
CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The organisation shall be called the BRIMFIELD AND LITTLE HEREFORD SPORTS CLUB.

2. ADDRESS

The address of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club shall be BLHSC Sports Ground, Haynall Lane, Brimfield, Herefordshire SY8 4BG

3. OBJECTIVES

3a. The objectives of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club are to provide adequate facilities for, and to promote participation in, amateur sports for anyone interested in sport regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs.

3b. Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club will be a not-for-profit voluntary organisation run by a committee, as described in 4 below, for the benefit of sport in the community and to provide recreation in the Parishes of Brimfield and Little Hereford in the Counties of Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

3c. Any money obtained by Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club shall be used only for the Club. Any bank accounts opened for the Club shall be in the name of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club. Any cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated official.

4. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

4a. The Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee shall have sole responsibility for making and determining the Rules of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club.

4b. The Committee shall manage the affairs of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club according to the objectives and constitution of this Club and shall ensure that the property and funds of the Club will not be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of Members other than as reasonably allowed by the Committee. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members, or third parties and all surplus income or profits will be re-invested in the Club.

4c. The Committee shall consist of not less than 5 and nor more than 15 ordinary members of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. They shall all go out of office every year at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election at that same Annual General Meeting.

4d. Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee shall be formed as follows:

- a) Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club President plus
- b) 6 Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Secretary and Membership Secretary
- c) Up to 5 Committee Members: additional members elected to represent affiliated Clubs
- d) The Committee may co-opt up to 3 persons for any specific purposes.

4e. Meetings of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee shall be held a minimum of every two months.

4f. The Committee may appoint one or more sub-committees for such purposes as it deems appropriate and co-opt members to serve on either the general Committee or any sub-committee. Subject to any directions given by the Committee, the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Secretary may, on behalf of the Club engage staff and or other club servants as may be necessary for the efficient and economical running of the Club and may lawfully terminate any such engagement.

4g. 5 members as defined in 4e above shall comprise a quorum of the Committee, 2 members a quorum of any sub-committee. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

5. MEMBERSHIP and SUBSCRIPTION

5a. Membership of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club shall be open to application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs.

5b. There shall be the following categories of membership as indicated hereunder:

- A FULL MEMBER – being a person who, at the date of election, shall have attained the age of eighteen years shall have one vote at all relevant meetings of the Club
- A JUNIOR MEMBER – being a person who, at the date of election, is under the age of eighteen shall have no vote. Such a member shall be one who at the commencement of the subscription year joins the Club other than as a full member.
- An HONORARY LIFE MEMBER shall not be required to pay any entrance fee or subscription but shall be entitled to the privileges of a full member but have no voting powers. There shall not be, at any one time, more than 6 Honorary Life Members.

5c. Anyone interested in becoming a member, on applying for membership, shall be proposed by a current member and shall submit a membership application form and the relevant subscription fee. All questions of eligibility to join Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club shall be determined by the Committee. No reasons shall be given to any candidate in the event of his/her rejection.

5d. The Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Membership Secretary shall maintain a record of all members to enable him or her to be able to present at every meeting of the Committee an accurate report and statement concerning the details of membership.

5e. Subscription fees for full members shall be recommended by the Committee for approval at an Annual General Meeting. Annual subscriptions shall be payable on election to membership and thereafter payable without demand on the 1st January every year. The Committee may terminate the membership of a member whose annual membership remains unpaid on the 1st of March of that year. Members of any affiliated clubs, other honorary members, shall be admitted to the premises subject to the relevant affiliated club submitting membership fee and the affiliation fee at the commencement of their season. See also Section 6 below.

5f. Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee may refuse membership or remove membership, only for good cause such as conduct likely to bring the Club or a sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members. If consideration of removal of membership is as a result of a disciplinary issue, the procedure to be adopted shall be that as set out in 6 of this Constitution.

5g. Members may introduce and entertain visitors at the Club and, there shall be kept at the Clubhouse, a Visitors Book where both the Member and the Guest/s shall sign in. The Member introducing the guest shall be responsible for his or her guest strictly observing the rules and any byelaws and shall not leave the Club premises before their guest.

No person whose membership has been rejected, terminated or suspended shall introduce a guest.

6. AFFILIATED CLUBS

6a. Sporting activities organised on a regular basis using Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club facilities shall be administered by properly constituted clubs who shall be affiliated to Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club.

6b. Any sports clubs wishing to affiliate to Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club shall make an application in writing to the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Secretary setting out the details of their club, the basic needs in respect of the Club facilities and agree to provide representation at Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee Meetings.

6c. The application shall be considered by the Committee and, if considered suitable, be accepted by them. There shall not be more than 5 affiliated clubs.

6d. Affiliated Clubs shall also be affiliated to, and shall adopt and conform to, Rules and Regulations and the current Laws of their relevant sport.

