



# Thundersley Rovers Sports Club

## Club Rules

(revised 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012)

### General Rules

1. The club shall be known as Thundersley Rovers Sports Club and shall be affiliated to the Essex County Football Association.
2. Its objects shall be to provide association football for its members and such social and recreational pursuits as may be deemed desirable by the Committee.
3. The Offices of the Club shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary and Welfare Officer all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
4. The Club shall be controlled by a General Committee of the officers named above. The Committee shall attempt to meet a minimum of once every two months and the proceedings at such meetings shall be recorded in the Minutes Book. At meetings of the General Committee three members shall form a quorum.
5. The property/assets of the Club shall be vested in the General Committee. The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees as may from time to time be deemed necessary and shall receive reports of such Sub-Committees at its meetings.

The General Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member deemed guilty of conduct prejudicial to the good name of the Club.

The General Committee shall have the power to fill such vacancies as may arise in its constitution between Annual General Meetings.

The General Committee shall have the power to declare a seat vacant should a member absent himself/herself from four consecutive meetings without any explanation deemed to be satisfactory.

6. Membership shall consist of all registered players, managers and officers and the following members are entitled to full voting rights subject to the special conditions relating to voting as detailed below:

- (a) Team managers (one vote per team)
- (b) Committee members and Honourary Club members

Special Conditions Relating to Voting

(i) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by a minimum of 51 per cent of voting members. The reasons for calling such a meeting must be given in writing to the Secretary or in his/her absence another executive member at least 14 days before the meeting takes place.

7. Membership fees and subscriptions shall be set annually by the Management Committee as the Club's financial position demands. Fees to include pitches, league registrations and all other expenses and to be received no later than the beginning of the first week of the playing season. No player will be allowed to play if there is any money outstanding on his behalf.
8. The General Committee shall have jurisdiction over the affairs of each individual team in the interest of the Club as a whole.
9. The Club's financial year shall be from 1 July to 30 June annually and full accounts shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
10. Any Member wishing to make suggestions or complaints shall do so through a Committee Member.
11. Notice of the following items shall be sent to the Secretary not later than four weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting:
  - (a) Nominations for the election of officers
  - (b) Additions or amendments to the Club Rules.

Any rules to be added to the Club Rules after this date may only be added or amended at a special meeting called for that purpose. At all times no such additions or amendments may be made unless supported by at least two thirds of those present and voting at the meeting.

In the event of the Secretary receiving no written nominations for the election of Officers two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting the Committee may, at their discretion, accept nominations from the floor at the AGM.

12. The Social Secretary or any person authorised by the Club to organise a fund raising event must present a financial statement together with funds raised to the Committee meeting which must be no more than two weeks after the said event.
13. Any team found by the Club to be playing unregistered or illegal players will be reported to their respective leagues and the County FA for disciplinary action. The Management Committee reserve the right to review and adjudicate upon each incident.
14. Any member of the Club officiating a match involving Thundersley Rovers Sports Club to which they or an immediate family member are affiliated shall be remunerated with the equivalent match subscription fee for their services.
15. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in sport regardless of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

## Rules Governing Team Managers

- 1) Each team manager shall pay the full match subscriptions, minus the referee's fee and/or charity cup fee, or any other legitimate expense as previously agreed by the Committee, to the Treasurer no later than 36 hours after a match has taken place.
- 2) Team managers shall be responsible to the Club for all kit plus any other equipment supplied by the Club to their particular team.
- 3) Any fundraising activity on behalf of individual teams must first be discussed and authorised by the Committee.
- 4) Any use of Club real estate, facilities, other property or equipment for non Club-related purposes must first be discussed and authorised by the Committee.
- 5) Match subscription fees apply equally to all matches and tournaments regardless of the competition unless special dispensation has been granted by the Committee.
- 6) A team manager shall be entitled to one free annual player's subscription fee for either themselves or a member of their immediate family per season. This rule applies to a maximum of one individual per team and to a maximum of one family member.
- 7) In the event that a team may operate under a management team as opposed to an individual, it is the responsibility of the individuals concerned to determine how the free membership should be applied.

## Dissolution Policy

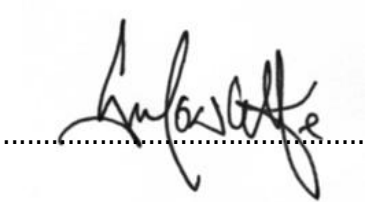
In the event of the Club ceasing to continue operations, all remaining funds and property belonging to the Club will be distributed to local charities, the constitution of which will be determined by the General Committee.

## Other Business

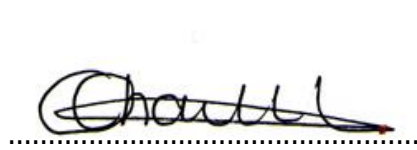
Any matters not governed by the foregoing rules shall be dealt with by the General Committee, the decision of which body shall be final and binding.

**Note: It may be found necessary to amend or add to these Rules to meet specific local circumstances.**

Signatories

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G.HOWLETT (CHAIRMAN)

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C.HOWLETT (JNR SECRETARY)