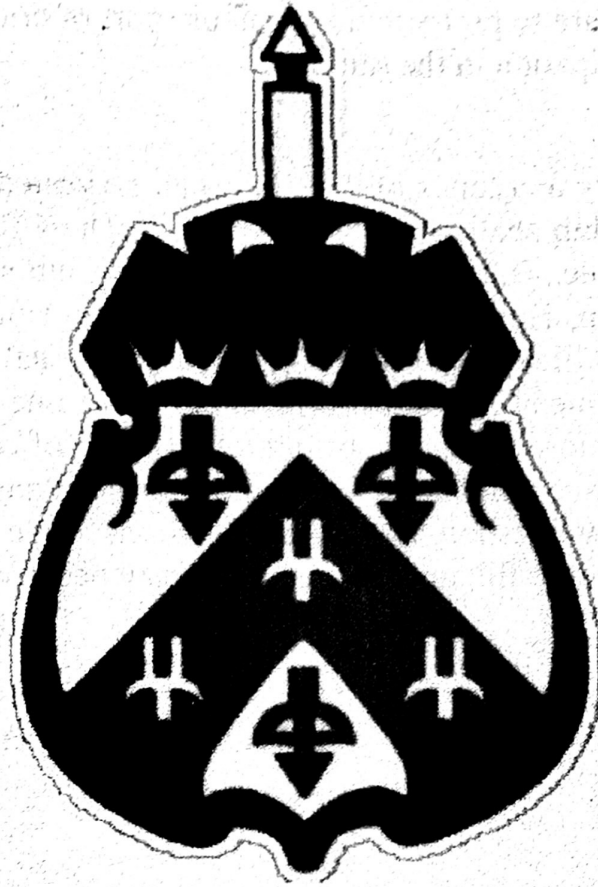


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1.  
The Club shall be called 'Firwood Bootle Cricket Club'.  
All references to 'The Club' in this constitution refers to 'Firwood Bootle Cricket Club.'
- 1A  
The purposes of the club are to promote the amateur sport of cricket in the area of Sefton and the community participation in the same.
2.  
The management, property and funds of the Club shall be vested in the General Officers. The Committee of the Club shall appoint the Officers. The Officers shall be ex officio members of the Committee. The General Officers of the Club shall be: - The President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Fixture Secretary, The Welfare Officers and 1<sup>st</sup> Eleven Captain. The Committee shall consist of the General Officers and eight other members to serve for a period of one year. In the event of a General Officer holding more than one position the number of committee members shall be adjusted accordingly. Six members shall form a quorum at any meeting and if there be equality of votes upon any question, the Chairman will have the casting vote. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies that may occur within the committee
- 2/1  
The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the rules and all surplus profits are reinvested in the club
- 2/II  
The club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching , match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided in the Finance Act 2002
- 2/III The Club may also in connection with sports purposes of the club:
  - a) Sell and supply food and drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
  - b) employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate the for providing goods and services on fair terms set out by the committee without the person concerned present;
  - c) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
  - d) indemnify the committee and members acting properly in the course of running the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of assets).

3.  
The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held as early as convenient after the end of the financial year, when Patrons, Vice Presidents, General Officers, (except captains) and committee members for the ensuing year shall be elected. Twelve Members shall be present for a quorum. The General Officers thus elected, by ballot if required shall be nominated by the retiring Committee. There must not be a period of more than fifteen months between the holdings of the Annual General Meetings of the Club.

3A  
The financial year shall end on the 30<sup>th</sup> September and the Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30<sup>th</sup> November each year.

4.  
The Annual General Meeting of Cricket Playing Members shall be held as early as convenient after the end of the season, but before the Annual General Meeting, when the Captains and Vice Captains of the elevens shall be elected by ballot if required. Fifteen members required to form a quorum. If this number is not present, the business to be enacted shall be transferred to the General Meeting.

4A  
Nominations for captains of the elevens to be in writing to the secretary 24 hours before the players meeting.

5.  
The General Officers of the Club, together with Committee Members as referred to in rule 3, shall meet on the first Monday in each month, Unless agreed otherwise, to determine matters concerning the Club. The selection of the eleven's shall be made by a sub-committee appointed by this section.

6.  
The Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of the accounts of the Club for the past year at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

7.  
The General Committee may from time to time make or suspend Byelaws regulating the use by members and visitors of the pavilion and other facilities of the Club.

