

THE BYLAWS OF STRYKERS CRICKET CLUB



ARTICLE I – NAME AND LOCATION

Section I: The name of this organization, which is a nonprofit corporation organized under the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 317A, shall be “Strykers Cricket Club”, hereinafter referred to as “SCC” or “the club”.

Section II: The principal office of the club shall be located at 9763 Cupola Lane, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55347.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section I: SCC is a nonprofit club, organized and dedicated to operate for the following purposes:

- a) To foster, promote, and provide an opportunity in the growth and development of cricket.
- b) To provide members an opportunity to participate in local/national leagues, competitions, and tours.
- c) To introduce the game of cricket by providing coaching and training opportunities to youth, club members, and the general public.
- d) To encourage the development of cricket by encouraging youth and club members to participate in local, regional, and national tournaments.

Section II: The purposes of SCC also include all other lawful purposes associated with or related to the general purposes, to the extent such activity is limited so that the club qualifies as a non-profit corporation exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section III: To exercise such of the rights, powers, duties and authority of a nonprofit corporation organized under the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 317A, which are consistent with Article II, Section II.

ARTICLE III – CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Membership shall be open to any individual without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin, who share in the common purpose of SCC and agree to abide by the bylaws of the club as amended from time to time.

Section II: Members shall display ethical conduct and sportsmanship at all times. All members are required to sign a club waiver. Membership is valid upon payment of dues as designated below.

Section III: Each member shall be required to pay annual dues based on their respective membership class, which shall cover one fiscal year. Dues are non-refundable and are subject to change upon recommendation of the executive committee. Membership is valid until December 31 of the year in which the dues are paid.

Section IV: SCC events, meetings, and activities may generally be limited to club members and guests.

Section V: Classes of Members. The membership of the club shall be divided into the following classes:

- a) General Members. A general member includes athletes who are 18 years of age or older. A general member has all the privileges of membership, may vote and hold office, and serve on committees. All general members shall be assigned to one of the club's teams. General members are required to pay annual dues as recommended by the executive committee.
- b) Junior/Student Members. A junior/student member includes athletes who are under 18 years of age. A junior/student member may participate in club events, but may not vote or hold office, or serve on committees. All junior members shall be assigned to one of the club's teams. Junior members are required to pay annual dues as recommended by the executive committee.
- c) Associate Members. An associate member includes a parent/guardian of junior members, former general members, and supporters of the club. An associate member may participate in club events, but may not vote or hold office, or serve on committees. Associate members are not required to pay annual dues.

Section VI: SCC executive committee reserves the right to terminate membership and/or ban members, without refund for unethical, unsportsmanlike, or dangerous behavior.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I: The executive committee of the club shall comprise of the following officers:

- a) President: Official contact person and representative of the club, shall preside over meetings, and oversee all club operations, etc.
- b) Vice President: Shall assist the president in all club related activities and act as president in the absence of the president.
- c) Treasurer: Shall collect club dues, pay club debts, and account for club finances with a quarterly report. The treasurer shall ensure club funds are used in all club members' best interest and in accordance to the overall purpose of the club.

Section II: The executive committee may appoint committees and committee chairperson(s) as needed for club business or activities.

Section III: Any executive committee member may delegate a portion (but not all) of his or her duties and responsibilities to club committees or other members in order to assist in the process of operating the club.

Section IV: All executive committee terms are two fiscal years in length. The executive committee members may be re-elected without limitation but may not serve more than two consecutive terms; however, he or she shall be eligible to be elected for another position on the executive committee. A team captain or vice-captain shall not be eligible to serve as an executive committee member immediately after their term has ended. A captain or vice-captain must wait one fiscal year before becoming eligible to serve in the executive committee. An executive committee member is ineligible to serve as captain or vice-captain of a team.

Section V: The executive committee has the discretionary power to approve club expenditures.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEE(S)

Section I: The executive committee shall appoint standing or special/ad-hoc committees and may refer to the proper committee any matter affecting the club or any operations requiring recommendation. Committee members shall be appointed for one-year terms.

