

SALISBURY FENCING CLUB **CONSTITUTION**

TITLE

1. The name of the club shall be “Salisbury Fencing Club”.

AIMS

2. The club has the following aims:
 - a. The promotion of fencing for all in the area by the coaching of its members.
 - b. The encouragement of participation in competitions at all levels.
 - c. The organisation of club and inter-club matches and related social events.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership is open to all age groups and both sexes from about 8 years (no upper age limit). All members will pay an annual subscription fee, unless the Committee decide to the contrary. A suitable cheaper rate will be applied for those under the age of eighteen. All subscriptions are to be reviewed annually by the Committee.
4. Other charges may be levied at the discretion of the Committee (age differential may apply). These charges may be to replace an item of equipment that a specific member has damaged, or to raise a charge for the loan of equipment to a member.

EQUITY POLICY

5. The club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development with the aim of ensuring that the sport is accessible to everyone in society. In particular:
 - a. The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
 - b. All members are to be committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
 - c. All members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and deal with incidences of discriminatory behaviour according to club disciplinary procedures.

COMMITTEE

6. **Composition.** The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and at least two other members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any member of the Salisbury Fencing Club.
7. **Replacements.** In the event of a Committee Member resigning before his period of office expires the Committee shall have the power to appoint a Salisbury Fencing Club member to fill the vacancy.
8. **Appointment Completion.** All Committee Members, whether or not they have completed a full year of office, and all co-opted members, must resign at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM).

QUORUM

9. A quorum shall consist of three Committee Members or 50% of the Committee, whichever ever is the greater. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

10. An AGM shall be convened at the start of each fencing season, and no later than the 31st October each year.
11. **Notice.** At least two weeks notice of the AGM must be given by a suitably displayed notice, which must also show an agenda including a list of the positions falling vacant.
12. **Nominations.** Nominations for the Committee can be received at the AGM. They must be proposed, seconded and have the nominee's approval.
13. **Re-election.** All outgoing Committee Members may stand for re-election for a further term of office. Committee Members may be elected by a simple majority.

EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

14. These may be convened at any time during the year providing at least two weeks notice and an agenda is displayed on a suitable notice board.

TEAM SELECTION

15. The Committee Officers or their named deputies, who need not necessarily be Committee Members, shall make the team selection. If a sub-committee for team selection is formed independent of the main committee, then where possible, considered necessary and if time allows, the selected teams should be presented to the main committee for final consultation and ratification.

CLUB's ASSETS - DISPOSAL

15. In the event of the club's dissolution, assets will be sold to meet any outstanding debts. Remaining assets (equipment) will then be given to other fencing clubs in the priority: 1. disabled fencers/clubs. 2. Local clubs. 3. Other clubs.

Reviewed 2008

Seen and adopted by the Committee

..... G H Russell (Chairperson)

..... J E Carins (Vice Chairman)

..... R Howell (Treasurer)