

# Walsall Wood Football and Social Club

## Rules

### 1. Name

The name of the Club is Walsall Wood Football and Social Club.

### 2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1. To provide facilities for recreation, social intercourse and refreshments for the benefit of its members.
- 2.2. The provision of maintenance of the Clubhouse at Oak Park, Walsall Wood.
- 2.3. To assist the development of all sports bodies associated with Walsall Wood Football and Social Club.

A copy of the rules and the names of all Officers and Committee members shall be displayed at the Clubhouse.

### 3. Membership

- 3.1. Every candidate for membership, associate, family or youth members, shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Club. Their full name and address must, for not less than 7 days before the election, be prominently displayed on the Club noticeboard. Until election, no person shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club.
- 3.2. The Committee at its sole discretion shall elect candidates for full membership.
- 3.3. Every member shall pay an annual membership fee to be decided at the discretion of the Committee and to be displayed on the Club notice board. The membership will be for one year and will be renewable on the 1<sup>st</sup> August of each year.
- 3.4. Any membership that is not renewed within 28 days of the start of the club year will be considered to have lapsed.
- 3.5. At all General meetings of the Club each full member shall be allowed one vote. Only full members attending these meetings are entitled to vote. Postal and Proxy votes shall be deemed void.
- 3.6. The Committee shall have power to expel any member who shall offend against the rules of the Club or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee render him/her unfit for membership of the Club. Before any member is expelled the Secretary shall give him/her 7 days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform him/her of the complaints made against him/her. No member shall be expelled without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him/her or unless at least two thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of his/her expulsion.

### 4. Management

- 4.1. The management of Walsall Wood Football and Social Club shall be carried out by a Committee consisting of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Football Sub Committee, Assistant Treasurer (who will also be Treasurer of the Football Sub Committee), Assistant Secretary and a minimum of three other members. The Committee shall meet at such times as the Committee shall determine. At all meetings of the Committee, five shall form a quorum, two of whom shall be Officers of the Club.
- 4.2. The Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General meeting, and to ensure continuity of the Management Committee the election of Members will be on the following basis.
  - 4.2.1. To be elected in even years at an Annual General Meeting, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Football Committee Chairman plus a minimum of one other.

4.2.2. To be elected in odd years at an Annual General meeting, Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary plus a minimum of one other.

4.3. No Officer or Committee Member will be able to serve for a period exceeding 2 years unless re-elected at an Annual General Meeting.

4.4. The Committee shall have the power at any time and from time to time to fill any casual vacancy among the Officers and Committee. It may also co-opt onto the Committee any Member who they believe, by serving on the Committee, would benefit the running of the Club. This person shall hold office only until the next Annual general Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election.

4.5. In the event of any member for any reason ceasing to be a member of the Management Committee, he shall automatically cease to be a member any Sub Committee and another member of the Management Committee appointed in his place.

## **5. Financial Controls**

5.1. No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club or of any member thereof any commission percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchase of intoxicating liquor by the Club, nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.

5.2. The purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be in the absolute discretion of a Sub Committee of not less than 3 members being of the Management Committee and appointed by that Committee for that purpose.

5.3. No money or property of the Club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the Club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club as a whole or for some charitable benevolent or political purpose or purposes chosen by resolution of a general meeting.

5.4. Full accounts of the financial affairs of the Club duly audited by the auditors will be available for perusal by the Club members 28 days prior to the convening of the Annual General meeting.

