



CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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Below is a **high-level, plain-English summary of the key changes** between:

- **Existing Constitution:** *Signed updated CJCA rules (19 May 2022)*

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- **New Constitution:** *CJCA Draft Constitution V6 Final*

CJCA Draft Constitution V6 Final

This is framed to help Members quickly understand **what has changed and why**, rather than clause-by-clause legal drafting differences.

Overall Purpose of the Rewrite

The Draft Constitution V6 is a **substantial modernisation** rather than a light update. Its main driver is **full compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022**, along with clearer governance, stronger dispute processes, and updated integrity and financial provisions.

Key Areas of Change

1. Legislative Framework

What changed

- The new constitution is expressly written **under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022**, rather than the 1908 Act.
- Definitions, officer duties, dispute procedures, contact person requirements, and financial reporting now directly mirror statutory language.

Impact

- Ensures CJCA can re-register under the new Act.
 - Reduces legal risk for officers and members.
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2. Governance Structure and Terminology

What changed

- Clearer separation between:
 - **Members**
 - **Executive Committee**
 - **Officers**
 - **Management (General Manager)**
- The Board is consistently referred to as the **Executive Committee**.
- Explicit statutory duties of officers are now listed (good faith, care, avoiding reckless trading, etc.).

Impact

- Greater clarity on who does what.
 - Stronger personal accountability for Executive Committee members.
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3. Executive Committee Composition and Processes

What changed

- Executive Committee size is now clearly defined (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary + 2–4 members).
- Formal nomination, election, co-option, resignation, forfeiture, and removal processes are set out in detail.
- Casting vote clarified (Chairperson only at Executive Committee level).

Impact

- More transparent and defensible governance.
 - Reduced ambiguity around elections and removals.
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4. Conflict of Interest and Eligibility

What changed

- Explicit alignment with conflict-of-interest rules under the Act.
- Disqualification criteria now directly reference section 47 of the Act.
- Disclosure obligations are clearer at AGMs and when voting.

Impact

- Stronger integrity and compliance expectations.
 - Protects CJCA from governance challenges.
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5. Membership Categories and Rights

What changed

- Membership categories are clearly defined:
 - Club Members
 - Life Members
 - Honorary Members (grandfathered only)
- Voting rights are explicitly limited to **Club Members only**.
- Life and Honorary Members may attend and speak but **cannot vote or move motions**.

Impact

- Removes ambiguity around voting power.
 - Aligns governance with a club-based representative model.
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6. Dispute Resolution (Major Change)

What changed

- A **comprehensive disputes and complaints procedure** has been added.
- Covers misconduct, rule breaches, member rights, and officer conduct.
- Includes:
 - Natural justice protections
 - Rights to be heard
 - Ability to dismiss trivial or unfounded complaints
 - Use of independent hearing bodies
- Explicit statement that **no appeal exists unless specified**.

Impact

- Brings CJCA into full statutory compliance.
 - Reduces risk of informal or inconsistent handling of disputes.
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7. Integrity and Sport Integrity Code

What changed

- New clauses anticipate adoption of the **Sport Integrity Commission Code** via New Zealand Cricket.
- Members must embed integrity obligations into their own constitutions.

Impact

- Future-proofs CJCA against national integrity reforms.
 - Strengthens safeguarding and ethical standards.
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8. Financial Management and Reporting

What changed

- Financial year clearly defined.
- Audit/review requirements formalised.
- Annual reporting obligations tied directly to statutory filing requirements.

Impact

- Clearer financial accountability.
 - Compliance with Financial Reporting Act 2013.
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9. Amendment of Constitution

What changed

- Two-tier amendment process:
 - **Special Resolution of Members** for substantive changes.
 - **Unanimous Executive Committee resolution** for minor/technical amendments (with member veto rights).
- Explicit prohibition on amendments allowing private pecuniary gain.
- Canterbury Cricket approval requirement retained.

Impact

- Flexibility for housekeeping changes.
 - Safeguards against governance drift.
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10. Winding Up and Surplus Assets

What changed

- Updated liquidation and removal-from-register provisions.
- 75% voting threshold clearly stated.
- Surplus asset distribution limited to not-for-profit members.

Impact

- Fully aligned with modern incorporated society requirements.
- Protects charitable / amateur nature of CJCA.

Summary

The Draft Constitution V6 replaces an older, rules-based document with a modern, Act-compliant governance constitution that significantly strengthens accountability, clarity, dispute resolution, and integrity obligations while preserving CJCA's core purpose and club-based control.

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