

Constitution for Solent Ski Club for the Disabled

1. Name

1.1. The name of the club shall be Solent Ski Club for the Disabled ('the Club').

2. Objective

2.1. The object of the Club is to provide means and facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of the life of people with disabilities and, in furtherance of that object:

2.1.1. to provide facilities to enable disabled people to partake in various forms of winter sports;

2.1.2. to train, so that disabled people may acquire the skill so to participate;

2.1.3. to do all such things as will further the above objects.

3. Membership

3.1. The classes of membership are as follows:

3.1.1. Ordinary Membership, which is open to any individual person;

3.1.2. Honorary Membership, which is open at the invitation of the Committee to any individual person who, in the opinion of the Committee, has made significant contribution to the activities of the Club or one of its Affiliated Members, provided that at any one time there shall not be more than five Honorary Members;

3.1.3. Family Membership, including all members living at the same address;

3.1.4. Affiliated Membership, which is open to any association or other body with objects compatible with those of the Club;

3.1.5. Temporary Membership, which is available to individual persons on a temporary basis, to cover a particular event or activity.

3.2. The Committee shall have power to expel a member for a deliberate breach of the Constitution of the Club or for any conduct unbecoming of a member of the Club.

3.3. Question of the expulsion of a member must appear on the agenda of the committee meeting at which it is considered.

3.4. Applications for election to Membership of the Club shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, to the Secretary.

4. Subscriptions

4.1. Honorary Membership shall be free of subscription. Subscriptions for Ordinary, Family and Affiliated Members will be proposed to the Annual General Meeting by the Committee and will be approved, to take effect at the start of the following Club Year, by a simple majority of Members present and voting. Should the Committee submit no proposal, or if the proposal of the Committee fails to be approved, then the rates of subscription currently in force will so remain for a further year. The Committee will set a rate of subscription for Temporary Members and a rejoining fee for Members who have previously allowed their membership to lapse at their sole discretion, provided that the Temporary Membership subscription shall be at a rate not less than five pence per day during which it is effective.

- 4.2. Annual subscriptions shall be due and payable on the first day of the Club Year to which they apply. Members whose subscriptions have not been paid by the sixtieth day of the Club year shall forfeit all rights of membership until such time as their subscriptions have been paid and the Committee shall have power to remove the name of such members from the register of members.

5. Meetings of Members

- 5.1. Once in each year the Committee will call an Annual General Meeting of members, giving not less than 21 days written notice to each member at the most recent address (email or postal) notified to the Club. The Committee may also call an Extraordinary General Meeting of members upon similar notice.
- 5.2. Only Ordinary, Family and Affiliated Members, who have paid in full their subscriptions to the Club for the current year, and Honorary Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at the general meetings.
- 5.3. The quorum for a meeting of members shall be ten persons present in person.
- 5.4. The main formal purpose of the Annual General Meeting shall be to conduct the ordinary business of the Club as follows:
- 5.4.1. to approve the subscription rates for the following year;
 - 5.4.2. to approve and adopt the accounts of the Club;
 - 5.4.3. to elect members of the Committee.
- 5.5. Any ordinary business shall be resolved by a simple majority of members present and voting. The special business of the Club shall comprise approval of amendments to this constitution or any other business not being ordinary business.
- 5.6. Notice of any special business, including the full text of any proposed special resolution, shall be circulated to members with the notice of the meeting.
- 5.7. The approval of a special resolution shall require a 75% majority of votes cast. For this purpose each Ordinary Member, each family unit of Family Members and each Honorary Member shall have a single vote; each Affiliated Member shall have a number of votes comprising the Affiliated Membership subscription divided by the Ordinary Membership subscription (at the rates currently in force) rounded down to the next whole number.
- 5.8. The proceedings of an Annual General Meeting shall be valid despite any minor administrative error. It shall be a matter for the sole discretion of the Committee to determine whether an error that comes to their attention is minor or otherwise provided that, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, an error that could not have affected the outcome of a vote shall be minor.

6. Committee

- 6.1. A Committee shall control and administer the organisation of the Club and shall consist of not less than 5 members and not more than 18 which shall include the Chairman and Treasurer.
- 6.2. The Committee shall appoint from among its members the Chairman and Treasurer, and may appoint a Secretary or such other officer of the Club as may from time to time be necessary.
- 6.3. At each Annual General Meeting one third of the members of the Committee shall retire by rotation but shall be eligible for re-election.

- 6.4. A Committee meeting should, if possible, be held at least once a quarter. Three Committee members shall form a quorum of the Committee (unless the Committee shall determine otherwise). In the absence of the Chairman of the Club, the Committee shall elect a chairman of the meeting from among those present.
- 6.5. A resolution requires the approval of the majority of Committee members present except that, in the event of an equal number of votes cast in favour and against any resolution, the Chairman (or chairman of the meeting) shall have a second and deciding vote.
- 6.6. The Committee may co-opt new members onto the Committee (provided the maximum number of members herein prescribed shall not thereby be exceeded),. In particular if at any time the number of members of the Committee falls below the minimum number prescribed herein, the remaining members shall forthwith co-opt further members to make up that number.
- 6.7. The Committee shall have power to delegate certain of its responsibilities to sub committees and to appoint a representative to each sub-committee. Each such sub-committee shall subsequently submit quarterly written reports to the Committee.

7. Association Year

- 7.1. The Club Year shall end on 31st August in each year.

8. Power of Amendment

- 8.1. This constitution may be altered or amended by special resolution at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

9. Finance

- 9.1. The funds of the Club shall be applied solely to the stated objects of the Club. No member of the Club shall receive payment, directly or indirectly, for services to the Club or for other than legitimate expenses incurred in its work, except for a subsidy in respect of a ski trip, which shall be payable to guides/helpers, at the sole discretion of the committee.
- 9.2. The banking account of the Club shall be operated on the authority of any two elected officers, who are not related nor who live at the same address.

10. Dissolution of the Club

- 10.1. The Club shall only be dissolved by resolution passed by a majority of at least five sixths of the members present and voting at a special General Meeting called for the purpose of considering such dissolution. In the event of dissolution, any balance of cash remaining in hand after the realisation of assets and payment of debts, shall not be distributed among members of the Club, but shall be applied for such charitable purposes similar to those of the Club, or be paid, distributed or transferred to such charitable institutions or institution having objects similar to the objects of the Club as the Committee with the consent of the meeting shall determine.