

Dear Member,

During my short time as Chair, the overwhelming support that Yorkshire has had from our loyal members and your valuable input has struck me greatly. What has also been clear is that there is a need for significant change to ensure that our Club leads the way in cricket.

Since 5 November, we have announced a number of important and exciting reforms including an independent whistleblowing hotline, a specialist independent review of governance at the Club, the return of Yorkshire legend Darren Gough as Interim Managing Director of Yorkshire Cricket and a brand new partnership with Pakistan Super League side the Lahore Qalanders, including the signing of Pakistani fast bowler Haris Rauf as our overseas signing for 2022. More announcements will be made over the coming weeks.

In December, the Club announced an open call for applications for six Non-Executive Directors to the Board. Attracting the very best applicants from a range of diverse backgrounds will ensure that an inclusive and welcoming culture is instilled at Headingley.

To ensure that the Club is open, transparent and engaging, we are in addition proposing a rule change to appoint up to two members from the membership to sit on the Board of Directors. If passed, those proposed appointments will be voted on by members at the next General Meeting.

It is proposed that the Board shall consist of a minimum of four and a maximum of 12 persons elected in accordance to Rule 19. This would include the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Cricket holding ex-officio positions, with the Nominations Committee recommending up to eight independent Non-Executive Directors for members to approve. Up to two Directors would be appointed from the membership following a vote.

In accordance with proposed amends, an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 2 February at Headingley. The proposed amended rules and information on how to vote in advance can be found overleaf.

I look forward to meeting with many of you at 10am on Saturday 22 January at Headingley for our upcoming Members' Forum, at which the proposed rule changes will form part of the agenda.

Yours,

Lord Kamlesh Patel

The Yorkshire County Cricket Club Limited
(Registered Community Benefit Society under registered number IP28929R)

NOTICE OF EGM

Dear Member,

An Extraordinary General Meeting of Members of The Yorkshire County Cricket Club Limited will be held at Headingley Cricket Ground, Leeds, LS6 3DP on Wednesday 2 February 2022 at 6pm for the purpose of considering the following Special Resolution.

Special Resolution

That the Rules of The Yorkshire County Cricket Club Limited be amended in the manner set out in the attached appendix.

By order of the Board,



Lord Kamlesh Patel

**Chair
The Yorkshire County Cricket Club Limited**

APPENDIX

PARTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF YORKSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Rule 8.5 be amended by the substitution of the words "Nominations Committee" for "Board".

Rules 16.1 and 16.3 be amended by the substitution of the words "Nominations Committee" for "Board".

Rule 18.1 be amended by the substitution of "twelve" for "ten", the deletion of the words "all of whom shall be paid up voting members of the Club" and the insertion of the following:

"The Board shall comprise:

18.1.1 the Chief Executive Officer and the Managing Director of Cricket as ex-officio members;

18.1.2 two members elected from the Club's membership in accordance with Rules 19.3 and 19.9 and subject to the following. If there are more than two applicants for these roles the Nominations Committee (in their absolute discretion) shall consider the applications and recommend which two members shall be proposed as candidates for election.

18.1.3 up to 8 persons are to be nominated by the Nominations Committee as independent non-executive Directors.

All officio members of the Board are to be elected pursuant to a vote of the members in general meeting."

A new rule be inserted as 18.5 as follows :

"18.5 The Board shall have a Deputy Chair elected from its number who shall serve on an annual basis but shall be eligible for re-election provided that they remain a director. The Deputy Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair and shall generally assist and support the Chair in providing leadership to the Club through the governance arrangements and as a sounding board and confidante to the Chair in the execution of their role and otherwise as the Board and the Chair sees fit from time to time."

Rule 19.1 shall be amended by :

- (a) the substitution of the words "the Deputy Chair, Secretary and one person nominated from time to time by the England and Wales Cricket Board (who will serve for a period of no more than three years) " for the words "Secretary and one non-executive member of the Board".
- (b) The insertion of the words "as independent non-executive Directors" immediately following the words "for election to the Board" in the first sentence.
- (c) The insertion of the following in substitution for the remainder of Rule 19.1 :
"The Nominations Committee shall be a stand-alone committee of the Club and its duties are:
19.1.1 recommending to the Board suitable candidates as independent non-executive members;
19.1.2 proposing to the Board candidates for members to be elected as Directors;
19.1.3 proposing persons for election as President under Rules 16.1 and 16.3 and Vice-Presidents under Rule 18.5;
19.1.4 periodically reviewing the process for election of Directors and proposing any changes to the Board that they feel are necessary or desirable;
19.1.5 ensuring that the process for election and appointment is an open and transparent process.
All nominees for appointment will be submitted to the membership for approval by way of a vote in general meeting.

Rule 19.3 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

"Nominations from members for election of members to the Board in accordance with Rule 18.1.2 shall be in writing on the prescribed form available from the Secretary and must include a written synopsis in a form prescribed by the Board from time to time in which the applicant outlines their skills, competencies and experience and outlines the qualities which they feel they have to offer towards the management of the Club's affairs. Such written submission must be delivered to the registered office of the Club by post or email not later than noon on 31 December in each year, or any other date and time notified by the Club from time to time. Each such nomination must be signed by no fewer than 20 members eligible to vote."

Rule 19.6 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

"Each Director shall serve for a term of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election for more than two additional consecutive three-year terms without taking a break from office of one twelve month period or, if less, the period from one annual general meeting to the next annual general meeting."

Rule 19.9 and 19.10 shall be amended by the insertion of the following sentence at the beginning of the rule :

"This rule applies only to candidates seeking election as member appointed directors pursuant to Rule 18.1.2."

Rules 19.11 and 19.16 shall be deleted and the remaining rules renumbered accordingly.