5.5. If at any time the Club in general meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money the Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purpose of the Club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such a rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution and thereupon the Trustees shall at the direction of the Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club whether voting on such resolutions or not and all persons becoming members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

## **6. Trustees**

6.1. There shall be not more than 4 Trustees of the Club. The first Trustees shall be appointed by the 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 the Committee shall from time to time direct by resolutions (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the Committee who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at many

meetings remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustees. Whereby reason of any such death resignation or removal it shall appear to be necessary to the Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed or if the Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or Trustees the Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the President is hereby nominated as the person to appoint the new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour of a person dealing with bona fide and for value with the Club or Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

## **7. Meetings**

7.1. The Chairman of the Club shall preside at all meetings of the Club but if he is unable to be present, the Vice-Chairman shall deputise. If the Vice-Chairman is also unable to be present, the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

7.2. No alterations or additions or amendment to these rules shall be made except by a resolution carried by the majority of at least two thirds of the members present at a general meeting the notice of which shall have contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.

### **7.3. General Meetings**

7.3.1. The Secretary shall at least 14 days before any general meeting inform every member as recorded in the Club's books notice of the meeting stating the time when and the place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.

7.3.2. The business at a general meeting shall be limited to that provided by the rules and those further matters set out in the notice convening the meeting. The quorum at any general meeting shall be one quarter of the Membership.

### **7.4. Annual General Meetings**

7.4.1. An Annual General meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of August in each year and fifteen months shall not elapse without a general meeting. At the Annual General Meeting, the following business shall be conducted.

7.4.1.1. The presentation and (if accepted) the passing of the accounts for the previous financial year ended on the 31st day of December prior to the meeting which accounts shall first have been audited by the Club's auditors.

7.4.1.2. The election of Officers and Committee

7.4.1.3. The election of one auditor

7.4.1.4. Such other business as shall have been communicated to the Secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent by him to the members.

### **7.5. Extraordinary General Meetings**

7.5.1. An extraordinary general meeting may be convened at any time and shall be convened with 21 days notice on the requisition of one fifth of the members of the Club for the time being or 30 members whichever is the less. Such requisition must state the purpose for which such meeting is required.

## **8. Visitors and Guests**

8.1. Any member shall be entitled to introduce 2 guests to the Club, excluding his/her spouse, provided that no person whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest. The member and guest shall sign their names and addresses in a book kept for that purpose at the Clubhouse.

8.2. No guest shall be permitted to purchase intoxicating liquor in the Club.

8.3. Members of the Committee are empowered to introduce as honorary members, visiting teams, for the day on which a match or other social activity or function takes place. These honorary members will not be allowed to sign in guests.

## **9. Opening Times**

9.1. The Club shall be open between such hours as the Committee shall resolve, and the Secretary shall post on the Club noticeboard a notice setting out these hours.

9.2. The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be determined by the Committee from time to time and the Secretary shall keep posted at the Club notice of such hours. In addition the Secretary will notify the Clerk to the Licensing Justices and the Chief Officer of Police for the area of those hours and no change in the permitted hours shall come into effect until at least 28 days have expired from the date on which the notice is given as aforesaid.

9.3. The Secretary shall as soon as possible and in any event within 28 days of the making of any such alteration or addition or amendment give written notice to the Chief Officer of Police and to the Clerk of the Local Authority for the district in which the Club is situate.

9.4. The provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 and in particular the seventh schedule thereto, shall be and the same are hereby incorporated into these rules and in so far as these rules are inconsistent with any provision of the said Act then the provisions of the said Act shall prevail.

9.5. No sale or supply of intoxicating liquor will be made to any persons under 18 years of age.

9.6. "Sales of intoxicating liquor shall be allowed under Section 49 of the Licensing Act 1964, subject to the conditions as set out on the Registration Certificate."

## **10. Winding up of the Club**

10.1. If, at any meeting, a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of, at least, three quarters of the members present and that at a meeting (general) held not less than 6 weeks thereafter (of which not less than 4 weeks written notice shall have been given to each member, at which not less than 25% of the membership are present) then that resolution shall be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of at least three quarters of the members voting thereon, the existing committee shall thereupon or on such future date as shall be specified in such resolution or as soon as possible thereafter proceed to realise the property of the Club and after discharging all liabilities, the remaining assets shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some voluntary organisation having objects similar to those of the Club.