

CONSTITUTION

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1 The CLUB shall be known as “Cleve Archers” hereinafter called “the Club”.
- 2 **OBJECTIVE OF THE CLUB:** The objective of the Club shall be the practice and promotion of the sport of archery in accordance with the Rules of County, Regional and National Societies.
- 3 **FUNDS AND PROPERTY:** The funds and property of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee for the time being as Trustees of the Club or in three trustees duly appointed by the Executive Committee for the purpose. All monies received on behalf of the Club shall remain the property of the Club and there shall be no distribution among the members.
- 4 **ACCOUNTS:** The Club’s accounts shall be closed on the 30th September and shall be submitted duly audited, to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5 **CONSTITUTION:** The Constitution of the Club shall not be rescinded or amended except by a two-thirds majority of Members present at the AGM or at an Extraordinary General Meeting summoned for that purpose.
- 6 It must be made clear to all potential members that affiliation fees must be paid before shooting on the Club’s ground.

MEMBERSHIP

- 7 There shall be five classes of membership as follows:
 - a. Senior b. Junior c. Student d. Associate e. Honorary
- 8 **SENIOR MEMBERS:** Any person over the age of 18 shall be eligible.
9. **JUNIOR MEMBERS:** Young persons under the age of 18 shall be eligible:
 - i. Those between 15 & 18 must be accompanied by a parent or sponsored by a senior member until such time as they are deemed by their instructor to be sufficiently qualified to shoot without supervision.
 - ii. Those between 12 & 15 must be accompanied by a parent until such time as they are deemed by their instructor to be sufficiently qualified, when they may shoot alone, provided a senior member present accepts responsibility for them.
 - iii. Those under 12 will only be accepted if one parent is an active Club Member and accompanies them at all times during shooting.
 - iv. In addition, the numbers of Junior Members accepted will be controlled on the following basis:
 - a. Established juniors with their own equipment – no limit.
 - b. Other prospective Junior Members – by review of current members or when necessary, by the Committee.

10. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

- a. Any person over the age of 18 who does not wish to become a shooting member but has an interest in the aims and activities of the Club shall be eligible for Associate Membership.
- b. Archers affiliated to the GNAS, as ordinary members of affiliated through other clubs may be eligible for Associate Membership at the Committee’s discretion.

11 HONORARY MEMBERS: Any person, whom the Club may wish to honour, may at a General Meeting be elected as an Honorary Member for a period or for life. Such person need not be a Club Member.

12 IMPLICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- a. All members of the Club shall conform to such conditions, rules and regulations as may be determined from time to time by the Committee.
- b. The acceptance of new members and the renewal of Membership shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
- c. Any Member acting in a manner detrimental to the good name or safety of the Club may be expelled or suspended by the decision of the Committee, who need to state their reasons only to the person concerned. That person having the right of reply at a hearing before the Committee.
- d. At all time, Members are bound by the ruling of the duly appointed Field Captain of the day, whose decision is final.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 13 Club subscriptions for all classes of Membership shall be decided annually by the Committee and presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting. In exceptional circumstances, the Committee shall have the discretion to reduce individual subscriptions, with or without application.
- 14 New or past Senior Members with membership lapsed for a period of at least the previous season, applying to join the Club after the starting date of April 1st, shall be accepted at a reduced rate to be decided annually, if application is made after July 31st.
- 15 Subscriptions shall be due on April 1st and shall be paid not later than May 31st. Payment after that date will incur a levy of 25%. Members more than 3 months in arrears shall, at the discretion of the Committee, be denied the facilities of the Club.
- 16 **AFFILIATION FEES:** Affiliation fees to the National, Regional and county organisations shall be in addition to Club subscriptions. They shall be notified to Members once the respective bodies have determined them. New Members immediately upon joining the Club shall pay affiliation fees. Existing Members and Members, who have previously affiliated through another Club, shall make payment to the Club as soon as possible and in any event not later than September 30th. Members who have not paid affiliation fees by that date shall immediately be denied the facilities of the Club.

- 17 The Vice-Chairman and other Committee Members shall be elected by and at the AGM. Nominations may be in writing, or will be accepted from the floor, provided the nominee is present and signifies their consent.

MANAGEMENT

- 18 a. The management of the Club's affairs shall be vested in the Annual General Meeting and the Management Committee otherwise referred to as "the Committee".
- b. The Officers of the Club shall comprise of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, who shall also act as an Executive Committee.
- c. The Committee shall comprise of (the Officers of the Club): Vice-Chairman, Field Captain, Records Officer, Equipment Officer, Assistant Equipment Officer, Tournament Organiser, Social Secretary (who will be responsible to the Committee for all Club functions with the exception of the Annual Tournament) and up to three additional members.
- d. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members as necessary.
- 19 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** (as defined in Rule 17b)
The Officers of the Club shall be elected by and at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations shall be forwarded by the proposer and seconder, signed by the nominee and given to the Honorary Secretary, in writing, not later than 7 days before the date of the AGM. Nominations shall not be considered after that date nor will nominations be accepted from the floor

20. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall meet at least four times a year at dates to be decided by the Committee. The Chairman will preside over all Meetings. In his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside. If neither is available, the Committee shall elect a Chairman from amongst themselves.

21. QUORUM

- A quorum shall consist of at least four Committee Members.
22. The Executive Committee shall have full powers to act on behalf of the Club, consulting where necessary with the appropriate specialist members. Such action must be reported to the Committee as soon as possible for covering approval.

GENERAL MEETINGS

23. The AGM of the Club shall be held at the end of the outdoor season on a date deemed most convenient by the Committee. Not less than 21 days notice shall be given to all Club Members.
24. Proposed resolutions to be put to the AGM in writing to the Honorary Secretary, not later than 28 days prior to the date of the meeting, and must be signed by the proposer and seconder.

25. The purpose of the AGM shall be inter alia:
- To receive the reports of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Specialist Members as necessary.
 - To receive the Honorary Treasurer's report.
 - To elect the Officers, Committee Members and Auditors of the Club for the ensuing twelve months.
 - To consider resolutions proposed under Rule 24.
26. The Committee may, or at the request of any four or more Club Members, shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members of the Club. The demand and reason for such an EGM shall be deposited with the Honorary Secretary in writing. Notice calling such a Meeting shall then be sent out to all Members in accordance with Rule 23.
27. **VOTING** - Voting shall be on a show of hands or by ballot, and resolutions decided by a simple majority unless otherwise stated. The Chairman shall have a casting vote, which he may decline to use at his discretion.

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