

THE DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY JUNIOR CRICKET DEVELOPMENT GROUP
CONSTITUTION

1. **Title.**
The organisation shall be called "The Dumfries & Galloway Junior Cricket Development Group" ("the Group")
2. **Objects.**
The objects of the Group will be the furtherance, improvement and development of junior cricket within the geographical area of the Local Authority of Dumfries & Galloway ("the Area")
3. **Membership.**
 - 3.1 Any Club, School or Organisation having an interest in and wishing to promote the objects of the Group which applies for membership of the Group and pays the annual subscription, as and when it falls due, shall be admitted as a Member of the Group.
 - 3.2 No Member of the Group may be expelled from the Group except at the Annual General Meeting or at a special General Meeting called for the purpose and then only by the votes of the Members, a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast by the Members present and voting being required. Any Member being so expelled shall be held to have forfeited all right to participate in the assets of the Group but shall be held responsible for its proportion of the liabilities of the Group as at the date of such expulsion unless otherwise determined by the Group in General Meeting.
4. **The Committee.**
The management of the Group shall be effected by a Committee which shall consist of a Chairman ("the Chairman") a Secretary ("the Secretary"), a Treasurer ("the Treasurer") and up to a maximum of one representative of each Member of the Group all of whom will be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Group for one year. Anyone so elected will be eligible for re-election thereafter. Meetings of the Committee will be chaired by the Chairman whom failing by a Committee Member. The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be two. The Committee will have the power to co-opt voting Members to fill any vacancy. Each elected and co-opted Member of the Committee shall have one vote except the Chairman of the meeting who shall have a deliberative and a casting vote. Decisions shall be by a simple majority of votes cast. A representative of each Local Authority within the Area may attend any meeting of the Committee (but without a vote). The Chairman and/or the Vice Chairman of the Western District Junior Cricket Union may attend any meeting of the Committee (but without a vote unless as a Member of the Committee).
5. **Finance.**
 - 5.1 Subscriptions:- The amount of the subscriptions payable by the Members of the Group shall be fixed annually by the Committee and approved by the Members at the Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be payable in advance on or before the first day of the financial year of the Group. The first year's subscription of new Members shall be payable on admission and, until it be paid, new Members shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of membership.
 - 5.2 Deficiency of Funds:- Should there be at any time a deficiency of funds, the Members of the Group during any financial year in which such deficiency occurs shall be liable to such addition in the annual subscription as the Committee may determine, provided always that such addition shall not exceed the amount then fixed as the annual subscription for that financial year.
 - 5.3 Banking & Accounts:- The Group shall operate its own bank account or accounts bearing the name "The Dumfries & Galloway Junior Cricket Development Group", withdrawals from said account or accounts being on the written authority of any two of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or the Secretary/Treasurer. The Group shall ingather and administer funds raised by subscription and otherwise, and shall have power to apply for and obtain grant aid and commercial sponsorship and to incur expenditure directly relating to its functions provided always that at no time shall its bank account or accounts be overdrawn. The Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare for the approval of the Committee annual accounts of the Group's financial intromissions, said accounts to be audited annually by an auditor appointed at the preceding Annual General Meeting and a copy of the annual balance sheet shall be sent to each Member of the Group with a notice calling the Annual General Meeting.
6. **General Meetings.**
 - 6.1 General Meetings:- General Meetings of the Group shall be held at such venues and on such dates as are decided by the Committee, provided always that there shall be an Annual General Meeting in each calendar year. The purpose of any General Meeting shall be to consider all matters of which due notice has been given.
 - 6.2 Notice of General Meetings:- The Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer shall be obliged to give every Member of the Group at least fourteen days written notice of the date of any General Meeting of the Group.
 - 6.3 Representation and Voting at General Meetings:- Each Member of the Group having paid the annual subscription shall be entitled to send one representative to attend General Meetings. The Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the other Members of the Committee shall also be entitled to attend the General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote unless attending as a representative of a Member. All matters considered at the General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast by those present and voting. All General Meetings of the Group shall be chaired by the Chairman whom failing by a Committee Member and notwithstanding the terms of this clause, the Chairman of the General Meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of equality. A quorum shall exist at any General Meeting of the Group which is attended by representatives of at least two Members of the Group. No proxies shall be allowed at any General Meeting of the Group. No person shall represent more than one Member nor have more than one vote.
7. **Alterations to the Constitution and Dissolution of the Group.**
 - 7.1 No alteration can be made to this Constitution nor can the Group be dissolved except at the Annual General Meeting or at a special General Meeting convened for the purpose. No alterations shall be made to this Constitution nor shall the Group be dissolved unless approved by at least a two thirds majority of the votes cast by the Members present and voting at said General Meeting convened for the purpose.
 - 7.2 In the event of the Dissolution of the Group all available assets after the discharge of all liabilities and debts shall be transferred to any other organisation or organisations having as its or their main object the promotion and furtherance of the game of cricket in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Committee shall in its sole discretion consider to be fair and reasonable.