

TOWCESTRIANS

Sports Club

TOWCESTRIANS RULES

1. TITLE

The Club hereinafter referred to as the 'Club' shall be called TOWCESTRIANS.

The Club shall have four Sections which will play under the following names:-

- a. Towcestrians Rugby Football Club, (which shall be affiliated to the Rugby Football Union, the East Midlands Rugby Union, The Northampton and District Alliance and to the East Midlands Referees Society).
- b. Towcestrians Cricket Club, (which shall be affiliated to the English Cricket Board, the Northants County Cricket Board, the Northants Cricket League and the Midlands Club Cricket Conference).
- c. Towcestrians Tennis Club, (which shall be affiliated to the Northamptonshire Tennis Association).
- d. Towcestrians Hockey Club, (which shall be affiliated to the All England Women's Hockey Association).

2. OBJECT

To promote the playing of Rugby Football, Cricket, Tennis and Hockey in Towcester and District and to provide such Social Amenities for members as may be decided from time to time.

3. COLOURS

The colours of the Club shall be maroon and gold.

The colours of the Hockey Section shall be purple skirts (ladies)/shorts (men) and socks and white shirts.

4. HEADQUARTERS

The Club shall have its headquarters at Greens Norton Road, Towcester, Northants.

5. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Voting rights shall be limited to 5 categories of members:

- a. Senior, adult playing members i.e. those who are available to play for a team or have paid the appropriate subscription for a team. This category will have voting rights.
- b. The President and Trustees of the Club shall have voting rights.
- c. Life and Honorary Life Members shall have voting rights.
- d. Section Committee members, and General Committee members, who do not qualify in any of the above categories shall have voting rights.
- e. Officers of the Divisions – a maximum of four. For the avoidance of doubt, other Division Committee members do not have voting rights unless they qualify under another category.

For the avoidance of doubt;

Vice Presidents do not have voting rights.

Fully paid-up members of the Club under the age of 18 years will not have voting rights.

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6. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Any person desirous of playing for the Club may become a member provided that he/she is accepted by a simple majority of the relevant Section Committee.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

A basic subscription shall be decided at the A.G.M or at an extraordinary meeting of the Club called by the General Committee. In addition to this basic sum an annual playing fee will be charged by each Section.

Cricket and Tennis subscriptions shall fall due on 1 April each year and must be paid by 31 May, after which a 'late fee' of £10.00 shall be added.

Rugby and Hockey subscriptions shall fall due on 1 September and must be paid by 31 October, after which a 'late fee' of £10.00 shall be added.

Any member under the age of 18 shall pay no basic subscription but a Section membership fee shall be fixed by the Section concerned.

8. TIES AND BADGES

Payment of the annual subscription shall entitle the member to purchase and wear the official Club ties and badges.

9. CLUB HOUSE

Payment of the annual subscription shall entitle the member to use the facilities provided in the Club House.

10. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

Members shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that can only add esteem to the Club. Any member acting (at any time) against the interest of the Club may be expelled at the discretion of a simple majority of the relevant Section Committee.

11. OFFICERS

These shall consist of the following:-

- a. President
- b. Chairman of the Rugby Club
- c. Chairman of the Mini and Junior Division of the Rugby Club
- d. Chairman of the Cricket Club
- e. Chairman of the Tennis Club
- f. Chairperson of the Hockey Club
- g. Honorary Treasurer
- h. Honorary General Secretary
- i. Honorary Assistant General Secretary
- j. Social Secretary
- k. Subscription Secretary

Or their deputies.

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12. MANAGEMENT

- a. The Officers of the Club, together with eight elected Committee members, called the General Committee, shall be vested with the management of the Club, but not responsible for the playing activities of each section.

Each section shall be administered by a committee elected at its respective annual players' meeting.

The General Committee shall have power to appoint ad hoc sub-committees as required.

Seven members shall form a quorum.

- b. There shall be four trustees of the Club who may also be members of the General Committee. The first trustees shall be appointed by the General Committee.

The property of the Club, (other than cash, which shall be under the control of the Club Steward), shall be vested in the name of the trustees. The trustees will delegate powers to the General Committee which shall, from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence) appropriate actions – those actions always to be in the best interests of the Club. The trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the General Committee who may for any reason, which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting, remove any trustee or trustees from the office of trustee.

