

## **THE LORD'S TAVERNERS**

("the Association")

Bye-laws of the Association adopted by a resolution of the Trustees of the Association on 27 March 2007 pursuant to Article 37 of the Articles of Association of the Association.

### **1 Membership**

The following may be a member of the Association (hereinafter called "the Member"):-

- 1.1 A man who loves cricket, seeks to further its well-being and fulfils one or more of the following conditions of eligibility:-
- (a) is or has been active in the world of entertainment, sport or the arts; or
  - (b) is outstanding in his own field and whom the Association believes will be a worthy and active Member; or
  - (c) has already given valuable service to the Association; or
  - (d) is an Associate Member who has actively supported the Association for two years or more.

### **2. Honorary Members**

2.1 The Trustees may in their sole discretion from time to time appoint as an Honorary Member of the Association ("Honorary Member"):-

2.1.1 A man who is or who has been:-

- (a) a Test Captain of England;
- (b) a Captain of an Overseas Test Touring Team;
- (c) a Past President of The Association;
- (d) a Past Chairman of the Association; or
- (e) a Prime Minister.

2.1.2 Exceptionally, other distinguished men.

2.2 An Honorary Member may, in the sole discretion of the Trustees, be appointed for life or for such shorter period as the Trustees may determine and shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Member.

2.3 An Honorary Member shall not be required to pay an admission fee or subscription fee.

### **3 Admission fee**

3.1 The admission fee payable by a Member on election or invitation shall be such sum (if any) as the Trustees shall from time to time determine and the Trustees may in determining such admission fee differentiate between categories of Membership.

### **4 Annual subscription fee**

4.1 Any annual subscription fee payable by Members, The Lady Taverners, Young Lord's Taverners or Associate Members shall be such sum as the Trustees shall from time to time determine and the Trustees may in determining such subscription fee differentiate between categories of Membership. Furthermore, the Trustees may determine to use such methods of payment as they shall regard as appropriate from time to time.

4.2 The annual subscription fee of a Member who is resident or domiciled outside the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland shall be one-half of the annual subscription fee (or such other proportion as the Trustees may, in their sole discretion, from time to time, decide).

### **5 Waiver of admission fee and/or annual subscription fee**

5.1 The Trustees may, in their entire discretion, waive payment of the admission fee and/or the annual subscription fee when they consider it to be in the interests of the Association to do so.

### **6 Date of payment of subscription fees**

- 6.1 Members' annual subscription fees shall be paid each year to the Association or its Bankers on or before the due date of 1<sup>st</sup> May (or on such other date as the Trustees may, from time to time, determine)

## **7 Direct Debit and Gift Aid**

- 7.1 Members will be invited to pay their annual subscription fee by Direct Debit. A slightly higher subscription, as determined by the Trustees, will be payable by those who prefer to pay by other means.
- 7.2 Members who are United Kingdom tax payers will be invited to complete a Gift Aid form. Once signed, this will enable the Association to reclaim tax on the Member's admission fee and annual subscription fee and on any subsequent donation to the Association. Members who are higher rate tax payers will themselves be able to claim back tax on these payments via their annual tax return.

## **8 Application for Membership**

- 8.1 Every applicant for Membership of the Association shall be proposed and seconded by a Member both of whom shall be personally acquainted with the applicant and shall vouch for his fitness for Membership.
- 8.2 Application for Membership must be made on the form provided by the Association and signed by the applicant, proposer and seconder.
- 8.3 The applicant shall return the completed application form to the Chief Executive together with a cheque for the admission fee and subscription fee payable to "The Lord's Taverners Limited", a completed Direct Debit authority and a completed Gift Aid form (if applicable).
- 8.4 Completed application forms shall be passed to the Membership Committee, delegated by the Trustees to consider and approve membership applications. Cheques, Direct Debit Authorities and Gift Aid applications forms shall be held by the Association until after the application has been approved and otherwise shall be returned to the applicant.

## 9 **Election and admission of Members**

- 9.1 The Membership Committee shall at every meeting consider all applications for Membership received and shall accept or reject each on its merits. In the event of rejection, the application shall be returned to the proposer giving the reason(s) for rejection or a request for supplementary information.
- 9.2 Each Member shall on admission to Membership be allocated a membership number in sequential order and once allocated, the number shall not be re-allocated.

