



*GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION*  
*of*  
*CRICKET UMPIRES and SCORERS*  
The Constitution.

1 TITLE.

This shall be “Gloucestershire Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers”, hereinafter referred to as “The Association”.

2 AIMS AND OBJECTS.

- a) To improve the standard of cricket umpiring and scoring in Gloucestershire, by training, education preparation for examination, discussion and any other means available. The Association shall provide training for Umpires and Scorers and shall provide facilities for examination.
- b) To improve communication between Cricket Umpires and Scorers in Gloucestershire, through the Association’s newsletter, the co-ordination of local Umpires’ Associations, meetings, social functions and any other means available.
- c) To co-ordinate the appointment of the Association’s Umpires and Scorers to such matches as may be requested by the governing bodies for cricket.
- d) To promote, uphold and protect the status and interests of Cricket Umpires and Scorers both collectively and individually.
- e) To take such action or make representation as may be considered desirable in the interests of cricket in general and of Umpires/Scorers and Umpiring/Scoring in particular.
- f) To co-operate and cultivate good relations and improve communication with other Umpires and Scorers’ Associations, and with all other bodies concerned with cricket, for the benefit of The Association’s members and for the betterment of the game.
- g) To promote the activities and events within GACU & S by regular publication of a Newsletter.

3 ORGANISATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

- a) The association is an equal opportunities organisation.
- b) The following bodies shall be eligible for affiliation to The Association;  
Any District Association of Cricket Umpires and/or Scorers within Gloucestershire [as defined by the Gloucestershire Cricket Board] shall be eligible for affiliation to The Association as decided by the Committee.
- c) All members of bodies affiliated as above, shall automatically be members of The Association, subject to those bodies having paid their affiliation fees in accordance with 4 (a) below.
- d) Persons, who are not members of a body affiliated as in 3 (b) above, may apply for membership of The Association. Such membership to be entirely at the discretion of the Committee
- e) All members, either through affiliated District Associations as 3c, or direct members as 3d, shall, if officiating as a Cricket Umpire or Scorer or carrying out duties in relation as an Instructor, Examiner or Assessor, hold a valid Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) enhanced disclosure certificate or otherwise, certify to the Association in an approved form of being fully inactive from the aforementioned roles and will not in future act in any of these capacities without holding such a certificate.
- f) The following categories of membership shall apply;
  - (i) Umpire Member.
  - (ii) Scorer Member.
  - (iii) Life Member.
  - (iv) Honorary Member
  - (v) Honorary Associate Member



- g) Life Membership, limited to 6 members (which may include Life Vice – Presidency) and Honorary Membership may be offered on recommendation by the Committee, subject to approval by simple majority of members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting. Life Membership should be recommended only for notable services to The Association and/or the game of cricket within the area of The Association's influence. Honorary Membership should only be recommended for recognition of more general services to cricket through membership of The Association.

#### 4 SUBSCRIPTIONS.

- a) The bodies which are affiliated as in 3 b) above, shall pay an annual levy to The Association based on their numbers of members as at 1<sup>st</sup> January each year, this levy to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March in the same year.
- b) Members of The Association who are not members of the bodies affiliated as in 3 b) above, shall pay an annual subscription as at 1<sup>st</sup> January each year, this subscription to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March in the same year.
- c) The levy mentioned in 4 a) above, and the subscription mentioned in 4 b) above, shall be the same and the amount be determined at the Annual General Meeting of The Association.
- d) There shall be no differentiation between the categories of membership listed in 3 f) above, when determining the amount of the levy mentioned in 4 a) above and of the subscription mentioned in 4 b) above, except that there shall be no payment of levy nor subscription payable in respect of Life Member(s), Honorary Member(s) nor in respect of Member(s) who are Students in full time education.
- e) Any non-member paying to attend a training course shall receive their first year's membership of the Association free.

