



# *Farmers Cricket Club - Club Rules*



*(as adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the members on 14 January 2015)*

Farmers Cricket Club is an incorporated association under the Law of Jersey entitled "Loi (1862) sur les teneures en fidéicommiss et l'incorporation d'associations" as amended from time to time.

The following Club Rules, which may be changed by the membership from time to time, operate in conjunction with principles contained in the Club's Constitution as approved by the Royal Court of Jersey at the time of incorporation.

## **1. Name**

The Club shall be known as Farmers Cricket Club " (hereinafter "The Club")

## **2. Objects**

- a) To maintain the Club for the benefit of the members and visiting clubs;
- b) To provide and encourage the provision of facilities and any necessary infrastructure for the furtherance, including coaching and playing, of the game of cricket at all levels.

## **3. General**

- a) The Club will be affiliated to the Jersey Cricket Board.
- b) It is the intention of the Club to field teams in the Jersey Cricket Weekend Leagues. All league sides representing the Club will play under the name of Farmers Caesareans CC. The Club's Social XI will play under the name of Farmers CC.
- c) The Management Committee of the Club (as referred to in section 7 below) may at the instance of a financial sponsor of the Club allow the name of such a sponsor to be added to the name(s) of any of the league teams on such terms and conditions and for such a duration as the Management Committee may in their unfettered discretion agree.

## **4. Membership**

Membership will consist of officers and members of the Club.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- Playing member (adult and junior categories)
- Non-Playing member
- Family membership
- Net member
- Honorary Life member
- Patron

The membership of these members will be subject to the regulations of the Club Rules and by joining the Club members will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the Club has adopted included but not limited to the payment of their required annual membership fees.

## **5. Applications for membership and membership fees**

- All applications for playing membership must be approved at the Management Committee meetings or in writing or by email by a majority of the Management Committee.
- Annual membership fees will be determined by the Management Committee at the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

## **6. Officers of the Club**

The officers of the Club will be:

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-election.

## **7. Committee**

The Club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of the officers elected in accordance with section 6 above and the following:

- Weekend League Captains
- Social Team Captain
- Fixtures Secretary
- Social Committee Chairman
- Grounds Committee Chairman
- Welfare Officer
- Membership Secretary
- Website & Social Media Manager
- Kit Secretary
- Ordinary Committee Members (up to 2 in number)

The members of the Management Committee will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All committee members will retire each year but will be eligible for re-election.

In the event of a vacancy arising on the Management Committee during the year and before the next scheduled Annual General Meeting then the remaining members of the Management Committee may in their discretion co-opt any member of the Club to fill such vacancy.

Only these (above) posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.

In the event that a person is elected to hold more than one position a vacancy will exist whereby an ordinary member (without portfolio) can be elected (with entitlement to vote).

The Management Committee will be convened by the Honorary Secretary of the Club and hold no less than three meetings per year.

A quorum for Committee meetings is more than fifty per cent of all of those persons entitled to attend and vote at such meetings provided, that at least one of these is an Officer.

The Management Committee will be responsible for the administration of the Club, adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the Club.

The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee or such sub-committees as necessary to fulfil its business.

The Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of the members who infringe the Club rules/regulations/constitution. The Management Committee will be responsible for taking any action or suspension or discipline following such hearings.

## **8. Appointment of Team Captains**

- Team Captains will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting or at a duly convened Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).
- Nominations for the Captaincy of each team must be accompanied by five or more signatories of full playing members who are or were in the year immediately preceding the date of the nomination all generally accepted and recognised as playing in the relevant team for which a captain is being nominated or by such new playing members who, in the opinion of the President or the person presiding over the General Meeting have a reasonable prospect of playing in the relevant team during the next or relevant season.
- The Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting will confirm any such nomination.
- Should there be more than one nomination for the position of a Team Captain a vote of members will be taken at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting and the matter will be decided by a simple majority.

## **9. Finance**

- The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the Club in accordance with the principles contained in the Club's Constitution.
- All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.
- The financial year end of the Club will be 31 December.
- A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

## **10. Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings**

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held within three months of the financial year end but preferably prior to 1 February each year.

- The AGM or any Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be conducted in accordance with the principles contained in the Club Constitution.

## 11. Discipline and appeals

- All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary.
- The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within fourteen days of a complaint being lodged. The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within seven days of the hearing.
- There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The Committee should consider the appeal within seven days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

## 12. Amendments to the Club Rules and Club Constitution

- The Club Rules and Club Constitution may only be changed through agreement by a two thirds majority vote at an AGM or EGM.
- Any changes to the Club Constitution must be ratified by the Royal Court before being enforceable.

## 13. Declaration

Farmers Cricket Club hereby adopts and accepts these Club Rules as a current operating guide regulating the actions of its members.

**Signed: Date:** 14 Jan 2015

**Name:** Robert Perchard  
**Position:** Chairman

**Signed: Date:** 14 Jan 2015

**Name:** James Ellis  
**Position:** Secretary

NB. See the attached Appendix – outlining the historical background to the Club.

## Appendix –The Historical Background of the Club

### Brief history of Farmers CC

The Farmers Cricket Club began in 1977 when an enthusiastic group of cricket loving farmers and friends got together to play evening friendlies when the potato digging season was over. As seasons came and went Farmers developed their fixture list, gradually replacing evening fixtures with weekend friendlies against local and visiting sides, and undertaking many tours to the other Channel Islands, England, France and even St Lucia.

Playing their own brand of village cricket, the accent has always been on fun and participation. Throughout the Club's history it has not been uncommon for players to share the same surname – the names Richardson, Ahier and Perchard have featured heavily, and have been simultaneously a source of amusement and frustration to opponents and visiting scorers alike!

Through the teamwork and commitment of Club members, Farmers CC was able to realise a dream in 2004 with the development of its own cricketing home, the Farmers Field, in the heart of rural St Martin. It was a great day indeed when, in May 2005, the ground was officially opened by Geoff Boycott, with Mike Gatting OBE guesting for Farmers in the inaugural match.

With a new crop of younger players keen to play league cricket within the framework of Farmers CC the opportunity arose, in 2008/9, for the Club to join forces with Caesareans CC and embrace competitive cricket jointly in a merged Club while preserving the best traditions of Farmers cricket.

In January 2015 Farmers Cricket Club became an incorporated association under the Law of Jersey entitled "Loi (1862) sur les teneures en fidéicomis et l'incorporation d'associations".

### Brief history of Caesareans CC

Caesareans CC was formed in early 1929 and it is fitting that it was in its eightieth year at the time of the merger with Farmers CC. It has been an important influence in Jersey Cricket ensuring that cricket continued to be played throughout the Second World War and German occupation. League cricket began on Thursday afternoons which was facilitated by half day closing on the Island. In the early 1970s the League format was transferred to weekend cricket which developed successfully into a reserve section or Sunday League competition. Cs won both of the Leagues on numerous occasions and certainly had more than their fair share of success relative to other league sides. History about the Club is limited but names such as Philip Le Cras (ex-Captain and President in the 1950s), Les Honey (another ex-President), the late Harry Hall (ex-Captain and President) and Ray Pearce (held every Officer role in the Club from 1962 to date) are all names which would appear in a Hall of Fame.