## 10 **Applicant to be informed of his election**

- 10.1 The Chief Executive shall inform the new Member that he has been elected or has been invited to become a Member (as the case may be) and send him a copy of the Association's Handbook.
- 10.2 The new Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of Membership and shall be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and its Bye-laws.

## 11 **County Cricket Members**

- 11.1 Each year the Association will offer County-capped and international cricketers the opportunity to become Full Members. Applicants will be required to complete a standard application form. Appropriate Members will be asked to propose and second the applications. At the discretion of the Membership Committee, individuals who have been offered the opportunity of Membership, but have not taken it up, may be offered the opportunity again.
- 11.2 Subscriptions for County Cricket Members will be voluntary but they will be invited to pay the Full Member Subscription.

## 12 **"Life" Member and "Retired" Member**

- 12.1 Any Member may apply to become a "Life" Member and upon being so elected by the Membership Committee shall pay to the Association a donation of £3,000, Gift Aided

where appropriate, (or such other amount as the Trustees may, in their sole discretion, from time to time decide). He will thereafter be exempt from payment of all future subscription fees.

- 12.2 A Member who is aged 70 years or over may apply to become a "Retired" Member and thereafter the annual subscription fee payable by him shall be one-half of the full annual subscription fee payable by a Member (or such other proportion as the Trustees may, in their sole discretion, from time to time decide).

### **13 The Lady Taverners and The Young Lord's Taverners**

- 13.1 The Lady Taverners and The Young Lord's Taverners are key supporters of the Association in the raising of funds for the Association and in its other activities. The Association will support The Lady Taverners and The Young Lord's Taverners subject to their not engaging in activities which may conflict with the charitable objects of the Association.
- 13.2 The Lady Taverners may through their own elected Council establish their own Rules or Bye-laws subject to such Rules or Bye-laws being approved by the Trustees of the Association so as to ensure that the aims, charitable obligations and objectives of the Association shall not be prejudiced.
- 13.3 The Trustees may invite not more than two members of the Council of The Lady Taverners to be present at meetings of the Trustees.
- 13.4 The Young Lord's Taverners may through their own Council or Committee establish their own Rules or Bye-laws subject to such Rules or Bye-laws being approved by the Trustees of the Association so as to ensure that the aims, charitable obligations and objectives of the Association shall not be prejudiced.
- 13.5. Membership of The Young Lord's Taverners is open to suitable applicants aged between 18 and 30 or such other age bracket as the Trustees may from time to time decide. Members of The Young Lord's Taverners may remain so until the age of 35 when they may apply to be a Member in accordance with the application procedure set out in these Bye-laws or apply to join The Lady Taverners.

#### **14 Associate Members of the Association**

- 14.1 Any individual, not being a Member who supports the charitable objects of the Association, may be eligible to become an Associate Member, subject to fulfilment of the conditions set out below.
- 14.2 An individual may apply to the Membership Secretary by completing an "Associate Member of The Lord's Taverners" application form which must be signed by an Associate Member or alternatively and preferably by a Member.
- 14.3 Any appointment of an individual to be an Associate Member shall be conditional upon the payment by the individual of the then current annual subscription fee to the Association.
- 14.4 An Associate Member shall thereafter pay the annual subscription fee, which is due on the first day of January in each year.
- 14.5 For avoidance of doubt, an Associate Member is not a Member of the Association.
- 14.6 An Associate Member, who has actively supported the Association for a period of not less than two years may apply to become a Member in accordance with the application procedure set out in these Bye-laws or may apply to join The Lady Taverners as appropriate.

#### **15. Privileges of a Member**

- 15.1 A Member shall be entitled:-
- 15.1.1 to stand for election as a Trustee
- 15.1.2 to attend Meetings of the Association and to vote pursuant to the Memorandum and Articles of the Association
- 15.1.3 to be appointed, if he so wishes, as an officer of the Association
- 15.1.4 to a priority mailing period of seven days for attendance at any event held by the Association (attendance at some such events being not restricted to Members);
- 15.1.6 to wear the "Club Regalia".
- 15.1.7 to use of any Members' facilities at 10 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HX in

accordance with any rules laid down by the Trustees from time to time which may include signing in one guest.

15.1.8 to receive the Handbook and Bye-laws.

