

John Fisher Sports Club

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The club shall be called the John Fisher Sports Club (the Club).

2. OBJECTS

The objectives of the club shall be to provide organised sporting opportunities for the members, encouraging and enhancing sportsmanship and personal development.

3. STATUS OF RULES

These rules (the Club Rules) form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.

4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

(a) The Rules and Regulations of The Football Association Limited and parent County Association and any League or Competition to which the Club is affiliated for the time being shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Club Rules. The same applies to any other governing body of sport which is carried out at the Club. The John Fisher Old Boys Association is an Associate member of the John Fisher Sports Club.

(b) The Club will also abide by The Football Association's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.

5. CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Club will be made up of separate sections, initially consisting of Football, Cricket, Hamsey Rangers JFC, each of which will hold their own accounts but will be ultimately financially responsible to the Club. Future sections may be incorporated at the discretion of the Committee.

(a) The members of the Club from time to time shall be those persons listed in the register of members (the Membership Register) which shall be maintained by the Secretary of each section, and a master list held by the Club secretary.

(b) Any person who wishes to be a member of a section, must deliver their application to the section secretary. Election to membership shall be at the sole discretion of the Section Committee. **Membership shall become effective 48 hours after the application is accepted by the Section Committee.** Membership will lapse automatically if annual subscriptions are not paid by the due date.

(c) In the event of a member's resignation or expulsion, his or her name shall be removed from the Membership Register.

(d) The Football Association and parent County Association (including any other sport as applicable) shall be given access to the Membership Register on demand.

(e) Parents / guardians of junior members will be honorary social members with no voting rights.

6. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

(a) An annual fee and/or match/other fees payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the section Committee. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Fees shall not be repayable.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club.

- (c) **The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy an annual fee to each section for the use of the Club facilities, and will be responsible for ensuring the facilities are in good working order. No section can enter into any contracts which involve debt or financial obligations, on behalf of the Club, without the prior written approval of the Club Committee.**

7. RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION

- (a) A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if, and from the date on which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of their resignation. Such notice must be accompanied by all dues owed to the club up to that date. A member whose annual membership fee or further subscription is more than 2 months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.
- (b) The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member when, in their opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for them to remain a member. There shall be no appeal procedures.
- (c) A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any, or a share of any, of the Club Property.

8. CLUB COMMITTEE

- (a) The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: Chairman/woman, Treasurer, Secretary, Grounds Manager, Social secretary, Fisher Club secretary, Bar manager and up to 5 other committee members, elected at an Annual General Meeting. The committee will be made up on a ratio, based on the revenue / members each section provides.
- (b) Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting. One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any time. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairman/woman of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the Chairman/woman, or in their absence the Secretary. At management committee meetings one third of all officers will form a quorum, except that one of either the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer must be present.
- (c) The Club Committee shall have monthly meetings and the decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary.
- (d) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than 21 days' notice in writing to all members of the Club Committee.
- (e) An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between Annual General Meetings shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members.
- (f) The Club Committee shall have the power to suspend, fine or expel any member of the club deemed guilty by them of conduct prejudicial to the good name of the club.
- (g) Any officer, regardless of the number of positions held within the club, may only cast one vote at any meeting. In the event of a tied vote in any matter the Chairman or acting Chairman will have the casting vote.

9. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in each year to:
 - (i) receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year

- (ii) receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year
 - (iii) elect the members of the Club Committee
 - (iv) consider any other business.
- (b) Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the Meeting.
 - (c) A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called at any time by the Committee and shall be called within 21 days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than twenty five members stating the purposes for which the Meeting is required and the resolutions proposed. Business at an SGM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.
 - (d) The Secretary shall send to each member at their last known address written notice of the date of a General Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 14 days before the Meeting.
 - (e) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be one third of members.
 - (f) The Chairman/woman or in their absence a member selected by the Club Committee, shall take the chair. Each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman/woman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.
 - (g) The Club Secretary, or in his/her absence, a member of the Club Committee, shall enter Minutes of General Meetings into the Minute Book of the Club.
 - (h) The constitution may only be altered at an AGM or SGM convened specifically for this purpose. For any proposed changes to the constitution written notice of AGM /SGM and the agenda with the proposed changes must be circulated to all members at least 15 days in advance of the meeting. Of all votes cast, 75% must be in favour of the motion for any changes to be accepted.
 - (i) Proxy votes are not acceptable at any SGM or AGM.
 - (j) Members under the age of 18 have no voting rights in any capacity whatsoever.

10. CLUB TEAMS

At its first meeting following each AGM, the Club Committee shall appoint a Club member to be responsible for each of the Club's sporting teams. The appointed members shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the team.

11. CLUB FINANCES

- (a) A bank account shall be maintained in the name of the Club (the Club Account). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairman/woman, the Club Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by two of the three designated signatories. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.
- (b) The income and assets of the Club (the Club property) shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club.
- (c) The Club Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the Club and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.
- (d) The Club property, other than the Club Account, shall be vested in three custodians, who shall be the Chairman/woman, Treasurer and Secretary (the Custodians), who shall deal with the Club property as directed by decisions of the Club Committee and entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence of such a decision.
- (g) The Custodians shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the Club property for all expenses and other liabilities reasonably incurred by them in carrying out their duties.

12. SPONSORSHIP

Any materials, money and objects resulting from sponsorship become the property of the club and the Club Committee have the right to determine the use and destination of the said materials, money or objects at their sole discretion.

13. DISSOLUTION

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of the votes cast.
- (b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.
- (c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to the affiliated body (e.g. Surrey FA) who shall determine how the assets shall be utilised for the benefit of the Sport. Alternatively, such assets may be disposed of in such other manner as the members of the Club, with the consent of the affiliated body, shall decide.