

Constitution of the OKCStrikers Cricket Club

SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP

Article I, section I: Communication

The primary method of communication is via the club group's page '**okc_strikers**' on the yahoo groups network. All club Messages, Files, Photos, Links, Databases, Polls, Members list and Calendar can be found on this group page.

Article II, section I: Members

Membership to the organization shall be open to all individuals, irrespective of their race, gender, color, sexual preference, mental/physical disabilities, creed, religion, or nationality and consists of all people authorized by the club. The committee of office bearers (COB) is defined as "a panel of members voted into office to run the club according to the OKCStrikers constitution". A list of members can be found on the OKCStrikers group page and website. Members have an obligation to adhere to constitution and the laws and spirit of cricket as laid down by the Marylebone Cricket Club and the TriState Cricket League (TSCL).

Article III, section I: Term of membership

All members shall duly complete and sign, a club membership form provided to them by the Secretary of the organization. Membership of the club will be for the duration of one season and will have to be renewed yearly within the time limits defined in this constitution. A season is defined as the period beginning March 1st till the end of the last day of February of the next year.

Article IV, section I: Financial Dues

As required by the club, the organization shall collect membership fee for each season from all the members of the organization. The amount of the fee will be decided by the incoming COB every year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Treasurer will collect membership. Full payment is a requirement for membership and for selection in the playing 11. Alternate arrangements for payments can be made only with the agreement of the COB. There will be no refund of membership fees and unused funds will be rolled over to subsequent Treasurers.

Article V, section I: Voting rights and elections

All members in good standing can vote in the annual elections of the club. In good standing is defined as "any member who has paid in full his/her membership fee and is not on probation or under investigation for an act/acts contrary to the OKCStrikers constitution or the rules of cricket set out by the Marylebone Cricket Club and the TSCL". All members of the club, in good standing, can stand for election to any post. A post is defined as "the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain and Vice Captain".

Article VI, section I: Moving to another club

A member of the OKCStrikers can only change affiliations to other clubs within the TSCL guidelines. The TSCL is defined as the “TriState Cricket League”.

Article VII, section I: Termination of Membership

Any member of the OKCStrikers can have his/her membership terminated after due consideration by the COB. Membership will be terminated with immediate effect for any acts contrary to the OKCStrikers constitution.

Article VIII, section I: Appeal against Termination

Members who have had their membership terminated by the COB may appeal by sending an email to any member of the COB within 14 days. The COB will meet with the terminated member to listen to and consider the members reasoning for having the appeal reversed. The COB will then consider the reasons and make a final judgment at the meeting.

SECTION II: COMMITTEE of OFFICE BEARERS (COB)

Article I, section II: Qualification for positions of the COB

Any member of the OKCStrikers, in good standing, can represent the club as office bearers. All office bearers of the club shall fulfill the requirements laid down by the OKCStrikers constitution.

Article II, section II: Structure and Tenure

The President, the Vice President (if appointed), the Secretary and the Treasurer, shall form the COB. The tenure of each of the office bearers shall be one year unless the office bearer resigns, is impeached or is removed from the organization. The outgoing COB will organize a poll on the group page to generate nominations for the President, Vice President (if required), Treasurer and Secretary before the last day of January at the end of the current playing season. Two weeks before the AGM the outgoing COB will announce the nominations and inform all members of the right of nominated members to withdraw from their nominated posts. At the AGM, uncontested nominations will be accepted for the new posts and voting will be conducted by secret ballot for posts with more than one vote. If a draw cannot be solved by further discussions in a timely manner, the result will be decided by the toss of a coin.

Article III, section II: Resignation, Impeachment or Removal of the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer

A member of the COB may resign for any reason at any time. Any member of the club can file a motion for the impeachment of a member of the COB in the form of an email sent to any member of the COB, the Captain or Vice Captain. Impeachment is defined as “a formal process in which a COB member is accused of unconstitutional activity”. The rules regarding the procedure are as follows. The motion requires the COB to set up an extraordinary meeting as soon as possible. At the meeting, it can only be with a majority of the attending members that the COB member can be impeached. If a majority exists then the reasons for the impeachment are presented. The attending members consider the information presented and a decision on whether the member remains in the post is made. It can only be with a majority of the members attending the meeting that a member of the COB can be removed from office.

A vote of no confidence received by email to any member of the COB, Captain or Vice Captain endorsed by a majority of members in good standing will require the COB to call an extraordinary meeting as soon as possible. At the extraordinary meeting, if a majority of attending members wish the meeting to progress further then the reasons for the vote of no confidence are presented. The attending members will consider the information presented and a decision on where the member remains in the post is made. It can only be with a majority of the members attending the meeting that a member of the COB can be removed from the post.

Article IV, section II: Captain and Vice Captain

The COB will organize a poll on the group page to generate nominations for the Captain and Vice Captain before the last day of January at the end of the current playing season. Two weeks before the AGM the outgoing COB will announce the nominations and

inform all members of the right of nominated members to withdraw from their nominated posts. At the AGM, uncontested nominations will be accepted for the new posts and voting will be conducted by secret ballot for posts with more than one vote. If a draw cannot be solved by further discussions in a timely manner, the result will be decided by the toss of a coin.

Article V, section II: Resignation or Removal of the Captain and Vice Captain

The Captain or Vice Captain may resign for any reason at any time. A vote of no confidence in the Captain or Vice Captain received by email to any member of the COB endorsed by 6 payers or more who have played one match or more under the Captain or Vice Captain will require the COB to call an extraordinary meeting as soon as possible. At the extraordinary meeting, if a majority of attending members wish the meeting to progress further then the reasons for the vote of no confidence are presented. The attending members will consider the information presented and a decision on whether the member remains in the post is made. It can only be with a majority of the members attending the meeting that a Captain or Vice Captain can be removed from the post.

