

**2009
Constitution
of
Berkshire Cricket**

**This is the DRAFT constitution
for presentation to, and for the approval of, members at the
2009 Annual General Meeting
to be held on the 3rd March 2009.**

**The passing of this constitution will change the status from
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This Constitution replaces all previous versions including those of the Berkshire County Cricket Board and the County Cricket Club.

1. NAME

The organisation shall be known as **Berkshire Cricket** and will incorporate the Berkshire Cricket Board, Berkshire County Cricket Club, the Management Group, affiliated clubs and leagues, volunteers, coaches, officials and players

2. COLOURS AND EMBLEM

The colours shall be **gold, purple and dark green** and the emblem shall be a White Hart passing under a polled Oak

3. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

The registered office of Berkshire Cricket's will be **that of the Berkshire Cricket Secretary or other such address** as shall be agreed by the County Board.

4. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Berkshire Cricket is committed to promoting and developing cricket at all levels within the County of Berkshire.

Berkshire Cricket will achieve this aim through a combination of excellent governance, a motivated and capable workforce, appropriate and relevant development programmes, quality coaching, matches and winter programmes.

5. BERKSHIRE CRICKET – County Board

The County Board will be responsible for the vision, strategic direction and financial control of Berkshire Cricket.

The accountability for Berkshire Cricket will be exercised through an elected County Board consisting of:

- ◆ President
- ◆ Chairman
- ◆ Vice-Chairman
- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Chair of Cricket
- ◆ 3 members who shall be full members of Berkshire Cricket

The County Board will be elected by member votes at an Annual General meeting to be held no later than 30th April of each year.

The County Board may appoint to any post that is, or becomes, vacant during the year. In addition the Board may co-opt members for specific roles or responsibilities.

The County Board may appoint additional fixed term appointments to assist them to discharge the responsibilities of Berkshire Cricket.

The County Board will be accountable to the membership and the National Governing Body, (NGB), for cricket in England - the England & Wales Cricket Board, (ECB), for the effective and efficient management of Berkshire Cricket.

The County Board will be responsible for the vision, strategic direction and financial management of Berkshire Cricket.

The activities of Berkshire Cricket shall be bound by English Law and shall include the policies, procedures and guidelines as issued from time to time by the ECB. These can be found in Schedule A attached.

6. Berkshire Cricket – Operational Management Group

The County Board is supported in the day-to-day management of the organization by the Operational Management Group comprising 4 operational divisions:

- ◆ Governance
- ◆ WorkForce
- ◆ Development & Cricket Services
- ◆ Cricket

The County Board shall - at their first meeting following the AGM – appoint or re-appoint the Head of Governance; Head of WorkForce; Head of Development & Cricket Services; Head of Cricket.

Board members are eligible to be nominated and appointed as Head of Division with the proviso that the OMG retains an independence to, and from the Board.

The Heads of Division will be responsible for meeting the day-to-day operational requirements including implementing and monitoring all policies, procedures and practices approved by the County Board or ECB.

The County Board shall also be responsible for appointing an 'independent' member to the Management Group.

The County Board and the Operational Management Group may discharge their duties from time to time through the formation of 'working parties' to resolve short-term problems or to organize specific events.

7 Membership

Annual membership of Berkshire Cricket shall be open to all persons having an interest in cricket and it's development in Berkshire.

Individual membership shall be conferred on payment of the relevant annual subscription as determined by the County Board and approved by the membership at each Annual General Meeting.

Such subscriptions shall become due on the 1st January each year. Membership will be suspended together with representation and any

voting rights if payment is not received by the date of the Annual General meeting.

Subscriptions shall not have the effect of unduly limiting membership.

The County Board may introduce levels of membership e.g. life member, junior member and vary the membership subscription fees accordingly.

All playing members, managers, coaches, officials and officers shall be members of Berkshire Cricket.

Members aged 18 or over shall be entitled to representation and a vote on propositions and appointments at the Annual General Meeting or any other meeting where the votes of members are required.

Affiliated clubs will be entitled to nominate an individual to represent their club at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meetings and to exercise their right to a vote on behalf of their club.

The appointment of Life Members and Vice-Presidents shall be conferred on nomination and approval at an Annual General Meeting and annually thereafter.

All members will be expected to uphold the values and traditions of Berkshire Cricket at all times.

The County Board reserves the right to exclude a member or members who are in breach of such standards and traditions of Berkshire Cricket. Any member so excluded has the right of appeal in writing to the Secretary within 30 days of notification. An appeals panel will be convened by the County Board to hear such appeal.

The Management Group shall be responsible for keeping a register of all members. Such register will be maintained under the relevant legislative practices and shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior knowledge and consent of the member.

8 Meetings

All meetings shall be convened and managed under the general convention for such meetings, i.e. notice period, agenda agreed in advance, Chairman has casting vote, if required.

In order to conduct the business of Berkshire Cricket the County Board will meet a minimum of three times per annum. A quorum shall normally be a minimum of 5 of the Board.

The Operational Management Group shall meet a minimum of six times per annum. A quorum shall normally be a minimum of three members of the OMG

Annual General Meeting

Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be communicated to all full members by the Secretary no later than 21 days prior to the meeting.

The Annual General Meeting shall be generally be held during March and shall be held no later than 30th April each year to receive:

- ◆ The President's welcome address
- ◆ The Chairman's report
- ◆ The Secretary's report
- ◆ The Annual statement of Accounts which shall have been examined by a professional practising firm of Accountants and approved by the County Board.
- ◆ The Election of Officers and Board members
- ◆ The Election of Examining Accountants

The Election of Officers and Board members shall be by a simple majority of those voting.

Proposals and propositions to the AGM together with any amendments will require a two thirds majority of those attending and voting to be carried.

Extraordinary General Meeting

An extraordinary general meeting shall be convened by the Secretary on behalf of the County Board or by written notice signed by not less than 25% of the membership.

Such meeting shall have only one agenda item and may only deal with the specific subject for which the meeting has been convened.

The meeting must allow for counter proposals and amendments on the same subject to be put to the membership attending. If such proposals or amendments are carried, they will amend or replace the original proposition. If lost, the members return to the original proposal.

A quorum shall be not less than 25 members and a resolution will require a two-thirds majority of those attending and voting.

9 Dissolution

If at any general meeting of Berkshire Cricket, a resolution is proposed calling for the dissolution of Berkshire Cricket, the Secretary shall immediately convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of all full members within 4 to 6 weeks to discuss and vote on the proposal.

If such a proposal is passed then the County Board shall realise the assets of Berkshire Cricket and discharge all debts and liabilities by a date to be agreed at that meeting.

Any remaining assets shall be assigned to an organization having the same objectives as Berkshire Cricket or to the National Governing Body to be used for the benefit or advancement of cricket in Berkshire.

10 Changes to the Constitution

Changes to the Constitution shall be enacted at the Annual General Meeting based on proposals and recommendation from the County Board and individual members subject to acceptance by a two-thirds majority of the members attending and voting.

This Constitution of Berkshire Cricket was approved by a ballot of members at the Annual General Meeting on the 3rd March 2009

Signed..... Chairman of the Meeting