



THE CARLTON CRICKET CLUB LIMITED

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The Annual General Meeting of CARLTON CRICKET CLUB LIMITED will be held at the Masterton Pavilion, 180 Grange Loan, Edinburgh, EH9 2EE on 26 January 2024, commencing at 7pm, to deal with the following business:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 January 2023 (copies available on request: secretary@carltoncc.co.uk)
3. President's Remarks
4. Director of Cricket's Report
5. Youth Director's Report
6. Treasurer's Report & presentation of Annual Accounts for the year to 31st October 2023 – including approval of Membership Subscriptions for 2023 – please see Annex 1
7. Discussion of proposed Capital Reserves Policy – please see Annex 2
8. Election of the Directors of the Company (see table below)
9. Any Other Competent Business

Any Motions for consideration at the Annual Meeting must be submitted to the Secretary before 7pm on 19 January 2024. Copies of the Annual Accounts are available on request from secretary@carltoncc.co.uk

Any Member wishing to appoint a proxy for voting purposes under Articles 14 and 15, and Section 324 of the Companies Act 2006, should inform the Secretary: secretary@carltoncc.co.uk

A copy of the Articles of Association of Carlton Cricket Club Limited can be downloaded from the following link: [Articles of Association](#)

Proposed Election / Re-election of Management Committee & Directors

President	Kerry Simpson
Vice President	Alan Murray
Vice President	Richard Allardice
Vice President	Omar Ahmad
Vice President	Martin Firth
Treasurer	David Mowat
Director of Cricket	Stevie Gilmour
Youth Director	Siobhan Fontenla
Secretary	Euan Murray

Annex 1 - Motion for subscriptions for the 2024 season

The Management Committee of the Club is responsible for the motion for membership subscriptions which is being proposed at the 2024 AGM. In 2023 we fully refreshed the subscriptions model, with a particular focus on ensuring that junior and women's subscriptions were structured to more fairly reflect the amount of cricket (and cricket coaching) available to all players.

The Management Committee is conscious that the Club's members have been affected by recent increases in costs of living. Given the (in some cases significant) uplifts in subscriptions last year, the Committee is keen to keep increases to a minimum this year. In doing so, we recognise that funding the Club's ambitions for 2024 might result in an overall operating loss. In particular, it is the Committee's intention to implement a new model for the upkeep of the pitches and outfield at Grange Loan.

We hope and expect that the new model, once embedded, will represent an efficient and economically sustainable platform for maintenance and continuing improvement of the ground over the coming seasons. We will keep progress under close review and provide a detailed update at the next AGM. However, the Committee does wish to make members aware at this early stage that increases in subscriptions for 2025 might be required if we are to ensure that Grange Loan continues to be a premier venue for club cricket in Scotland.

As in previous years, the club will be instituting a no-pay, no-play policy with respect to subscriptions, if subscriptions are not paid in full by 31 May. The Management Committee therefore proposes Club subscriptions for 2024 as follows:

Senior subscriptions

- Senior subscriptions will not be increased from 2023 levels;
- as in 2023, players selected for the 1st XI will contribute directly to the cost of teas on a pay as-you play basis, at a cost of £5 per match;
- we propose a new "Social playing member" category for senior players who wish to attend training; be available for selection in midweek friendlies / intra-club matches; and potentially play a small number of league matches when player availability is low;
- following a very low take-up of last year's offer to pay subscriptions over 4 monthly instalments, we will offer the option (through Pitchero) of a single payment or payment over three monthly instalments. The instalment option must be taken up by 31 March, or the whole amount will be payable in one instalment. As always, we are open to discussing a payment plan over a longer period with any member who wishes to do so.

<u>Category</u>	<u>2023 Rate</u>	<u>Proposed 2024 Rate</u>
Senior Playing Member	£260	£260
Student Playing Member	£160	£160
Women Playing Member	£135	£135
Social Playing Member	N/A	£160
Very Occasional Player*	£20 per match	£20 per match

* Available to parents of juniors and non-playing members who play no more than 4 matches in a season and do not attend training.

The above rates continue to include all league and cup match fees.

