

EXTRACT OF RULES

The Society has 124 Rules. The Rules are held at the Registered Office. The following is an extract of those regarded as of most interest to members.

NAMES AND DEFINITIONS

1. The name of the Society is to be Aldershot Supporters Society Limited and it is called “the Society” in the rest of these Rules.

Aldershot Town FC (1992) Limited is called “the Club”.

and Rushmoor, Hampshire is called “the Area”.

OBJECTS

2. The Society’s objects are, either itself or through a subsidiary company or society trading for the benefit of the community and acting under its control:
 - i. to strengthen the bonds between the Club and the community which it serves and to represent the interests of the community in the running of the Club.
 - ii. to benefit present and future members of the community served by the Club by promoting encouraging and furthering the game of football as a recreational facility, sporting activity and focus for community involvement.
 - iii. to further the development of the game of football nationally and internationally and the upholding of its rules.
 - iv. to encourage the Club to take proper account of the interests of its supporters and of the community it serves in its decisions.
 - v. to encourage and promote the principle of supporter representation on the board of any company owning or controlling the Club and ultimately to be the vehicle for democratic elections to the board.
 - vi. to promote, develop and respect the rights of members of the community served by the Club and people dealing with the Society as set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, having regard in particular to the need to provide information to members and conduct the affairs of the Society in accessible and appropriate ways.
 - vii. to raise money to invest in such a way as to promote the aims of the Society and to the benefit of the supporters of the Club and the local community.
 - viii. to build and develop a positive proactive relationship with the board and management of

the Club and any other interested parties and promote constructive dialogue between the Club, its supporters and the community.

POWERS

3. The Society may achieve these objects in whole or in part through an interest or interests in companies or societies provided that the objects of the companies or societies are consistent with the Society's objects. In particular the Society may acquire an interest in the club or any limited company owning or controlling the club either itself or through a subsidiary.
4. In order to achieve its objects the Society may either itself or through a subsidiary company or Society acting under its control:
 - a. buy, sell and lease property.
 - b. borrow
 - c. grant security over its property and assets
 - d. establish promote and maintain for the purposes of the Society any lawful fund raising scheme
 - e. buy and hold shares in the Club
 - f. hold and exercise proxies for shares in any company owning or controlling the Club either itself or through a subsidiary
 - g. promote means to give supporters greater opportunity to invest in the Club
 - h. award pensions, allowances, gratuities and bonuses to past and present employees (including their dependants and people connected with them) of
 - i. the Society
 - ii. any predecessor of the Society and
 - iii. any subsidiary company or society of the Society
 - i. set up and maintain itself or with others trust funds or schemes (whether contributory or non-contributory) intended to provide pension or other benefits for the people referred to in Rule 4(h)
 - j. indemnify or take out and maintain insurance for the benefit of people who are or were
 - i. members of the Society Board or the Executive Board or
 - ii. officers or
 - iii. employees or
 - iv. Trustees of a pension fund
- k. of the Society or any subsidiary company or society of the Society against any liability which they may have as a result of their involvement with the Society or its subsidiaries.
- l. indemnify or take out and maintain insurance for the benefit of people who are or were elected or nominated by the society to serve on the board of any company owning or controlling the Club.
- m. so far as permitted by these Rules take out and maintain insurance against any

- risks to which the Society may be exposed.
 - m. co-operate with other supporters organisations, co-operatives and societies conducted for the benefit of the community at local, national and international levels.
 - n. do anything else which is necessary or expedient to achieve its objects.
- 5. The business of the Society is to be conducted for the benefit of the community served by the Club and not for the profit of its members.

APPLICATION OF PROFITS

- 6. The profits or surpluses of the Society are not to be distributed either directly or indirectly in any way whatsoever among members of the Society but shall be applied:
 - a. to maintain prudent reserves
 - b. on expenditure to achieve the Society's objects.

MEMBERSHIP

- 7. The members of the Society are the people whose names are entered in the register of members.
- 8. The first members are the people who sign the Rules in applying for registration.
- 9. Membership is open to any person, firm or corporate body who or which:
 - a. is a supporter of the Club or
 - b. has an interest in the game of football in the Area and is in sympathy with the objects of the Society and
 - c. agrees to be bound by these Rules and Rule 6 and 106 in particular.

