



#### **4. Powers.**

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Management Committee may exercise the following powers:

- (1) power to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Management Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law;
- (2) power to buy, take on lease or in exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the objects to maintain and equip it for use;
- (3) power subject to any consents required by law to sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the Association;
- (4) power subject to any consents required by law to borrow money and to charge all or any part of the property of the Association with repayment of the money so borrowed;
- (5) power to employ such staff (who shall not be members of the Management Committee) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects and to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation for staff and their dependants;
- (6) power to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the objects or of similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them;
- (7) power to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects;
- (8) power to appoint and constitute such advisory committees as the Management Committee may think fit;

- (9) power to do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

**5. Membership.**

- (1) Full Membership of the Association shall be open to any person over the age of 16 years or who is no longer in full time education and who has paid the annual subscription laid down from time to time by the Management Committee, and who shall not be refused membership under sub-clause 4 of this clause.
- (2) Life membership may be awarded by the Management Committee to any member if it considers it appropriate to do so and all Life Members shall have the same rights as Full Members.
- (3) Every Full and Life member shall have one vote.
- (4) The Management Committee may by a three quarters majority and for good reason not allow into membership or terminate the membership of any individual: Provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Management Committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.
- (5) The Association shall also be entitled to enrol non-voting Associate Members and non-voting Junior Members (who have not attained the age of 16 years and are still in full time education) upon such terms and with such rights and responsibilities as the Management Committee shall from time to time decide.

**6. Honorary Officers.**

At the annual general meeting of the Association the members shall elect from amongst themselves a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, a vice-chairman or vice-

chairmen, two fixture secretaries, a publicity officer a youth development officer and such other positions (if any) as the Association shall decide who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.

**7. Management Committee.**

- (1) The Management Committee shall consist of not less than 8 members nor more than 20 members being:
  - (a) the honorary officers specified in the preceding clause;
  - (b) the team captains;
- (2) The Management Committee may in addition appoint not more than 4 co-opted members but so that no-one may be appointed as a co-opted member if, as a result, more than one third of the members of the Management Committee would be co-opted members. Each appointment of a co-opted member shall be made at a special meeting of the Management Committee and shall take effect from the end of that meeting unless the appointment is to fill a place which has not then been vacated in which case the appointment shall run from the date when the post becomes vacant.
- (3) All the members of the Management Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the annual general meeting after the date on which they came into office but they may be re-elected or re-appointed.
- (4) The proceedings of the Management Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.
- (5) Nobody shall be appointed as a member of the Management Committee who is aged under 16 unless he or she is captain of a team or

who would if appointed be disqualified under the provisions of the following clause.

**8. Determination of Membership of Management Committee.**

A member of the Management Committee shall cease to hold office if he or she:

- (1) is disqualified from acting as a member of the Management Committee by virtue of section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision);
- (2) becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs;
- (3) is absent without permission of the Management Committee from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Management Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
- (4) Notifies to the Management Committee a wish to resign (but only if at least three members of the Management Committee will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).

**9. Management Committee Members not to be personally interested.**

- (1) No member of the Management Committee shall acquire any interest in the property belonging to the Association (otherwise than as a trustee for the Association) or receive remuneration or be interested (otherwise than as a member of the Management Committee) in any contract entered into by the Management Committee.
- (2) The chairman shall act as chairman at meetings of the Management Committee. If the chairman is absent from any meeting the vice-chairman shall act as chairman but if both are absent from any

meeting the members of the Management Committee present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting before any other business is transacted.

- (3) There shall be a quorum when at least one third of the number of members of the Management Committee for the time being or six members of the Management Committee, whichever is greater, are present at a meeting.
- (4) Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members of the Management Committee present and voting on the question but in the case of equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (5) The Management Committee shall keep minutes, in books kept for the purpose, of the proceedings at meetings of the Management Committee and any sub committee.
- (6) The Management Committee may from time to time make and alter rules for the conduct of their business, the summoning and conduct of their meetings and the custody of documents. No rule may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.
- (7) The Management Committee may appoint one or more sub-committees consisting of three or more members of the Management Committee for the purpose of making any inquiry or supervising or performing any function or duty which in the opinion of the Management Committee would be more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee: provided that all acts and proceedings of any such sub-committees shall be fully and promptly

reported to the Management Committee.

