# GCB DOMESTIC CRICKET RULES

## 1) NAME AND OBJECTIVES.

The Guernsey Cricket Board (GCB) is the sole body responsible for cricket in the Bailiwick and shall provide Domestic Cricket for all in accordance with its stated objectives;
The objectives of the GCB are:

- To encourage and promote the game of cricket at all levels on the Island of Guernsey.
- To organise and provide facilities for the playing of representative cricket matches.
- To organise competitive cricket between member clubs and organisations.

## 2) DRUG AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES.

The GCB is fully committed to the elimination of drugs and child abuse in the sport, and will continue to follow guidelines set down by the International Cricket Council (ICC) and England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). See:

https://www.guernseycricket.com/pages/gcb-safeguarding-policies

https://www.guernseycricket.com/pages/drugs-policy

## 3) THE DOMESTIC CRICKET COMMITTEE.

The Domestic Cricket Committee (DCC) has day to day responsibility for administering domestic league and cup cricket on behalf of the GCB. Its role is to organise competitive cricket between member clubs and organisations, and to be a forum for communication between affiliated clubs and the GCB.
The GCB shall appoint a Chairman of the Domestic Cricket Committee (DCC), who will operate under the following guidelines, having regard to the above stated objectives:

a) The DCC's members shall be co-opted as Ordinary Members and shall be appointed as required. There shall be Divisional Representatives drawn from each EL Division.
b) The DCC will meet at least twice during the months of October to March. In the remaining months a meeting will be held every four weeks or as appropriate.
c) The Chairman shall be required to refer to the GCB for guidance either (i) any matter or proposal which is deemed by the Chairman to be sufficiently material that GCB guidance is either necessary or appropriate, or (ii) any other matter at the request of at least two members of the DCC.
d) Any Committee member missing three consecutive meetings without reasonable explanation shall be deemed to have resigned and may be replaced at the discretion of the remaining Committee members.

## 4) DCC RESPONSIBILITIES.

a) The Chairman shall chair and draw up an Agenda for DCC meetings, attend functions on behalf of GCB/DCC and liaise with sponsors.
b) The GCB Treasurer shall take charge of the income and expenditure associated with the running of Domestic Cricket and maintain a clear account of all receipts and expenses. This record will be shown within the full accounts of the GCB. He shall present a detailed statement of accounts and Balance Sheet drawn up as at 31 December each year which will

be circulated to all member Clubs. In addition he may be asked to prepare accounts for an EGM or AGM if called before 31 December. The General Fund of the GCB shall be lodged at clearing banks or their subsidiaries of the Committee's choosing. Cheques drawn on such account(s) shall be signed by any two of the GCB Treasurer, GCB CEO, GCB Chairman. A duly appointed auditor shall audit the accounts of the GCB annually. All of the above to be as part of the GCB accounts process and reference to the GCB Articles of Association should be made as they will apply here.
c) The DCC is responsible for the format and implementation of the Leagues and any associated Knockouts. It is responsible for ensuring that any disciplinary matters appertaining to the respective competitions are dealt with by the DCC's appointed Disciplinary Officer.
d) The DCC will be responsible for all fixtures and liaison with the respective bodies for GICC and other non-competition games, liaising with the GCB where necessary.
e) The DCC will maintain and monitor membership and registration records of players.

**5) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**
a) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the GCB shall be held no later than 31 December each year and all affiliated member clubs or bodies entitled to attend shall be given notice thereof in accordance with the provisions of the GCB's Memorandum & Articles of Association, a copy of which may be requested from the GCB's CEO or Hon. Secretary at any time.
b) Immediately following the AGM, but not forming any part of the statutory business of the AGM, a meeting of clubs shall be held to deal with Domestic Cricket Matters in accordance with an Agenda circulated by the DCC. This meeting will form part of a schedule of meetings concerning Domestic Cricket Matters between the end of the previous season and prior to the start of the following season:
Early October – 'wash up' meeting with Clubs re previous season and any new Club proposals submitted.
Early November - DCC proposals for next season sent out by email.
Late November - meeting for Clubs to discuss DCC proposals and amend as appropriate.
Early December - AGM and vote on final DCC proposals (implementation subject to ratification upon receipt of final confirmation of Clubs entering next season's competition(s))
Early January new season fixtures released for confirmation by 31 January.
c) All persons connected with cricket in Guernsey may attend and speak at the AGM, regardless of whether they are entitled to vote.
d) Clubs wishing to propose a formal Resolution at the AGM (relating to statutory business) shall do so in accordance with the provisions of the GCB's Memorandum & Articles of Association.

**6) EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.**
An Extraordinary General Meeting of the GCB may be convened in accordance with the provisions of the GCB's Memorandum & Articles of Association, a copy of which may be requested from the GCB's CEO or Hon. Secretary at any time.

