

1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be The Sharks

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objectives of the Club shall be the teaching, development and practice of sports and other recreational activities for its members in the furtherance of these objectives:

2.1.1 The Club is committed to treat everyone equally within the context of its activity. This shall be, for example, regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion, disability or political persuasion.

2.1.2 The Club is a not for profit organisation, this does not prohibit the payment of wages and salaries.

- 2.2 The Club shall be affiliated to relevant governing bodies of each sport which the Club partakes. Each section shall conform to the rules of the relevant association where applicable.

- 2.3 The business and affairs of each section of the Club shall at all times be conducted in accordance with the Laws and Technical Rules of relevant governing body of that sport.

2.3.1 All competing members shall be required to hold the relevant membership of governing bodies and accept the rules of each sports governing body.

2.3.2 The Section shall act in accordance with Child Protection Procedures, which are in place at any one time from the relevant governing body; and shall recognise that the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and that all children and young people have a right to have fun, be safe and be protected from harm.

3 Membership

- 3.1 The total membership of the Club shall not normally be limited.

All persons who assist in any way with the club's activities shall become members of the club. Assisting with the club's activities shall include, but not be restricted to, administrators, associate members, voluntary instructors, teachers and coaches, committee members, helpers, honorary members, life members, officers, patrons, presidents, technical and non-technical officials, temporary members and vice presidents.

Paid instructors, teachers and coaches and other staff will also be members of the club.

- 3.2 Any person who wishes to become a member of the Club must submit a signed application (and in the case of a junior, the application must be signed by the parent or guardian). The management of the Club reserves the right to decline membership if there is evidence to suggest that the acceptance would be detrimental to the Club. If Membership is declined the Committee shall give the reasons for the refusal. The Club shall not refuse an application for membership on discriminatory grounds, whether in relation to ethnic origin, age, sex, religion, disability, political persuasion or sexual orientation

4 Subscription and Other Fees

- 4.1 The annual membership subscription and coaching fees shall be determined by the Management Board.
- 4.2 The annual subscription and teaching fees shall be spread out through out the year and paid in 12 equal instalments.
- 4.3 Any member whose subscription is unpaid by the date falling 1 month after the due date for payment may be suspended from some or all Club activities until such payment is made
- 4.4 The Club has the right to include any appropriate individual affiliation fees to relevant sports governing bodies as part of the membership fees. Details of which will be made available to members.

5 Resignation

- 5.1 A member wishing to resign membership of the Club must give one month's written notice. A member's resignation shall only take effect at expiration of one month from the date (or receipt) of written notice.
- 5.2 Where a member's subscription is more than two months in arrears the Club may deem that the member has resigned. Where the membership of a member shall be terminated in this way they shall be informed in writing.

6 Expulsion and other Disciplinary action

- 6.1 The Management Board shall have power to take appropriate disciplinary action, including the expulsion of a member when a member is in breach of Club rules. The Member shall have the right to an appeal by an independent review panel consisting of three members, two of who shall not be on the Management Board.
- 6.3 The Officers of the Club (or any person to whom the Board shall delegate this power) may temporarily suspend or exclude a member from particular training sessions and/or wider club activities, when in their opinion; such action is in the interests of the Club. Where such action is taken the complaint will thereafter be dealt with in accordance with by the Management Board.

7 Management of the Club

- 7.1 The Club shall be run by a Management Board consisting of the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Manager. The club shall have a Welfare Officer, whom is separate from the Management Board. Board members must be not less than 18 years of age.
- 7.2 Each section shall be run by a technical committee, with its own constitution, will report into the Management Board.
- 7.3 In addition to the management Board a scrutiny committee made up of representatives from the technical committees and wider membership shall scrutinise the decisions of the Management Board once every three months.
- 7.4 The Management Board will be elected every year at the Annual General Meeting, by all members who are qualified to vote (See Section 8 for rules of elections and AGM).

