

RULES OF SIDCUP SPORTS CLUB

1. NAME

The Club shall be called "Sidcup Sports Club".

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall be to promote and encourage the playing of amateur games at Crescent Farm, Sidcup, with special regard to Cricket, Lawn Tennis and Rugby Football and further in every way the combined interests of the Constituent Clubs hereinafter mentioned. In furthering these objectives should the Club in any one year make a surplus of cash over the immediate and future foreseen needs, then such surplus shall be used for the benefit of the members of the Club as a whole and may not be used by way of profit to be distributed to members.

3. CONSTITUENT CLUB

- (a) The Club shall have the following constituent clubs (hereinafter called "The Constituent Clubs").
 - (i) Sidcup Rugby Football Club – The Principal Club (hereinafter called "The Principal Club").
 - (ii) Sidcup Cricket Club (hereinafter called "The Representative Club")
 - (iii) Crescent Lawn Tennis Club
- (b) The Club may at a General Meeting admit other clubs to be Constituent Clubs provided the club has been proposed and/or seconded by the Principle Club.
- (c) Any Constituent Club that failed to pay their annual levy in full for each of two consecutive years and fails to show that it has been actively seeking new members and undertaking adequate fund raising events to meet the levy, would, be considered, by the General Committee to have their membership status changed to that of an Associated Club. Any decision would be by a majority vote, of members of the General Committee, present and entitled to vote.

4. MEMBERS

- (a) Membership of the club is open to all without discrimination.
- (b) Members of each of the Constituent Clubs as defined under their respective rules shall be Members of the Club.
- (c) Only duly elected ordinary members of each Constituent Club, as defined under their respective rules, shall be entitled to full voting powers at General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Club.

Membership of more than one Constituent Club shall not entitle the member to more than a single membership of the Sports Club and in particular to more than one vote at any meeting or on any issue.

- (d) Each Constituent Club shall be responsible for the election of its own members under the rules of that Constituent Club and any member expelled by a Constituent Club under its own rules shall forthwith cease to be a member of the club.
- (e) Any member ceasing to be a member of a Constituent Club shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Club unless he holds membership of another Constituent Club.
- (f) There shall also be Associate and Affiliated member clubs. Associate member clubs shall be those clubs that play or take part in a sport/game on Sports Club premises or land on a regular basis. Affiliated member clubs are those whose members only have the right to use the club social facilities only.
- (g) Associated and Affiliated Clubs, or their members, do not have any voting rights at any Sports Club General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the club.
- (h) Any member expelled or ceasing to be a member of any Associated or Affiliated Club shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Club.
- (i) The General Committee of the Club may admit other clubs to be Associate or Affiliated Clubs provided that: that Club has been proposed and/or seconded by the Principle Club and agreed by a majority of the General Committee.

5. **OFFICERS**

- (a) Members of good standing may be appointed President or Vice-presidents. Nominations for such honorary office must be supported by the committee of the nominees Constituent Club and shall be delivered in writing to the Honorary General Secretary not less than 7 days before the date fixed for a General Meeting. Such office to be held until death or removal. A majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting shall be sufficient for appointment and removal.
- (b) The Executive Officers of the Club shall consist of a Chairman, an Honorary General Secretary, Treasurer, Development Officer and a Representative Constituent Club Member all of whom except the Representative Constituent Club Member must be Members of the Principle Club of not less than two years standing. Nominations for such Officers must be approved by the Committee of the Principle Club and shall be delivered in writing to the Honorary General Secretary not less than 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting requiring a vote. If a casual vacancy occurs in the position of an officer of the Club, the Executive Committee shall have power to nominate a substitute who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the relevant club requiring a vote.
- (c) The Representative Constituent Club Member must be proposed and nominated by the nominees Constituent Club and agreed and voted on at the representative Clubs Annual General Meeting.

6. **TRUSTEES**

- (a) There shall be not less than 4 or more than 6 Trustees of the Club. The first Trustees shall be appointed by the General Committee and the property of the Club (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as members of the Club and shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expenses out of the property of the Club.

- (b) The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by a resolution of the General Committee which may for any reason that seems sufficient to a majority of the Members of the General Committee present and voting at any meeting remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee.
- (c) If by any reason of any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the General Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed, or if the General Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or additional Trustees the General Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or new Trustees.
- (d) For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustees Act, 1925 and he shall be by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the General Committee as the new Trustee or new Trustee of the Club and the provision of the Trustee Act, 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall be in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club, the General Committee or the Trustees be conclusive evidence of the facts so stated.

7. COMMITTEE

The executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Honorary General Secretary, Treasurer, Development Officer and Representative Constituent Club Member. The General Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee plus four other members appointed pursuant to Rule 8. In the event of any such appointed member being unable to attend any meeting they may appoint a substitute having given prior written notice to the Honorary General Secretary of the name of such substitution. Four members of the General Committee shall form a quorum.

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL COMMITTEES

One member of the General Committee shall be appointed by each Constituent Club in accordance with its rules or at its Annual General Meeting and the appointee shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of that Constituent Club. If any of the Constituent Clubs fails to appoint one member of the General Committee at its Annual General Meeting or if a casual vacancy occurs in the General Committee, the Executive Committee shall have the power to nominate members to fill the vacancies so created but any members so nominated shall remain a member of the General Committee only until the next Annual General Meeting of the Constituent Club which such nominee represents.

Appointment of the Executive Committee members from the Principle Club shall be made in accordance with their Rules and Constitution.

The endorsement of the Representative Constituent Clubs Member shall be by vote at the Sports Club Annual General Meeting.

9. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

- (a) The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as the Honorary General Secretary shall determine but shall meet at least once a month.
- (b) The Honorary General Secretary shall summon a meeting of the General Committee within 14 days after receiving a requisition signed by the three members of the General Committee.
- (c) At least 4 days notice of a meeting of the Executive or General Committee shall be given to members of that Committee by the Honorary General Secretary.

- (d) The General Committee shall meet a minimum of once every three months and more frequently if determined by the Executive Committee.

10. **ADMINISTRATION**

- (a) The expenses of the Club shall be borne by the Constituent Club in such proportions as the Executive Committee shall from time to time recommend to the General Committee.
- (b) Each of the Constituent Clubs shall be administered according to the rules of such Constituent Club and the Executive and General Committees shall have no powers to interfere with the administration of any Constituent Club.

11. **POWERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall in addition to the powers specifically conferred upon it by these rules have control of the finances of the Club. Such control of the finances shall include the right to borrow money to be used for the development of the Club and its constituent clubs.

The Executive Committee shall have all such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these rules and in particular shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees for any particular purpose.

12. **SALE OF THE CLUB'S LAND**

- (a) Subject as hereinafter provided the Trustees shall not sell, lease or mortgage any land vested in them upon trust for the Club unless authorised to do so by two-thirds of the membership of the Club for the time being entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Club.
- (b) This rule shall not apply to leases for terms not exceeding three years of any part or parts of land so vested in the Trustees or to a sale of any land leased to Sterling Offices Limited at the date of the passing of the rules.

13. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- (a) The annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year between 1st October and the last day of October at such time and place as the General Committee shall determine.
- (b) The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (i) Consideration of the Report of the Executive Committee upon the preceding year.
 - (ii) Consideration of the Financial Statements of the Club for the year ending on the 31st March preceding the meeting.
 - (iii) Any other business of which at least 7 days notice in writing shall have been given to the Honorary General Secretary.

14. **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

The Executive Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting when any questions of urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so within 21 days of receiving a requisition signed by 20 members of the Club

(a) VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

Only Members present at a General Meeting shall be eligible to vote except in the case of a vote in relation to the sale of land or a resolution resulting from an Extraordinary General Meeting when postal votes shall be allowed. Postal and proxy votes will not be allowed other than in the said cases. At the discretion of the Chairman or if so required by not less than 10 members present at such meeting, any matter for which a vote is required shall be conducted by way of a written ballot instead of a show of hands. This rule does not apply to any resolution to alter or rescind the provisions of Rules 12 or 19.

15. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

At least 10 days notice of the holding of any General Meeting of the Club shall be given to the members of the Club by the Honorary General Secretary.

Display on the notice board at the Club premises of the date and time and of the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting (but not an Extraordinary General Meeting) shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of such meeting for the purpose of this rule.

16. CHAIRMAN

Subject as hereinafter provided the Chairman of the Club shall preside at all General Meetings of the Club and meetings of the Executive and General Committees. If the Chairman is not present at the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present at the meeting shall choose some one of their number to be Chairman.

17. CLUB PREMISES

The Club premises shall be open on such days and at such times as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time subject to any decision passed at a General Meeting. No illegal games shall be permitted upon the Club premises.

18. BAR

- (a) The purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be managed by a person appointed by the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Club bar may be open on such days and at such times as the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine in accordance with the provisions of legislation from time to time being in force and notice of the days and times so determined shall be displayed in the Club premises.
- (c) No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to persons other than:
 - (i) A member of the Club as in hereinafter defined.
 - (ii) Bona fide guests of a member while accompanied by that member.
- (d) Members may introduce guests to the Club but no such person shall be introduced more than once in each month unless he be a non-resident of Sidcup. The guest and member must enter their names in the Visitors Book kept for that purpose.
- (e) All members of visiting clubs shall be deemed to be Associate Members on the day of their fixture. Signed in Visitors Book en bloc.

19. **ALTERATIONS TO RULES**

No alteration in or addition to these Rules shall be made except at a General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. Notice in writing of any intended alteration or addition to these Rules shall be given to the Honorary General Secretary not less than 21 days before a General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting and shall be included by him/her in the notice convening the meeting. No alteration or addition to these Rules shall be made except with the approval of two-thirds of those present and voting at a General Meeting or in accordance with voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Clause 14(a) provided that no alteration to this Rule and to Rule 12 shall be made unless authorised by two-thirds of the members of the Club for the time being entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the club.

20. **SPECIAL APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

If at any time it shall be found impossible to convene a General Meeting of the Club in accordance with these Rules by reason of there being no officer or officers entitled to call or give notice of the same, the Trustee or Trustees for the time being (or a simple majority of such Trustees) shall have the power to call or give notice of such meeting as the case may be.

21. **DISSOLUTION**

If at an Extraordinary General Meeting called by the Committee of which 28 days notice specifying The intention to consider a resolution to dissolve the Club shall have been given to the members of the Club and which shall have been advertised with a statement of such intention at least 14 days before such meeting in a local paper circulating in Sidcup. A resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by two-thirds majority of those present and voting there at the Committee shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realise the property of the Club and after the discharge of all liabilities a commission shall be appointed.

The respective Presidents of the time being of the Rugby Football Union, the Lawn Tennis Association and the England and Wales Cricket Board to divide the net proceeds of such realisation in a manner they shall so resolve, it being a condition of their resolution that such net proceeds shall be devoted to furthering Rugby Union Football, Lawn Tennis and Cricket. The reasonable expenses of such a commission shall be a charge on the Club funds and on completion of the commission the Club shall be dissolved.

These Rules are effective from 27th September 2007 and incorporate all amendments duly authorised up to and including that date.

John Maxted
Honorary General Secretary