

RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF THE ACADEMY SPORTS CLUB

TITLE

1. The Club be called ‘Academy Sports Club ‘

ADDRESS

2. Address of the Club shall be: Hydepark, Mallusk, Co. Antrim.

OBJECTS

3. The objects of the Club shall be as follows:
 - (a) To assist in accordance with these Rules in the formation, administration and financing of the following amateur sports Sections within the Club, namely:
 - (i) Rugby
 - (ii) Cricket
 - (iii) Hockeyand such other Sections as may from time to time be considered by the Management Committee practicable and desirable consisting of groups of its members wishing to participate in an eligible sport as defined under the Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) regulations.
 - (b) To promote and encourage participation among the members of the Club, persons potentially eligible for membership, and the local community, in the activities of the Club and its various sections.
 - (c) To provide and maintain playing fields, pavilions and club houses for use by the members of the Club in accordance with these Rules.

- (d) To keep a record of all members of the Club and of their membership of the various sections within the Club.

MEMBERSHIP

4. a. The following persons shall be automatically regarded as members of the Club:

All fully paid up members of the following Sections who had not given notice of resignation in accordance with the Rules of the relevant Section and were not liable to expulsion from such Section in accordance with its rules on 28 August 2003:

- (i) Academy Cricket Club
 - (ii) Academy Rugby Football Club
 - (iii) Owls Ladies Hockey Club
 - (iv) All Existing Life Members of the Club
- b. Any other person shall be eligible for membership of the club in accordance with these rules. The Club will not discriminate on grounds of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

5. TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

a. The following categories of membership shall be available:

- (i) Life membership
- (ii) Annual membership
- (iii) Honorary membership
- (iv) Associate membership

And the incidents, rights and liabilities attaching to such types of membership shall be such as are contained in these Rules and shall also vary according to the nature of the sub-classifications of such membership.

b. On successful application to playing membership of any Section of the Club persons shall then automatically become Annual Members of the Club.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

6. Application for any category of membership of the Club as specified in Rule 5 hereof (save Honorary membership) shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Club who shall submit the application to the Management Committee as hereinafter defined and applicants may be elected members of the Club by the Management Committee.
7. The names and addresses of persons applying for membership of the Club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for at least one week prior to their election and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between the nomination and election of members.
8. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. The applicant shall be formally notified of the

Management Committee's decision within 14 days of same but there shall be no obligation on the Management Committee to furnish reasons for rejecting an application for membership. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members. Such appeal will be heard at the next General Meeting of the Club.

9. The Honorary Secretary of the Club shall keep a Register in which shall be entered the following information with regard to each member of the Club:
 - (a) name and address of member:
 - (b) category of membership under Rule 5 hereof:
 - (c) membership (if applicable) of any Section or Sections of the Club.
10. No person shall be registered as a member of the Club or be entitled to any of the incidents or rights of membership until their first subscription has been paid.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

11. (a) The amount of annual subscriptions payable by each category of member referred to in Rule 5 hereof, and in respect of each Section of the Club and the amount payable by a Life Member in respect of same shall be decided by the Management Committee of the Club subject in all cases to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- (b) All annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the first day of September every year. The schedule of subscriptions, in force for the time being, shall be available for inspection on the Club premises during all lawful opening hours of the said premises.
- (c) Any member whose subscription or any part thereof is in arrear for a period of more than 2 months shall not take part in any of the activities of the Club or its

Sections or vote at any meeting of the Club or its Sections. Any member whose subscription or any part thereof is unpaid on the first day of February next following the date on which the subscription was due shall cease to have all rights incidents and privileges of membership of the Club and of its Sections and their name shall be erased from the Register of the Club and its Sections without any prior notice to that effect provided that written demand for such subscription shall have been made by the Honorary Subscriptions Secretary of the Club prior to the date on which the subscription was due. The Management Committee of the Club in its absolute and uncontrolled discretion may re-instate any such member at any time thereafter on payment of all arrears of subscription plus the current subscription.