If by reason on any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the General Committee that a new trustee or trustees shall be appointed or if the General Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional trustee or additional trustees the General Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed new trustee or trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the President is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons nominated by the General Committee as the new trustee or trustees of the Club, and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour of a personal dealing bona fide and for value with the Club of the General Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

- c. The General Committee is authorised to borrow money on such terms as they agree and be further authorised to direct the Trustees in whom the Club property is vested to give such security for borrowings as the General Committee shall authorise including mortgaging or charging any such property.
- d. The General Committee may at their discretion, loan or hire out the playing fields or any room or rooms on the Club premises to an association, organisation or other persons not being members of the Club, and at their discretion to sell to such persons attending functions organised by such associated, organisation or persona, intoxicating liquor for consumption on the Club premises only.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Officers and Committee members, as stated at rule 11. shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. If any office falls vacant the General Committee shall have power to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

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14. TRUSTEES

- a. The number of Trustees shall not be fewer than two, or more than four.
 - (i) The Trustees shall hold office until death, resignation or removal from office by resolution of the Members;
 - (ii) There shall be vested in the Trustees all the property of the Club, other than cash, which will be under the control of the Treasurer;
 - (iii) The Trustees may deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise as directed by the Club. Such direction shall be given by a resolution of the members of the Club, passed by a majority of the members present at a duly convened meeting of the Club and when so passed, shall in favour of a purchaser, mortgagee, chargee, lessee or grantee be binding upon all members of the Club. A certificate purporting to be signed by the secretary for the time being of the Club shall in favour of those persons be conclusive evidence that a direction complying in all respects with the above provisions of this rule was duly given to the Trustees.
- b. Indemnity
The Trustees and members of the Committee, shall not be liable (otherwise than as members) for any loss suffered by the Club as a result of the discharge of their respective duties on its behalf, except such loss as arises from their respective wilful default and they shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Club for all expenses and other liabilities incurred by them in the discharge of their respective duties.

15. MEETINGS

- a. The Club shall run from 1 September to 31 August and all reports and statement of accounts shall be made up to 31 August in each year.
- b. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October or November. Notice of meeting and agenda to be notified to members at least seven days prior to the meeting.
- c. A Special General Meeting may be called either by the committee or by the signed request of twelve members. There shall be at least seven clear days between the notification of members of the agenda for that meeting and the date of its occurrence.

16. ALTERATIONS OF THE RULES

These shall only be carried out at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. No rule shall be altered, rescinded or added to without the consent of two-thirds of those present and voting at either of such meetings. The proposed alteration to be included in the notices required under Rules 15 b and c.

17. DISPLAY OF RULES

A copy of these rules shall be affixed to the notice board in the Club House and all members shall be bound thereby. They will also be available on the Club website.

18. MINUTES

Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman at the next meeting. These shall be open to perusal by any member at any reasonable time provided the committee feels a substantial reason has been given.

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19. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

All sections and divisions of the Club will be financially autonomous.

Ultimately, all finance shall be under the control of the General Committee who shall apportion the funds between the respective activities as they see fit. All Club funds shall pass through the Club's official bank accounts; no individual or section has the authority to open a bank account without approval from the general Committee.

Any further funds required by any activity may be raised by individual effort at the discretion of the General Committee.

A Reporting Accountant (qualified as an Auditor) shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. The reporting Accountant will review the Club accounts and report back to the General Committee, and ultimately the members.

20. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

If the General Committee by a simple majority decide at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club it shall call a meeting of all members of the Club and not less than 21 days notice shall be given. If such a dissolution shall be confirmed by simple majority of those present and voting at such meeting the Committee shall to the extent of any funds in their hands discharge any outstanding liabilities that have occurred and transfer any remaining assets and surplus funds towards charitable purposes and to such organisation or organisations as have aim similar to those of the Club and as may be approved by the Minister of Education.

- 21.** All sections are encouraged to adopt policies consistent with sporting principles, and the rules of the game in which they participate. Those policies shall be fair to all, and shall not discriminate against any individual. In the absence of policies to the contrary all sections shall be deemed to comply with the policies displayed on the website of their relevant affiliated body.

- 22.** The Club shall be open at such times as shall be fixed by the General Committee.

