



## **Constitution of the Barbados Girls Cricket Club As Amended 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

### **Article I: Name and Purpose**

#### **1.1 Name**

The name of this organization shall be the "Barbados Girls Cricket Club" (hereinafter referred to as "the Club").

#### **1.2 Purpose**

The purpose of the Club is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment in the sport of cricket among girls aged 6 to 14 years old in Barbados with the following objectives:

- a) To develop and enhance the cricket skills and knowledge of girls in Barbados.
- b) To foster sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership skills among the members.
- c) To organize and participate in cricket tournaments, events, and competitions.
- d) To promote gender equality and inclusivity in cricket.

### **Article 2: Membership**

#### **2.1 Eligibility**

2.1.1. Membership is open to girls within the age range of 6 to 14 years old, irrespective of race, ethnicity, religion, or skill level, who express an interest in playing cricket and adhere to the Club's code of conduct.

#### **2.2 Rights and Responsibilities**

2.2.1 Members have the right to participate in Club activities and access coaching sessions and facilities.

2.2.2 Members are expected to conduct themselves respectfully, uphold the values of the Club, and follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Club's governing body.

2.2.3 Members are encouraged to contribute positively to the Club's development and welfare.

### **Article 3: Governance**

#### **3.1 Officers of the Club**

3.1.1 The Club shall have a Board of Trustees comprising a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers deemed necessary.

3.1.2 The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for overseeing the Club's affairs, organizing events, managing finances, and making decisions for the Club's benefit.

3.1.3 Officers shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All officers shall retire each year but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

3.1.4 An Honorary President shall be elected by a majority of members for a term of three years at the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary President may subsequently be re-elected for a further term. The role of Honorary President is non-executive and the President will not be entitled to vote at General Meeting.

#### **3.2 Election and Tenure**

3.2.1 The officers of the Club shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting with nominations open to all eligible members.

3.2.2 Officers shall serve for a term of one year and may be re-elected for subsequent terms.

### **Article 4: Meetings and Communication**

#### **4.1 General Meetings**

4.1.1 Quarterly meetings of the Club's Executive may be conducted physically in Barbados, virtually or a hybrid of the aforementioned, allowing members to attend remotely.

#### **4. 2 Notice Requirement:**

4. 2.1 The Club shall provide a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice to all members before convening any regular or special meeting.

#### **4. 3 Content of Notice:**

4. 3.1 The notice shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting.

4.3.2 For special meetings, the purpose or agenda of the meeting shall be clearly communicated in the notice.

#### **4.4 Waiver of Notice:**

4. 4.1 A member may waive their right to receive notice of a meeting by providing written consent, either electronically or in print.

4. 4. 2 Attendance at a meeting without objection to lack of notice shall constitute a waiver of notice unless the member protests, before or at the commencement of the meeting, the lack of proper notice.

#### **4. 5 Meetings:**

4. 5.1 In cases of emergency or urgency, the Club's leadership may convene a meeting with a notice period shorter than forty-eight (48) hours, provided that reasonable efforts are made to inform all members promptly.

4.5.2 Yearly general meetings may be conducted physically in Barbados virtually or a hybrid of the aforementioned, allowing members to attend remotely.

4.5.3 Communication for meetings, updates, and club-related discussions shall be given through electronic means including but not limited to email, messaging platforms, or the official club website or any other agreed-upon electronic means with a notice period of two (2) weeks.

4.5.4 Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or upon request by a majority of members.

## **Article 5: Finances**

### **5.1 Financial Records**

5.1.1 The Club shall maintain financial records, and all funds shall be used for the benefit of the Club's activities.

5.1.2 The Treasurer shall provide yearly financial reports to the members.

### **5.2 Funding**

5.2.1 The Club shall raise funds through sponsorship and donations to support its activities, equipment, coaching, and other necessary expenses.

### **5.3 Financial Management**

5.3.1 The Financial Year shall end at 31<sup>st</sup> December.

5.3.2 The signatories of the Club shall be the Treasurer, Chairperson and the Secretary. Two signatories are required for any withdrawal from the Club's bank account. One of these two signatures shall be that of the Treasurer, and in his/her absence, that of the Chairperson or the Secretary.

5.3.3 The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies due to and due by the Club and keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club.

5.3.4 The Treasurer shall maintain accurate financial records electronically and provide yearly financial reports to members to be presented during meetings.

5.3.5 The Club's finances shall be managed transparently and in compliance with applicable regulations.

## **Article 6: The Constitution**

### **6.1 Amendments**

6.1.1 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members.

6.1.2 Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing and circulated to the members no less than two weeks in advance of voting.

## **Article 7: Property**

7.1 Any property acquired by the Charity will be vested in the Charity and held by the Trustees on behalf of the Charity.

### **7.2 Ownership**

7.2.1 All properties assets funds and belongings owned, acquired or managed by the Club shall be the sole property of the club itself and shall not be treated as the personal property of any member officer or individual associated with the Club.

7.2.2 The property and funds of the club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits shall be reinvested in the Club.

### **7.3 Funds**

7.3.1 The Club may in connection with the sports purposes of the club:

- a) Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.
- b) Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests.
- c) Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the club (but only to the extent of its assets).

## **Article 8: Dissolution**

8.1.1 If Upon the winding up or dissolution of the Charity there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Trustees of the Charity but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Charity and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its Trustees.

The institution or institutions shall be determined by the Charity Trustees at or before the time of winding up or dissolution and shall be registered as a Charity or Charities under the provisions of the Charities Act, Cap. 243 of the Laws of Barbados.

**Article 9: By-laws**

9.1 The Club may establish and maintain by-laws to further govern its activities and such by-laws shall be consistent with this constitution.

**Article 10: Contact Information**

10.1 The Club's contact information shall be maintained by the Secretary and made available to all members.

**Article 11: Ratification**

11.1 This constitution shall take effect upon approval by a majority vote of the Club's members.

**Article 12: Declaration**

Barbados Girls Cricket Club hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of all members.

**Constitution of the Barbados Girls Cricket Club as adopted 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



SIGNED: .....

NAME: SASHA SAFIYAH CANDICE SUTHERLAND

CHAIRPERSON



SIGNED: .....

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SECRETARY



SIGNED: .....

NAME: RHONDA CHRISTINA SCANTLEBURY

TREASURER



SIGNED: .....

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