

**SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP RULES OF SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED**

Introduction

On 18th December 2014, the Members Club was replaced by a Company Limited by Guarantee (company number 09080147). The administration of the Club passed from the members to a Board of Directors. Members became Social members with no voting rights nor any liability for financial or legal matters.

These Rules may only be amended by the Board of Directors at a properly convened Board Meeting.

A copy of these Rules will be posted on the Club's website and a hard copy will be available behind the member's Bar for reference.

Admission of Members/Membership Fees

Membership shall be open to any person over 18 years old (subject to approval of the Board). Potential members shall complete an application form and send it to the General Secretary. If the application is approved, this will be communicated back to the applicant and on receipt of the appropriate membership fee (see below) a membership card will be issued. Membership is open at any time in the year.

The membership year is the same as that of the Limited Company ie from 1st June to 31st May the following year. Members who join during the year up to 30th November (half year) will pay the full years membership fee. Members who join from 1st December onwards will pay a 50% membership fee.

The Board of Directors shall have absolute discretion to accept or reject any such applications without assigning any reason.

The Board of Directors will set the membership fees to be paid for the forthcoming year at a Board Meeting held prior to the financial year end (31/5/15).

There will be 2 classes of membership and 2 different membership fees:-

Full membership – this applies to members who are 18 – 64 years old on 1st June (at the start of the membership year).

Concessionary membership – this applies to members who are 65 years old and older on 1st June (at the start of the membership year).

Membership Cards

All fully paid up members will be issued with a membership card which they must be prepared to show when requested.

Admission of Persons

Football players, coaching staff, officials and supporters of competing teams under the control of the home or visiting club shall be temporary members on the day of their visit only and as such shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership the Club on that day.

The Board of Directors shall have the absolute power to limit the admission of such temporary members to such time and part of the Club premises as they may deem necessary in the interests of the Club on that day.

The following persons (as they are employees of the Club) shall be deemed to be members of the Club and enjoy the benefits of such membership without the payment of a membership fee:-

1st team players and coaching staff

Bar staff

3G staff

Membership access to the Clubhouse

Members are entitled to enter the Clubhouse including the Member's Bar at all times that the Clubhouse is open. Membership does **not** entitle a member to watch senior football matches free of charge and they will be expected to either pay the appropriate entrance fee to watch the game, or remain in the Clubhouse during such matches. During a match, the blinds will be drawn in the member's bar.

Notifying Change of Address

The Board of Directors shall maintain a register of the names and addresses of the members. Every member shall, within 14 days, give notice to the Secretary of any change in his/her address. The names of those who cease to be members shall be removed from the register.

Cessation of Membership

Members shall cease to be members by:

- non-payment of membership fees due.
- expulsion
- resignation
- death

Introduction of Visitors

A full member may personally introduce friends as his/her guests. The visitor and the introducing member shall sign their names in a book kept for that purpose. The following shall not be admitted as visitors:

- Former members who have been expelled
- Former members who have ceased to be members through non-payment of subscriptions

- Persons who, having been nominated for membership, have been rejected
- Members who are under suspension

Members must accompany guests introduced by them during the period of their stay in the Club. The member will be responsible for the behaviour of his guests.

The Board may debar a member introducing any particular person as a visitor if they so think fit.

Persons under eighteen years must be accompanied by their parent or guardian and be under their strict control. They will not be served at the bar.

Discipline

Members are expected to observe the normal standards of behaviour in a public place. If, in the opinion of the bar steward on duty, a person fights, commits criminal damage, uses foul or abusive language or his/her behaviour is offensive to any person, or contravenes any rule of the Club then he/she can be requested to leave the premises.

Such behaviour will be reported to the Board of Directors who will decide on any further action to be taken. This may involve a disciplinary hearing or may involve suspension of membership from the Club for a period of time or complete expulsion from the Club.

All disputes between a member and the Club shall be referred to the Board of Directors.

The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final and binding with no appeal.

Revision 1 dated 26/10/15 following the Board meeting of 5/10/15