, their families or dependents.
- (d) To raise funds for the above mentioned purposes through suitable trading activities, collections and similar means.

5. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS:

- (a) Active Members: Persons wishing to become Active Members of the Club shall complete an application for membership which may be lodged with any officer of the Club.

The names of all persons applying for membership shall be notified to the next Committee Meeting following application and the Committee will enrol the new members.

- (b) Honorary Members: A person may be elected as an Honorary Member after he has been first proposed by at least two Active Members of the Club. Such proposal shall be in writing, specifying the reasons for the proposal and shall be forwarded to the Secretary who shall bring the proposal before the Club Committee at its next Meeting. The election as an Honorary Member shall be duly made if a majority of three-fourths of the Committee members vote for the election. The period for which Honorary Members are elected shall be terminated at the next Annual General Meeting following election, and re-election shall be the subject of a resolution proposed by the Committee to the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- (c) Life Members: At each Annual General Meeting, the names of proposed Life Members shall be announced and election as Life Members shall be effected by a majority of the members voting in favour of such election.

6. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the Club shall cease:

- (a) On the date on which a member leaves the Club other than as provided in Rule 3 (c), unless a proposal for Honorary Membership shall have been lodged with the Secretary before the date of leaving the Club.
- (b) On failure to maintain payment of subscriptions for a period of three months unless non-payment is due to any reason for which subscriptions may be excused under Rule 7 (g).
- (c) On the termination of any Notice of Expulsion as provided under Rule 8.

7. SUBSCRIPTION:

- (a) The subscription for Active Members shall be such sum as the Committee shall recommend to an Annual General Meeting AND which shall be passed by a majority of the Members present at such meeting.
- (b) The Committee may increase the subscription between Annual General Meetings on giving to every member not less than two weeks' notice of such increase and unless objection shall be lodged as provided in Rule 7 (c) below, the increase shall be binding on all Active Members.
- (c) Should an objection to the proposed increase be made in writing to the Secretary by five or more members, the increase shall be deferred until the proposed increase has been

authorised by a majority at a Special Meeting of members convened for the purpose of approving the increase.

- (d) Subscriptions shall be made payable by annual lump sum payable in advance or by any method agreed to by the elected Committee Officers for the time being.
- (e) No subscription shall be payable by Honorary or Life Members.
- (f) On payment of his subscription a member submits himself to the Rules of the Club and is deemed to accept the interpretation thereof by the elected Committee and Officers for the time being.
- (g) The Committee shall have the power to reduce or cancel the subscriptions of any member during periods of extended absence.

8. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS:

Any member wilfully disregarding the Rules of the Club or guilty of conduct at a Club function which in the opinion of the Committee is contrary to the interest of the members generally shall be liable to suspension or expulsion from membership. Such action shall be taken by the Committee only after a complaint has been lodged by at least two Active Members and the member concerned has been given the right to explain his conduct. A resolution to suspend or expel a member shall be valid only if passed unanimously by all members of the Committee.

9. CLUB OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT:

- (a) The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Secretary and Treasurer. All such Officers will be Active Members. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by members present at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The business and management of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of a maximum of 14 members including the President, Secretary and Treasurer elected annually in accordance with Rule 14 (b). All Committee members shall be entitled to vote on all matters to be decided by the Committee.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions elsewhere specified in these Rules, in the event of any casual vacancy occurring on the Committee, the Committee may proceed at its next meeting after the occurrence of the vacancy to appoint a member to fill such vacancy.
- (d) The Committee shall have the power to appoint all necessary sub-committees and to co-opt Active Members to serve thereon, provided that such sub-committees shall report to the Club Committee and shall not have the power to commit the Club financially or in any other way.
- (e) The Secretary shall be the Club's executive officer and public officer.

10. TEAM MANAGEMENT:

- (a) Captains and Vice-Captains

Each team filled by the Club will be under the control of a Captain and in his absence a Vice-Captain during matches. Captains and Vice-Captains will be elected by members present at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) Coaches

The Club Coach and Assistants shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) Selection Committee

The Selection Committee shall be comprised of the team captains.

11. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The Financial Year of the Club shall be from 1st August to 31st July next following.

12. ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS:

- (a) The accounts and minute books of the Club shall be open for inspection by any member on application to the Secretary, who shall produce them at all reasonable times.
- (b) Such books, accounts and vouchers shall be kept by the Treasurer and Secretary as necessary to give a true and correct view of the receipts and payments on behalf of the Club, and profit and loss on functions and other activities of the Club for each Financial Year. All such records shall be kept in accordance with the requirements and recommendations of the Club Auditor who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from persons outside the Committee.
- (c) Minutes shall be kept of all Committee Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings.
- (d) All accounts for payment shall be authorised by the Committee. A petty cash fund of twenty dollars shall be established bearing the same signatures as the other accounts of the Club.

13. ANNUAL REPORT:

An Annual Report and Financial Statement duly audited shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

14. (a) Committee Meetings.

The Committee shall meet at least once in each calendar month, other than during the months of April to July each year.

The Treasurer shall report to every such meeting on the financial position and outstanding commitments. All sub-committees shall also report at such meetings.

(b) Annual General Meetings.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the months of August or September each year, for the purpose of electing the President, Secretary, Treasurer, other Committee members, the required number of Club Captains and Vice-Captains, receiving the Annual Report and Financial Statement and any other business.

The Committee shall assume their duties on election and shall remain in office until the following Annual General Meeting and be eligible for re-election.

(c) Special Meetings.

A Special Meeting of the members of the Club may be called at any time by the Committee between Annual General Meetings. Such a Special Meeting must be called by the Secretary if instructed in writing by not less than five Active Members, or if a quorum cannot be formed at two successive Committee Meetings.

(d) Quorum.

The minimum number necessary to constitute valid meetings shall be in the case of Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings – not less than twenty members or 25% of the Active Members, whichever shall be the lesser. In the case of a Special Meeting, where due notice has been given as above, and a quorum is not obtained, the business of the Special Meeting shall be determined by the Committee of the time. A quorum for each Committee Meeting shall be at least fifty per cent of the total Committee (including officers).

(e) Notice.

The Secretary shall give at least fourteen clear days' notice of the dates of all Club Meetings to Active Members.

15. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:

The Club may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of all Active Members at a Special Meeting convened for that purpose. On the winding-up of the Club's affairs and surplus funds shall be donated to a recognised charity nominated by the Committee.

16. ALTERATION OF THE RULES:

No alteration of these Rules shall be made except at a Special Meeting convened for that purpose or at an Annual General Meeting. Fourteen clear days' notice in writing of any proposed alterations or additions to these Rules shall be given to the Secretary who shall forthwith notify the same to every Active Member. No resolution to alter or amend these Rules shall be deemed carried unless supported by three-fourths of the Active Members present.

17. CLUB PATRON:

The Patron of the Club shall first be appointed by the members present at an Annual General Meeting provided that a majority of at least 75% of those members present are in favour of the appointment. The Patron, thereafter will hold office at the pleasure of

the Club. The Patron may only be removed from office at a Special Meeting of the Club called for the purpose. At such meeting removal will only be effected should a majority of at least 75% of those members present be in favour of such removal.