



## **CLUB CONSTITUTION & RULES**

### **1.NAME:**

The name shall be Macclesfield Football Club.

### **2.OBJECTIVES:**

The objective of the club is to provide a safe environment in which to play Association football and arrange social activities for its members regardless of age, race, gender, religion or ability. The Club also aims to promote football and sport as a means of enhancing health education, learning opportunities and local community involvement, with young people acquiring sporting and personal skills from which they will derive lifelong benefits, self-respect, self-esteem, self-confidence, integrity and respect for others.

### **3.COLOURS:**

The Club home colours shall be Royal Blue/White/White for all teams.

The Club away colours shall be White, Black, White for all teams.

All kit and equipment shall remain the property of Macclesfield Football Club.

### **4.STATUS OF RULES:**

These rules (The Club rules) form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.

### **5.RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

The Club shall have the status of an Affiliated Member Club of The Cheshire Football Association Ltd by virtue of this affiliation. The rules and regulations of The Football Association Ltd and the Parent County Association and leagues or competitions to which the club is affiliated for the time being shall be deemed to be incorporated into the club rules.

The club will also abide by The FA's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Code of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.

### **6. PLAYERS:**

The Club shall keep a list of players it registers containing the following details: – Name, Address, Contact details, DOB, School year, Next of Kin details and date of joining the Club.

All players must pay a registration fee to join/play for the Club at the start of each season. The amount decided at previous AGM. The fee covers affiliation to Cheshire FA, Insurances, affiliation to age related Leagues and all associated costs of running the Football Club namely Macclesfield Town Football Club

The club shall not be held liable to injuries to players whilst playing.

The Club recommends that all players should have their own personal accident insurance.

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The Football Association and parent County Association shall be given access to the player list on demand.

### **7. CLUB COMMITTEE:**

The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurers, Community Officer, Welfare Officer, Head of Football Recruitment and Liaison Officers.

Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next AGM unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting. One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any one time. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all affairs of the Club. Decisions of The Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Committees decision shall always be final. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be three.

Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by The Club Secretary.

Any member of The Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than seven days' notice to all members of The Club Committee. The Club Committee shall hold not less than eleven meetings a year.

An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between AGMs shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Committee members.

Save as provided for in the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and the County Association to which the Club is affiliated, the Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.

### **8. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held no later than 30th June each year. unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise. At this meeting the following shall be transacted: –

- Receive the reports from the Officers of the Club over the previous year.
- Elect or re-elect Officers of The Club.
- Table proposals for the forthcoming season and changes to the overall development plan, including budgeting and funding requirements.
- Club Membership and team recruitment
- FA Affiliation, insurance and League Membership.
- Financial review, to receive a written statement of the Clubs finances over the previous year ended 31st April.
- Approve revisions to the overall development plan.
- Any other business (AOB).

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Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconded, both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not less than twenty-one days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given to the Club Secretary not less than twenty-one days before the meeting.

A Special General Meeting (SGM) maybe called at any time by the Committee and shall be called within twenty one days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than five members stating the purposes to which the meeting is required and the resolutions stating the purposes for which the Meeting is required and the resolutions proposed. Business at a SGM may be any business that maybe transacted at an AGM.

The Secretary shall send to each member of the Club written notice of the date of a General Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed at least fourteen days before the Meeting.

The quorum for a General Meeting shall be seven.

The Chairperson, or in their absence a member selected by the Club Committee, shall take the chair. Each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes, The Chairperson of the Meeting shall have the deciding casting vote.

The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall enter Minutes of the General Meeting into the Minute Book of the Club.

#### **9. CLUB FINANCES:**

A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (The Club Account). No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account without prior notice given to The Club Committee.

All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited into the Club Account.

The income and assets of the Club (The Club Property) shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club.

The Club Committee shall have the power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the Club and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.

The Club shall prepare an annual Financial Statement in such form as shall be published by the Football Association from time to time.

The Club Property, other than the Club Account, shall be vested in not less than two and no more than four custodians, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, who shall deal with Club Property as directed by decisions of the Club Committee and entry into the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence of such a decision.

The Custodians shall be appointed by the Club in a General Meeting and shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution passed at a General Meeting.

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On their removal or resignation, a Custodian shall execute a conveyance in such a form as is published by The Football Association from time to time to newly elected Custodians as directed by The Club Committee. On the death of a Custodian, any Club Property vested in them shall vest automatically in the surviving Custodians. If there is only one Custodian, a Special General Meeting (SGM) shall be convened as soon as possible to appoint another Custodian.

The Custodians shall be entitled to an indemnity out of Club Property for all expenses and other liabilities reasonably incurred by them in carrying out their duties.

#### **10. DISSOLUTION:**

A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three quarters of all members present. The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of all assets and liabilities of the Club.

Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to the parent Association who shall determine how the assets shall be utilised for the benefit of the game. Alternatively, such assets may be disposed of in such a manner as the members of the Club with the consent of the Parent Association shall determine.

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