8.  
The Secretary shall keep minutes of all General and Committee meetings. The Fixture Secretary shall have full power to arrange cricket fixtures. Secretaries appointed by any sub-committee shall keep minutes of their respective meetings.

9.  
Every candidate for admission to the Club shall be shall fill in an application form. The application form to be discussed and the Management Committee, and to be confirmed by a simple majority.

## 9A

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis

The Club may have different classes of membership and subscriptions on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating

The Club Committee may refuse membership or remove it only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport disrepute. Appeal against refusal or remove may be made to the members

The Club has an appropriate 'Child Protection Policy' and all members are bound by the policy

The Child Welfare Officer has a right to recommend the termination of membership.

## 9B

Aligned to the nature of activities held within the perimeter of the ground (including the clubhouse) any directly employed or permanent contractor role carried out within the perimeter should obtain an Enhanced DBS certificate within every three years. This is in addition to roles (voluntary/employed) identified via 'Clubmark accreditation as being mandatory and meeting all renewal requirements.

The relevant details should be held as part of the overall 'Clubmark' Administration.

## 10.

The Annual Subscription shall be: -

Playing member over 18 years of age	£100.00 including winter nets
Unemployed Member	£60.00 including winter nets
Associate Members	£35.00 inc. Vat
OAP Members	£15.00 Inc. Vat
Junior Membership	£60 per year Including winter training
One Parent & Children U9 to18	£126.00
Family: Both Parents & Children U9-18	£150.00

## 10A

1. A list of those members who had not paid their subscription by the due date is posted on the notice board. Playing Members having not paid their subscription by the due date will not be eligible for selection.
- ii. Any Non Playing Member not paying their subscription by 30th September shall be deemed to have let their membership lapse. In which case they will have to reapply for membership. At this time they shall be debarred from all privileges of the Club, until the Management Committee has considered their application and subscriptions due are paid.

111.

Playing Members Subscriptions are due from 1st January and must be paid by 31st March each year. Any Playing Member not paying by the due date will not be eligible for selection for any of the elevens until paid. Subscriptions should be paid to the Players Subscription Secretary. Who will advise on methods of payment. . If subscriptions are not paid by 30th September they shall be deemed to have let their membership lapse and have to re-apply for membership.

10B.

A match fee of £5.00 per game will be payable by a registered player playing a limited number of games. who is chosen to play for any of the eleven's, up to a maximum of six games. Any one playing more than six games will be liable to the full playing membership fee. At the committees discretion.

11.

It shall be a condition of membership that the annual subscription shall be a debt to the Treasurer for the time being.

12.

It shall be the duty of the committee if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club require, to invite by letter a member to withdraw from membership of the Club within a time specified in the letter, and in default of such withdrawal to submit the question of his/her expulsion to a Special Meeting of the Club to be held within fourteen days after the date of such a letter. At such a meeting the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be permitted to offer an explanation of his conduct, orally or in writing, and there upon two thirds of the members present shall vote for his/Her expulsion, shall forever cease to be a member. The Committee may exclude any member from the Club premises pending the Special Meeting.

The General Committee shall determine any questions, which may arise on the construction of the rules, or anything relative to the Club not provided by them, and shall have the power to arrange any entertainments or fund raising schemes, which they shall deem advisable for the benefit of the Club. They shall appoint subcommittees for such purposes, as they deem expedient.

13A

### **Borrowing Powers**

The Club may, when authorised by a resolution of the committee obtain advances of and borrow money for the purpose of the Club. (Whether by means of a loan from the Clubs bankers or by way of overdraft on any current account of the Club with its bankers or by any other means) upon such terms as to the interest and to time and manner of the repayment of principle or otherwise howsoever as the committee may determine and may authorise the mortgaging or charging by or on behalf of the Club any property (whether realty or personalty) of the Club to secure any such borrowing aforesaid.

13B

The Club will indemnify any Trustee or Committee Members in respect of any financial liability, which may be incurred following implementation of the authority provided to the Club under rule 13A.

#### 14 Conditions of Ownership, following lottery funding.

14.1 The club agrees that The Facility will not be subject to any mortgage, debenture, pledge, loan or legal charge secured upon the whole or any part of it, and will not be subject to any lien or other encumbrance which effects or will effect any part of the facility, without prior agreement of the English Sports Council.

14.2 The facility or any part of it will not be sold, transferred, leased or otherwise disposed of, or cease to be used for the sports approved by the English Sports Council, without prior written approval of the English Sports Council. Which amongst other things, be conditional upon the provisions of the following paragraph being satisfied.