- (d) "Subscription" in these rules shall be deemed to include not only the basic subscription payable in respect of the types of membership specified in Rule 5 (a) hereof but also any additional subscription payable in respect of any sub-classification of membership or in respect of membership of any of the Sections of the Club. The total subscription shall be paid to the Honorary Subscription Secretary of the Club.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

12. (a) On the recommendation of the Management Committee of the Club prominent persons who have rendered special services in connection with the advancement of the reputation and standing of the Club or the advancement of any of the sports and interest pursued by the various Sections of the Club or who are distinguished in the public life may be elected Honorary members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

- (b) With regard to Honorary membership to be granted in respect of the advancement of any of the sports and interests pursued by the various Sections of the Club as mentioned in paragraph 12(a) hereof the Honorary Secretary of the appropriate Section of the Club on the instructions of the General Committee of such Section may put forward the names of such persons satisfying paragraph 12(a) hereof who are considered to be suitable persons for such Honorary membership for consideration by the Management Committee for possible recommendation to the Annual General Meeting of the Club as mentioned in paragraph 12 (a) hereof.
- (c) On being accepted as an Honorary member of the Club in accordance with these rules such persons will be subject to these rules and have all the rights and privileges of membership of the Club.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

13. On being accepted as a Life member of the Club in accordance with these Rules such persons shall be subject to these Rules and have all the rights and privileges of membership of the Club.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

14. On being accepted as an Annual member of the Club in accordance with these Rules such persons shall be subject to these Rules have all the rights and privileges of membership of the Club.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

15. (a) On being accepted as an Associate member of the Club in accordance with these Rules such persons subject to these Rules shall not be entitled to attend or vote at any General Meeting of the Club and shall not be eligible for election to any office in the Club or its Sections or to membership of any committee save by approval of the Management Committee nor shall such person have any interest in the Club property. An Associate member shall be entitled to use the premises of the Club subject to such restrictions as may be laid down by the Management Committee and the Bye-laws governing any Section of the Club and shall be only entitled to such other rights and privileges as are expressly provided for in the Bye-laws governing the Section of the Club of which such person shall be a member.
- (b) Persons shall not be admitted in such numbers to membership not carrying voting rights in relation to the affairs of the Club as will result in the number of members not having such rights exceeding the number of members having such rights.

MEMBERSHIP GENERALLY

16. All members of the Club shall have the following rights and privileges save as otherwise expressly provided by the Rules:
- (a) To attend and vote at any General Meeting of the Club and to stand for election to any office or position in the Club or to membership of any Committee of the Club.

- (b) To use the premises of the Club subject to such restrictions as may be laid down by the Management Committee and the Bye-laws governing any Section of the Club.
- (c) Such other rights and privileges as may from time to time be given by virtue of any alteration or amendment of these Rules or by the Bye-laws governing any Section of the Club or by any resolution of the Club or its Sections in General Meeting.

OFFICERS

- 17. The Club shall have the following Officers:
 - (i) Chairman
 - (ii) Honorary Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Club at the direction of the Management Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings at General Meetings of the Club and meetings of the Management Committee and shall keep a register of members.
 - (iii) Honorary Treasurer who shall keep accounts and books showing the financial affairs receipts and disbursements of the Club and prepare a statement thereof to be submitted after audit at the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Treasurer shall submit a financial statement at each monthly meeting of the Management Committee. The Honorary Treasurer shall not pay any account or bill on behalf of the Club for any amount exceeding £200 without the authority of the Management Committee.

18. All officers of the Club shall be proposed seconded and elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall hold office for one year or until the next Annual General Meeting whichever shall be the later when they shall then retire. Officers shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
19. No member of the Club shall be appointed an officer of the Club unless he shall have been a member of the Club for at least one year prior to election.
20. All officers of the Club shall be ex-officio members of all committees of the Club and its sections.

