



Constitution and rules

1. The Club shall be called "POLOC CRICKET CLUB".
2. The laws of the game shall be those adopted by the MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB.
3. The number of ORDINARY MEMBERS of the Club shall be such as shall from time to time be fixed by and at the discretion of the GENERAL COMMITTEE.
4. There may be an Honorary President and Patrons but they shall not, in virtue of such office, have any voice in the management of the Club.
5. The management and control of the whole affairs of the Club shall be vested in a GENERAL COMMITTEE elected for not less than one (1) year by the ORDINARY MEMBERS at an ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club.

The GENERAL COMMITTEE shall consist of: a PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, Treasurer, Cricket Secretary, Cricket Captain, Convenors of House, Grounds, Social Events, Refreshments and three ORDINARY MEMBERS all of whom shall retire annually, but be eligible for re-election; but should any vacancy occur during the season such vacancy shall be filled by an ORDINARY MEMBER nominated by the GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Of this committee four (4) shall form a quorum.

6. Subject to satisfying the quorum set in Rule 5. GENERAL COMMITTEE positions may be combined and held by one (1) individual if so decided at any GENERAL MEETING of the Club.
7. The GENERAL COMMITTEE shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees from their own number and to co-opt other members of the Club thereto.
8. The GENERAL COMMITTEE shall have the power to borrow such sum or sums of money as they consider necessary from time to time but this shall not be exercised so as to bring the outstanding amount borrowed by the Club to a sum greater than fifteen thousand Pounds (£15,000) without the consent of a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the members voting at an Annual or Special Meeting, of which due intimation of the business to be transacted has been given.
9. The PRESIDENT shall be chair of all meetings of the Club and of all meetings of the GENERAL COMMITTEE and in the absence of the PRESIDENT a chair shall be chosen by the meeting. In all cases of equality, the chair shall have a casting as well as a deliberate vote.
10. The SECRETARY shall call meetings of the GENERAL COMMITTEE at least four times a year and at such other times as they may deem advisable, or,



when requested by three (3) members of the GENERAL COMMITTEE; but during the winter months – November, December, January and February – meetings of the GENERAL COMMITTEE may be dispensed with unless for any necessary business.

11. There shall be a CRICKET COMMITTEE for cricket, consisting of the Cricket Captain, Captains of the 1st and 2nd XI's, Cricket Secretary and two (2) ORDINARY MEMBERS.
12. The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club shall be held in within six months of the end of the Club's financial year when, inter alia, the Treasurer shall submit the Annual Report of the Club's finances made up to the 30th of September, the Honorary President, Patrons, and Office Bearers shall be appointed, and the GENERAL and CRICKET COMMITTEES shall be elected. In the event of a contest the election shall be by ballot.

At all meetings of the Club eleven (11) ORDINARY MEMBERS shall form a quorum.

13. SPECIAL MEETINGS of the Club shall be held only on the instructions of the GENERAL COMMITTEE or on receipt by the SECRETARY of a requisition stating the matter to be discussed and signed by not less than fifteen (15) ORDINARY MEMBERS. In the event of such requisitions being received the SPECIAL MEETING shall be held within twenty-one (21) days thereafter, and when calling such SPECIAL MEETINGS the SECRETARY shall intimate by circular addressed to all ORDINARY MEMBERS the special business to be transacted.
14. Intimation of the ANNUAL GENERAL or SPECIAL MEETINGS shall be sent to all ORDINARY MEMBERS at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
15. Applicants for membership shall fill up an application form stating, at a minimum, their full name and address, and date of birth, which must then be lodged with the SECRETARY.

The GENERAL COMMITTEE shall have full powers to deal with admission of members and all applications for can be brought up for disposal by the GENERAL COMMITTEE at their first meeting thereafter and any decision therein on the admission or rejection of an applicant shall be immediately intimated to the applicant by the SECRETARY.

Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of race, occupation, sex or religious, political or other opinion.

16. In addition to the admission of ORDINARY MEMBERS, the GENERAL COMMITTEE shall have the power to admit to membership of the Club at the annual subscriptions fixed by the Club, and in such numbers as the GENERAL COMMITTEE may from time to time determine, RESTRICTED, COUNTRY, STUDENT and JUNIOR MEMBERS; but these members shall



not have any voice in the management of the Club, or in the admission of other members.

The procedure for the nomination and admission or rejection of such members shall be similar in all aspects to that of ORDINARY MEMBERS as set forth under Rule 15.

COUNTRY MEMBERS shall not have their normal residence within twenty-five (25) miles of Shawholm.

