

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 – 2028

Inspiring Success Through Community Spirit

Gala Cricket Club

A club for all : a club for life



Connection through cricket

A safe place for members to enjoy

All ages, all abilities

A place for everyone

Pride in diversity

Local community engagement

Diversity is at the heart of what we do

Inclusive

Seeking on field improvement, driving towards success

Growth

lways striving to

improve

Celebrate development and growth at all levels

Always learning, always growing

Legacy

Leave it better than before

Acknowledge the history

Continue to develop facilities

> Promote sustainable, responsible governance

Inclusive

Diversity is at the heart of what we do

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All ages, all abilities

We will attract, develop and retain junior talent at all levels

We will provide everyone with a chance to play at the right level

We seek diversity in official roles

We provide player development and improvement at all levels

We will offer a female program

We will encourage a safe environment for everyone

We will attract, develop and retain junior talent at all levels

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We will engage with local schools and provide extracurricular sessions

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In conjunction with Cricket Scotland we will market, promote and deliver national junior programmes

We will participate in regional and national events and competitions



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We will provide well equipped, trained and motivated coaches and volunteers

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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will attract, devel- op and retain junior talent at all levels	We will engage with local schools and pro- vide extracurricular sessions In conjunction with Cricket Scotland we will market, promote and deliver national junior programmes	 Train 5 coaches to deliver introductory sessions Deliver 6 Sessions at 3 schools per year Develop and promote transition from school to club Continue to promote and deliver All Stars programme Develop Gala Foxes brand to enhance profile across whole club Develop attractive family membership benefits 	 Within season 2023 Ongoing Yearly programme Yearly programme Ongoing Season 2023
	We will participate in regional and national events and competi- tions	 Enter junior teams in all appropriate competitions Create volunteer management structure to deliver logistics Offer Meigle Park facilities to governing/organizing bodies 	 Ongoing Season 2023 Ongoing
	We will provide well equipped, trained and motivated coach- es and volunteers	 Provide financial support to invest in coaches Develop in house coaching support network Invest in equipment 	 Yearly programme Season 2023 Yearly programme

We will provide everyone a chance to play at the right level

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We will provide and invest in junior softball and hardball teams and competitions to suit abilities

We will provide and invest in senior teams to suit all abilities

We will provide facilities and equipment for all abilities



We will promote diversification to encourage harder to reach communities

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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will provide eve- ryone a chance to play at the right level	We will provide and invest in junior soft- ball and hardball teams and competi- tions to suit abilities We will provide and invest in senior teams to suit all abilities	 Create coaching/volunteer network to deliver pro- grammes Provide equipment and facilities Host and enter competitions throughout the year Retain and recruit players by providing competitive platforms to match player numbers Invest equally in coaching and logistics across all teams Create and promote transition pathway from junior to 	 Within season 2023 Ongoing Yearly programme Ongoing Ongoing Season 2023
	We will provide facili- ties and equipment for all abilities	 Senior teams Continually maintain current practice and match facilities Invest in practice, playing equipment Promote and allow use of facilities for whole community 	 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
	We will promote di- versification to en- courage harder to reach communities	 nity Promote and deliver open days Deliver direct and positive marketing to local minority communities Create diversity officer role 	 Season 2023 Season 2023 Season 2023



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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We seek diversity in official roles	We will promote an inclusive and diverse culture throughout all levels of the club	 Develop and promote new diversity strategy Deliver launch of strategy to members and community Invest in diversity training to enhance and influence whole club culture 	 Season 2023 Season 2023 Season 2023
	We will actively seek and encourage new members from all backgrounds	 Promote launch of whole club strategy Use club social media platforms to directly engage with diverse groups and communities Promote and open facilities to whole community 	 Season 2023 Ongoing Ongoing
	We will encourage those from minority groups to participate in leadership roles	 Create policy of positive recruitment from current playing/non playing members Positively recruit new members onto committee Engage with local diversity groups to seek guidance, assistance and support 	 Season 2023 Ongoing Ongoing
	We will create a diversity officer with- in the club	 Recruit a suitable volunteer to undertake role Invest in training Develop a new club diversity strategy 	 Season 2023 Season 2023 Season 2023