HONORARY SUBSCRIPTIONS SECRETARY

21. The Honorary Subscriptions Secretary shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Club. Such person shall not be an officer of the Club but shall be eligible for re-election from year to year. Rule 22 hereof shall apply to the election of the Honorary Subscriptions Secretary.
22. The duties of the Honorary Subscriptions Secretary shall be to collect all subscriptions due to the Club in respect of the period from which such person is appointed and all arrears of subscriptions then due and to keep accounts and books in respect thereof. The Honorary Subscriptions Secretary shall prepare a report for each monthly meeting of the Management Committee, and shall prepare an annual statement showing the amount of subscriptions received and all arrears due at the end of each financial year and shall submit same to the Honorary Treasurer.

AUDITOR

23. The Auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting of the Club for the then current financial year. Such person shall not be an officer of the Club nor a member of the Management Committee of the Club but shall be eligible for re-appointment from year to year. The duties of the Auditor shall be to audit the annual statement of accounts before submission to the Annual General Meeting of the Club. In the event of death or resignation of the Auditor during any financial year a Special General Meeting shall be held to appoint his successor.

FINANCIAL YEAR

24. The financial year shall commence on the first day of September each year.

CASUAL VACANCIES

25. In the event of a vacancy occurring amongst the officers of the Club the place shall be filled by a member of the Management Committee elected by the Management Committee who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. A member of the Club may be co-opted or appointed by the Management Committee to fill a vacancy on the Management Committee.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

26. The management of the Club shall subject to these Rules be entrusted to a Management Committee to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club as provided by these Rules. Such Management Committee shall have

control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control and dismiss Club servants, power to maintain and improve Club property and to supply refreshments and shall have all administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objectives of the Club in accordance with these Rules.

27. The Management Committee shall meet at least once in every month and on such further occasions as may be found necessary for the transaction of the Club.

MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

28. (a) The Management Committee shall consist of the following persons:

- (i) Officers of the Club
- (ii) Honorary Subscriptions Secretary
- (iii) a representative from each of the aforesaid sections of the Club (and a representative from each new Section of the Club which may be created in accordance with these Rules after the creation of the Club). Such representative of each Section of the Club shall be nominated by the General Committee of that Section in accordance with the Bye-laws governing the relevant section.

- (b) Persons entitled to be members of the Management Committee under paragraph (a) (iii) above shall be elected in manner similar to that set forth in Rule 18 hereof, and Rule 19 hereof shall apply to such person in the same way as it applies to an officer of the Club.

POWERS, DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

29. The management committee shall have powers and duties as given to and imposed upon them by these Rules.
30. (a) At all meetings of the Management Committee 4 shall form a quorum of whom at least one shall be an officer of the Club.
- (b) At all meetings of the Management Committee the Chairman shall have a vote and also, if necessary, a casting vote in addition to his original vote.
- (c) Minute books shall be kept in which proper records of the proceedings of the Management Committee shall be entered.
- (d) The Management Committee shall follow all other Rules of procedure laid down by these Rules.
- (e) Any resolution submitted to the Management Committee and which is within its scope and competence shall be deemed to be carried in a majority of those present and voting signify their approval by a show of hands or other suitable method in accordance with the direction of the Chairman.
31. The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees for any special purpose.

SECTIONS OF THE CLUB

32. The Club may at any time in General Meeting authorise the formation of additional Sections of the Club consisting of groups of its members wishing to participate in an eligible sport as defined by the Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) Regulations.
33. All Sections of the Club whether present or future shall be subject to these rules.