The Society Board shall have the power to refuse membership to any person who does not in the opinion of the Society Board meet these requirements.
- 10. Every member holds one share in the capital of the Society.
- 11. The Society Board will decide and issue a form of application for membership. Members are to pay an annual subscription of such reasonable sum as the Society Board shall decide, the first payment to be made at the time of application for membership. The sum of £1 from the first payment shall be applied to purchase a share in the society.
- 12. The Society Board will have power to offer associate or affiliate status with or without payment or subscription to corporate or unincorporated bodies which support the aims of the Society and may recognise that a share in the capital of the Society is held on behalf of any unincorporated organisation but no-one shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Society who is not the registered holder of a fully paid up share in the Society.
- 13. The Society Board shall have the power to offer a class of junior membership with or without

payment to minors under the age of 16 but no person under the age of 16 shall be entitled to a share in the Society or be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Society.

14. No person under the age of 18 may be an officer of the Society.
15. A corporate body or firm which is a member may by resolution of its governing body appoint any person it thinks fit to be its deputy and revoke such an appointment. A copy of any such resolution signed by two members of the governing body and in the case of a local authority by the authorised officer of the Council shall be sent to the Secretary of the Society. The deputy will be entitled to exercise all rights of membership on behalf of the corporate body including seeking election as an officer and speaking and voting at any general meeting. References in these Rules to a member being present in person include members which are corporate bodies being present through their deputy.
16. No member may hold more than one share in the Society either individually or jointly.

SHARES

17. The shares of the Society have the nominal value of £1 each and may not be transferred or withdrawn.
18. If a member ceases to be a member, the share registered in the name of that member is to be cancelled and the amount subscribed for that share is to become the property of the Society.
19. Shares do not carry any right to interest, dividend or bonus.

REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

20. A member shall cease to be a member if they:
 - a. fail after written demand to pay their annual subscription
 - b. die (in the case of an individual)
 - c. cease to exist (in the case of a body corporate)
 - d. are the nominee of an unincorporated Society or firm which is wound up or dissolved
 - e. are the nominee of an unincorporated organisation of firm which removes or replaces them as its nominee
 - f. are not the holder of a fully paid up share
 - g. are expelled under these Rules or
 - h. withdraw from membership by giving at least one month's notice to the Secretary
21. A member may be expelled by a resolution carried by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present in person or by proxy and voting on a poll at an annual or special general meeting of the Society of which notice has been duly given. The following procedure will be adopted:

- a. a written complaint must be made to the Society Board that the member has acted in a way detrimental to the interests of the Society.
- b. details of the complaint must be sent to the member in question not less than one calendar month before the meeting with an invitation to answer the complaint and attend the meeting.
- c. at the meeting the members will consider evidence in support of the complaint and such evidence as the member may wish to place before them.
- d. if a member fails to attend the meeting without due cause the meeting may proceed in their absence.
- e. a person expelled from membership will cease to be a member immediately following the vote at which the resolution to expel them is carried.
- f. no person who has been expelled from membership is to be re-admitted except by a resolution carried by the votes of two thirds of the members present or by proxy and voting on a poll at any general meeting of which notice has been properly given.

ORGANISATION

22. The powers of the Society are to be exercised by the members, the Society Board and the Executive Board of the Society in the way set out in the Rules which follow.

RIGHTS AND POWERS OF MEMBERS

23. The members have the rights and powers available to them under the law relating to Industrial and Provident Societies and are to decide in particular the issues specifically reserved to them by these Rules.
24. The members may by a resolution carried by not less than two thirds of the members voting at a general meeting but not otherwise give directions to the Society Board. The following provisions apply to any directions given:
- a. any direction must:
 - i. be consistent with these Rules and with the Society's contractual, statutory and other legal obligations and
 - ii. not affect the powers and responsibilities of the Society Board, Chief Executive and Executive Board under Rules 26, 27 & 28
 - b. any person who deals with the Society in good faith and is not aware that a direction has been given may deal with the Society on the basis that no direction has been given.
25. The functions of the annual general meeting shall include:
- a. receiving:
 - i. the revenue account and balance sheet for the previous financial year and

- ii. a report on the Society's performance in the previous year.
- b. appointing:
 - i. financial auditors
 - ii. auditors of any aspect of the performance of the Society
- c. electing officers of the Society.

106. If on the winding up or dissolution of the Society there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same is to be transferred to:

- a. a sporting charity or sporting charities operating in the Area and / or
- b. one or more societies established for the benefit of the community operating in the Area and / or
- c. one or more societies established for the benefit of the community

in each case as determined by the members at a meeting called to decide the issue. Nothing belonging to the Society shall be transferred to any other society unless that society has in its rules a rule substantially in the terms of this Rule.