**10. Receipts and expenditure.**

The funds of the Association, including all donations contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Management Committee in the name of the Association at such bank as the Management Committee shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least two members of the Management Committee.

**11. Property.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of sub-clause (2) of this clause, the Management Committee shall cause the title to:

(a) all land held by or in trust for the Association which is not vested in the Official Custodian for Charities; and

(b) all investments held by or on behalf of the Association;

to be vested either in a corporation entitled to act as custodian trustee or in not less than three individuals appointed by them as holding trustees. Holding trustees may be removed by the Management Committee at their pleasure and shall act in accordance with the lawful directions of the Management Committee. Provided they act only in accordance with the lawful directions of the Management Committee, the holding trustees shall not be liable for the acts and defaults of its members.

(2) If a corporation entitled to act as custodian trustee has not been appointed to hold the property of the Association, the Management Committee may permit any investments held by or in trust for the Association to be held in the name of a clearing bank, trust corporation or any stock broking company which is a member of the International

Stock Exchange (or any subsidiary of any such stock broking company) as nominee for the Management Committee, and may pay such a nominee reasonable and proper remuneration for acting as such.

**12. Accounts.**

The Management Committee shall cause full and proper accounting records to be kept of all the business of the Association and annual statements of account to be prepared from time to time for the Association and properly audited independently or by not less than two members of the Association

**13. Annual General Meeting.**

- (1) There shall be an annual meeting of the Association which shall be held each year at such time as the Management Committee shall decide.
- (2) Every annual general meeting shall be called by the Management Committee. The secretary shall give at least 21 days' notice of the annual general meeting to all the members of the Association. All the full and life members of the Association shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.
- (3) Before any other business is transacted at the first annual general meeting the persons present shall appoint a chairman of the meeting. The chairman shall be the chairman of the subsequent annual general meetings, but if he or she is not present, before any other business is transacted, the persons present shall appoint a chairman of the meeting.
- (4) The Management Committee shall present to each annual general meeting the report and accounts of the Association for the preceding

year.

- (5) Nominations for election to the Management Committee must be made by members of the Association in writing and must be in the hands of the secretary of the Management Committee at least 7 days before the annual general meeting. Should nominations exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot.

**14. Special General Meetings.**

The Management Committee may call a special general meeting of the Association at any time. If at least ten members request such a meeting in writing stating the business to be considered the secretary shall call such a meeting. At least 21 days' notice must be given. The notice must state the business to be discussed.

**15. Procedure at General Meetings.**

- (1) The secretary or other person specially appointed by the Management Committee shall keep a full record of the proceedings at every general meeting of the Association.
- (2) There shall be a quorum when at least one tenth of the number of members of the Association for the time being or ten members of the Association, whichever is the greater, are present at any general meeting.

**16. Notices.**

Any notice required to be served on any member of the Association shall be in writing and shall be served by the secretary or the Management Committee on any member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his or her last known address in

the United Kingdom, and any letter so sent shall be deemed to have been received within 10 days of posting.

**17. Alterations to the Constitution.**

Subject to the following provisions of this clause the Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include the notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

**18. Dissolution.**

If the Management Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association it shall call a meeting of all members of the Association of which not less than 21 days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting the Management Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Association. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association as the members of the Association may determine or failing that shall be applied for some other similar purpose.

**19. Arrangements until first Annual General Meeting.**

Until the first annual general meeting takes place this constitution shall take effect as if references in it to the Management Committee were references to the persons whose signatures appear at the bottom of this document.

This constitution was adopted on the date mentioned above by the persons

whose signatures appear at the bottom of this document.

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