34. (a) The Bye-laws of any proposed Section of the Club to be founded after the creation of the Club shall be submitted to the Management Committee for approval and shall only come into effect when and so far as approved by them.
- (b) The Bye-laws of any Section of the Club shall be void and of no effect in so far as they are inconsistent either directly or indirectly with these Rules or make such provision as would directly or indirectly restrict or frustrate the operation of same whether approved as aforesaid or not.
- (c) The Bye-laws of each Section of the Club shall in all important particulars (e.g. membership, officers, meetings, procedures, resignations and removals, etc.) be similar so as to make the general administration of the Club and its various Sections in all respects as uniform as possible and in approving the Bye-laws of any proposed new Section of the Club, Management Committee shall have regard to this point.
35. The Management Committee shall have power to allocate such sums of money out of the Club funds to any Section of the Club as they shall in their discretion think fit. The Honorary Treasurer of each Section of the Club shall render account to and prepare such statements of account as may be required by the Management Committee from time to time and in particular at the end of each financial year for audit purposes.
36. (a) Each section of the Club shall have the following officers:
- (i) President
 - (ii) Honorary Secretary
 - (iii) Honorary Treasurer
 - (iv) Such other officers (if any) as may be designated by the Bye-laws governing the relevant Section of the Club.

- (b) Such officers shall have the powers duties and responsibilities given to them by the Bye-laws governing the relevant Section of the Club and by these Rules.

RESIGNATION

37. A member may at any time by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Club resign their membership of the Club but shall continue liable for any annual subscriptions due and unpaid at the date of their resignation. Any member having given notice of such resignation not later than 31 August in any year shall not be liable for the subscription for the next ensuing year but any member giving such notice after 31 August in any year shall be liable for the subscription for the year then current. Any members having resigned as aforesaid and having discharged all liabilities to the Club and wishing to rejoin may be re-admitted to membership in accordance with and subject to these Rules.
38. Resignation from the Club shall be deemed to be resignation also from all Sections of the Club.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

39. a. Any member who shall infringe any rule or bye-law, or whose conduct, whether within the clubhouse or elsewhere, may bring the standing of the club or sport into disrepute, may, at the discretion of the management committee, have their membership refused, suspended or terminated.

- b. Any member convicted of an offence by a court of summary jurisdiction or other court, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled, but an opportunity may be afforded to advance a defence, unless a simple majority of the Management Committee shall vote for his suspension or expulsion.
- c. Any member having their membership refused, suspended or terminated under Rule 39(a) or Rule 39(b) has the right of appeal to the members of the Club. Such appeal shall be heard at the next General Meeting of the Club.

40. **CLUB PROPERTY**

- (a) Any members of the Club expelled in accordance with these Rules or otherwise ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all such rights as he otherwise would have had by reason of membership.
 - (b) No member shall take away from the pavilions or premises of the Club under any pretence whatever without the permission of the Honorary Secretary of the Club any property or articles of the Club and any member injuring or destroying such property or articles shall forthwith make the same good or replace same to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.
41. The property of the Club (excluding any real, chattel real or leasehold property) shall be vested in the Management Committee under and by virtue of these Rules.
42. The real, chattel real and leasehold property of the Club shall be vested in not less than 3 nor more than 5 Trustees who shall be appointed at a General Meeting of the Club and who shall hold the said property in trust for all members of the Club for the time being and shall deal with the said property as directed by the Management Committee of the Club from time to time. A

General Meeting of the Club shall have power to remove any of the Trustees and all vacancies occurring by removal resignation or death may be filled at the same or the next General Meeting of the Club. Subject to the direction of the Management Committee as aforesaid the Trustees shall have power to invest the funds of the Club and adopt such measures as may appear to them necessary and expedient in the interests of the Club including the purchase, sale or mortgage of real, chattel real or leasehold property or any interest therein or to make leases or fee farm grants thereof or to accept surrenders of the same.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 43 The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the Club Rooms, Hyde Park, Mallusk, Co. Antrim, or other suitable place during either the month of October or November in each year on such day and at such time as the Management Committee shall decide. The Management Committee shall in each year prepare a report in the form of a review of the working of the Club and its various Sections and shall submit it to the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting.
44. At the AGM the following business will be conducted:
- (a) Report of the Management Committee
 - (b) Honorary Treasurer's financial statement as certified by the Auditor
 - (c) Election of Office Bearers
 - (d) Election of Management Committee
 - (e) Appointment of Auditor
 - (f) Revision of Rules

(g) Transaction of any other business that may arise which the Chairman shall deem to be in order including (without prejudice to the generality of the terms hereof) business brought forward under Rule 39 and Rule 58 hereof.