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Rugby Football Club

RUGBY FOOTBALL SECTION RULES

1. TITLE

The Rugby Section shall play under the name of Towcestrians Rugby Football Club.

2. MANAGEMENT

The overall management of the Rugby Section shall be vested in the General Committee of the Towcestrians. The day to day management and all playing activities shall be vested in the Committee of Management at the Rugby Section elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Section.

There shall be a sub-division of the Rugby Section known as the Junior and Mini Division of the Rugby Section relating to the playing activities of players under the age of 18 years. A coach or one parent or guardian of a playing member of this division shall be allowed to vote at meetings of the Division, provided that they shall have paid their child's subscriptions for the season. For the avoidance of doubt this shall not allow such voting rights at the Rugby Section or the Club annual or extraordinary general meetings.

The Rugby Section shall be represented on the General Committee by the Section Chairman and the Chairman of the Junior and Mini Division or their deputies.

3. OFFICERS

The Section Committee of management shall consist of the following:-

- a. President of the Club
- b. Chairman of the Section
- c. Secretary of the Section
- d. Section Fixtures Secretary
- e. First 15 Captain or his deputy
- f. Chairman of Junior and Mini division of the Section or his deputy
- g. The co-ordinator of the following sub-committees:-
 - i coaching and development
 - ii finance
 - iii match
 - iv social
 - v house
- h. 2 elected members

The Committee shall have power to co-opt. Five members shall form a quorum.

- That with effect from the first committee meeting after the Section A.G.M each year the position of Coaching Coordinator shall henceforth be appointed by majority vote of the Committee.

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of all meetings are to be presented by the Section Chairman or his deputy to the next General Committee Meeting.

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5. RESOLUTIONS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Any member desirous of moving any resolution to an A.G.M shall give notice in writing thereof to the Secretary not less than 14 (fourteen) days before the date of such meeting. Such resolution shall be presented at the A.G.M by the Proposer and Seconder personally, failing which the resolution shall not be presented.

6. SUBSCRIPTION

- a. The annual subscription of the Rugby Section shall be as determined by the Committee from time to time and ratified by members at the A.G.M and shall be payable by 30 September of each year.
- b. If any member's subscription be not paid by 30 September (or a payment arrangement has not been set up) written intimation shall be given, and if the subscription shall not be paid within 14 (fourteen) days after such notice, the defaulter shall cease to be a member of the Rugby Section and not be eligible for selection for any of the teams or to use the facilities of the Club. Any member so struck off may be reinstated at the discretion of the Committee.

7. VICE PRESIDENTS

There shall be Vice Presidents of the Section. The Vice Presidents shall be invited by the Committee to take office and shall enjoy the rights of membership but shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings.

8. POLICIES

All members, officers, volunteers and coaches are expected to respect and work to the Rugby Section's policies on the following:-

- Equality Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy, this has sections for Players, Coaches and Parents.

These policies are available to all coaches, players and parents as separate documents which are under constant revision by the management committee

9. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

The Rugby Section operates in accordance with the rules of the Rugby Football Union and will discipline players in a manner consistent with guidelines issued by that body.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This shall be held in the month of May each year at a date and time fixed by the Committee of Management.

11. RULES

- a. The Committee of Management shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and the decision of the Committee of Management upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Section and not provided for by these rules shall be final and binding on the members.
- b. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by Resolution passed at any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting by a majority of at least two-thirds of members present and voting thereon.

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Rugby Football Club

Mini & Junior Division

RUGBY FOOTBALL MINI & JUNIOR DIVISION RULES

1. TITLE

The Division shall play under the name of Towcestrians Rugby Football Club Mini and Junior Division.

2 MANAGEMENT AND VOTING RIGHTS

The overall management of the Mini and Junior Division shall be vested in the Rugby Section Committee. The day to day management of all playing and financial activities of the division shall be vested in the Committee of Management of the Mini and Junior Division elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Division, subject always to ratification by the Rugby Section Committee.

The Chairman or his deputy shall represent the Division on the Rugby Section Committee and the General Committee of the Club.

A coach or one parent or guardian of a playing member of this section shall be allowed to vote at meetings of the Division, provided that they shall have paid their child's annual subscription. For the avoidance of doubt this shall not allow such voting rights at the Rugby Section or the Club annual or extraordinary general meetings.