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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We provide player de- velopment and im- provement at all lev- els	We will deliver a jun- ior pathway through club to regional level	 Maintain and develop our Gala Foxes junior section Develop an in club, year round academy structure Promote team and individual successes to raise club profile across region. 	 Ongoing Season 2023 Throughout seasons
	We will provide a coaching structure suitable for all levels within the club	 Employ head coach/professional to deliver coaching at all levels of club Recruit and invest in volunteer coaches and provide in -kind benefits Create Director of Cricket role 	 Yearly programme Ongoing Season 2023
	We will provide a sen- ior team structure providing competitive platforms	 Consolidate 1st XI team in Championship and seek promotion Maintain 2nd XI and development XI structure and ac- tively develop juniors to ensure longevity Enter club in regional and national competitions 	 Season 2023 Ongoing Yearly programme
	We will strive for pro- motion in each of the leagues our teams compete in	 Provide practice and playing facilities enabling maximum participation, development and improvement Through leadership roles , create whole club culture striving for success Governance/Committee to manage logistics and all off field matters allowing players to focus on performance 	Ongoing



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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will offer a female program	We will build on our CricHIT programme	 Increase coaches who are trained to deliver Work with Cricket Scotland to enhance profile Market programme through all local media outlets 	 Season 2024 Ongoing Season 2023 and ongoing
	We will deliver come and try taster ses- sions	 Develop sub-group to plan, market and deliver Engage with other local groups to promote events and seek participants Create a brand for a female specific section of the club 	 Season 2023 Season 2023 Season 2023
	We will provide equipment and facili- ties	 Invest in cricket equipment for new members Maintain and enhance changing/toilet facilities Create ability to purchase branded clothing 	 Season 2024 Ongoing Season 2023
	We will provide coaching, manage- ment and access to competitions	 Provide structured and regular coaching sessions managed under Director of Cricket role Recruit specific coach for woman's cricket Strive to create and woman's team and enter into competitions 	 Season 2023 Season 2024 Ongoing



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safe environment for everyone s	We will promote our existing health and safety strategy	 Refresh, upgrade and publicise health and safety plans Ensure COVID compliance and adherence to government rules Create Health and Safety officer role 	 Season 2023 Ongoing Season 2023
	Our Child Protection Officer will be more accessible	 Provide continual support and investment to CPO to access training and resources Promote role of CPO within club Provide means of communication for CPO (ie provide a mobile phone so they can be contacted directly) 	OngoingSeason 2023
	We will develop a wellbeing strategy and culture through- out the club	 Seek assistance from governing body , and other key groups to develop a club/cricket wellbeing strategy Encourage a wellbeing culture throughout the club Recruit and create a wellbeing officer role 	 Season 2023 Season 2023 Season 2024
	We will invest in our facilities and follow- ing local and national guidance to protect our communities	 Continue to ensure Covid compliance Maintain all infrastructure, facilities, equipment and machinery to a safe standard Ensure all volunteers are suitably trained and competent in their roles. 	 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing

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Connection through cricket

We will ensure Gala CC is a place for the whole community

We will engage with local groups and clubs to share facilities

Community

We will communicate with members and community throughout the year

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We will develop a social calender ahead of the season and share this throughout the community



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We will encourage use of our facilities for all who want to use them



We will continue to improve our facilities to maximise use and space



We will promote a welcoming culture throughout the club



We will offer attractive sponsorship opportunities to our business communities

Communi-			
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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will ensure Gala CC is a place for the whole community	We will encourage use of our facilities for all who want to use them	 Advertise events and facilities through local publications Target clubs and charities to offer use of facilities Develop in club process for booking and management of events 	 Ongoing Ongoing Season 2023
	We will continue to improve our facilities to maximise use and space	 Continue to progress clubhouse redevelopment Engage with community groups to understand their needs for clubhouse re-development Continue investment in playing surface 	 Ongoing Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing
	We will promote a welcoming culture throughout the club	 Develop a code of conduct Update signage throughout the club Generate consistent messaging across all outgoing media 	 Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing Ongoing
	We will offer attrac- tive sponsorship op- portunities to our business communi- ties	 Review existing sponsorship packages Create a sponsorship lead role and group Enhance sponsors reward package 	 Winter 2022/2023 Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing

