Rotherfield Walking Football Club Constitution

1. Rotherfield Walking Football Club aims and objectives are to,

(a) offer Walking Football sessions which are safe and enjoyable
(b) promote members fitness and overall well being
(c) offer coaching, non-competitive and competitive opportunities
(d) provide opportunities for members to assist in the running of the club
(e) conduct all matters in a way that is fair to everyone
(f) uphold the FA Respect Codes on and off the pitch
(g) operate as a not-for-profit organisation
(h) promote the club within the local community and Walking Football
(i) create opportunities to support local and national charities
(j) offer a range of social activities throughout the year

2 Membership

(a) Open to men over the age of 50 and women over the age of 40 regardless of; disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identification, religion, or other beliefs.
(b) All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept Club regulations and codes of practice. (e.g. Membership/ Contacts form completed, Playing rules, Health & Safety, Payment of fees, limits on numbers)
(c) The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member when, in its opinion, it
would not be in the interests of the Club for he/she to remain a member
(d) All fees will be set and reviewed annually by the committee and approved at the AGM.

3. Running of the Club

(a) The Club will be managed through a management committee consisting of at least the following elected members/officers;
Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Plus members with responsibilities – currently; Health & Welfare, Coaching, Fixtures, Socials, Referee rep, Awards, Kit & Security.
(b) All posts will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The term of office shall be for one year and current officers will be eligible for re-election.
(c) Committee Meetings will be held no less than 2 times per year plus an AGM and all members will be encouraged to take part.
(d) any member can make a written suggestion on improving the club to any committee member.
(e) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Committee
(f) The Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes

arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club and its Rules. All decisions will be made by a sinple majority of the Committee with the Chair having a casting vote in the event of a tie.A quorum will be 4 members.

4. Finance

(a) The accounts will be kept by the Treasurer and audited annually.
(b) All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.
(c) Decisions on club expenditure are made by the Management committee
(d) Any cheques drawn against Club funds will be signed by the Treasurer and at least one other authorised signatory.
(e) The financial year of the Club will end on 31 March each year.

5. Discipline and Appeals

(a) All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse/discriminatory behaviour relating to the welfare of members will be recorded and responded to swiftly.
(b) The Club Welfare Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any concerns.
(c) All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.
(d) Three Management Committee members will meet to hear complaints within ten days of a complaint being lodged.
(e) The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
(f) The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within seven days of the hearing.
(g) There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. Three different Committee members should consider the appeal within seven days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

6. Annual General Meetings

(a) Notice of Annual General Meetings (AGMs) will be given by the Club Secretary to all members 21 days in advance of the meeting.
(b) The AGM will receive reports from Officers of the Management Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.
(c) Nominations for Officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM. Elections of Officers are to take place at the AGM.
(d) All qualified Full Members have the right to vote at the AGM.
(e) The quorum for AGM's will be 20% of the membership.
(f) The Management Committee has the right to call an Extraordinary General meetings (EGM's). Procedures for EGM's will be the same as for the AGM.

7 Constitution Changes

(a) This Constitution can only be changed by a majority vote at an AGM or at a duly requested EGM.

8. Dissolution

(a) A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

(b) In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of: a nominated sports organisation or some other club with similar objectives to those of the club.