#### 5 MANAGEMENT.

- a) The affairs of The Association shall be managed by a Committee comprising the following:
- Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Training Officer
  - Appointments Officer
  - Publicity Officer
  - Scorers Officer
  - Training Administrator
  - Welfare Officer
  - Webmaster
- b) The following Sub – Committees shall be formed:
- (i) Appointments Sub – Committee comprising: the Appointments Officer and such other members of The Association as are necessary to meet the requirements
  - (ii) The Training Sub-Committee comprising all Umpire and Scorer Tutors plus the Training Administrator.
  - (iii) Management sub – committee, to deal with any urgent business between Committee meetings. This shall comprise: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Training Officer and Appointments Officer.
  - (iv) Grading committee, to grade GACU&S umpires. This shall comprise: Chairman, Training Administrator, Appointments Officer, Assistant Appointments Officer and Training Officer



- (v) Any other Sub – Committee which the Committee may deem to be necessary from time to time.

6 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE AND SUB – COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

- a) All Committee Members shall be elected annually at a General Meeting of The Association. All members of sub – committees, except where specified elsewhere in this Constitution, shall be appointed by the Committee. Such sub – committees are to be re-constituted by the new Committee following an AGM.

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- b) In the event of a vacancy arising on the Committee, or on any of the sub-committees, the Committee shall have the power to fill that vacancy from the Membership of The Association.  
c) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any Member or Members of The Association onto the Committee or any sub-committees.

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- d) Nominations for election at an Annual General Meeting of The Association must be proposed and seconded by Members with an indication that the Member nominated is willing to be elected. Such nominations shall be made in writing to the Secretary prior to the start of The Annual General Meeting of The Association.

7 PRESIDENT.

- a) An Honorary President of The Association shall be appointed by the Membership at each Annual General Meeting of The Association, by simple majority of those present and voting  
b) Vice – Presidents may be recommended by the Committee, for approval at an Annual General Meeting of The Association, by simple majority of those present and voting.

8 MEETINGS

- a) Committee and Sub – Committee meetings shall be held as often as required.  
b) General Meetings shall be held as often as required and shall include one Annual General Meeting to consider the following business.  
    (i) To receive reports from the Officers of The Association.  
    (ii) To receive the audited accounts for the previous financial year.  
    (iii) To elect the Members of the Committees for the ensuing year.  
    (iv) To appoint an Honorary Auditor for the ensuing year.  
    (v) To determine the amount of levy mentioned in 4 a) above and the subscription mentioned in 4 b) above, for the financial year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January next.  
    (vi) To consider any other business.  
c) The Annual General Meeting of The Association shall be held in March each year.  
d) General Meetings shall be called at the instigation of the Committee or by a request to the Committee from not less than 15 Members.  
e) All Members shall be given at least 14 days notice of a General Meeting of The association, the content of which shall be contained in the notice of the meeting.  
f) The quorum for a Committee or Sub – Committee shall be not less than 50% of the Members of that Committee and for a General Meeting, not less than 12 Members.  
g) In the event of equal voting at any meeting of The Association, the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.  
    h) A simple majority shall be sufficient to carry a resolution at any Meeting of The Association. The Management sub-committee may hold ‘telephone meetings’; in all cases the agreement of at least three of its members is required.



- 9 FINANCIAL YEAR.  
This shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 10 AFFILIATION.  
The Association shall become affiliated to “The Gloucestershire Cricket Board” and any other association, body or organisation as shall be deemed appropriate by the Committee.
- 11 GRIEVANCE  
Any Member of The Association who wishes to express a personal complaint against The Association shall have the right to attend a meeting of the Committee in order for the complaint to be heard, providing that application for such a hearing, containing details of the complaint, has been made in writing to the Secretary. Such complaint shall be heard by the Committee within two months of receipt of the application by the Secretary of The Association.
- 12 DISCIPLINE  
In the event of a complaint being received about the behaviour of any member of The Association, the Management sub-committee of The Association will hear the complaint and take any action which they deem to be fit. The complainant and the member about whom the complaint is being made shall be invited to the meeting and given reasonable opportunity to attend and speak. Each may be accompanied by a friend or colleague to act as support and/or observer.
- 13 THIS CONSTITUTION.
- a) No part of this Constitution may be changed except at a General Meeting of The Association and all proposed changes shall have been included in the notice of the Meeting.
- b) The Committee shall have the power to decide upon the correct interpretation of the content of this Constitution and upon any issue not provided for therein.
- c) The Committee shall have the power to take whatever action is deemed necessary in order to enforce the provisions of this Constitution.

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