

Stockholm Cricket Club Senior Cricket

Policy Document

Executive Summary

This document outlines the policy for Senior Cricket Program as approved by the board of the Stockholm Cricket Club.

The Senior Cricket program is structured around the concept of providing the cricket that its members want to play, and does so via allowing for each team to be run independently while cooperating within the club to provide scale.

To maintain the common direction and adherence to the Stockholm Cricket clubs values and vision, a common approach to Team leadership structures, Financial Management and Equipment management are defined. A disciplinary committee within the club will be ensure conformance to club rules and regulations.

To ensure that players are aligned with the clubs values the “Stockholm Cricket Club Spirit” is defined in providing an ethical guidance to player behaviour.

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The Club

History

In 1948 the Stockholm Cricket club was formed by embassy staff from cricket playing nations. From being one of the few cricket clubs in Sweden in the 1970s to the 1990s the Club was unarguably the leading cricket club in Stockholm. However, soon after the formation of the Swedish Cricket Federation the club stopped playing competitive cricket until the merger with the KTH Cricket Club and BCA Cricket Club in 2016.

Organisation

The board of the Stockholm Cricket Club is made up of 6 people:

- Karl Langston – Chairman (Ordförande)
- Manu Lund – Board Member (Ledamot)
- Prem Krishna – Board Member (Ledamot)
- Shrikant Sakpal – Board Member (Ledamot)
- Surendra Kumar – Board Member (Ledamot)
- Viswanadha Bazawada – Board Member (Ledamot)

Vision

Our Vision

The vision for the Stockholm Cricket Club is to be the leading amateur cricket club in Stockholm.

How to get there.

There are three pillars to realize the long and short term aspirations of the club as expressed in this vision:

- People
- Social
- Financial discipline

The reason for the clubs existence is to allow people to participate in and play cricket, to achieve this we will:

- Welcome all people to the club, regardless of their background or cricket playing ability
- Give everyone an equal opportunity to play cricket.
- Provide the type of cricket that our playing members want to play. Support anyone and everyone who wants to organise a match on behalf of the club or start a team.
- Support children in learning to play cricket.

The club was founded as a social cricket team, to continue this we will:

- Always try our best and support our team mates when playing, but winning is not always the most important thing.

- Provide a meeting place, both for people from different cultures and also for those with a similar interest in cricket

For the club to exist and provide the opportunity for players it needs to be solvent, therefore the club needs to be run with financial discipline. We will:

- Endeavour to keep the cost of playing down so that it is accessible for everyone
- Seek to grow non-fee based income

Senior Cricket Program

Program Structure

The value proposition provided by the Senior Cricket program is that we as a club provide the level of cricket people want to play and we will provide different levels of cricket to players.

If people want to play competitive cricket or social cricket, we as a club will help facilitate that type of cricket for them. The result of this is a confederation of independent teams in our senior program.

Team Independence

Each team in the senior program is independent of each other. This implies that each team shall:

- Have their own distinct playing squads.
- Manage their own day-to-day operations
- Provide umpires as required by competition rules
- Have their own budget

Cooperation within the club

Each team in the senior program is part of the club and the Senior Cricket Program. By cooperating with each other we get scale, as a club we can:

- can share common costs
- train with each other
- support each other
- celebrate and socialise together

Awards and Honours

It is important to celebrate and bring together all the teams in the Senior Program, a common Awards Ceremony for the club will be a key part in achieving this.

The club will have the following annual award:

- Presidents Cup – to pay tribute to a person who is deemed by the Board to have made a noteworthy contribution to the club during the year.

Each team will have the following annual awards:

- Captains Cup – to recognise a person who is deemed by the team captain to have contributed in an outstanding and remarkable way and thereby significantly impacted the result of a match or season.
- Batting Award – to recognise the leading batsman in a team.
- Bowling Award – to recognise the leading bowler in a team.

Each team may also have their own recognition system as they see fit. For example selecting a man of the match after each fixture.

Organisation & Control

Within the Senior Program there will be different teams each operating independently of each other to align and keep control over the program the club provides guidance on the Team Structure and Financial Management of teams.

Technical Cricketing Committee

The Technical Cricketing Committee will be responsible for:

- Selection of players to each team at the start of the season.

Administrative Office (Kansli)

The clubs administrative office (Kansli) will be responsible for:

- Reporting; to the clubs board and other affiliated entities (including the SCF)
- Membership; management of membership registers
- Commercial & Finance; Sponsorship, Budgeting, AP/AR processes, and LÖK-stöd/Narvaro applications.
- Equipment; provisioning of equipment required by teams
- Communication; Media management, website and the Sportnik service

Team Leadership

The following leadership roles, which maybe combined and fulfilled by one person, are recommended for each team:

- Captain - Responsible for management of the team on the field.
- Coach - Responsible for the training.
- Team Manager - Responsible for the general management of the team, including and communication to the club, participants and the opposition teams.
- Team Cashier - Responsible for the financial management of the team.
- Equipment Manager - Responsible for the management of the equipment provided to the team by the club.

Financial Management

The Senior Cricket program shall be financially separate from Junior Cricket program within the club, but subject to the financial controls of the Club. Working with the Kansli the each team shall provide:

- Yearly Budget - The budget for the financial year, covering all aspects of the team's revenues and expenses (including player's activity fee and shared service fees to the club) shall be approved by the board.
- Quarterly Reporting - The summary of the financial status of the Senior Program, consolidating each team, shall be reported to the board on a quarterly basis.

Equipment Management

The Kansli will manage the inventory of all equipment owned by the club. Each Senior Team shall be receive a set of team equipment at the start of the season. The Team's Equipment Manager is responsible for the return of all equipment, being personally liable for missing articles.