To help with the administration of subscriptions, all Senior Playing Members will be invited to pay the same subscription rate. Any senior player who has played six or fewer league and cup matches at the end of the season will be eligible for a partial refund.

Junior & family

Following the full re-structure of Junior & family subscriptions in 2023, rates will remain at 2023 levels

As in 2023, a surcharge will be payable by junior members who also play league games regularly for the Senior XIs. Please note that appearances in midweek T20 / friendly / intra-club matches will not count towards “regular” playing status.

<u>Category</u>	<u>2023 Rate</u>	<u>Proposed 2024 Rate</u>
Carlton Cubs (P1)	£65	£65
Junior member – softball	£110	£110
Junior member – Girls’ hardball	£135	£135
Junior member – U12 *	£135	£135
Junior member – U14 & U16	£135	£135
Surcharge for Juniors playing Senior cricket	£50	£50

*Any U12 Development Squad players who do not feature in a hardball U12 squad during the season will be eligible for a refund so that their subscriptions remain in line with softball players.

Girl’s hardball, U14 and U16 playing shirts will be available to buy, although the Club will also retain a stock of shirts for use by occasional players or those who do not wish to purchase their own. U12 and softball playing shirts remain included in the cost of subscription.

Non-playing members

No changes proposed from 2023 levels.

<u>Category</u>	<u>2023 Rate</u>	<u>Proposed 2024 Rate</u>
Non-playing members	£55	£55
Non-playing members (aged over 60)	£40	£40
Dog walkers (in addition to the non-playing membership, and not including fob)	£75	£75
Gate fobs (playing members)	£10	£10
Gate fobs (non-playing members)	£10	£10

Annex 2 – Capital Reserves Policy

The Management Committee of Carlton Cricket Club Limited (the “Club”) is responsible for prudent management of the Club’s assets to ensure that its aims can be met over the long term.

The Club is fortunate to own its ground and facilities at Grange Loan outright, but it has no source of regular income beyond membership subscriptions, sponsorship, and revenue which can be generated from the hire of the ground and facilities. This is in contrast to many other local cricket clubs which have affiliations with much larger organisations (notably schools) or which have access to income derived from a much wider range of sporting facilities (for example tennis, squash or hockey).

The Club’s unique position poses certain specific challenges for the Management Committee to consider when setting budgets, planning capital expenditure, and managing the Club’s capital reserves.

The retention of cash reserves is intended to meet several goals, including (but not limited to):

- *Unexpected reduction in the Club’s income.* If the Club’s income streams are materially impacted (as was the case during the Covid pandemic in 2020) then the availability of reserves will enable it to continue operating for a period while solutions are found.
- *Availability of funds for periodic maintenance (and replacement) of facilities at Grange Loan.* This includes tree surgery; repair and maintenance of the boundary walls; maintenance of net facilities and astroturf wicket; capital expenditure on machinery; and maintenance and upkeep of the Masterton Pavilion and outbuildings. Outlays for these can be significant - for example, extension of the protective fencing along the Grange Loan wall and replacement of playing surfaces at the nets and artificial wicket in 2023 incurred costs in excess of £50,000.
- *Meeting the costs of unexpected one-off events.* The Club pays for insurance cover to manage its exposure to certain risks. However, some risks are by their nature uninsurable – and the Club’s insurance might not meet the costs of certain other events (whether in whole or in part). For example, damage to the boundary wall at Grange Loan / Lover’s Loan caused by an uninsured driver or by a fallen tree would be for the Club to remedy, potentially at very significant expense.
- *Flexibility.* The availability of reserves provides flexibility should the Club wish to pursue a specific short-term goal or make changes to its operations which might have an up-front cost but lead to efficiency savings in the longer term.

Bearing these goals in mind, as general guiding principles Management Committee believes that it will normally be appropriate to:

- manage the Club’s income and expenditure by setting budgets which aim to generate a small cash profit per annum (before depreciation);
- aim to retain (or, if below that level, generate) cash reserves which are approximately equal to one year’s operating expenses; and
- where possible, pursue grant funding (whether public or private) for capital expenditure or other projects.

The Management Committee also recognises that there will be circumstances in which it will be appropriate to deviate from these principles where doing so is in the best interests of the Club.