**7) CODE OF CONDUCT.**
The Committee shall have the power to issue and/or amend Codes of Conduct in respect of the behaviour and conduct of all teams and individuals taking part in organised cricket in the

Island of Guernsey, and shall have the right to deal with all complaints against any such teams or individuals, providing the complaints are made in writing to the GCB. The DCC shall refer the matter to the DCC Disciplinary Officer who shall deal with the complaint in accordance with the published code of conduct in force at that time. See:
http://www.guernseycricket.com/guernsey-cricket-GCBCodeofConduct
Clubs are responsible for their members' actions both during matches as players or spectators and in addition at functions run for or by the Guernsey Cricket Board or their Club, and at all times when representing Guernsey Cricket.

**8) APPEALS COMMITTEE.**

When an appeal is made against a ruling by the Disciplinary Committee, then an Appeals Committee will be appointed.

a) The Appeals Committee will consist of three people to be appointed by the DCC Chairman from a panel (which will consist of an individual appointed by each affiliated club) to determine a specific appeal. No member of the Appeals Committee will be a member of the DCC or a member of the Club or Clubs concerned in the appeal. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding.

b) The Appeals Committee shall allow the appeal if it considers that the decision causing the appeal, having regard to the evidence, is unreasonable or cannot be supported by the evidence presented, but in all other cases shall dismiss the appeal.

c) On an appeal against a penalty imposed by Disciplinary Committee, the Appeals Committee may, if it thinks that a different penalty should have been imposed, quash the original penalty and impose such other penalty (whether more or less severe) in substitution therefore as it thinks should have been imposed.

(For procedure in connection with appeals see paragraph 13)

**9) AFFILIATION AND DUTIES OF CLUBS.**

a) Any new Club wishing to be affiliated to the GCB shall satisfy the DCC that it is a properly constituted club and shall apply in writing by 31 December (or as otherwise advised by GCB), in the year prior to the season they wish to participate in. The affiliation fee shall be £30, the level of which will be reviewed at each GCB AGM.

b) Each affiliated Club shall deliver in writing to the GCB by 31 December (or as otherwise advised by GCB), in the year prior to the season they wish to participate in, the names and email addresses of their President, Treasurer and Secretary.

c) Any change of officials during the season shall be notified to the DCC Secretary within one week thereof. Failure to do so will result in that club being fined £25.

d) Should any player or club official be reported to the DCC for misconduct, and these be proven, he shall be liable to suspension and his club may be fined. Rules of appeal shall apply.

e) Any club or individual holding a trophy shall arrange relevant insurance. Any club unable to find insurance cover will take full responsibility for the security of the trophy and will be liable for the full replacement value of a similar trophy in the event the original is not returned for presentation to new recipients at the appropriate time.

f) Clubs shall provide one or more email addresses to the Committee for all correspondence between the GCB and the Club.

**10) COMPETITION ENTRIES**

a) Each affiliated Club shall notify the GCB of the competitions in which they wish to take part, stating which teams will participate in specified competitions. Closing date for receipt is 31 December (or as otherwise advised by GCB). Failure to do this may result in that club being left out of all competitions for that season and the club having to apply for re-election.

b) Each team entered by an affiliated Club shall pay an annual competition entry fee for each competition for which it is entered by the Club. The amount of each competition entry fee shall be decided each season by the GCB/DCC and advised at the AGM.

**11) REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

a) Any Club wishing to participate in any of the GCB competitions must confirm its registered players by 31 March prior to each season (or as otherwise advised by DCC).

b) All registrations are to be maintained by the Clubs and by the DCC and managed using the CricHQ Club Management system. The players registered as at 31 March (or as otherwise advised by GCB) will be considered as the definitive list for insurance purposes, together with any amendments sent in to the DCC before 31 March (or as otherwise advised by GCB).

c) Any registrations after 31 March (or as otherwise advised by GCB) shall require a signed form to be maintained by the Club and to be uploaded onto CricHQ by the Club.

d) All players shall sign a registration form available from the GCB website and provide it to the Club for which they wish to play. A player may not sign for more than one affiliated Club in any one competition, but may register separately for Evening and Weekend Competitions (see individual Competition Rules for clarification).

https://www.guernseycricket.com/pages/admin-forms

e) Eligibility to play in GCB Competitions is as follows: Any person who:
was born in the Bailiwick; or
has spent a minimum of 4 years in secondary school education in the Bailiwick; or
is currently resident in the Bailiwick (for at least 10 weeks during the domestic season, satisfactory evidence to be provided to DCC with Registration Form);
shall be eligible to play in any competition.

f) Any other person who does not satisfy any of the above criteria shall only be eligible to play in GCB competitions with the express prior written approval of the DCC, following receipt of an application setting out the person's specific circumstances. The DCC shall consider the merits of each such application on a case-by-case basis. The DCC shall be required to issue its ruling within no more than 7 days of the receipt of the ruling request and its ruling shall be final and binding on all parties.

g) The player's Club has primary responsibility for ensuring that each of its players is properly eligible to play. In the event of a player's eligibility claim subsequently proving to be invalid, the Club will be required to satisfy the DCC that (i) it took all reasonable steps to verify the player's eligibility status, and that (ii) it had no intention of making a false or inaccurate registration application in respect of the player.

h) Any club which is adjudged by the DCC to have knowingly misrepresented a player's eligibility status or intentions or to have not taken reasonable steps to verify the player's eligibility status or intentions shall, at the discretion of the DCC, be fined a maximum of £100 for each match in which the player took part, shall be deemed to have lost each match in which the player took part, and may be expelled from each competition in which the player took part. Appropriate sanctions may also be applied against the player.