3. COMMITTEE

The Mini and Junior Division Committee of Management shall consist of the following:-

Officers:

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

Who shall have full voting rights as Club members and;

Committee Members

- a. Registration Officer
- b. Fixtures Secretary
- c. Minutes Secretary
- d. The head coach of each age group or his deputy
- e. The team manager of each age group or his deputy
- f. Up to 8 elected members

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The Chairman of the Division or his deputy shall present the Minutes of all Division Meetings to the next Rugby Section Meeting.

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Rugby Football Club

Mini & Junior Division

5. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- a. The annual subscriptions of the Division will be determined by the Divisions Committee of Management at the first Meeting after the General Meeting and any changes to subscriptions must be ratified by Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. Subscriptions must be paid at the beginning of each season and no later than 2 months into the season.

6. **POLICIES**

All members, officers, volunteers and coaches are expected to respect the Division's policies on the following:-

- Equity Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy, this has sections for Players, Coaches and Parents.

These policies are available to all coaches, players and parents as separate documents which are under constant revision by the management committee

7. **DISCIPLINARY ISSUES**

The Towcestrians Rugby Football Club Mini and Junior Division is subject to disciplinary procedures operated by The Rugby Section.

The Rugby Section operates in accordance with the rules of the Rugby Football Union and will discipline players in a manner consistent with guidelines issued by that body.

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Cricket Club

CRICKET SECTION RULES

1. TITLE

The Cricket Section shall play under the name of Towcestrians Cricket Club.

2. MANAGMENT

The overall management of the Cricket Section shall be vested in the General Committee. The day-to-day management and all playing activities shall be vested in the committee of management of the Cricket Section elected at the Annual General Meeting of the section.

The Chairman of the Cricket Section will be elected by the Committee members at their next meeting after the Section A.G.M.

The Chairman and/or section committee member shall represent the Cricket Section on the General Committee.

3. OFFICERS

The Cricket Section shall consist of the following:-

The president is an ex officio member of the committee.

- a. Chairman
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer
- d. Fixtures Secretary
- e. Captains and Vice-Captains of all teams
- f. Representative from Ladies Cricket committee
- g. Representative from Junior Cricket committee
- h. Plus four elected Committee Members.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt. Five members shall form a quorum.

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of all meetings are to be presented by the Chairman and/or section committee member to the next General Committee Meeting.

Any member desirous of moving any resolution to an A.G.M shall give notice in writing thereof to the secretary not less than 14 (fourteen) days before the date of such meeting. The Proposer and Seconder shall present such resolution at the A.G.M personally, failing which the resolution shall not be presented.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a. The annual subscriptions of the Cricket Section will be determined by the Committee from time to time, any changes to the subscriptions must be approved by members at the Cricket Section AGM.
- b. Subscriptions must be paid by 31 May.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Cricket Section Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31 December in any year.

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7. POLICIES

All coaches will respect and work to the Cricket Section's policies on the following:-

- Equality Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy, this has sections for Players, Coaches and Parents.

These policies are available to all coaches, players and parents as separate documents which are under constant revision by the management committee

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Cricket Club – Ladies Section

LADIES CRICKET SECTION RULES

1. TITLE

The division shall play under the name of Towcestrians Cricket Club.

2. MANAGEMENT

The overall management of the ladies cricket section shall be vested in the cricket section committee. The day-to-day management and all ladies playing activities shall be vested in the ladies cricket section committee as elected at its Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman of the ladies cricket section will be elected by the committee members at the meeting following the ladies section A.G.M., subject to ratification by the Cricket Section Committee.

A representative for the ladies section shall be elected to the senior cricket committee at the senior cricket section A.G.M. The ladies section Chairman and/or representative shall also represent the ladies cricket section on the senior cricket committee.

3. OFFICERS

The Ladies Cricket Section shall consist of the following:-

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Welfare Officer
- f. Managers and coaches of all age group teams.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt. Five members shall form a quorum.

4. REPRESENTATION

The Chairman or deputy shall represent the division on the Cricket Section Committee.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a. The annual subscriptions of the ladies cricket section will be determined by the ladies committee from time to time. Any changes to the subscriptions must be approved by members at the ladies cricket section A.G.M.
- b. Subscriptions must be paid by the agreed date.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ladies cricket section Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31 March in any year.

