

CONSTITUTION OF THE
HINCKLEY GYMNASTICS CLUB

1 TITLE

The Club shall be known as the Hinckley Gymnastics Club, hereinafter referred to as 'the Club'.
Short title; to be known as Hinckley Gymnastics Club.

2 AIMS

- (a) to develop and promote the sport of Olympic Gymnastics at all ages and levels of ability throughout the Borough of Hinckley and Bosworth and surrounding area (hereinafter known as the area of benefit), by means of competition, coaching and participation.
- (b) to work in close co-operation with all official bodies involved in amateur gymnastics.
- (c) to provide and maintain for members a training hall or gymnasium and to supply to members and visiting teams' refreshments and all things incidental to gymnastics.
- (d) to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money for the purpose of or in connection with the Club's aims.
- (e) to purchase or take on lease any lands, buildings, machinery and other property whether real or personal necessary or convenient for the purpose of or in connection with the Club's aims.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership shall be open, irrespective of sex, sexual orientation, race, nationality, or political, religious or other opinion to:
 - (i) individuals aged eighteen years and over:
 - (a) who live within the area of benefit, who shall be known as Full members;
 - (b) who live outside the area of benefit, who shall be known as Associate members, and who may attend as observers but who shall not have the right to vote at General Meetings of the Association, PROVIDED THAT they shall have power to elect two of their number to represent them and vote on their behalf at General Meetings and at meetings of the General Committee.
 - (ii) individuals aged under eighteen years, whether living within or outside the area of benefit, who shall be known as Junior members and who may be admitted to membership subject to such conditions as the General Committee may decide. They shall have the power to elect two of their number to represent them, without the right to vote, at meetings of the General Committee. Any Junior members may also attend General Meetings as observers but shall not have the right to vote.
 - (iii) associations and organizations, whether corporate or unincorporated, (and including branches of national or international organizations) which operate solely or in part within the areas of benefit; are voluntary or non-profit-distributing and which wish to support the objects of the Association, which shall be known as Affiliated Groups;
 - (iv) the Statutory Authorities in whose administrative area the area of benefit lies.
- (b) Each member organization as set out in Clause 3 (a) (iii) and (iv) above shall appoint one individual person being a member thereof to represent it and vote on its behalf at meetings of

the General Committee and at General Meetings of the Association; and may appoint an alternate being a member thereof to replace its appointed representative as an observer at such meetings if the appointed representative is unable to attend. In the event of such individual person resigning or leaving a member organization or Section he or she shall forthwith cease to have the right to appoint a new representative, informing the Secretary in writing.

- (c) Individual members admitted under Clause 3 (a) (i) (a) or elected as voting representatives under Clause 3 (a) (i) (b) and representatives appointed under Clause 3 (b) above shall hereafter be referred to as 'members with power to vote'.

4 VOTING RIGHTS.

The following categories of membership shall be able to vote at General Meetings of the Club.

- (a) participating members, aged sixteen years and over
- (b) coaching members
- (c) associate members as in 3 (a) above, but voting is restricted to one associate vote per family.

In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

5 FEES.

Fees for tuition as associate membership shall be set quarterly by the Treasurer and the person appointed to control coaching, having been approved by the General Committee. Fees are payable in advance.

6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of March in each year at a date to be decided by the General Committee.
- (b) Public notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given at least one month before the date of the meeting.
- (c) Proposals for consideration by the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the secretary at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.
- (d) A Chairman's and Treasurer's Report shall be presented at each Annual General Meeting.

7 EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

Extra-ordinary General Meetings may be called by written request to the Secretary of a majority of the General Committee, or of at least 50% of the fully paid up voting membership upon seven days' notice.

8 HONORARY OFFICERS/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The following honorary officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve on the executive committee for a period of 12 months, thereupon they may offer themselves for reelection:-

Honorary Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary Welfare Officer

- (b) The executive committee shall consist of the above four officers and the manager, who shall have the power to make the final decisions on all urgent matters relating to the Club.

