



Holy Trinity Dinting Cricket Club Constitution

Name and Premises

The club will be called Holy Trinity Dinting Cricket Club (hereinafter referred to as 'the Club') and may also be known as 'HTDCC'. By permission of the Charity Trustees, the Club premises shall be at Simmondley Lane, Dinting, on land owned by Dinting Church Playing Field (Charity number: 223583). The Club will be affiliated to Derbyshire Cricket Foundation.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Club will be:

- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in Cricket
- To promote the Club within the local community and Cricket
- To manage the Club
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone

Membership

- (a) Membership of the Club is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in Cricket, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- (b) The membership shall consist of the following categories:
 - Full member
 - Junior member
 - Life member
 - '100' club members
- (c) All members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the Club has adopted.
- (d) Members in each category will pay membership fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Individuals, excepting those still eligible to play under 15 Cricket, shall be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at General Meetings or be eligible for selection of any Club team unless the applicable subscription has not been paid by the due date and/or membership has been not agreed by the Club Committee.

Sports Equity

- (a) This Club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:
Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.
- (b) The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- (c) The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- (d) All Club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- (e) The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to Club disciplinary procedures.
- (f) The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code of Conduct and any future versions of this policy.
- (g) The Club shall adopt and implement the ECB Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy. The Club must also sign the ECB Safeguarding Policy Statement for clubs.

Management

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee of Officers which shall consist of the President, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Safeguarding Officer, and Juniors Manager who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) All Committee members must be members of the Club.
- (c) If required, the Committee shall elect a Vice Chair.
- (d) The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (e) If the post of any Committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the Club.
- (g) The Committee will have powers to appoint advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- (h) The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the Club rules/regulations/Constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.
- (i) The Committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the Club and be held no less than 6 times per year.
- (j) Only the posts listed above will have the right to vote at Committee meetings.
- (k) The quorum required for business to be agreed at Committee meetings will be 3.

Finances

- (a) The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the Club.
- (b) The financial year of the Club will run from 1st November and end on 31st October.
- (c) All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.
- (d) A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Payments drawn against Club funds should be approved by the Treasurer and up to two members of the Club as authorised by the Committee.
- (h) All members of the Club shall be jointly responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

General Meetings

- (a) General Meetings are the means whereby the members of the Club exercise their democratic rights in conducting the Club's affairs.
- (b) The Club shall hold the Annual General Meeting ('AGM') as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year to:
 - Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
 - Receive reports from the Chair and Secretary.
 - Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
 - Elect the officers on the Committee.
 - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
 - Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
 - Deal with other relevant business.
- (c) Notice of the AGM will be given by the Club Secretary with at least 21 days' notice to be given to all members.
- (d) Nominations for officers of the Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- (e) Proposed changes to the Constitution shall be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM, who shall circulate at least 7 days before an AGM.
- (f) All members, excepting those still eligible to play under 15 Cricket, have the right to vote at the AGM.
- (g) The quorum for an AGM will be no less than 12 people.
- (h) The Chair of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at General and Committee meetings.
- (i) An Extraordinary General Meeting ('EGM') shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 12 of the members of the Club. The Committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the Committee members.
- (j) All procedures shall follow those outlined above for AGM's.

Amendments to the Constitution

The constitution can only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

Discipline and Appeals

- (a) All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the safeguarding of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the Club's child protection policy and procedures. The Club Safeguarding Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any child protection concerns.
- (b) All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- (c) The Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- (d) The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing.
- (e) There will be the right of appeal to the Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The Committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

Dissolution

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- (b) In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any Club funds. Any assets of the Club that remain following this will become the property of the trustees.

Declaration

Holy Trinity Dinting Cricket Club hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Name	Martyn Knight	Position	Chair
Sign	<i>Martyn Knight</i>	Date	12.01.2024

Name	Neil Joy	Position	Secretary
Sign	<i>Neil Joy</i>	Date	12.01.2024