



# St Albans Fencing Club

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## CONSTITUTION 2019

Constitution adopted at Annual General Meeting held on 7/10/1993, amended 25/2/2019

1. Title and Objectives of the Club. The club shall be called The St Albans Fencing Club. To foster and promote the sport of fencing at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation and competition.

2. Membership.

2.1 Ordinary Membership of the club shall be open to any person over 18 completing a membership application form and paying , by quarterly standing order or direct credit, the relevant subscription/joining fees as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club members.

2.11 Junior Membership of the club shall be open to any person under 18, who with parental consent completes a membership application form and paying the relevant fees subscriptions /joining fee as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club members.

2.2 Members are encouraged to become individual members of the British Fencing Association.

3. Officers and Committee.

3.1 The officers shall be a President by invitation: Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer by election (any of the three latter offices may be combined).

3.2 The executive committee shall comprise the Chairman, General Secretary, and Treasurer (or combination as above) together with elected ordinary members to make a Committee of at least five.

3.3 The Officers and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. The Committee shall have power to co-opt. The day to day running of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee.

3.4 Honorary posts - President, Vice-President, Patron etc., may be offered by decision of a General Meeting.

3.5 A quorum at Committee Meetings shall be one officer and two other members.

3.6 All posts shall be unpaid.

#### 4. Subscription Fees.

4.1 The Fees subscriptions for Ordinary Membership and Junior Membership shall be proposed by the executive committee preceding the start of the next financial year and presented at the next AGM for ratification.

4.2 Subscriptions shall be due on January 1st, and if any subscription is unpaid after April 1st., the member in default shall cease to be a member

4.3 Anyone joining the Club after October 1st., shall have their subscription carried over to the following year.

#### 5. Annual General Meeting.

5.1 The Club year shall be from January 1st. to December 31st., and the first general meeting of the Club year shall be the Annual General Meeting At this meeting, checked and signed accounts shall be presented and Officers of the committee shall be elected for the following year.

5.2 At a General Meeting every Ordinary Member present has one vote. Honorary and Associate members are entitled to attend but may not vote.

5.3 Junior members are not entitled to cast a vote at either the AGM or any EGM attend.

5.4 A quorum for the General Meeting shall be eight Ordinary members.

5.5 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to members one month before the meeting.

6. Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be empowered to open bank accounts in the Club's name, and disburse funds of the Club as the Committee and Annual General Meeting may decide in the furtherance of the aims of the Club as stated above. The chairman, secretary and armourer shall also be empowered to disburse funds, as an individual signatory, with two signatories required for all cheques.

#### 7. Surplus income

7.1 All surplus income is to be reinvested in the club

7.2 No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

#### 8. Alterations to the Constitution.

8.1 No alterations or additions to the Constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting of the Members of the Club, and unless approved by at least two-thirds of the Ordinary members present.

8.2 Written copies of suggested alterations to the constitution must be sent to the Secretary at least two months before the meeting and copies sent to all Ordinary members by the Secretary before the meeting.

## 9. Dissolution.

9.1 The Club may be disbanded by two-thirds majority of those paid-up members voting in a postal ballot of all Ordinary members.

9.2 It shall be deemed sufficient for the ballot papers to have been sent to the last known address of each member.

9.3 In the event of the Club being disbanded, all remaining assets shall be used to pay outstanding debts.

9.4 Any balance left and any other assets of the club shall be donated to the British Fencing Association to use as it may consider appropriate.