Any member desirous of moving any resolution to a ladies A.G.M shall give notice in writing thereof to the secretary not less than 14 (fourteen) days before the date of such meeting. The Proposer and Seconder shall present such resolution at the A.G.M personally, failing which the resolution shall not be presented.

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Cricket Club – Ladies Section

7. POLICES

All coaches will respect and work to the Cricket Sections policies on the following:-

- Equality Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy, this has sections for Players, Coaches and Parents.

These policies are available to all coaches, players and parents as separate documents which are under constant revision by the ladies management committee.

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Cricket Club – Junior Division

CRICKET – JUNIOR DIVISION RULES

1. **TITLE**

The division shall play under the name of Towcestrians Junior Cricket Club.

2. **MANAGEMENT AND VOTING RIGHTS**

The overall management of the Junior Division shall be vested in the Cricket Section Committee. The day to day management and all playing activities shall be vested in the Committee of the Junior Division elected at a General Meeting of the Division, subject to ratification by the Cricket Section Committee.

A coach or one parent or guardian of a playing member of this section shall be allowed to vote at meetings of the Division, provided that they shall have paid their child's subscription. For the avoidance of doubt this shall not allow such voting rights at the Cricket Section or the Club annual or extraordinary general meetings.

3. **COMMITTEE**

The Junior Division Committee of Management shall consist of the following:-

Officers

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

The Officers have voting rights as full club members.

Committee Members

- a. Child Protection Officers
- b. The head coach and team manager (if both positions are filled) of each team in each age group or deputies
- c. Up to 4 elected members

The Committee shall have power to co-opt. Five members shall form a quorum.

4. **REPRESENTATION**

The Chairman or his deputy shall represent the division on the Cricket Section Committee.

5. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- a. The annual subscriptions of the Division will be determined by the Division's Committee of Management at the first Meeting after the General Meeting.
- b. Subscriptions must be paid at the beginning of each season and no later than 1 month into the season.

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Cricket Club – Junior Division

6. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Section Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31 December in any year.

Any member desirous of moving any resolution to a junior A.G.M shall give notice in writing thereof to the secretary not less than 14 (fourteen) days before the date of such meeting. The Proposer and Seconder shall present such resolution at the A.G.M personally, failing which the resolution shall not be presented.

7. **POLICIES**

All coaches will respect and work to the Cricket Section's policies on the following:-

- Equality Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy, this has sections for Players, Coaches and Parents.

These policies are available to all coaches, players and parents as separate documents which are under constant revision by the management committee.

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Tennis Club

TENNIS SECTION RULES

1. TITLE

The Tennis Section shall play under the name of Towcestrians Tennis Club.

2. MANAGMENT

The management of the Tennis Section shall be vested in the General Committee of the Towcestrians for all matters other than the playing activities.

The Tennis Section shall be represented on the General Committee by the Chairman, or appointed representative.

3. OFFICERS

The Tennis Section shall consist of the following:-

- a. Chairman
- b. Treasurer
- c. Secretary
- d. Fixtures Secretary
- e. Five Committee Members

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of all meetings are to be presented by the Chairman to the next General Committee Meeting.

5. POLICIES

All members, officers, volunteers and coaches are expected to adhere to the Tennis Section's policies on the following:-

- Equity Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy, this has sections for Players, Coaches and Parents.

Policies are available to all coaches, players and parents as separate documents which are under constant revision by the management committee to ensure consistency with current guidance from the English Lawn Tennis Association and other governing bodies.

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Hockey Club

HOCKEY SECTION RULES

1. TITLE

The Hockey Section shall play under the name of Towcestrians Hockey Club.

2. MANAGMENT

The management of the Hockey Section shall be vested in the General Committee of the Towcestrians for all matters other than the playing activities.

The Hockey Section shall be represented on the General Committee by the Chair Person or their deputy.

3. OFFICERS

The Hockey Section shall consist of the following:-

- a. Chairman
- b. Secretary
- c. Fixtures Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. 1st XI Captain
- f. 2nd XI Captain
- g. 3rd XI Captain
- h. Press Secretary
- i. Pitch Booking Secretary
- j. Junior Liaison Officer
- k. Social Secretary

The Committee shall have power to co-opt. Five members shall form a quorum.