The Honorary Secretary shall give at least 7 days notice of the date, time and place and the business of the Annual General Meeting to every member by letter to his address on the Register of Members or in such other manner as the Management Committee shall from time to time direct.

45. (a) At a General Meeting 20 shall form a quorum and in case there shall be no quorum assembled within 30 minutes of the time appointed for the meeting the meeting shall stand adjourned until such time as the management committee shall decide.

(b) At a General Meeting the Chairman shall occupy the Chair or in his absence any member of the Management Committee elected at the meeting to act or in their absence the members present shall proceed to elect a Chairman from those present.

(c) Any resolution submitted to a General Meeting shall be deemed to be carried if a majority of those present and voting signify their approval by a show of hands or other suitable method in accordance with the direction of the Chairman. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote as a member.

46. A member wishing to bring business before a General Meeting must hand or send a written copy of the resolution he desires to propose to the Honorary Secretary of the Club at least 21 days prior to the date of the Meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

47. (a) An extraordinary general meeting of the Club may be called at any time by the Management Committee and shall be called at the request of 20 or more members of the Club conveyed in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Club. The meeting shall be held within one calendar month from the receipt of such request by the Honorary Secretary of the Club and only such business as is specified in such written request and in the Notice convening the meeting may be transacted.
- (b) The rules relating to the procedure at a General Meeting of the Club shall apply to an extraordinary general meeting in the same manner as apply to an Annual General Meeting.

ALTERATION OF RULES

48. (a) No rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered and no new Rule shall be made save by a 2/3rds majority of the members present and voting at a General Meeting. 21 days notice of the intention to propose any new Rule or alteration shall be given to the Honorary Secretary of the Club in writing who shall send a notice of the same to every member of the Club to his address on the Club Register of Members or in such other manner as the Management Committee shall from time to time direct at least 7 days before the General Meeting.
- (b) The alteration and introduction of new Bye-laws of the various sections of the Club shall be effected in accordance with Rule 34(c) thereof.
- (c) No Rule may be added or amended so as to jeopardise the Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002 and not in any event to alter its purpose or winding up provisions.

COMPLAINTS

49. All complaints shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Club who shall submit them to the Management Committee for consideration provided always that if the complaint is one which relates to a matter specifically within the scope of one of the Sections of the Club the Management Committee may in its discretion refer the matter to the General Committee of the Section concerned and the decision of such General Committee shall subject to the approval of the Management Committee be final.

BORROWING POWERS

50. If at any time the Club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Management Committee to borrow money the Management Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution and thereupon the Trustees shall at the direction of the Management Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Management Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not, and all persons becoming members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

BANK ACCOUNT

51. An account or accounts shall be maintained in the name of the Club in such Banks as shall be arranged by the Management Committee in which Bank or Banks all monies received for and on behalf of the Club shall be lodged. All forms which are required to be signed to enable money to be withdrawn from said Bank or Banks shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer or such other person or persons as the Management Committee shall from time to time direct.

HOURS

52. The premises, pavilions and playing fields of the Club shall be opened and closed on such days and at such hours as the Management Committee or Bye-laws governing any Section of the Club shall determine, and which comply with the licensing regulations which are in force at the time.

NOTICES

53. No notice or placard whether written or printed shall be put up in the pavilions or premises of the Club without the sanction of a member of the Management Committee nor shall any such notice or placard be altered or removed without the sanction of a member of the Management Committee provided always that if the notice or placard relates to a matter specifically within the scope of one of the Sections of the Club the sanction of a member of the General Committee of that Section shall be sought instead.

ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

54. Every member shall from time to time communicate to the Honorary Secretary of the Club their address or that of their agent. Such addresses shall be inserted in the Register of Members and all notices when sent by post to such address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered.

MEMBERS BOUND BY RULES

55. Every member shall be bound by and submit to these Rules and the Bye-laws governing the Sections of the Club of which they may be a member. A copy of these Rules and copies of the Bye-laws governing each Section of the Club shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary of the Club. A copy of these Rules and of the Bye-laws governing the Section concerned shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary of each Section. The aforesaid copies of these Rules and Bye-laws governing the various Sections of the Club shall be made accessible to the members.

RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO CLUB

56. a. The Honorary Treasurer of each Section of the Club shall be responsible for the day to day running of the finances of the Section. In the event of non-payment of outstanding debt, the Honorary Treasurer of the Section will report the debtor to the management committee who shall be authorised to take the appropriate legal action.

- b. The management committee is further authorised to take appropriate legal action in respect of any other matter, in the interest of protecting club property and assets.

VOTING

57. Voting at any General Meeting of the Club shall be by a show of hands unless at least 3 members present request voting by secret ballot. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

DECISION OF QUESTIONS NOT PROVIDED FOR

58. If any question arises which is not provided for by these Rules or by the Bye-laws governing the various Sections of the Club or is not within the powers and competence of the Management Committee it shall be settled at a General Meeting of the Club of which due notice has been given.

DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

59. If at any General Meeting of the Club a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of the members present and voting at such meeting and such resolution shall at a Special General Meeting held not less than 1 month thereafter (at least 7 days written notice of which Special General Meeting to be sent to each member of the Club by registered letter) at which not less than one half of the members shall be present be confirmed and shall be passed by a 2/3rd majority of the members present and voting at such Special General Meeting the Management Committee shall thereupon or on such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise all

the property and assets of the Club and its various Sections, and after the discharge of all liabilities of the Club and its various Sections shall hand the balance of the proceeds over to an appropriate approved Community Amateur Sports Club, Sports Governing Body or Registered Charity as directed by the Members at the General Meeting. On completion of the said handing over the Club shall be duly dissolved.

EVIDENCE OF RESOLUTION

60. An entry in the Minute Books of the Club as to a resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Club signed by the Chairman at that meeting or by the Chairman at the next General Meeting or an Extract from the said Minute Book duly certified by the Chairman at that meeting shall be conclusive evidence as to the contents of any such resolution and that such resolution was duly and properly passed at such meeting, and an entry in the Minute Books of the Management Committee or any other Committees of the Club as to a resolution passed by same signed by the Chairman at any such Committee meeting or by the Chairman at the next Committee Meeting or an extract from the appropriate Minute Book duly certified by the Chairman at the relevant Committee meeting shall be conclusive evidence as to the contents of any resolution and that such resolution was duly and properly passed at such Committee Meeting.

PROFITS OF THE CLUB

- 61 (a) No member of the Club nor any manager or servant employed by the Club shall have any personal interest in the profits arising from the sale of intoxicating liquors, refreshments, meals, cigarettes, etc. in relation to the objects of the Club unless given approval by the management committee. It is an express condition of the election of any member that the nett profits arising from such sources or in the general running of the Club shall be devoted to the objects of the Club as set out in Rule 3 hereof and for no other purpose whatsoever.
- (b) No member of the committee or governing body, and no manager or servant employed by the club, shall have any personal interest in the supply of intoxicating liquor in the club or in the profits arising from such supply.
- (c) No person shall be paid at the expense of the club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchase of intoxicating liquor by the club.
- (d) No person shall, directly or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefit for the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the club or members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the club as a whole.
- (e) All surplus income or profits are re-invested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