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We seek to engage with local groups to enhance our profile



Offering our facilities will maximise usage and increase community links



Improving club links will provide greater development opportunities



We will increase our membership through improved links and collaboration

Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will engage with local groups and clubs to share facilities	We seek to engage with local groups to enhance our profile	 Continue to support local charities including Rowan Boland Memorial Trust Develop formal relationships with Active Schools Target local clubs/youth groups/charities to offer a base for fundraising opportunities 	 Ongoing Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing
	Offering our facilities will maximise usage and increase commu- nity links	 Develop a yearly calendar of events Support promotion of non club events taking place at club Produce online/hard copy flyer promoting facilities 	 Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing Winter 2022/2023
	Improving club links will provide greater development oppor- tunities	 Ensure continued membership of governing bodies and local sports associations Promote club at local events Develop formal links with other clubs in Galashiels 	 Ongoing Ongoing Winter 2022/2023
	We will increase our membership through improved links and collaboration	 Actively seek new members at all events Increase membership by 10% per year of strategy life- time Consider a tiered membership for associate members 	 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing

We will communicate with members and community throughout the year

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We will increase our social media footprint



Utilising our younger members we will innovate and enhance our digital media output



We will strive to re-engage past members and players to return to the club



We will engage with community groups to promote the local area and history of Gala CC

Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will communicate with members and community through- out the year	We will increase our social media foot- print Utilising our younger members we will in- novate and enhance our digital media out- put	 Review current platforms and develop profile for current/emerging platforms Create a formal role of Digital Media Manager Increase followers by 25% over period of strategy Under guidance of Social Media Manager create a group of younger members Consider providing training and equipment Consider the purchase of Frogbox video equipment 	 Ongoing Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing Ongoing Season 2023
	We will strive to re- engage past mem- bers and players to return to the club	 Review previous membership data and develop data- base Prepare and distribute an electronic newsletter Arrange a bi-yearly players re-union 	 Winter 2022/2023 Yearly Ongoing
	We will engage with community groups to promote the local ar- ea and history of Gala CC	 Engage with Bygone Galashiels Facebook page Utilise Gala Life on a regular basis Utilise social media to promote history and date in time events 	 Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing Ongoing

We will develop a social calendar ahead of the season and share this throughout the community

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We will enhance our relationship with existing partners and promote long standing events

We will pre-plan, arrange and deliver key

functions during the season



To maximise our new function area, we will develop hospitality packages for groups, members and sponsors



We will encourage community events to be held at our facilities

Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will develop a so- cial calendar ahead of the season and share this throughout the community	We will pre-plan, ar- range and deliver key functions during the season	 Deliver a reunion for ex-players Promote and deliver hospitality events Continue to develop/hold ladies days 	 Yearly Yearly Ongoing
	We will enhance our relationship with ex- isting partners and promote long stand- ing events	 Promote and host Rowan Boland charity run Continue to grow cricket summer camp Improve and enhance promotion and delivery of biannual Settle weekend 	YearlyOngoingOngoing
	To maximise our new function area, we will develop hospitality packages for groups, members and spon- sors	 Consider annual beer festival Create tiered package for ad-hoc hospitality days Promote above packages 	 Season 2023 Season 2023 Ongoing
	We will encourage community events to be held at our facili- ties	 Engage through Gala life, Social Media and local me- dia to promote events Develop and distribute online/hard copy brochure promoting facility 	OngoingOngoing

Growth

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Always striving to improve



We will blend on field performance and development



We will build a culture of club, player and personal development

We will celebrate improvement at all levels



Always striving to improve



We will develop leadership skills and community spirit in all our players

We will blend on-field performance and

development

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Through selection, recruitment and development we will strive for promotion for all our teams

We will provide development opportunities within our senior teams for improving players

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We will invest in our young players to maximise opportunities for progression

