



Summary of Draft New Constitution

Clause	Summary
1. Definitions and interpretation	Defines all terms and how the Constitution must be read.
2. Club details	States the Club name, charitable status, and requirements for contact persons.
3. Purpose and powers	Provides detailed primary purposes (promoting and fostering community cricket as an amateur sport; providing education and development), supporting objects (facilities, community engagement, DEI leadership, integrity protection, member development, fundraising mechanisms, affiliation), Tikanga commitments (respect dual heritage of Te Tiriti partners, cultural diversity, junior/youth focus, cooperation with other organisations, Spirit of Cricket), and broad legal powers to act within law.
4. Members	Describes full membership framework including application process, consent requirements, all member classes (senior, junior, non-playing, parent/guardian, life, any new categories), process for electing Life Members, member rights and obligations, suspension rules, termination rules, consequences of ceasing membership, membership fees and defaults, and register requirements including treatment of existing members.
5. General Meetings	Sets comprehensive rules for AGMs and SGMs: timing, notice periods, required business, motion submission deadlines, agenda rules, calling SGMs, urgency provisions, quorum requirements (minimum 20 members) and what happens when no quorum is met, who chairs meetings, attendance rights, voting rights for each member category, electronic voting, voting procedures, minute keeping, and resolution requirements.
6. Board	Defines the Board's authority and obligations; composition; detailed roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer; full nomination and election procedure; qualification and disqualification rules; one-season terms with ten-term maximum; rules for casual vacancies; suspension and removal procedures with natural justice protections; and events that cause a Board member to vacate office.

7. Board meetings	Specifies calling of meetings, ability to self-regulate procedure, quorum of four, participation by electronic means, chairing, voting rights, no casting vote, and fully valid written/electronic resolutions.
8. Officers' Duties	Sets statutory-style duties: good faith, proper purpose, compliance with law and Constitution, reasonable care, financial prudence, no reckless trading, and reliance on experts where reasonable.
9. Interests	Requires disclosure of conflicts of interest, governs restrictions on voting and participation, details when an SGM is required due to conflicts, and requires notifying members of compliance failures.
10. Patrons	Allows Board appointment of Patrons who may speak but not vote.
11. Club Manager	Allows engaging a Club Manager responsible for day-to-day operations under Board delegation.
12. Finances	Provides Board control over funds and assets, sets balance date, prohibits private pecuniary benefit except for reimbursed expenses or arm's-length transactions.
13. Indemnity and insurance	Authorises indemnity and insurance for officers/employees within Act limits.
14. Amendments	Constitution may only be amended by Special Resolution or minor technical updates under the Act; no amendment may permit private profit.
15. Bylaws and Integrity	Board may issue bylaws; Integrity Code becomes binding on Club and Members if adopted by NZ Cricket.
16. Dispute resolution	Defines disputes; interaction with other legislation; when dispute procedure applies; complaint requirements; investigation duties; criteria for declining complaints; referral options (hearing body, subcommittee, mediated resolution); hearing body powers; bias safeguards; rights of complainants and respondents to be heard; and limited appeal rights.
17. Liquidation and removal	Requires notice and two Special Resolutions at two SGMs; surplus assets must go to similar charitable organisations.
18. Matters not provided for	Board determines any matter not covered by Constitution or bylaws.
19. Transition	Provides transition period authority to resolve inconsistencies; continues existing Board; clarifies optional continued use of common seal.