



# **Western Junior Cricket Union**

## THE WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET UNION

### The Rules

The Western District Junior Cricket Union (hereinafter referred to as "the Junior Union") was formed by Full Members of the Western District Cricket Union ("WDCU") (i.e. those cricket clubs participating in junior cricket activities in the West District of Scotland) to organise junior cricket (as hereinafter defined) in the West District of Scotland, consequent on the merger in October 1998 of all separate competition-organising bodies in the West District of Scotland. The affairs and objects of the Junior Union shall be operated in accordance with the provisions detailed hereunder.

#### 1. MEMBERSHIP

##### 1.1 Classes of Membership

Membership of the Junior Union shall be divided into two classes as follows:

- (a) Class 1 Full Membership; and
- (b) Class 2 Full Membership.

##### 1.2 Eligibility for Membership

1.2.1 Any cricket club or organisation being a member of the WDCU and Cricket Scotland ("CS") and being a WDCU Saturday club (as hereinafter defined) and playing its home fixtures in the West District shall be eligible for Full Membership of the Junior Union.

1.2.3 A Saturday club shall mean a cricket club or organisation, which has at least one senior team that competes in a WDCU or CS cricket competition or competitions whose fixtures are played predominantly on Saturdays.

##### 1.3. Admission to Membership

Any eligible club or organisation wishing to become a Member of the Junior Union must first apply in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Junior Union at least thirty days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting and any such application must be accompanied by written evidence of the support of two existing Members of the Junior Union. Any valid application for Membership of the Union will be considered at the Annual General Meeting. Admission to Membership of the Junior Union shall be by the votes of the Members and a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast by the Members present and voting shall be required. No valid application for Membership of the Junior Union may be refused on other than reasonable grounds, nor will there be any discrimination on grounds of race, occupation, sex, or religious, political or other opinion.



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## 1.4 Resignation

Any Member wishing to withdraw from Membership of the Junior Union must intimate the same in writing to the Secretary of the Junior Union not later than thirty days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, failing which such Member shall remain liable for payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription for the following year. Any Member withdrawing shall be held to have forfeited all rights to participate in the assets of the Junior Union but shall be held responsible for its proportion of the liabilities of the Junior Union as at the date of such withdrawal, unless otherwise determined by the Junior Union in General Meeting.

## 1.5 Expulsion

A Member shall not be expelled from the Junior Union except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose and then only by the votes of the Members, a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast by the Members present and voting being required. Any Member being so expelled shall be held to have forfeited all rights to participate in the assets of the Junior Union but shall be held responsible for its proportion of the liabilities of the Junior Union as at the date of such expulsion, unless otherwise determined by the Junior Union in General Meeting.

## 1.6 Voting Rights

Except as hereinafter prescribed, Members of the Junior Union shall have the following voting rights at General Meetings of the Junior Union:

- (a) A Full Member who has established to the satisfaction of the Junior Union Committee that it (i) complies with the Junior Union's requirements laid down from time to time in relation to the level and standard of facilities available to its members and the general public and the development of cricket at senior and junior age levels and (ii) provides the necessary level and standard of facilities to be eligible to compete in the Cricket Scotland League shall be entitled to two votes and shall be a Class 1 Full Member; and
- (b) All other Full Members shall be entitled to one vote and shall be Class 2 Full Members;

## 2. JUNIOR UNION COMMITTEE

The management of the Junior Union shall be effected by the Junior Union Committee which shall consist of a Chairman (hereinafter referred to as "the Junior Chairman"), a Vice Chairman (hereinafter referred to as "the Junior Vice Chairman"), a Secretary (hereinafter referred to as "the Junior Secretary"), a Treasurer (hereinafter referred to as "the Junior Treasurer") (the latter two of whom may be the same person and is hereinafter referred to as "the Junior Secretary/Treasurer"), and up to a maximum of six other members all of whom will be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Junior Union by the Full Member clubs and that for the term of two years. Anyone so elected will be eligible for re-



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election thereafter. Meetings of the Junior Union Committee shall be convened on the authority of the Junior Chairman or the Junior Vice Chairman and said meetings will be chaired by the Junior Chairman whom failing by the Junior Vice Chairman. The quorum for meetings of the Junior Union Committee shall be two. Each elected and co-opted member of the Junior Union Committee shall have one vote, except the chairman of the meeting who shall have a deliberative and a casting vote. Decisions shall be by a simple majority of votes cast. The Junior Union Committee may co-opt voting members subject to the approval of the Junior Chairman. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of The WDCU may attend any meeting of the Junior Union Committee (but without a vote unless as a member of the Junior Union Committee).

### 3. JUNIOR UNION FINANCE

The Junior Union shall operate its own bank account or accounts bearing the name "The Western District Junior Cricket Union" withdrawals from said account or accounts being on the written authority of any two or more of the Junior Chairman, the Junior Vice Chairman, the Junior Secretary, the Junior Treasurer or the Junior Secretary/Treasurer. The Junior Union shall hold and administer funds, and shall have power to apply for and obtain grant aid and commercial sponsorship and to incur expenditure directly relating to its functions provided always that at no time shall its bank account or accounts be overdrawn. The Junior Treasurer or Junior Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare for the approval of the Junior Union Committee annual accounts of the Junior Union's financial intrmissions.

