



## SAINT COLUMBA'S CRICKET CLUB

### By-Laws FINAL 2009

#### ARTICLE I: Name

We are the "Saint Columba's Cricket Club."

**Purpose:** We are a non-profit club whose primary responsibility is to its members. Our priorities are:

1. To promote social interaction of all with a common interest in the game of cricket;
2. The organization and maintenance of an active cricket side in the Rhode Island area;
3. To conduct ourselves and our play in the spirit of cricket and respect for our opponents;
4. To encourage and improve the play of our members;
5. Excellence in the game of cricket.

We accept the participation of all of our members, regardless of age, sex, religion, or national origin.

#### ARTICLE II: Administration of the Club

**1. Club Meeting:** The Club shall be governed by the direct vote of all members in good standing at the annual club meeting. All officers and members of the Club are bound by the decisions of the club meeting. The annual meeting shall be held between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31st of the calendar year.

A member in good standing, entitled to vote at the club meeting, is any person who has paid the appropriate dues for membership for the preceding or current year, as certified by the Treasurer. Non members may attend and be heard in the discretion of the President.

The President shall preside at the club meeting. The Secretary shall keep the minutes, present questions for decision, conduct any votes and elections, announcing and recording the results.

**2. Executive Committee:** On all matters not decided by the club meeting or these by-laws, the Club shall be governed by the Executive Committee. All major Club decisions, the expenditure of large sums of money, or the discipline of members must be decided by majority vote of the Executive Committee.



The Executive Committee shall consist of five officers who are members in good standing of the Club. They shall be elected for one year terms by the club meeting. Their term of office begins after the close of the club meeting and ends at the completion of the subsequent year's club meeting.

These officers are the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Captain, and the Vice-Captain. No person may hold more than one position at once. Each officer has one vote. Where there is a vacancy, the Executive Committee may, in its discretion, authorize a by-election. Where there is a vacancy, the Executive Committee may designate one of them to exercise the powers of the vacant position. An officer may delegate his duties, on a temporary basis, to another member. Participation in any Executive Committee decision may not be delegated.

**3. President:** The President shall make all day to day decisions for the Club, including but not limited to, the approval of fixtures, the scheduling of practices, the setting of dates for the club meeting and other functions, and the appointment of any non-executive officers as they are needed. The President shall preside at the club meeting.

**4. Secretary/Fixture Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the club meeting. He shall prepare and present questions for decision at the club meeting. He shall conduct elections and votes in such manner as he deems fair and proper. He shall record the results and incorporate them into these by-laws. He shall maintain the official copy of the by-laws and make them available to the members. He shall conduct by-elections. He shall record the decisions of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall make and publish all match fixtures, subject to the approval of the President. Fixtures shall include date, location, time, opponents and type of match. He may, in his discretion, cancel any fixture until midnight on the Sunday preceding the match.

**5. Treasurer:** The Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the Club. He shall receive and keep all Club money. He shall pay the just debts of the Club. He shall examine all claims upon the Club and may authorize minor expenditures. Any expenditure in excess of one year's dues for a full playing member requires the approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may overrule his decisions on minor expenditures. He shall maintain all necessary financial records. These records shall be available to the members. He shall prepare and present a financial statement to the club meeting.



**6. Captain:** The Captain shall be elected by the playing members at the club meeting. He shall select and notify the playing side for all fixtures. Although he may permit non-members to participate where needed, members have full priority at all times over non-members. Once selected and appearing on time to play, no member may be replaced without his consent. The Captain must select a members' side based on club commitment during the year for the annual SCCC Invitational Tournament.

The Captain, in his discretion, may cancel any fixtures after midnight the preceding Sunday, due to lack of players. The Captain has full control of Club matches and members on match day between arrival at the pitch and close of play.

All decisions concerning the conduct and circumstances of the match or of play, as well as relations with the opposing side, are in his discretion. In his discretion, he may require any member to leave the pitch or the field until the close of play.

The Captain conducts any Club practice sessions in his discretion.

**7. Vice-Captain:** The Vice-Captain shall be elected by the playing members at the club meeting. He is responsible for the preservation and maintenance of all Club property. He is responsible for the maintenance of the field and the physical preparation for matches. He is responsible for keeping the scorebooks and scoring the matches. If the Captain is physically absent at a match or practice, the Vice-Captain exercises the match day powers of the Captain.

#### ARTICLE III: Non-Executive Officers.

**1. Webmaster:** The President shall appoint a Webmaster to maintain and update the Club's website, including results and statistics. He shall act at the direction of the President.

**2. Social Secretary:** The President shall appoint a Social Secretary who shall organize and direct the annual club dinner and similar functions.

**3. Tournament Director:** The President shall appoint a Tournament Director who shall organize and direct the annual SCCC Invitational Tournament.

#### ARTICLE IV: Club Membership

**1. Dues:** Full playing dues are set at \$200 per year. Student/Junior playing membership is set at 1/2 full membership for under eighteen or enrolled in high school or college in the calendar year.

Non-playing Social membership (entitled to vote) is set at 1/4 full membership.



For those joining after July 1<sup>st</sup>, the treasurer will establish a pro-rated dues table. The payment of less than 1/4 of the full dues does not entitle that person to vote. Dues are payable before the player's first home match.

## **2. Duties:**

**A.** Those wishing to play in a match shall so inform the Captain. Those selected to play shall immediately inform the Captain if they become unavailable or will be late.

**B.** Those selected to play must share equally in any needed physical labor.

**C.** Players must arrive before matches and stay after matches at the discretion of the Captain and the Vice-Captain.

**D.** Those selected to play must share equally in the provision of lunch for players, opponents and friends, as established by the President.

**E.** Those selected to play must wear proper cricket attire:

- white shirt, long or short sleeve
- long white trousers
- white sneakers or cricket shoes, the use of metal spikes on the flicx-pitch is forbidden
- cricket cap, white baseball cap or white outfielder's hat (optional)
- white sweater, long or short sleeve (optional)

**F.** Those selected to play are responsible for their transportation to the match whether home or away.

**G.** Those selected to play share the responsibility to maintain and police the home field.

**H.** Behavior: At any Club activity, members are required to conduct themselves at all times with respect and consideration towards each other, our opponents, umpires, friends and neighbors, and to compete fairly, abiding by the Laws and Spirit of Cricket.

**I.** Improper language is forbidden at all Club functions.

**J.** All players upon joining shall execute liability waivers in favor of the Club, the owner of the field, and the other members.

## **ARTICLE V: Discipline**

Any member deemed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee to be in violation of these by-laws may be ordered by the Committee to lose playing rights or other Club privileges, to be deprived of office, and/or to be banned from presence at Club activities, for any period not further than the next club meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI: Changing By-Laws**

These by-laws may only be changed by majority vote of the club meeting.