Section II: The function of the committees is of an advisory nature/capacity. No member of any committee has the authority to bind or obligate the club or its members in any way or by any means. All such powers are expressly reserved for the executive committee of the club. Any recommendation by any committee will need to be approved by the executive committee.

Section III: In addition to other committees the executive committee may establish from time to time, the following shall be standing committees of the club:

- a) Selection Committee: The selection committee shall be responsible for recommending the captain and vice-captain for each team/tournament/tour; and, assist the executive committee and captains/vice-captains in selecting teams prior to each tournament. The selection committee members are also responsible in taking the lead to help attract new talent and members to the club. The selection committee recommends teams, but the executive committee is solely responsible for final approval and submission of membership and team rosters.
- b) Logistics Committee: The logistics committee shall be responsible to plan and organize game, practice, coaching session, and volunteer day logistics. Logistics include assigning responsibilities to members equally, notify members of important events (certification opportunities), and work with tournament organizers to ensure SCC is well prepared.
- c) Advisory Committee: The advisory committee shall consist of three individuals. No individuals can be a part of the executive committee and/or team management. The advisory committee will be nominated by the president but shall be confirmed by a 3/4th vote of the club membership. The advisory committee shall serve three-year terms and may be re-appointed without limitation on the number of terms served, and may serve consecutive terms. The advisory committee shall conduct the executive committee elections, advise and support the executive committee in setting and attaining club goals, and assist in drafting and interpreting the bylaws specific to the needs of the club. The members of the advisory committee must have been a general member of the club for at least 3 of the preceding 5 years.

ARTICLE VI – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section I: Whenever an executive committee member, general member, youth member, associate member has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the executive committee and/or for the purposes of voting, the affected shall:

- a) Fully disclose the nature of the interest, and
- b) Withdraw from discussion, lobbying, and voting on the matter.

Section II: Any transaction or vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a majority of disinterested members determine that it is in the best interest of the club to do so.

Article VII – INCOME AND FISCAL YEAR

Section I: No part of the net income or net assets of the club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its officers, members or other person. However, the club is authorized to reimburse its members or officers for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of its tax-exempt purposes.

Section II: SCC shall operate on a fiscal year basis, such fiscal year commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS

Section I: The annual meeting of the club shall be held within 30 days of the end of the cricket season. Membership shall be given a two week notice of the meeting. At each annual meeting as applicable, the members of the club shall elect the executive committee. If such a meeting is not held, or if the executive committee is not elected, they may be elected in any special meeting of the voting membership held for that purpose.

Section II: A majority of voting members must be present in order for the election to occur and its results considered valid. In this case, a majority is defined as 51% of the members eligible to vote.

Section III: Elections for the executive committee shall be conducted and organized by the advisory committee with the following procedures and subject to qualifications set forth below:

- a) President: To be considered as a candidate for president, the individual must have been a general member of the club for at least 3 of the preceding 5 years.
- b) Vice President: To be considered as a candidate for vice president, the individual must have been a general member of the club for at least 2 of the preceding 5 years.
- c) Treasurer: To be considered as a candidate for treasurer, the individual must have been a general member of the club for at least 2 of the preceding 5 years.

Section IV: Only members of the current fiscal year will be eligible to vote for the club's executive committee. The treasurer will give the list of members to the advisory committee no later than October 31.

Section V: The advisory committee shall finish the election process and announce the executive committee to the club membership no later than December 15.

ARTICLE IX – POLICIES AND AMENDMENTS

Section I: Any major decisions of the club shall be voted on by 3/4 of the membership unless the executive committee was authorized to make the decision. Major decisions include, but are not limited to:

- a) Amendment of this constitution.
- b) Removal of an executive committee member.

ARTICLE X – NON-PROFIT DESIGNATION

Section I: SCC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. No part of the income or profit of SCC is distributable to its members, or officers.

Section II: In the event of dissolution of SCC the net assets of the club shall not inure to the benefit of any private shareholder, individual or corporation but shall, after all creditors have been paid, be distributed to one or more organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or other purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined by the executive committee.