### 4. JUNIOR UNION FUNCTIONS

The function of the Junior Union will be to organise and carry out such activities relating to junior cricket (being cricket for all persons under the age of 19 years) and its development in the West District of Scotland. Without prejudice to the foregoing generality, the Junior Union shall have the following responsibilities:

- 4.1 The Junior Union Committee shall institute and run such junior league championship and junior cup competitions as the Junior Union may from time to time determine. The Junior Union Committee shall be responsible for promulgating the rules, eligibility, and playing conditions of said competitions.
- 4.2 The Junior Union Committee shall work with CS and other bodies to organise coaching and coaching facilities and the education of coaches for the benefit and development of junior cricket and shall organise such courses, seminars, conferences and others as may be deemed appropriate.
- 4.3 The Junior Union Committee shall be responsible for the organisation and selection of cricket teams to represent the West District at all age groups and levels up to and including "under 19" and to make all necessary match and fixture arrangements. The Convenor of the West District Selection Committee (or in his or her absence any one other member of said Committee) shall be entitled to attend any Junior Union Committee meeting convened for the purposes of this clause but shall not have a vote unless as a member of the Junior Union Committee.



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## 5. JUNIOR UNION GENERAL MEETINGS

### 5.1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Junior Union shall be held at a venue to be decided by the Junior Union Committee no earlier than the third Friday in October and no later than the second Friday in December in each year. The purpose of the Annual General Meeting shall be to approve the Junior Union financial accounts and receive reports of the activities of the Junior Union during the year, to discuss proposals for junior league championship and cup competitions and other activities for the following cricket season, to appoint Junior Union Committee members and to consider any motion of which due notice has been given.

### 5.2 Extraordinary General Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Junior Union may be convened at the request of the Junior Union Committee and the purpose of any such Extraordinary General Meeting shall be to deal with all motions and proposals for which due notice has been given.

### 5.3 Notice of General Meetings

The Junior Secretary or Junior Secretary/Treasurer shall be obliged to give every Full Member at least fourteen days' written notice of the date of any General Meeting of the Junior Union.

### 5.4 Election of Committee Members

Every nomination for the election of a Junior Union Committee member shall require to be proposed and seconded by Full Members at the Annual General Meeting of the Junior Union at which the appropriate election is to take place.

### 5.5 Representation and Voting at General Meetings

Each Class 1 Full Member shall be entitled to send two representatives (one of whom should be the duly appointed Junior Convenor of the said Full Member or, in his or her absence, a member of said Full Member nominated by said junior convenor) to attend General Meetings. Every Class 2 Full Member shall be entitled to send one representative (who should be the duly appointed Junior Convenor of the said Full Member or, in his or her absence, a member of said Full Member nominated by said Junior Convenor) to attend General Meetings of the Junior Union. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the WDCU, the Junior Chairman, the Junior Vice Chairman, the Junior Secretary, the Junior Treasurer, and the other members of the Junior Union Committee shall also be entitled to attend at General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote unless attending as a representative of a Full Member as aforesaid. All matters considered at General Meetings shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast by those present and voting. All General Meetings of the Junior Union shall be chaired by the Junior Chairman whom failing the Junior Vice Chairman and notwithstanding the terms of this Clause of the Constitution, the chairman of the



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General Meeting of the Junior Union shall have a casting vote in the event of equality. A quorum shall exist at any General Meeting of the Junior Union, which is attended by representatives of at least ten of the Full Members. No proxies shall be allowed at any General Meeting of the Junior Union. No person shall represent more than one Full Member nor have more than one vote.

## 6. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND DISSOLUTION OF THE UNION

No alteration can be made to this Constitution nor can the Junior Union be dissolved except at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose. Any proposal to alter this Constitution or dissolve the Junior Union must be made in writing either by the Junior Union Committee or by at least two Full Members. If the proposal to alter this Constitution or dissolve the Junior Union is to be considered at the Annual General Meeting, written notice of said proposal must be submitted to the Junior Secretary at least thirty days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. The Junior Secretary will be obliged to give every Full Member at least fourteen days' written notice of the proposal, which notice will specify the nature of the proposal. If the proposal is to be considered at an Extraordinary General Meeting, the Junior Secretary must on receipt of a written proposal from at least two Full Members or the Junior Union Committee, give at least twenty one days' written notice to every Full Member of the Junior Union of the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting to consider the proposal, which notice will specify the nature of the proposal. Said Special General Meeting must be held no later than six weeks after the Junior Secretary shall have received said written proposal. No alteration shall be made to this Constitution nor shall the Junior Union be dissolved unless approved by at least a two thirds majority of the votes cast by the Full Members present and voting at the General Meeting.

## 7. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Junior Union all available assets after the discharge of all liabilities and debts shall be transferred to any other organisation or organisations having as its or their main object the promotion and furtherance of the game of cricket in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Junior Committee shall, in its sole discretion, consider to be fair and reasonable.

(These Rules adopted by Full Members of the Junior Union on 19th October 1998, and amended on 6th November 2000, 3rd December 2001, and at the Annual General Meetings in October 2002 and October 2013.