

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of *Wandgas Sports and Social Club Ltd*



1. Interpretation:

- 1.1 "the Act" means the Companies Act **2006** including any statutory modification or re- enactment of it for the time being in force;
- 1.2 "the club" means Wandgas Sports and Social Club Ltd
- 1.3 "secretary" means the secretary of the club or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary;
- 1.4 Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification not in force when these articles become binding on the Club;
- 1.5 the masculine includes the feminine and, where appropriate, the singular the plural.
- 1.6 For the avoidance of doubt directors and members of the committee or management committee are one in the same

2 Objects

The Club is established for the purpose expressed in the memorandum of association

3 Membership

- 3.1 The number of members with which the Club proposes to be registered shall not exceed seven hundred and fifty but the committee may, whenever the business of the Club requires it, authorise an increase in the number of members.
- 3.2 A member paying full subscription entitles his/her partner and dependents under the age of 18 to all the benefits of membership of the Club without payment of any further subscription.
- 3.3 "Partner" is intended to reflect a domestic situation. Precise definition is not helpful and in the event of a dispute the committee shall make a ruling.
- 3.4 A partner is entitled in the absence of the member to use all the facilities of the club and to bring dependents into the club and to sign in up to two guests providing there are not already on the club premises guests who have been signed in by the member.
- 3.5 Partners are not allowed to vote on any matter put to the membership of the Club to be voted upon.
- 3.6 Members may elect annually by simple majority ballot at a General Meeting a President and Vice Presidents who shall not serve on the management committee but shall be entitled to free membership as long as they hold the designated post. Such persons should have given exceptional service to the Club.
- 3.7 Any member of a sports or recreation team based at the Club, or in the event he/she is under eighteen years of age one of his/her parents, must be a member of the Club.

4. Admission of Members

- 4.1 Application for membership shall be on a form approved by the Club management committee.
- 4.2 A candidate for election to membership must have attained the age of eighteen and be proposed and seconded by members.
- 4.3 The name, address and occupation of any person proposed for membership together with the names of the proposer and seconder, shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises in a part frequented by the members for at least five days before the day on which their name is submitted for election.
- 4.4 Candidates will be admitted to membership following acceptances by the Club's management committee and payment of the appropriate subscription within twenty one days of notification of acceptance of membership.

5. Subscription

5.1 The appropriate subscription shall be approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

5.2 Every member shall pay to the funds of the Club and annual subscription which must be paid by 1st May. The membership period is 1st May to 30th April.

5.3 Any member who has not paid his subscription thirty days after it has become due shall, at the discretion of the committee, cease to be a member.

5.4 Any member of legal pensionable age who has paid at least three subscriptions shall be entitled to a membership without subscription upon application to the secretary.

6. Visitors to the Club

6.1 Each member will be entitled to bring in up to two guests at any one time who will sign the visitors book and pay any such entrance fee as the Club management may from time to time determine.

6.2 Such visits will be limited to such a number of occasions as may from time to time be decided upon by the Club management committee.

6.3 It shall be the responsibility of the member to ensure the good conduct of his/her guests and shall at all times remain in the premises when the guests are present.

6.4 No person shall be introduced to the Club as a visitor who has been expelled from membership of this Club or who has an outstanding financial debt to the Club.

6.5 All children brought into the Club must be accompanied by an adult member who shall ensure their good conduct at all times.

6.6 Any teams from other clubs visiting the club for the purpose of sport or recreational activity are entitled to use of the club facilities for the reasonable duration of their visit without the need to be signed in, providing always that such use of the club does not conflict with the use of the club by its members.

7. Club Management

7.1 The Directors of the club are the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and at least two other members of the Club elected as provided in these Articles.

7.2 Five directors are a quorum at a directors meeting.

7.3 The directors may from time to time elect a chairman who in the case of equality of votes may have the casting vote.

7.4 The directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall continue in office for the term of one year unless re elected.

7.5 The election of the committee members shall be by ballot by show of hands or otherwise.

7.6 The ballot shall be carried out under the direction of the committee.

7.7 For each post on the committee there shall be a proposer, a seconder and agreement from the person proposed to stand.

7.8 No member under suspension at the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be eligible for nomination nor shall they be entitled to propose or second a candidate.

8. Powers of the Committee

8.1 The committee shall control the management of the Club and shall have exclusive power to do all things as it should deem necessary for the carrying out of the objects of the Club.

8.2 The committee shall have the power to expel any member, guest, partner or child of a member who shall offend against the rules of the Club or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the committee render them unfit for membership of the Club.

8.3 The committee shall have the power at its discretion to suspend forthwith membership of the Club always provided that before any such member is expelled permanently the secretary shall give them seven days notice to attend a meeting of the committee and shall inform them of the complaints against them.

8.4 No member, child or domestic partner shall be expelled without the member first having the opportunity of appearing before the committee and answering the complaint made against them.

8.5 No person whose membership has been suspended or terminated or who owes money to the club shall be introduced by any other member as a visitor to any part of the Club premises.

8.6 The Club premises shall be opened and closed at such hours as from time to time fixed by the committee and notice is posted in the club.

8.7 Members must produce proof of membership upon request by any member of the committee or any person specifically authorised by the committee.

8.8 The committee may from time to time co opt additional non voting members to assist in the management of the Club.

8.9 For the purposes of special events the committee may from time to time at its discretion and, on seven days notice posted on the club notice board, rule that access to the Club and or grounds be permitted only to those members and their guests and dependants who have paid the requisite fee.

9. Byelaws

The committee shall have the power to make Byelaws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club.

10. Misuse of the Club and its Property

Members shall not use the club or its property for personal use without the consent of the committee.

11. Annual General Meeting

11.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in every year on a date fixed by the committee but not later than the 30th May

11.2 Twenty one days notice of such a meeting with a copy of the agenda shall be given by E mail and/or Text message to each member.

11.3 The business of each Annual General Meeting shall be to receive the accounts and balance sheet, as audited, and to consider such other business as may be submitted by the committee or any motion to be proposed by a member.

11.4 At the Annual General Meeting a report for the year shall be presented by the committee.

12. Extraordinary General Meeting

12.1 The committee shall have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club if and when deemed necessary.

12.2 Twenty one days notice must be given by the committee to the members of an Extraordinary General Meeting, stating the purpose for holding such a meeting.

12.3 An Extraordinary Meeting may be convened at any time and shall be convened within twenty one days on requisition of one fifth of the membership of the club for the time being or 30 members whichever is less. Such requisition must state the purpose for which the meeting is required.

12.4 At least twenty one days notice of the proposal and purpose for holding such a meeting shall be posted by the secretary on the club notice board.

12.5 At an Extraordinary General Meeting the business shall be solely that for which the meeting was called.

13. Quorum

13.1 At a General Meeting fifty members shall form a quorum.

13.2 No alteration may be made to these rules except on a motion of either thirty members or of the committee at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. Two thirds of the members present at the meeting must support the motion for the proposed alteration.

14. Winding up the Club

14.1 The Club shall be wound up if a resolution for winding up shall be put before and carried by two-thirds majority of the members present and entitled to vote at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Two thirds of the members present at the meeting of the members convened for the purpose.

14.2 If such a resolution shall be carried as aforesaid the committee or such one or more of their number appointed to act on their behalf shall forthwith realise and convert into money such assets of the Club that shall not consist of money.

14.3 After discharge of all liabilities of the Club the committee shall distribute any remaining monies to a charity or other local club with similar objects as agreed by the membership and shall then be discharged from all rights and obligations arising or to arise or having under the Articles of Association of the Club and the Club shall thereupon cease to exist.

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