**N.B. ONLY REGISTERED PLAYERS ARE COVERED BY THER GCB MEMBER TO MEMBER ACCIDENT POLICY**

**12) FEES**

a) The Affiliation and Competition Entry Fees will be invoiced by the GCB annually during April. 50% of the total amount payable as invoiced will be due for payment by 15 May and the balance by 31 July.

b) Failure to pay either the Affiliation Fee or the Competition Entry Fee by the due dates will incur an immediate fine of 10% of the balance outstanding for each calendar month after the due date for payment during which the fee remains unpaid. Failure to pay any outstanding amount within 30 days of the due date for payment may lead to further sanctions against the Club involved, including the possibility of expulsion from competitions or from the GCB.

**13) TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS**.

a) A player wishing to transfer from one affiliated club to another must email a transfer request to his proposed new club, which shall forward the emailed transfer request to the player's existing club to provide the latter with the opportunity to object if the player owes fees to the existing club. Once the existing club has confirmed that no fees are owed, the email trail will be forwarded to DCCRegistrations@guernseycricket.com to register the transfer.

b) It is the responsibility of the player's proposed new club to email the transfer request to the DCC and to check it has been received.

c) If a player's existing club object to his transfer because of fees being owed, the DCC shall not approve the transfer until it has received confirmation from the player's existing club that the fees owed by the player have been settled.

d) If both clubs agree to the transfer, then the player may play for his new club immediately the club has checked with the DCC that they have received the said form.

e) No transfer may take place after 30th June and the 30th September each year except at the discretion of the DCC.

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**14) APPEALS**

In the event of a player or an affiliated club objecting to a decision of the DCC, and lodging an appeal, the following procedures will apply:

a) Appeal by an affiliated Club:

i) An appeal against a decision by the DCC may be lodged no later than 14 days from the date of the decision appealed against. Such appeal must be lodged in writing with the DCC and set out all the grounds of appeal relied upon. ii) The DCC shall then convene a hearing at the earliest possible date and in any event not later than 14 days after the receipt of the written notice of appeal. iii) The said Club shall pay a fee of £25 on the lodging of an appeal. Such sum to be refundable if the appeal is upheld.

b) Appeal by an individual:

An individual registered member of an affiliated Club may lodge an appeal against a decision of the DCC, subject to the following conditions: i) the appeal must receive the written support of the individual's Club. ii) The appeal must be in writing, and set out all the grounds of appeal relied upon by the individual. iii) The appeal must be accompanied by a fee of £25, refundable if the appeal is upheld.

iv) The appeal must be lodged in writing to DCC within 14 days of the decision complained of.

c) Receipt of Appeal:

Upon receipt of a valid appeal notice the DCC Disciplinary Officer will convene a meeting of the Appeals Committee within 14 days.
d) Conduct of Appeal:
i) The Committee may send a representative to the hearing to make verbal representations. ii) If the appeal is by a Club, then it may send a representative to state its case verbally to the Appeals Committee. iii) If the appeal is by an individual, then that individual has the right to attend the hearing in person or by a duly appointed representative to state his case verbally to the Appeals Committee. iv) The Appeals Committee may request the attendance of any other person involved in the disputed event. e) The decision of the Appeals Committee shall, if necessary, be determined by majority vote. f) The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding and shall be communicated in writing to the Secretary within seven days of the hearing.

**15) EXPULSION.**
a) Affiliated Clubs or registered members thereof, may be expelled from the GCB, or League as applicable, for serious infringements of the rules of the GCB, or Codes of Conduct, or persistent infringement thereof. Such expulsion shall be subject to the rights of appeal of both the Club and the member set out in paragraph 14 above.
b) The power to expel an affiliated Club and /or a registered member shall be vested in the GCB, acting upon the recommendation of the DCC.

**16) COMPETITION RULES.**
The DCC may, from time to time, make and issue rules governing any of the competitions, and the responsibility and authority of the Umpires in each such competition.

**17) ALTERATION TO THE RULES.**
The GCB/DCC may, introduce additional rules at any time, if necessary, to promote or protect the interests of GCB and Domestic Cricket in the Bailiwick. These rules will be binding for the remainder of the season and will then be subject to ratification at the next AGM.

**18) GENERAL RULES.**
a) In the event of a fixture not taking place due to the non-attendance of a team or teams then Penalties/Fines shall apply as set out in the specific Competition Rules.
b) Teams failing to fulfil fixtures will be monitored by the GCB/DCC and may be requested to explain their actions and if continued face the possibility of sanctions at the discretion of the GCB/DCC.
NB – any reference above to ‘in writing’ shall also include email.