6e. Each affiliated sports club shall pay an annual affiliation fee as determined by the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee, towards the running costs of Clubhouse and grounds no later than the 1st January each year.

6f. Any members of the affiliated Sports Clubs must be full members of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club and submit their annual membership fees to the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Treasurer at the start of their membership year along with members contact details. See also 5 above.

Affiliated clubs must notify the Membership Secretary of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club of any new members joining during the season and ensure membership for the individual/s is paid to the Treasurer of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club.

7. FINANCES AND ACCOUNTS

The Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Treasurer shall keep and maintain such proper books of account as will enable him or her to be able to present at every meeting of the Club Committee an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club including a separate statement with regard to any purchases and supply of intoxicating liquor, for the preceding twelve months, or for the current year, as the case may be, and shall present such a report and statement accordingly.

7.1. INTOXICATING LIQUOR

7.1a. The supply of intoxicating liquor in Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club premises shall be permitted during the following hours in accordance with and observance of the Licensing Act 2003, and all other Acts relating thereto, and of any conditions attached to any licence held by or on behalf of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club for the supply of intoxicating liquor, or to any registration certificate granted in respect of the Club Premises:

Weekdays and Saturdays: 11am – 11pm

Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday: 12pm – 8.30pm

Unaccompanied children under the age of 16 will not be allowed on the premises during these times.

7.1b. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to members or to any other persons on the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club premises otherwise than by or on behalf of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club.

8. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

8a. No betting shall be allowed in the Club. No lottery shall be promoted by any member or officer of the Club or entertainment, or event held by or in connection to the Club, without the previous authority of the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee.

8b. Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee may suspend any membership of any member, whether on the Club premises or elsewhere, whose conduct, if in their opinion is contrary to the interests of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club, conflicts with the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003 and/or is injurious to its reputation.

8c. Immediately upon any suspension the Committee shall give notice to the suspended members at his/her home address of his/her suspension and inform them that, if they so desire, they may present themselves to a general meeting of the Club, to be arranged not later than 21 days following the suspension. At any such meeting any allegations against the suspended member shall be related to the meeting by a member of the Committee, and the suspended member shall, if they so desire, be heard in answer. The decision of the Club at the said meeting or at an adjourned meeting whether to reinstate the member or terminate his/her membership shall be taken by a vote of those present and shall be final and conclusive.

9. GENERAL MEETING

9a. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held annually in the month of November for the following purposes:

- 1) Election of Club President
- 2) Election of Officers and committee members – as in 4e above.
- 3) Presentation of Accounts.
- 4) The Accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, and copies of the Balance Sheet made available to all Members.
- 5) Approval of the Annual Subscription and Affiliation Fees.

9a. Retiring Officers and the Executive Committee shall remain in office until the close of the meeting. Any person may attend the AGM but only Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Members may vote, propose, and be elected to the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee. Other matters may be discussed but not voted upon unless due notice of not less than 28 days has been given in writing to the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Secretary.

10. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

10a. An Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) may be convened at the discretion of the Committee or on the requisition of not less than one fifth of the total membership of the Club, such requisition to state the business proposed to be transacted.

10b. Any requisition by members of the Club for an EGM shall be addressed to the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Secretary and an EGM shall be called no more than 28 days nor less than 14 days after such requisition has been made.

11. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

The Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Committee shall be responsible for making rules for the conduct of its own business and that of the General Meeting.

12. ALTERATIONS

No alterations shall be made to the Constitution except upon resolution of the Club at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed alteration must reach the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Secretary not less than 28 days prior to the date of the General Meeting.

13. TRUSTEES

13a. All real property of the Club shall be vested in the Brimfield and Little Hereford Parish Council as Custodian Trustee who shall, in all respects, act in regard to any real property of the Club held by it, in accordance with the directions of the Committee's direction and who shall in compliance with the Committee directions have power to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise deal with any real property of the Club provided that no purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such directions have been given.

13b. The members of the Club shall indemnify the Brimfield and Little Hereford Parish Council against any liability resulting from any breach or non-observance of the covenants contained in a Deed of Grant dated the 1st day of March 1972 and made between Main Line Pipelines Limited (1) and Aldwyth Naomi Francis Williams (2).

14. DISSOLUTION

14a. If, at any General Meeting of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Sports Club, the Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club Secretary shall immediately notify the Trustees and convene a Special General Meeting to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

14b. Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club shall be dissolved on the passing of a resolution to that effect at a General Meeting of the Club after due notice by at least two thirds of those present and voting. Such a meeting shall appoint a Committee to wind up the affairs of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club and shall give general directions as to the disposal of asset.

14c. If upon the dissolution of Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members; but the net assets remaining shall be given to one or more of the following, having objectives similar to the objects of this Club:

- (a) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a charity and/or*
- (b) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC*

and which shall prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members.

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