



# Hurricanes Football Club

## Constitution

### **Principles**

- 1 The club shall be named Hurricanes Football Club (HFC).
- 2 The club shall provide association football for young players as well as other social and recreational pursuits considered appropriate by the Club Committee.
- 3 The club shall enter such affiliated leagues and competitions approved by the Club Committee and endorsed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 4 The club colours shall be red and black with white motifs and shall display the HFC badge.
- 5 All members, both playing and non-playing, shall abide by the club Code of Conduct (CofC); the CofC embraces the spirit and standards set out by the FA Football Development 'Respect' Programme.
- 6 The health and well-being of young players is paramount to the success of the club. Whilst striving for success on the field of play, all club members shall support and encourage the efforts of the players, spectators and officials regardless of affiliation.

### **Management**

- 1 The club shall be managed by a Club Committee consisting of the following officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and up to 6 other members that shall include a Child Welfare Officer, First Aider, Team Manager and Coach(es). A minimum of 6 committee members shall constitute a quorum for normal committee meetings.
- 2 Each Officer shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next AGM unless otherwise resolved at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM). One person may hold no more than two elected positions at any time. Committee decisions shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the meeting; the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- 3 The Club Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees as appropriate and to fill vacancies that may arise between AGM's. Additional members may be co-opted on to the committee on a temporary or permanent basis and, if necessary, ratified later at the next AGM or EGM.
- 4 The Club Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member guilty of conduct that is prejudicial to the good name of the club. Any decision taken by the Club Committee shall be final and binding.
- 5 The Club Committee shall meet on the first Thursday of each month; meetings to be held at the Hoverspeed Social Club. A formal agenda shall be issued prior to the meeting.



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### **Membership and Subscriptions**

- 1 Membership shall consist of playing and non-playing members. A register of members shall be maintained by the Secretary.
- 2 By signing up to the club rules and CofC, members are accepting terms of HFC membership; this applies to all players, spectators and club officials.
- 3 Membership shall be for 12 months from AGM to AGM. A member wishing to resign must do so in writing accompanied by payment of any outstanding debts to the club.
- 4 Membership of the club for non-playing members is free and subscriptions for players shall be set at the AGM. Player subscriptions are due at the start of each month throughout the year and are payable by standing order into the club's bank account.
- 5 A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if, and from the date on which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of his/her resignation. In the event of non-payment of subscriptions, the Club Committee has the right to terminate membership.

### **Finance**

- 1 A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (Hurricanes Football Club). Designated account signatories are the Chairperson, Secretary and the Treasurer. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.
- 2 No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by any one of the three designated signatories
- 3 The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining a proper set of accounts that shall be audited annually and presented at the AGM for membership approval.

### **Child Welfare Policies**

- 1 The health and welfare of the young players in this club are of the utmost importance and override any other considerations. The club has been established with the sole purpose of furthering the physical education and enjoyment of the players both on and off the field of play and any abuse of these principles will not be tolerated.
- 2 The standards for welfare of young players set out by the FA are encompassed within the following club policies:
  - a. Child Protection Policy (incorporates anti-bullying policy)
  - b. Code of Conduct for Players, Spectators, Coaches and Officials
  - c. Equality and Anti-Discrimination Policy (incorporates complaints procedure)
  - d. Health and Safety Policy
- 3 The club's Child Welfare Officer shall ensure that these policies are implemented and any instances of abuse are dealt with in an appropriate manner. However, it is the responsibility of all club members to ensure that any abuse or infringement that they may witness is brought to the attention of a club official.



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### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- 1 The AGM shall be held in late May or early June on conclusion of all leagues and competitions. The purpose of the AGM is to:
  - a. receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year
  - b. receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year
  - c. elect the members of the Club Committee for the following year
  - d. consider any other business
- 2 The Secretary shall give at least 14 days notice of the meeting to all members and provide an agenda.
- 3 The Financial Statement (balance sheet) shall be presented for inspection and acceptance by a membership ballot. Other formal reports such as Chairman, Secretary and Team Manager shall also be presented.
- 4 The existing club officers are then required to stand down and the membership shall elect the officers for the following year. If no changes are planned the existing officers may be re-elected en-block.
- 5 The AGM shall appoint auditors and transact any other business. Only club members are permitted to vote and the Chairman shall have the casting vote where necessary.
- 6 An Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by the Club Committee at any time if deemed necessary, e.g. to discuss serious disciplinary matters, changes to rules or increases in subscriptions. An EGM has similar powers to an AGM and members may raise any issue for discussion and membership ballot. The Secretary shall give at least 14 days notice to all members and provide an agenda.

### **Dissolution of the Club**

- 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.
- 2 The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.
- 3 Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to another Club, a Competition, the Parent County Association or The FA for use by them for related community sports.

### **Constitution Approved By:**

Chairman:

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Martyn Robinson

Secretary:

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