- (c) Voting of all meetings of this committee shall be by simple majority. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

- (d) A quorum of the executive committee shall be 3 members.

9 Part 1 GENERAL COMMITTEE

- (a) The General Committee shall comprise those persons set out in item 8 and a minimum of 4 other members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting as Chairman of sub-committees to serve for a period of 12 months. Thereupon they may offer themselves for re-election.

- (b) The general committee has the power to co-opt members wherever necessary to their sub-committees.

- (c) Voting at all meetings shall be by simple majority with the exception of article 13 of the Constitution. In the case of equality of votes within the sub-committee the Chairman of the subcommittee shall have a second or casting vote.

Part 2 MANAGER

A Manager shall be appointed by the executive committee to advise the executive committee on matters relating to the running of the Club.

10 COACHING POLICY COMMITTEE

- (a) The Coaching Policy Committee shall comprise all members who are on the Club's Coaching Register

- (b) The Chairman of the Coaching Policy Committee shall be the person appointed to control coaching

- (c) The Honorary Officers of the Club shall have the right to attend any meetings of the Coaching Policy Committee in a non-voting capacity.

- (d) Except in matters directly related to the performing and coaching of Olympic gymnastics, the Coaching Policy Committee shall not have the right to make independent decisions. Any subsequent matters, other than those directly related to the performing and coaching of Olympic gymnastics, must be put before the general committee for approval.

11 COMMISSIONS

- (a) No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving right to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.

- (b) No money or property of the Club or of any gain arising from its activities shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club as a whole.

12 ACCOUNTS

- (a) Annual Statements of Account shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting having been independently audited by person(s) appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- (b) Any accounts opened or financial transactions undertaken on behalf of the Club shall require the signature of at least two of the Honorary Officers of the Club.
- (c) The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December each year.

13 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The General Committee shall appoint a person to control coaching, who will chair, and act as advisor to the Coaching Policy Committee and maintain the Club's Coaching/Judges Register.
- (b) The General Committee may appoint a non-voting President of the Club.
- (c) The General Committee shall have the control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control and dismiss Club servants and all such administrative power as may be necessary for properly carrying out the aims of the Club in accordance with the constitution.
- (d) The General Committee shall have the power to deal with any business not legislated for in the Constitution.

14 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution shall only be made at an Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting and shall be approved by a majority of two-thirds of the fully paid-up voting members present.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence to the Club shall be addressed to the Honorary Secretary with the exception of a Welfare issue whereupon it shall be addressed to the Honorary Welfare Officer

16 DISSOLUTION

The Club shall not be dissolved except at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting called only for that purpose. In the event of the Club being dissolved, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts shall be donated to any organisation or charity at the discretion of the members of the General Committee at that time.

17 BYELAWS

The General Committee are empowered to make, repeal and amend such byelaws as they may from time to time consider necessary for the wellbeing of the Club, which byelaws, repeal and amendments shall have affect until otherwise determined by the General Committee or a general meeting.

18 TRUSTEES

The property of the Club shall be vested in four Trustees who shall be appointed by the General Committee and the property of the Club shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the General Committee may from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence). The trustees at the date hereof are

Trevor John Campbell Low
Tony Ford
Kirsty Clarke

All of whom shall be deemed to have been appointed in accordance with this clause. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. Any Trustee or Trustees who guarantee and/or provide security in respect of any borrowing made by or for the benefit of the Club shall also be indemnified against risk and expense in respect thereof out of the Club property. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until the removal from office by the General Committee. Whereby reason of such death, resignation or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed the General Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed for the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Honorary Chairman of the Club is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees to the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act of 1925, and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the General Committee.

19 CLUB PROPERTY

No member shall take away or permit to be taken away from the Club house, under any pretense whatever, or shall injure or destroy any property of the Club.

20 MEMBERS BOUND BY CONSTITUTION

Every member shall be bound by and submit to the constitution and byelaws of the Club.

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