We will support our young players selected for regional and national pathways

Growth

Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale	
We will blend on-field performance and de- velopment	Through selection, recruitment and de- velopment we will strive for promotion for all our teams	 Aim to reach Premiership for 1st XI team Seek yearly promotion for second XI team Enhance Sunday Development XI into a 3rd XI league playing team 	 Season 2023 and ongoing Ongoing By Season 2025 	
	We will provide de- velopment opportuni- ties within our senior teams for improving players	 Enhance selection panel with representation from each team in the club Reward good performance with appropriate selection Champion our players with Cricket Scotland regional and national pathways 	 Season 2023 Ongoing Ongoing 	
	We will invest in our young players to max- imise opportunities for progression	 Create an Academy structure Continue to develop in-club coaching structure and resources Continue to invest in a professional player with relevant coaching qualifications/experience 	 Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing Ongoing 	
	We will support our young players select- ed for regional and national pathways	 Seek opportunities for financial support for players/ parents Use to social media platforms to recognise selection Provide guidance and support through access to experienced players to mentor young players 	 Ongoing On selection and ongoing Ongoing 	

We will build a culture of club, player and personal development

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Our inclusive, diverse and supportive culture will be the foundation for all teams

Our coaching ethos will encompass cricket skills, fitness, wellbeing and teamwork



Self-improvement will drive the ethos of our growth model



We will promote and encourage positive mindsets throughout the club structure

Growth			
Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will build a cul- ture of club, player and personal devel- opment	Our inclusive, diverse and supportive cul- ture will be the foun- dation for all teams	 Create a code of conduct Display and promote this code of conduct throughout the club Review code of conduct yearly 	 Winter 2022/2023 Season 2023 Ongoing
	Our coaching ethos will encompass crick- et skills, fitness, well- being and teamwork	 Create a Director of Cricket role to develop whole club coaching programme Identify and invest in coaching volunteers to deliver programme Under our Wellbeing Officer we will access and provide relevant material 	 Season 2023 Ongoing Ongoing
	Self-improvement will drive the ethos of our growth model	 Conduct yearly review of coaching programme Encourage individual responsibility for improvement through club culture Provide access to analytical data to enhance player development 	 Yearly Ongoing Ongoing
	We will promote and encourage positive mindsets throughout the club structure	 Encourage player participation in team strategies Develop a post match feedback process Promote the value of each players voice 	 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing



Growth			
Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will celebrate improvement at all levels	We will continue to publicise team and personal success across all available platforms	 Produce regular reports in local media Produce weekly reports on website and Social Media platforms 	OngoingOngoing
		Explore the creation of player performance boards online and in clubhouse	• Season 2023
	We will reward per- formance, ability, im- provement and atti- tude with selection to higher teams	Through selection committee ensure robust and con- sistent recognition of performance	Ongoing
	We will encourage and reward perfor- mance and improve- ment through recog- nitions	 Refresh and promote yearly awards night Utilise weekly post match feedback process to recognise performance 	YearlyOngoing
	We will refresh and rebrand our end of season presentation ceremony	 Seek sponsor for event Set date early in season Publish yearly achievements on Social Media platforms 	 Season 2023 Season 2023 and ongoing Yearly

We will develop leadership skills and community spirit in all our players

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We will encourage and promote self development

We will offer opportunities for volunteers

We will engage in community projects



We will invest in training and development for our leaders

Growth			
Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will develop lead- ership skills and com- munity spirit in all our players	We will encourage and promote self de- velopment	 Create player development plans Create a list of tasks for each team and encourage participation/responsibility of players to take ownership and deliver 	 Season 2023 Season 2024 Season 2024
	We will offer opportu- nities for volunteers	 Build a volunteer reward programme Create a list of roles with detailed job descriptions Utilise existing contact lists to advertise roles and seek help Use above volunteer reward programme to recognise 	 Season 2023 Winter 2022/2023 Season 2024 and ongoing
	We will engage in community projects	 contributions Create Community Engagement role Formalise links with other community groups and active schools Continue to support community projects such as food- bank calls stiened 	 Season 2024 Season 2023
	We will invest in train- ing and development for our leaders	 bank collections Identify conference and training opportunities Support attendance at the above Identify and promote online training events for relevant roles and criteria 	 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing

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We will continue to invest in our facilities

We will think and act sustainably

We will manage our finances to ensure funds are always available for investment in the cricket program

We will invest and plan to ensure the Club is a better place for future generations