14.3 In such circumstances of sale, transfer, lease or other disposal or change of use within a period of (50) years from the date of provision of the facility.

14.3a If the facility or any part of the facility is sold, or transferred, the club shall insure that the sale or transfer will be at full market value, such valuation to be assessed by an independent surveyor experienced in the valuation of sports facilities and approved in writing by the English Sports Council. An appropriate proportion of the proceeds (determined by the English Sports Council by reference to the proportion of the original facility purchase and development cost met by the award and taking into account the period of use) will surrender to the English Sports Council unless otherwise agreed in writing in advance by the English Sports Council.

14b If the facility or part of the facility is leased or otherwise disposed of, Or ceases to be used for the sports purposes approved by the English Sports Council, the market value of the facility will be assessed by an independent surveyor approved in writing by the English Sports Council. An appropriate proportion of the proceeds (determined by the English Sports Council by reference to the proportion of the original facility purchase and development cost met by the award and taking into account the period of use) will surrender to the English Sports Council unless otherwise agreed in writing in advance by the English Sports Council.

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#### Winding Up

- a) The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that the proposal at a properly convened meeting.
- b) The committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the clubs affairs.
- c) After settling all liabilities of the club, the committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:-  
To another club with similar sports purposes which is registered charity and/or; to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or; to the clubs governing body for use by them for related community sports.

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16. A Copy of these rules shall be forwarded to each member and the secretary shall provide a copy for use in the pavilion.

17. Any Member wishing to propose any alteration in the rules must send a copy of such alteration to the secretary not later than twenty one days before the Annual general Meeting called for the purpose. Any changes in rules other than those relating to subscriptions can only be carried by a majority of those present.

18. Bona fide members of visiting clubs to the ground shall be considered members of the club for the day on which they are playing, unless mitigating circumstances apply

19. A visitors book shall be provided and kept on the club premises. Any member introducing a visitor shall enter in the visitor book the name and address of such a visitor and the same visitor may not be introduced on more than three occasions in any period of 12 months.

20. The permitted hours for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be determined by the lease.

20A. Children under the age of 18 years shall not be sold intoxicating liquors.

21. Where there is a conflict between any of the above rules ("key rules") and any other rule or rules the rule(s) will take priority. Interpretation of all rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASC (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002).

22. The Club shall appoint A Child Welfare Officers. The Child Welfare Officer will have a valid DBS Disclosure and will have attended a course in child welfare. The Child Welfare Officers will have an automatic place on the clubs committee.

22A. The Club has adopted and implemented the ECB 'Safe Hands Cricket's Policy' for safeguarding children. A copy of our 'Safeguarding Policy and Procedures' is displayed on the Club Notice Board and website also a hard copy is available on request.

22B. The Club has adopted the ECB Equity Policy and adhere to its principles.

22C. The Club has adopted a Privacy Policy for Senior and Junior Members. A copy of the policy to be displayed on the Club Notice Board and website also a hard copy available on request.

## **Discipline**

The Club Committee shall appoint a disciplinary committee consisting of a chairman and two members. They shall also appoint an appeals committee consisting of a chairman and two members. No member sitting on the disciplinary committee shall sit on the appeals committee.

### **23A**

If an incident takes place during a match the club will convene an internal enquiry within five days following the match. Any suspensions allocated to members will be in weeks (7days) commencing midnight Friday to midnight Friday.

### **23B**

Any club member infringing the Club rules or acting in a way likely to damage club property or cause injury to any person present, or act in any way that might bring the club into disrepute including social media Will be asked to attend a disciplinary hearing, convened within seven days of the incident. At such a hearing membership of the club could be withdrawn or a suspension to the clubs facilities imposed. Any suspension shall be in weeks unless a life ban is imposed.

### **23C**

An appeal can be made against any decision of the disciplinary committee. The appeal must be made in writing to reach the secretary within 5 days of the initial hearing, The appeals committee must meet within 10 days of the receipt of the appeal. The appeals committee decision is final.

## **Financial Liabilities**

### **24**

The Club will indemnify any Trustee or Committee Member in respect of any liability financial or otherwise caused by actions or activities taken.

### **25**

The Rules will be posted on the Club's Website.

[www.irwoodbootlecricketclub.com](http://www.irwoodbootlecricketclub.com)

### **26**

The use of banned substances are not allowed on the premises. Inside or outside. The police to be called in all occurrences.