

# FARINGDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

## CLUB RULES

1. The Club shall be called **FARINGDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

2. **PREMISES**

The Club premises are The Pavilion, Tucker Park, Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

3. **PURPOSE**

The purposes of the Club are to provide the amateur sport of Football in and around Faringdon and community participation in the same.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- (b) The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- (c) The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members. (See also Section 16)

i. Full Ordinary Members:

Playing members – those members who play or train to play football

Non-playing members – those members who assist the playing of football by the Club.

ii. Associate Members:

The Management Committee may at their discretion allow other classes of persons to become eligible for associate membership provided that the total number of associate members shall not exceed 15% of the total membership.

iii. Family Members:

The spouse of any full member and children under 18 years of any full members shall be eligible to become family members and shall have all the rights and privileges of full members save that no subscription shall be payable by them and that family members shall not be eligible to vote at general meetings of the Club or for election to the Club Committee.

iv. Junior Members:

Any young person who has not yet attained the age of 18 years.

**5. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Committee shall determine the annual rate of subscriptions and may waive all or part thereof in respect of any member or associate member, or any category thereof.

Annual subscriptions shall be due and payable on election and thereafter become due and payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> October each year. The General Committee may terminate the membership of any member who fails to pay his subscription before 1<sup>st</sup> October or within one month from election to membership.

**6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Persons wishing to join the Club as full or associate members shall be nominated by two members. The names of proposed members shall be displayed on the Club notice boards and maintained for at least two clear days prior to consideration of election and the Committee shall have power to accept or reject the nominations.

**7. MANAGEMENT**

- a. The Club shall be managed by the General Committee of the Faringdon Football Club who are elected by the voting members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- b. The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and five other members of the Club, all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. This committee will be responsible for the purchase and sale of all intoxicating liquor but may, if it so desires, elect a sub-committee containing the Chairman, Secretary and not less than four members to carry out this function.
- c. All officers and Committee members shall be members of the Club. The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy that

may occur among their members during the period between Annual General Meetings. The Committee shall have power to call a general meeting any time on twenty one days notice being given to all members. The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote only on an issue before the Committee which results in an equal number of votes being cast for and against. The Committee shall meet on such dates and at such times as they may determine to form a quorum. A quorum shall consist of not less than five members.

#### **8. GENERAL MEETINGS AND VOTING RIGHTS**

An Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the last day of July each year and fifteen months shall not elapse without a General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall receive a report and statement of accounts for the previous financial year, elect officers and the Committee for the ensuing year and transact any other business, including the appointment of an auditor. Ten days notice of the meeting shall be given to all members. At general meetings all full members shall be entitled to vote. An extra-ordinary meeting may be called at the request of the Committee in accordance with Rule 7(c) and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt by him of a written requisition signed by any ten members of the Club, given ten days before the date of such meeting.

#### **9. GUESTS**

Members may introduce up to three bona fide guests into the Club premises at any one time and will be responsible for the conduct of their guests on the premises. Such guests shall during their visit enjoy the full rights and privileges of members of the Club but shall be subject to Club rules. The names and addresses of all guests and the name of the member signing them in shall be entered into a book maintained for that purpose and such book must be kept on the premises. Persons eligible for full membership may not be signed in as guests on more than twelve occasions in any financial year.

#### **10. VISITING TEAMS**

Members and officials of Teams visiting the Club for the purpose of playing a match may at the discretion of the Committee be admitted to the Club premises and be permitted to purchase and be supplied with intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club.

#### **11. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**

Intoxicating liquor may be sold to persons attending the Club premises for social or other functions organised or authorised by

the Club, provided always that the number of such functions shall not exceed twenty four in any one year, but no function shall be permitted to which admission may be obtained by payment of money at the door whether for a ticket or otherwise.

Entertainment may also be present at these functions which may include live bands, discos or stand up comedians.

## **12. SUPPLY OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

- a. No intoxicating liquor shall be sold or supplied otherwise than to:-
  - i. Members and associate members
  - ii. Their bonafide guests.
  - iii. Persons admitted to the Club premises in accordance with Club rules 10, 11 and 12.
- b. The Club be opened as directed by the Committee but the permitted hours for the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor at the Club premises shall be as governed by local licensing justices.
- c. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for consumption off the premises except to a member in person.
- d. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to a person under the age of Eighteen Years.

## **13. LIST OF MEMBERS**

A list of the names and addresses of all members of the club shall be maintained and kept on the premises.

## **14. FINANCE**

- a. The Committee shall control the funds of the Club and act as Trustees for all its property.
- b. The accounts should be made up to 30<sup>th</sup> April each year and from the annual financial statement prepared therefrom.
- c. All cheques issued on the Club account shall be signed by any two of either the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer of the Club and any one other member of the Committee.

## **15. PROPERTY AND FUNDS**

- i. The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club.
- ii. The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses,

insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

- iii. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the club:
  - a. Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
  - b. Employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;
  - c. Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
  - d. Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).
- iv. The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

#### **16. WINDING UP**

- a. The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.
- b. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- c. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
  - i. To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
  - ii. To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or
  - iii. To the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

#### **17. CREDIT**

No credit of any kind shall be given by the Club.

#### **18. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION**

The Committee shall have power to suspend or expel any member for objectionable conduct. Any member expelled shall have no

claim on the funds of the Club. For the purpose of this rule the vote of two thirds of the whole Committee shall be necessary. A member who has been suspended or expelled from the Club, or any person whose application for membership has been refused shall not be permitted to make use of the Club whether as a guest or otherwise.

**19. ALTERATION AND REVIEW OF RULES**

- a. Alterations and amendments to the rules shall not be made except at an Annual General Meeting or at an extra-ordinary general meeting. At least ten days notice in writing of any such alteration or amendment shall be given to the Secretary before any such meeting. Ten days notice of any such proposals must be given to all members by the Secretary.
- b. The Committee shall review these rules periodically and in any event every three years.

**20. RULES**

Each member shall be provided with a copy of these rules by which he shall be bound.

**21. INTERPRETATION**

In any event of any question arising as to the interpretation of these rules the decision of the Committee shall be final.

**22. BYE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The Committee shall have full power to formulate, vary and issue byelaws and regulations governing any matter not specifically covered by these rules, and every member shall conform to them.

**23. PRIORITY**

Where there is any conflict between any of the above Rules ("key rules") and any other rule or rules the key Rule(s) will take priority. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASCs (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002.)

Chairman Simon HARRINGTON 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020