17. The entry fee shall be such sum as the Club may fix from time to time and shall be lodged with the form of application.
18. The annual subscriptions payable in advance shall be in respect of each grade of membership. Where (a) husband and wife, or, (b) husband and/or wife with children are ORDINARY MEMBERS, they shall be entitled to a "Family Subscription".

The rates applicable to all grades of membership shall be determined at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING or at a SPECIAL MEETING.

19. Ordinarily all subscriptions shall be payable on or before 31st January or within one calendar month of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at which they were fixed (whichever is the later); any member who has not paid their subscription by 31st March shall not thereafter play either cricket or participate in any of the Club's activities or make use of its amenities until their subscription is paid.

New members admitted after the commencement of the season shall pay their subscription on admission.

It shall be competent for the SECRETARY and the Treasurer to caution any member in breach of this Rule and to report to the GENERAL COMMITTEE any subsequent contravention by such member.

The GENERAL COMMITTEE shall have the power to apply Rule 29 in the case of such member and in the case of any member who, without good reason, has failed to pay their subscription by 1st May.

Should legal expenses be incurred in the collection of an overdue subscription from any member the GENERAL COMMITTEE shall have the power to charge any such member with these expenses.

20. At any ANNUAL or GENERAL MEETING of the Club any member in recognition of services rendered to the Club, may be elected an HONORARY LIFE MEMBER of the Club with all the power and privileges of an ORDINARY MEMBER; but subject to the proviso that the number of HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS shall not at any one time exceed ten (10).



21. Members resigning from the Club shall be required to give notice in writing to the SECRETARY to that effect before 31st March, otherwise they shall be held liable for their subscriptions for the current season.

Each ORDINARY MEMBER shall be bound to pay their proportion any deficiency which may occur in the funds of the Club.

22. The GENERAL COMMITTEE shall cause correct accounts and books to be kept showing the intromissions and financial affairs of the Club.
23. A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member and the member shall, upon the admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately on their being supplied with such liquor, enter their own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book which shall be kept for this purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.
24. The GENERAL COMMITTEE may admit the members of visiting teams as TEMPORARY MEMBERS without subscription for the day or days on which the match or matches they are involved in are being played provided that the names of the teams are entered in the books kept for the names of TEMPORARY MEMBERS. The GENERAL COMMITTEE may also admit as TEMPORARY MEMBERS users of the Club's tennis courts, again provided that the names of the players are entered in the books kept for the names of TEMPORARY MEMBERS.

25. No excisable liquor shall be sold for consumption outside the Club premises except to a member on the premises and for their own consumption.

No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

26. Excisable liquor may be sold on weekdays (other than Sundays) between the hours of noon and midnight in the evening.

On Sundays, excisable liquors may be sold or supplied between the hours of twelve-thirty p.m. and midnight in the evening.

27. No member of the GENERAL COMMITTEE and no servant employed by the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein, or in the profits arising from such sale.

28. The SECRETARY and Treasurer for the time being shall be and are hereby empowered to sue for, recover and discharge all debts due to the Club.

No member shall be at liberty to make any disbursements or incur any debt whatsoever in the name of the Club or on behalf of the Club without the authority of the GENERAL COMMITTEE.



29. The GENERAL COMMITTEE shall have power to expel any member from the Club on reasonable grounds but the expelled member shall have a right of appeal to a SPECIAL MEETING of the Club to be held, at their request, within one (1) month from the date of the GENERAL COMMITTEE'S decision.

Notice of appeal must be in the hands of the SECRETARY within seven (7) days of the member being apprised of the decision of the GENERAL COMMITTEE.

30. The Club shall not be dissolved, nor the funds divided, without a resolution to that effect being carried at a Club meeting by at least three-fourths (3/4ths) of the ORDINARY MEMBERS of the Club who have paid their subscriptions.
31. The clubhouse may be opened and the ground used for the playing of cricket on any day.
32. The GENERAL COMMITTEE shall have power to make, alter or annul any Bye-Laws of the Club, which Bye-Laws shall be recorded in the Minutes and posted in the clubhouse.
33. No alteration of these Rules shall be made except at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING or at a SPECIAL MEETING to be called for that purpose in terms of Rules 12, 13 and 14 but no such alteration shall take effect unless it is affirmed by two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the members voting.

Notice of any alteration to be proposed at an ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING must be given in writing to the Secretary before 30th September, and intimated in the notice calling the meeting.

34. The property, effects and funds of the Club, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Club.
35. If, upon the winding up of or dissolution of the Club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of the Club by resolution passed at a GENERAL MEETING at or before the time of the dissolution and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable object.

End of thirty-five (35) items of Constitution and Rules.