## **Subscriptions, Match Fees and Travel Policy**

It is expensive to run Mildenhall Cricket Club and maintain our excellent facilities. So it is vitally important that members contribute financially to continue to enjoy the high-quality cricketing and social opportunities that the Club has to offer. Members are required to comply with the following policies:

## **Subscriptions**

- Membership fees are decided annually at the Annual General meeting.
- Annual subscriptions are payable on the first of January each year. For new members joining part of the way through a year, subscriptions are payable within one month of being admitted to membership.
- Subscriptions can be paid online, and instalment plans are available. For details of how to pay please see the Membership section of our website.
- If you have genuine difficulty paying your subscription when it is due the Club will be sympathetic and can agree alternative payment arrangements. Please contact the Membership Secretary (Andy Francis) or Treasurer (Mark Thurston) to discuss this in confidence.
- Late or non-payment of your subscription may result in disciplinary action by the Club. This may affect selection and ultimately result in cancellation of your Club membership.
- If, after a reminder has been given, a subscription has not been paid on or before the first of June following the date the subscription is due, you will cease to be a member of the Club. You may at the discretion of the Committee be re-admitted to membership on payment of all arrears without payment of any further entrance fee.
- If subscriptions have not been paid the Club reserves the right to:
- Withhold consent to any request to transfer to another cricket club, until all outstanding financial obligations have been paid to the Club's satisfaction, and
- Take any action deemed necessary to recover outstanding subscriptions (including taking legal action as a last resort, if necessary).

## **Match Fees**

- Match fees are decided annually at the Annual General meeting.
- The costs associated with each game can be considerable especially when you take into account paying for teas, umpires, match balls and travel. Please make sure you pay your match fees.

## Travel

The rules for travel are as follows. This is the fairest way of dealing with travel, since everyone pays their match fee, car sharing is encouraged and drivers are recompensed according to how far they drive. Please assist your captain by understanding and abiding by these guidelines:

• A key objective is take as few cars as possible to each away game.

- Wherever possible, older and more experienced drivers are encouraged to offer lifts to others. It is a well-known fact that motor insurance costs are higher for younger, less experienced drivers. That is because insurance companies know that, regrettably, such drivers are statistically much more likely to be involved in accidents. Whilst thankfully accidents are rare, many miles are travelled each year on club-related activities and the Club takes the safety of its members seriously. Younger drivers please do not see this as an affront to your driving skills!
- Everyone is liable for their match fee, regardless of whether they have driven or not.
- Where the game is within 15 miles of Wamil Way this has always been considered to be a 'local' game. Examples, include Bury St Edmunds, Lakenheath and Worlington. No mileage is reimbursed to drivers for 'local' games.
- Where the game is further than 15 miles from Wamil Way this is a 'non-local' game. If a driver transports one or more other club members to the game, the driver will be reimbursed at the rate of 15p a mile. This is rounded up to the nearest £1. Examples:
- If you drive to Halstead and back, which is about 70 miles you will receive £11. That is,  $70 \times £0.15 = £10.50$  which is rounded up to £11
- If you drive to Maldon, which is about a 120 mile round trip you will receive £18. That is,  $120 \times £0.15 = £18$
- However, when a player transports themselves to a game without giving a lift to other players, that player will be reimbursed their mileage only up to the amount of their match fee for that game. For example, £9 for a Saturday senior fixture. In other words, the mileage payment is capped at a maximum of that player's match fee (regardless of what the mileage payment would otherwise be). This is intended to encourage car sharing.