Disciplinary Committee

The club shall appoint a disciplinary committee to ensure compliance to club rules and as required adherence to those specific rules defined by competitions that a team representing the club may participate in.

Liability for sanctions

Each team and member of a team retains the liability for any sanction (fines and penalties) incurred as a result of the actions of the team or a member of the team. The Club will not pay any sanction.

Team Page

Each team will have their own 'Team Page' on the club website, under <http://www.stockholmcricket.se/TheTeams/>. This is a mini-website under the main structure of the club. With access restricted to club members this will be maintained by the team manager. At a minimum it will contain the following pages:

- News (including Match Reports)
- Team/Squad list
- Team Calendar
- Fixtures and results
- Honours Board
- Team Rules

Team Rules

Each team will have it's own set of rules governing the expectations and desired behaviour of members in each team. The board though this policy defines mandatory rules applicable to each team, the remainder of rules for the team are to be determined by the Team Management prior to the start of the season.

A template, containing the mandatory team rules, is provided for documenting team rule (refer: Appendix A – Team Rules Template). Team rules will be published in the team page on IdrottOnline (<http://www.stockholmcricket.se/TheTeams/>)

Playing Spirit

The Stockholm Cricket Club Spirit

Players are reason for which the club is organised. It is important that player behaviour therefore reflects the rules that apply to the club both on and off the field.

Players should think about:

- Regularly take part in the club activities and be punctual when participating in these
- Support your team mates and do your best on and off the field
- Always play with the spirit of cricket in mind
- Respect for the umpires
- Respect for the opposition
- Respect for your coach and team leaders
- Respect for the game
- Winning is not always the most important thing

Most importantly, players should have fun. Cricket is a game that we all enjoy, we are here to share this joy and socialise.

The Spirit of Cricket

The laws of cricket clearly explain the expectations of how participants will behave on the field, and they also outline sanctions should these expectations not be met. The below explanation is taken from the MCC Laws of Cricket, which is universally applied across all countries and cultures.

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game.

Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

1. There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Player's conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- *Time wasting*

- *Damaging the pitch*
- *Dangerous or unfair bowling*
- *Tampering with the ball*
- *Any other action that they consider to be unfair*

4. *The Spirit of the Game involves respect for:*

- *Your opponents*
- *Your own captain and team*
- *The role of the umpires*
- *The game and its traditional values*

5. *It is against the Spirit of the Game:*

- *To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture*
- *To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire*
- *To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:*
 - a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out*
 - b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing*
 - c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side*

6. *Violence*

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

7. *Players*

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

The players, umpires and scorers in a game of cricket may be of either gender and the Laws apply equally to both.

The use, throughout the text, of pronouns indicating the male gender is purely for brevity. Except where specifically stated otherwise, every provision of the Laws is to be read as applying to women and girls equally as to men and boys

Players

Club Membership

Anyone and everyone is welcome to play for the Stockholm Cricket Club. You can play for only one game or many. In order to play for the Stockholm Cricket Club you obtain playing membership by both:

- Registering as a club member
- Paying an activity fee

Club Member Registration

To register as a club member you must actively request to play for the club, this can be via an online application form (<http://www.stockholmcricquet.se/medlemsansokan/>) or via email.

At any time you can ask to be removed from the clubs membership register.

Transfer Fees

The Stockholm Cricket Club will not pay any fees or costs that may arise associated with your transfer to another club. You will be required to pay these yourself.

Similarly the Stockholm Cricket Club will not pay any fees or costs associated with your transfer to the Stockholm Cricket Club from another Club.

Activity Fee

An annual activity fee goes towards the costs of the club organising the cricket played by every team. The annual activity fee (per player) will be invoiced by the club on a yearly basis. The Kansli will define the amount of the Annual Activity Fee in association with the team budgeting process.

For certain fixtures there may be additional costs associated, such as catering or transport costs, when these occur they will be communicated to players by the Team Manager prior to the arrangement the fixture's team.

Umpiring Duties

In some competitions there may be compulsory umpiring duties associated with a team's participation. It is expected that when required all players stand up and fulfil such duties when assigned to them.

Officiating

Club Umpires

The Stockholm Cricket Club recognises the importance of umpires for matches at all levels throughout the club. We will support club members that wish to be active Club Umpires who officiate on behalf of the club and support the development of other umpires. The club will:

- Paying for the yearly ECB ACO membership of a Club Umpire
- Pay for initial tuition for new Club Umpires

Club Scorers

The Stockholm Cricket Club recognises the importance of have Scorers for matches and in the club. And will support the further professional development of club members that wish to support the club and act as scorers for club matches. The club will:

- Pay for the yearly ECB ACO Membership of a club scorer
- Pay for the initial Club Scorer tuition fee for a club scorer

Appendix A – Team Rules Template

Squad Selection Policy

1. The playing squad for the team will be chosen by the Technical Cricketing Committee prior to the start of the season.
2. A player may not change teams during the season once allocated to a squad.
3. New club members may be recruited into the squad during the season by the team management. The team management must inform the Technical Cricketing Committee about the new club member, however the committee's approval is not required prior to placement.

Match Selection Policy

1. To be eligible for selection for a match, you must have paid your club membership and activity fees.
2. [Insert selection policy for team for each match. This may include requirements for attendance at training or as determined by the team management]

Behaviour at or during matches

1. You will arrive at the ground prior to the stated meeting time
2. You will be changed and ready to take the field at the stated time
3. You will wear the team uniform when on the field
4. You shall play with the Stockholm Cricket Clubs Spirit in mind at all times.
5. [insert additional rules]

Disciplinary Procedures

1. You will adhere to the disciplinary procedures defined by the Stockholm Cricket Club.