

# Eltham Cricket Club

*Established 1863*



## 2023 HANDBOOK FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Welcome to the 2023 season and the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our famous club. This handbook is designed to be a helpful 'aide memoire' for players old and new to ease us through the months ahead.

At the AGM (27 March 2023) the following members were elected as officers for the coming season:

<b>Chair</b>	A Redman	<b>Fixtures Secretary</b>	P Fisher
<b>Club Captain</b>	P Venkatraman	<b>Member's Rep</b>	P Swain
<b>Vice-Captain</b>	G Boylan	<b>Team Secretary</b>	C Wouldham M Horak (shadow)
<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	R Webber		
<b>Hon Secretary</b>	C Wouldham A Young (shadow)	<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	A Young M Bulpitt (shadow)

### 1 PLAYER REGISTRATION

All players will be required to complete and sign a registration form at the same time as paying their annual subscription (See Appendix 1). *Members who have registered in previous years will just need to confirm that their personal details are accurate rather than complete a new form.*

As agreed at the AGM, annual subscriptions for 2023 will increase to £50-00; payment by bank transfer is preferred to:

Eltham Cricket Club

Account Number: 82280280

Sort Code: 40-15-05

Please advise the Hon Treasurer when payments have been made by bank transfer.

If this is not possible, cheques should be made payable to Eltham Cricket Club. Match fees remain at £10-00.

### 2 HOME MATCHES

There is an expectation that players should arrive at the ground AT LEAST half an hour before the start of the game. If there is a genuine reason for lateness, it would be polite to inform the captain of the circumstances as soon as possible. Players who persist in late arrivals may be penalised by being

dropped down the order (both batting and bowling) and/or being required to stand down for games when there are surplus players as we continue to use our rotational selection policy (see 5).

We are no longer able to provide teas and players should make their own arrangements to bring food and drink.

There are many jobs that need to be completed before a home game and these ***include***:

- *Payment of £10 for key deposit*
- *Marker flags out*
- *Scoreboard erected*
- *Stumps out*
- *Welcome to the opposition*
- *Tables/chairs out for spectators*
- *Sightscreens moved (if appropriate)*
- *Kit bag out*

*During* the game there is an expectation that players will help with the scoring, umpire or both. Obviously, *at the end of the game*, there is an expectation that players will remain to ensure that everything is cleared AND, as importantly, to provide hospitality for our visitors in the clubhouse. It would also be helpful if all players were mindful that the club kit bag and scorebook might need to be transported if the next fixture is away from home.

In the event of bad weather, we endeavour to make a decision as to whether the game goes ahead as soon as possible. Two committee members meet at the ground at 11.00am to make this decision. If we have insufficient players by noon on a Thursday we will, at this point, contact the opposition and indicate that we are unable to fulfil the fixture.

If we are informed by an opposition that they are unable to fulfil a fixture, we will cease to look for another game at 17.00 on a Friday.

### **3 AWAY FIXTURES**

For Away fixtures we ask that players arrive no later than 20 minutes before the agreed start; travel details are always posted in advance on the website or sent by text. Again if there is a genuine reason for lateness, it would be polite to inform the captain of the circumstances as soon as possible.

At the end of the game we do ask, where possible, that players respect the hospitality of our hosts and do not leave with untimely haste. (We do understand that there will be occasions when circumstances dictate that this is unavoidable.) It should also be noted that, when batting second, our players do remain for the duration of the game and not offer their excuses and leave after an early dismissal.

### **4 CLUB RULES**

Club rules were revised in 2013 and a copy is available on the website. If, at any time during the season, a player has need of advice or support, their first point of contact should be Pete Swain in his role as Member's Representative.

Wherever possible we would encourage members to attend planned social events and, in particular, to support long standing traditions such as the annual 'Legends' Golf Day.

As we are also members of FRSC, we would encourage members to support, where possible, any events organised by the club.

## 5 TEAM SELECTION

With membership, once again, expected to be high, whilst we will endeavour to give everyone a game where possible, it is likely that there will be a need for the rotation of players. This process will, as ever, be managed by the relevant members of the committee including the captain, vice-captain and team secretary. It is our aim that decisions made, as part of a rota system, will ensure that all members are treated equally; this will take in to account the number of matches that they are selected for in relation to the number for which they make themselves available.

It should be noted that, when availability is high, players who are not fully paid up members will not be considered for selection.

An early request for availability will be circulated at the start of the season; this will be refreshed on a weekly basis with a WhatsApp message being sent on a Monday. A 'nil response' will be treated as 'not available'. When appropriate, members of the committee will meet on a Tuesday evening and the team selection for the following weekend will be confirmed on the Wednesday. We accept that there will be occasions when players may, for very good reason, need to withdraw their availability after this process has been completed. In these 'exceptional' circumstances, players will retain their place in the system of rotation.

Pre-match details can usually be accessed on the ECC website or WhatsApp group; you may also find this useful should you need help with transport to an away fixture.

## 6 MCC SPIRIT OF CRICKET

We believe that:

- Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played, not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game.
- Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself.
- The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for our opponents, our captain, the role of the umpires and the game's traditional values

As a club we will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket and treat everyone equally without discrimination
- Display high standards of behaviour and promote the positive aspects of cricket such as fair play

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match but EVERY player is expected to make an important contribution towards this; we hope that all players will do their utmost to ensure the smooth running of each and every game.

## 7 SAFEGUARDING

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club, we have formally adopted the ECB's 'Safe Hands' Policy for Safeguarding Children (and any future versions of the policy). By completing the attached membership form you will be confirming that you have read and understand this important detail. This document will be sent under separate cover and also uploaded to the website.

If you are worried about someone and want to raise a concern or report abuse, please contact Andrew Young who is the designated Safeguarding Officer.

**APPENDIX 1**

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

<b>Season</b>	2023	
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Phone</b>		
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Next of Kin</b>	<b>Name</b>	
	<b>Address</b> <small>If different from above</small>	
	<b>Landline</b>	
	<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>Medical</b>	Please advise of any medical issues that you feel we should be aware of in case of emergencies	
<i>Optional</i>		
<b>Safeguarding</b>	I confirm that I have read and understand the detail included in the ECB's 'Safe Hands' Policy for Safeguarding Children.	
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Date</b>		
<b>For Club Use</b>	Date of payment of membership fees:	
<b>Data Protection</b>	The Club will use the information provided on this Membership Form (together with other information it obtains about the player) to administer their cricketing activity at the Club and in any activities in which they participate through the Club and to care for and supervise activities in which they are involved. The Club will never pass on any personal details to any third party without the express permission of the Member.	