Article VI, section II: Duties of the President

The President is responsible for:

- Overall management of the club,
- Representing the club at events and meetings within or outside the club,
- Arranging committee meetings and hearings and approval of minutes of such meetings.

In general, the responsibilities of the President shall be (but not limited to) to follow all the relevant clauses of this constitution.

Article VII, section II: Duties of the Vice President (if appointed)

The Vice President is responsible for:

- The office of the President in his absence.
- Assisting the President with assigned duties.
- Attending all committee meetings announced by the President.

In general, the responsibilities of the Vice President shall be (but not limited to) to follow all the relevant clauses of this constitution.

Article VIII, section II: Duties of the Secretary

Secretary shall be responsible for:

- Providing membership forms of the club to all club members,
- Ensuring that all members are suitably qualified to umpire league matches,
- Taking the minutes of any meetings and posting the minutes on the group page,
- Attending all committee meetings announced by the President,

In general, the responsibilities of the Secretary shall be (but not limited to) to follow all the relevant clauses of this constitution.

Article IX, section II: Duties of the Treasurer

Treasurer is responsible for:

- Collecting membership dues from members,
- Keeping an orderly and truthful data regarding all financial dealings of the club,

- Submitting a ledger regarding income and expenditure of the club at least once in a month to the group page and uploading a monthly spreadsheet of the ledger on the website/groups page,
 - Coordinating with the Captain and Vice Captain to inform the club of defaulting members and also members not in good standing,
 - Reimbursing members who have spent money, with the consent of the COB, on the club's behalf,
 - Attending all committee meetings announced by the President,
- In general**, the Treasurer of the organization shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by law, or by this constitution, or which may be assigned to him/her from time to time.

Article X, section II: Compensation

Compensation will only be paid by the Treasurer for the following:

- Gas cost to an away match for a car carrying 4 or more playing members,
- Purchasing of equipment agreed by the Captain and COB,
- Purchasing of materials for ground maintenance agreed by the COB,
- Payment for materials and rental for social activities agreed by the COB.

n.b. Compensation will be given without relevant receipts submitted with a completed 'compensation request' form which can be downloaded on the group page and website.

SECTION III: ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS

Article I, section III: AGM

The outgoing COB will announce the AGM on the group page before the last day of January at the end of the current playing season. There will be one AGM per year on the last Saturday of February. Any business regarding the current playing season will be addressed first at the AGM. The President will then address the completion of the electoral process. Following the completion of the electoral process for the new playing season, the incoming COB will conduct the remaining of the meeting.

Article II, section III: Election

The candidates for the COB, Captain and Vice Captain for the subsequent year shall be on the basis of a general election at the AGM. The outgoing COB will organize polling on the group page to generate nominations for the President, Vice President (if required), Treasurer, Secretary, Captain and Vice Captain before the last day of January at the end of the playing season. Two weeks before the AGM the outgoing COB will announce the nominations and inform all members of the right of nominated members to withdraw from their nominated posts. At the AGM, uncontested nominations will be accepted for the new posts and voting will be conducted by secret ballot for posts with more than one vote. In the event of a draw, the outgoing COB encourages further discussion. If a majority cannot be reached in a timely manner the result will be decided by the toss of a coin.

Article III, section III: Transfer of duties from the outgoing COB to the incoming COB

Transfer of duties to the newly elected COB, Captain and Vice Captain shall be following the completion of the electoral process at the AGM.

Article IV, section III: Impeachment, vote of no confidence, resignation or incapacitation

Elections will be held as soon as possible after a committee member has: been impeached, had a vote of no confidence lodged with the COB, resigned or is incapacitated due to unfortunate circumstances during the tenure of a committee.

Article V, section III: Extraordinary meetings

Extraordinary meetings will be called for: impeachment of COB members, a vote of no confidence in COB members, Captain or Vice Captain, resignation of COB members, Captain or Vice Captain or incapacitation. Other reasons for requesting an extraordinary meeting require the receipt of an email by any member of the COB endorsed by 1/3rd of members in good standing in support of the meeting.

ADDENDUM

Clause I: The name of the organization is “Oklahoma City Strikers Cricket Club, (OKCSTRIKERS; OKCStrikers; OKC Strikers; OKCSTCC) from March 4th, 2006. (Changed from OKCStrickers, held since 2000).

Clause II: This organization is a non-profit public benefit organization. The specific goals of the organizations are:

- To spread the game of cricket among the people of the Oklahoma city community.
- To help create the necessary infrastructure in order to facilitate the playing of cricket.
- To adhere to the OKCStrikers constitution and follow the laws and spirit of cricket as laid down by the Marylebone Cricket Club and the TriState Cricket League (TSCL).
- To promote the well being of OKCStrikers.

Clause III: The organization and its members shall rigorously follow all the rules and regulations laid-down by the OKCStrikers constitution and follow the laws and spirit of cricket as laid down by the Marylebone Cricket Club and the TriState Cricket League (TSCL).

Clause IV: No part of the activities of this organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The organization shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

Clause V: Neither the organization nor any part of its activities shall have any religious bias and shall not support any particular religion. There shall be no discrimination whatsoever on the basis of gender, race, caste, creed, color, mental/physical disabilities and sexual orientation. No violence, whether provoked or unprovoked will be tolerated. English is the official language of communication and its use is strongly encouraged at all activities associated with OKCStrikers.

Clause VI: The net income and assets of the organization shall only benefit current members of the organization. On the dissolution of the organization, its assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities of the organization shall be distributed in a manner required under the non-profit laws under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.