

## **ECB CLUBMARK GUIDANCE NOTE FOR MULTI-SPORTS CLUBS**

### **Background**

The ECB accept that it can be difficult for multi-sports clubs which cater for other sports as well as cricket to fully adopt the compulsory elements of the ECB Clubmark model club constitution.

If the compulsory elements of the ECB Clubmark model club constitution cannot be adopted within the main constitution of a multi-sport club then we would advise the club to insert a clause similar to the one set out below within its constitution and also to adopt the model Regulations for the Cricket Section of the club, which set out all of the mandatory requirements for ECB Clubmark that would otherwise need to be referenced in the club constitution..

In the case of any conflict between the provisions of the main club constitution and the ECB Clubmark requirements, the ECB Clubmark requirements will take precedence in matters concerning the cricket section of the Club.

Note that a multi sports club will need to demonstrate either in its main constitution or in rules or regulations relating to the cricket section that:

- It has adopted and implemented the ECB 'Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children'. (ECB Clubmark criterion 1.1)
- It has appointed a Club Welfare Officer who is required to report to the club Management Committee or equivalent. (ECB Clubmark criterion 1.2)
- It has adopted the ECB Club Inclusion & Diversity Policy (ECB Clubmark criterion 3.1)
- There is an open membership policy without any proposer / seconder process (ECB Clubmark criterion 3.5)
- There is a recognised disciplinary process for members (ECB Clubmark criterion 3.5)
- There is a recognised dissolution procedure in place (ECB Clubmark criterion 3.5)
- It provides within its membership for juniors to be individual members of the club. (ECB Clubmark criterion 3.6)
- It has a specific and equitable pricing policy for club members, including junior members. (Criterion 4.3)

All references to "the Club constitution" in the ECB Clubmark Materials, including but not limited to the ECB Clubmark Cricket Evidence file and support resources, should be read as "the Club constitution and any Cricket Section Regulations", in the case of multi-sport clubs.

### Draft Clause for inclusion in Multi-Sport Club constitutions

*The playing sections will be expected to follow, where appropriate, any rules and regulations laid down by their national governing bodies. If the club has applied for registration under the Clubmark scheme, the relevant playing section will abide by the rules and regulations laid down by the awarding body. The [Committee]<sup>1</sup> may adopt regulations relating to the operation of a playing section and these may be amended by the [Committee] from time to time. Any amendments must comply with the Clubmark requirements of the awarding body as they may be amended from time to time. In the case of any conflict between the provisions of the Club's constitution and the Clubmark requirements of a relevant awarding body, the Clubmark requirements shall take precedence.*

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<sup>1</sup> Insert term used for the group responsible for the management of the club – e.g. Management Committee, Committee or Directors