## **16 Privileges of The Lady Taverners, Young Lord's Taverners and Associate Members**

16.1 A Lady Taverner shall be entitled:

16.1.1 to receive the Handbook and Bye-laws;

16.1.2 to wear The Lady Taverners' Regalia;

16.1.3 to receive mailings as appropriate;

16.1.4 to be eligible for nomination by The Lady Taverners to sit on committees of the Association when appropriate;

16.1.5 to stand for election to the Council of The Lady Taverners and to be appointed, if she so wishes, as an officer of The Lady Taverners; and

16.1.6 to the use of any Members facilities at 10 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HX in accordance with any rules laid down by the Trustees from time to time which may include the right to sign in one guest.

16.2 A Young Lord's Taverner shall be entitled:

16.2.1 to receive the Handbook and Bye-laws;

16.2.2 to receive mailings as appropriate;

16.2.3 to wear any specific Young Lord's Taverners' Regalia; and

16.2.4 to the use of any Members' facilities at 10 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HX in accordance with any rules laid down by the Trustees from time to time which may include the right to sign in one guest;

16.2.5 to be eligible for nomination by The Young Lord's Taverners to sit on committees of the Association when appropriate;

16.2.6 to stand for election to the Council or Committee of The Young Lord's Taverners and if he or she so wishes, as an officer of The Young Lord's Taverners.

16.3 An Associate Member shall be entitled:-

- 16.3.1 to receive the Bye-laws;
- 16.3.2 to wear the "Club Regalia" designated to be worn by Associate Members;
- 16.3.4 to receive mailings;
- 16.3.5 to stand for Regional Committees but not to serve as Treasurer or Chairman of any such committee; and
- 16.3.6 to be eligible to be co-opted to any standing committee of the Association.

## 17 **Financial Default**

- 17.1 If any Member or Associate Member shall have failed to pay any subscription or other payment due within 28 days of the due date, the Trustees may terminate his membership. The Trustees may reinstate such person on payment of the outstanding sums due.

## 18 **Resignation**

- 18.1 Notice to resign from the Association shall be given in writing to the Chief Executive. Once confirmed by the Association, the resignation shall take immediate effect but any liabilities to the Association shall remain due and payable.

## 19 **Termination of Membership or Associate Membership**

- 19.1 Any Member or Associate Member who is convicted of any criminal offence (excluding an offence under the Road Traffic legislation in the United Kingdom for which he is not sentenced to any term of imprisonment whether immediate or suspended) shall immediately cease to be a Member or an Associate Member provided that, if his conviction is set aside, the Trustees shall restore him to membership as from the date when he ceased to be a Member or an Associate Member.
- 19.2 A Member or Associate Member whose Membership has been terminated under Bye-law 19.1 may have his Membership restored by the Trustees, in their sole discretion, at any time.

20 **Non-disclosure of information**

- 20.1 No Member nor Associate Member shall disclose to any person (other than those whose province it is to know it or with proper authority) or use for any purpose any information of a confidential nature relating to the Association and such information shall include (but not be limited to) the particulars of any Member or Associate Member and all information contained in the Members' Handbook and Bye-laws issued by the Association.
- 20.2 Any Member or Associate Member who shall be in breach of this Bye-law shall be liable to expulsion in accordance with the terms of Bye-law 21.
- 20.3 This obligation shall continue to apply after termination for whatever reason without limit in point of time.

21 **Expulsion for misconduct**

- 21.1 The Trustees may expel from the Association any person whose membership, conduct or relationship with the Association is such as shall in their opinion be injurious to the Association or the interests of its Members. Before a Member or Associate Member is expelled (excepting such member who is or was an employee of the Association) his conduct shall be enquired into by a sub-committee of the Trustees and such person shall be given an opportunity to defend and to justify or explain the conduct or position.
- 21.2 An expelled person shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership and all rights against the Association and shall not be entitled to any refund of subscription fees or other payments made to the Association and shall remain liable for the subscription fee and any other financial obligations during the year of expulsion.

22 **Quorum for Trustees' Meetings**

- 22.1 Whilst the Articles of Association of the Association provide that the quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Trustees at Trustees' meetings shall be six elected Trustees unless otherwise fixed by the Trustees, the Trustees shall ensure so far

as is reasonably possible that there shall not be less than 12 elected Trustees present at a Trustees' meeting at which business of material importance is discussed and decided upon.

**23 Chairman of the Association**

23.1 The Trustees shall, from among their number, elect a Chairman of the Trustees. Such Chairman shall, unless otherwise determined by the Trustees, be the Chairman of the Association.