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of all meetings are to be presented by the Chair Person or their deputy to the next General Committee Meeting.

5. POLICIES

All members, officers, volunteers and coaches are expected to adhere to the Hockey Section's policies on the following:-

- Equality Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy, this has sections for Players, Coaches and Parents.

Policies are available to all coaches, players and parents as separate documents which are under constant revision by the management committee to ensure consistency with current guidance from England Hockey and other governing bodies.

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Social Club

TOWCESTRIANS SOCIAL CLUB RULES

1. TITLE

The Club shall be called Towcestrians Social Club.

2. OBJECT

To provide social facilities for the members of the Towcestrians and their supporters.

3. MANAGEMENT

The Social Club shall be under the control of the General Committee of the Club who shall be responsible for enforcing the rules affecting the control of the Social Club.

4. MEMBERSHIP

1. This shall be limited to three categories:-

- a. Playing members, former playing members and schoolchild/student members of the Club.
- b. President and Vice-Presidents of the Club.
- c. Social members. These are persons interested in the activities of the Club and they may become Social Members provided that they are sponsored by two members from either category 'a' or 'b' above and then accepted by a simple majority of the General Committee.

2.

- a. Any person seeking membership of the Club must be elected either by the Club in General Meeting or by a simple majority of the General Committee and the name and address of any person proposed for election must, for not less than two days before the election, be prominently displayed in the Club premises in a part frequented by the members.
- b. No person may be admitted to membership or be admitted as a candidate for membership to any of the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between their nomination or application for membership and their admission, nor may any persons becoming members be admitted to the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between their becoming members and their admission.
- c. Intoxicating liquor may be sold by or on behalf of the Club to persons other than members of the Club providing such persons are members of visiting teams and match officials or attending Club premises for social and other functions organised or authorised by the Club.
- d. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for consumption off the premises except to a member in person.
- e. No alteration shall be made to the existing Rule 4(1) with regard to classes of persons to whom intoxicating liquor may be supplied without the consent of the Licensing Authority.

3.

- a. A list of names and addresses of all members of the Social Club shall be kept on the premises.
- b. No member shall be entitled to introduce more than five bona fide guests into the Club at any one time.

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5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

These shall fall due on 1 September and be paid by 30 September.

The subscriptions shall be as follows:-

- a. Playing members, former playing members, life members and Vice Presidents of the Club, who have paid their current year's subscription to the Club, are exempt from this subscription.
- b. Social members whose subscription shall be as approved by the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club.

6. RESIGNATIONS

A member may at any time resign his membership by giving notice in writing to the Honorary General Secretary.

7. EXPULSION

To expel a member from the Club, notice shall be sent to the Honorary General Secretary signed by at least five members, such notice to acquaint the Honorary General Secretary with the circumstances. The Honorary General Secretary shall call a committee meeting at which the member shall have the opportunity of stating his case. If a simple majority of the general committee vote for his/her expulsion, the member shall be expelled.

8. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. Any member ceasing to be a member of the Club shall automatically cease to be a member of the Social Club.
- b. Any member failing to renew his Social Membership subscription shall automatically cease to be a member of the Social Club.

9. ALTERATION OF THE RULES

- a. No alteration of or addition to these rules shall be made without the consent of a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at an Extraordinary or Annual General Meeting of the Club and only after the necessary notices have been given under Rules 15 (b) and (c) and 16 of the Towcestrians rules.
- b. Notice of any alteration of the Rules of the Social Club shall be given to the Clerk to the Licensing Authority within fourteen days.

10. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called on written notice signed by twelve members, being submitted to the Honorary General Secretary. No less than seven days notice of such a meeting shall be given and the notice submitted to the Honorary General Secretary shall give particulars of the reasons for calling the meeting.

11. HOURS

The Club House shall be open and closed at such hours as the General Committee shall from time to time determine.

12. LICENCE

All members and guests are allowed to consume liquor on the Club's premises; Any member or official of a visiting sports club shall be admitted as a visitor, and shall be entitled to enjoy all the privileges of the Club house.

13. DISPLAY OF RULES

A copy of these rules shall be displayed on the Club premises and on the Club website. On joining the Club each member shall be given a copy of these rules and shall be bound thereby.