- 7.5 Board meetings shall be held not less than once a month. Minutes of decisions will be available to members. At least half of Board members must agree any decisions.
- 7.6 The Board may from time to time appoint sub-committees and may delegate to them such of the powers and duties as they determine. All sub-committees shall report their proceedings to the Board and shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Board.
- 7.7 The Board shall be responsible for the management of the Club and shall have the sole right of appointing and determining the terms and conditions of service of employees of the Club. They shall have power to enter into contracts for the purposes of the Club on behalf of all the members of the Club. The Board shall be responsible for ensuring that the Accounts of the Club for each financial year be examined by an independent examiner to be appointed by the members in General Meeting. The Committee shall also have power to make regulations and to settle disputed points not otherwise provided for in this Constitution.
- 7.8 The members of the Board and any technical committees shall be indemnified by the members of the Club against all liabilities properly incurred by them in the management of the affairs of the Club.
- 7.9 The Committee shall maintain an Accident Book in respect of all activities undertaken by the Club and shall report them to relevant agencies and governing bodies where relevant.

8 Annual General Meeting

- 8.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year on a date in January. The date for the Annual General Meeting shall be fixed by the Board
- 8.2 The purpose of the Annual General Meeting is to transact the following business:
- 8.2.1 To receive the Chairman's report of the activities of the Club during the previous year;
- 8.2.2 To receive and consider the accounts of the Club for the previous year and the report on the accounts of the independent examiner and the Treasurer's report as to the financial position of the Club;
- 8.2.3 To elect the independent examiner (who must not be a member of the Committee or a member of the family of a member of the Committee) to examine the forthcoming years accounts.
- 8.2.4 To elect the Management Board
- 8.2.5 To decide on any resolution or rule change which has been submitted in advance of the AGM.
- 8.2.6 To appoint any representatives to outside bodies as required.

9 Special General Meeting

- 9.1 A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Board. A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary within 28 days of receipt by him of a requisition in writing signed by not less than 12 members entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting, stating the purposes for which the meeting is required and the resolutions proposed.

10 Procedure at the Annual and Special General Meetings

- 10.1 The Secretary shall be responsible for the issuing notices to each member giving notice of the date, time and place of the General Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed thereat at least (14) days before the meeting.
- 10.2 The quorum for the Annual and Special General Meetings shall be 7 members entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting or (if greater) such number as represents (one-tenth) in number of such members.
- 10.3 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 shall have a casting or additional vote. Only paid up members who have reached their 16th birthday shall be entitled to be heard and to vote on all matters. (Members who have not reached their 16th birthday shall be entitled to be heard and vote only on those matters determined by the Chairman as matters concerning juniors, such as the election of club captains.)
- 10.4 The Secretary shall take minutes at the Annual and Special General Meetings.
- 10.5 The Chair shall at all General Meetings have unlimited authority upon every question of order and shall be, for the purpose of such meeting, the sole interpreter of the Rules of the Club.

11 Finance

- 11.1 All moneys payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in a bank account in the name of the Club. The Management Board will be responsible for banking decisions to meet with the needs of the Club. Any moneys not required for immediate use may be invested as the Committee in its discretion think fit.
- 13.2 The income and property of the Club shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club. However, the AGM may decide to pay honorariums to Board Members. Who may be salaried at the discretion of the AGM.
- 13.3 The Board shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any officer, member or employee of the Club and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.
- 13.4 The financial transactions of the Club shall be recorded by the Treasurer in such manner as the Board thinks fit.
- 13.5 The financial year of the Club shall be the period commencing on 1st January .Any change to the financial year shall require the approval of the members in a General Meeting.
- 13.6 The Committee shall retain for a minimum period of six years all financial records relating to the club and copies of Minutes of all meetings.

14 Borrowing

- 14.1 The Committee may borrow money on behalf of the Club for the purposes of the Club.
- 14.2 When so borrowing the Committee shall have power to raise in any way any sum or sums of money and to raise and secure the repayment of any sums or sums of money in such manner or on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, and in particular by mortgage of or charge upon or by the issues of debentures charged upon all or any part of the property of the Club.
- 14.3 The Committee shall have no power to pledge the personal liability of any member of the Club for the repayment of any sums so borrowed.

15 Property

- 15.1 The property of the Club, other than cash at the bank, shall be the responsibility of the Board, who may appoint trustees.

16 Dissolution

- 16.1 A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three- quarters of the members present and entitled to vote. A specific date for the dissolution shall be included in the resolution.
- 16.2 The dissolution shall take effect from the date specified in the resolution and the members of the Board shall be responsible for the winding-up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.
- 16.3 Any property remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be given to a charity or charities (or other non-profit making organisation having objects similar to those of the Club for the furtherance of such objects) nominated by the last Board.