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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will continue to invest in our facilities	We will develop a plan and seek fund- ing for clubhouse ex- pansion	 Create a working group to drive the project forward Lobby for improves facilities and complete draft proposals Seek stakeholders for financial support 	 Winter 2022/2023 Winter 2022/2023 Winter 2022/2023
	We will prioritise im- provements to the playing and practice surfaces	 Continue with yearly programme of specialist support Continue to engage and seek Cricket Scotland assessments and implement suggestions Enhance protective measures for square through funding/purchase of covers and groundsheets 	 Ongoing Yearly Season 2023
	We will encourage community groups to maximise usage of facilities	 Liaise with and collaborate with clubs and associations who have no clubroom facilities Advertise availability for Clubhouse hire Seek to identify opportunities for other events 	 Season 2023 Ongoing Ongoing
	We will ensure our neighbours can be proud of our facilities	 Organise and deliver Open Day for neighbours Involve neighbours in the clubhouse improvement consultation process Ensure redevelopment plans will be of benefit to the local community and to a high specification. 	 Season 2023 Winter 2022/2023 Winter 2022/2023



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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will think and act sustainably	We will work towards renewable energies	 Explore the potential for all non-fossil fuel systems Create a culture for members to support our reduce, reuse and re-cycle policy Recycle sports equipment in line with Lords Taverners 	 2024 Season 2023 Ongoing
	We will promote and encourage waste re- duction	 Scheme Develop a baseline figure and work towards recycling and reducing waste Monitor energy bills and reduce usage Consider a tree planting programme in surrounding ground 	 Ongoing Ongoing 2025
	Environmental con- siderations will drive our ground mainte- nance program	 Minimise the use of water on the ground Build in non fossil fuel energy into equipment renewal plans Seek specialist help to maximise environmental opportunities 	 Ongoing As required Season 2024
	We will develop a carbon reduction plan	 Establish a baseline carbon footprint for club Develop a policy for whole club reduction Purchase locally 	 Season 2023 Season 2023 Ongoing

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We will grow our membership to increase income

We will seek external funding for specific improvement projects



We will promote and deliver events maximising our facilities



We will continue to build relationship with the business and sponsorship communities

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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will manage our finances to ensure funds are always available for invest- ment in the cricket program	We will grow our membership to in- crease income	 Review membership numbers in all categories Implement strict player membership, encouraging use of sponsor package and early payment schemes Create and promote other membership schemes 	 Season 2023 Ongoing Season 2023
	We will seek external funding for specific improvement pro- jects	 Lobby local and national organisations for improved facilities Identify and target local businesses Create a funding officer role 	 Winter 2022/2023 Ongoing Winter 2022/2023
	We will promote and deliver events max- imising our facilities	 Continue successful events such as Rowan Boland events, ladies day etc Develop and run a beer festival Refresh and re-brand events working group 	 Yearly Season 2023 Winter 2022/2023
	We will continue to build relationship with the business and sponsorship commu- nities	 Publish our redevelopment to plans to garner local support 	YearlyWinter 2022/2023
		 Work together with local organisations and charities to enhance awareness of sports and exercise 	Ongoing

We will invest and plan to ensure the Club is a better place for future generations

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We will recognise the past and learn for the future

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We will engage with our younger members and encourage participation in governance

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All our policies will encapsulate this whole strategy

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All our policies will be underpinned by inclusion

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Strategic Aims	Outcomes	Measurables	Timescale
We will invest and plan to ensure the Club is a better place for future generations	We will recognise the past and learn for the future	 Conduct yearly survey of players and members Conduct a yearly management review of whole club activities Develop change model to implement findings 	 Yearly Yearly Yearly
	We will engage with our younger mem- bers and encourage participation in gov- ernance	 Create roles within working groups for junior/youth members Proactively consult with junior members across areas affecting them Empower decision making within junior members directly affecting them 	 Season 2023 Ongoing Ongoing
	All our policies will encapsulate this strategy	 Prior to publication of any policy review and test against this strategy Review all policies yearly and refresh in line with the end date of this strategy 	Ongoing2028
	All our policies will be underpinned by Inclusivity	 Prior to publication of any policy review and test against diversity, inclusivity and equality Ensure Diversity Officer is integral to creation of all policies 	OngoingOngoing

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