VISITORS

62. All members shall be at liberty to introduce their friends as guests or visitors. Every such visitor or guest shall immediately on his admission to the Club premises enter his name and address in a book which shall be kept for that

purpose and which shall show the date of each visit. No persons except the parent, husband, wife or child of a member may be introduced as a visitor or guest more than 20 times in any one year and a member may not introduce more than 3 guest at any one time. No visitor shall be supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member. Members introducing such visitors shall remain with them whilst they are in the Club premises. The Management Committee or the General Committee of a Section of the Club (if appropriate) shall have the right to exclude without stating a reason, any visitor who in their opinion is undesirable. In the case of a visiting Club or organisation taking part in the arrangements for any sport, recreation or entertainment at the premises of the Club it will be adequate if a member of the Management Committee or General Committee of a Section of the Club (if appropriate) enters the name of the visiting Club or organisation in the Visitor's Book together with the number of such visitors but without individually listing their names and thereafter such visitors may be supplied with intoxicating liquor in the presence of any such Committee member as aforesaid.

LIQUOR

63. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to members of the Club and with the permission of the Divisional Commander of the Police Service of Northern Ireland acting for the Division in which the Club premises are situated. Members shall not be permitted to make purchase of liquor and store same in any part of the Club premises.

64. No person under 18 years of age shall be supplied with intoxicating liquor
65. There shall be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the Club premises a statement printed in plain type of the hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied on the premises.
66. No members shall be admitted as Temporary Members.

EQUALITY AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES

67. The Club has adopted the equality statement as per the attached appendix 1.
68. The Club has adopted the Child protection Policy as per the attached appendix 2 .

P H Johnston

Chairman

J Quinn

Hon Treasurer

APPENDIX 1

EQUALITY STATEMENT

We, the Academy Sports Club, aim to promote the sports of Rugby Football, Cricket and Hockey for all people who live in the Newtownabbey area, and will be mindful of the need to carry out our functions in a manner which promotes equality of opportunity between:

- Persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation.
- Between men and women generally.
- Between persons with a disability and persons without.
- Between persons with dependents and persons without.

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APPENDIX 2

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Academy Sports Club requires the playing sections of the club to work closely with their Governing Bodies to ensure that the best practice is followed by this club. In order to promote the best practice in Children's Sport, we shall comply with the guidelines of the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport; as set out in Section 2.7 which are:

1. Adopt and implement the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland (The Code) as an integral part of policy on children in the club.
2. Club Rules and Constitution to be approved and adopted by Club Members at EGM on 28th August 2003 and annually at the General meeting thereafter.
3. All paid up members over 16 years of age shall be entitled to vote. In addition one parent/guardian shall have a vote in respect of all of their children under the age of 16 who are paid up members.
4. The Management Committee shall be elected and endorsed by members at the AGM.
5. Where it is necessary to recruit and select Sports Leaders, the sections will follow the policy and procedures as prescribed by The Code.
6. The role of committee members and leaders will be defined in the Club Rules and Constitution and also in the bye-laws of each section of the Club.
7. The club requires each Section to appoint a Children's Officer.
8. The Club Chairman will liaise with the Statutory Authorities to report any allegations or suspicions of Child abuse and will at all times comply with The Code.
9. A copy of the Rules and Constitution of the Club will be displayed at all times in the Clubrooms, detailing disciplinary and appeals procedures.
10. In the event of an allegation of child abuse against any member or sports leader, the person involved will immediately cease their involvement in any area of the Club where children are present and will not resume duties until vindicated by thorough examination by the appropriate authorities.

11. Sports Leaders will report to the Children's officer of each Section, who in turn will be required to report to the Management Committee as required.
12. Membership of Section Committees will be renewed annually, with each Section ensuring continuity of experience within their committee.
13. The club will maintain an accident log.
14. The Club will monitor attendance and investigate any unusual activity. If necessary, the Chairman will report to the Governing Body of Sport.
15. Members will be advised of any EGM and AGM as prescribed in the Rules and Constitution of the Club
16. Minutes of all meetings will be recorded and filed.

PH Johnston

Chairman

J Quinn

Hon Treasurer