

Introduction to By-Laws

Purpose of By-laws as expressions of Policy

By-Laws are not intended to create a bureaucratic, regulatory environment. But, rather to enhance our Club values of integrity, respect and fairness.

By-Laws are intended to be expressions of expectations and, as such, they can and may be modified from time to time to reflect differing circumstances, values or arrangements.

The overriding principle in most By-Laws is that consideration should be shown to others and to the property of the Club.

By-Laws may also define operational matters, such as roles and responsibilities of standing or ad-hoc sub-committees.

Notes:

- (i) A reference to the Committee is a reference to the Committee of Management (COM) or, in respect to a particular competition, the Committee or controlling body authorised by the COM to manage that competition*
- (ii) Notes regarding Officers and Ordinary Members are references to the elected and/or appointed Members of the COM*
- (iii) Notes regarding Entitled Members include all Club Members covered by that description in the Club's Constitution.*

Power to make By-Laws

By virtue of the Club's Constitution the Committee of Management (COM) has the power to make, alter and repeal By-Laws and create policies for the conduct and management of the Club.

Consistent with the Club's constitution.

Provided however that no By-Law shall be inconsistent with, affect or repeal anything contained in the Constitution.

In addition, all By-Laws are to be read and considered in conjunction with the Rules of the Club as contained in the Constitution. In the event of any ambiguity the Rules will take precedence.

Changes to By-Laws

By-Laws may only be varied or deleted by decision of the COM, and such changes must afterwards be identified by a margin or end note on the revised official copy showing the date of the decision.

Available to Members, Visitors and others

A list of By-Laws and Policies should be maintained on the Club notice Board, and should appear in publications for members, such as Annual Programme booklets.

Copies of the By-Laws should be held at the Office and any Member shall be entitled to peruse a copy, or obtain a copy of any section.

The Club Constitution and all By-Laws and Policies, as amended from time to time, should be on the Club's up to date website.