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1. Name

The club shall be called Trinity F.C. (YFC) (the “Club”)

2. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to provide facilities, promote the game of Association Football, to arrange matches and social activities for its members and community participation in the same.

3. Status of Rules

These rules (the “Club Rules”) form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.

4. Rules and Regulations

- a) The members of the Club shall so exercise their rights, powers and duties and shall, where appropriate use their best endeavours to ensure that others conduct themselves so that the business and affairs of the Club are carried out in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association Limited (“The FA”), County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated (“Parent County Association”) and Competitions in which the Club participates, for the time being in force.
- b) No alteration to the Club Rules shall be effective without prior written approval by the Parent County Association. The FA and the Parent County Association reserve the right to approve any proposed changes to the Club Rules.
- c) The Club will also abide by The FA’s Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy as shall be in place from time to time.

5. Club Membership

- a) The members of the Club from time to time shall be those persons listed in the register of members (the Membership Register) which shall be maintained by the Club Secretary. Definition of a member is everyone on club committee, players, parents/guardians and spectators for duration of training session and/or matches.
- b) Any person who wishes to be a member must apply to the Club Committee. Election to membership shall be at the sole discretion of the Club Committee. Membership shall become effective upon an applicant’s name being entered in the Membership Register.
- c) All members must comply with the clubs “Policy for Club Officials”.
- d) All club officials will be required to sign a ‘Club Officials Statement’ as detailed in the “Policy for Club Officials”.
- e) In the event of a member’s resignation or expulsion, his or her name shall be removed from the Membership Register.
- f) The Football Association and parent County Association shall be given access to the Membership Register on demand.

6. Annual Membership Fee

- a) An annual registration fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Fees shall not be repayable.



- b) The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club.
- c) Training Fees & Teams' Own Monies.
 - a. It is up to each manager to decide whether or not to charge their players training fees and, if so, how much per training session. These amounts 'belong' to the respective team, not to Trinity FC.
 - b. It is each manager's responsibility to record and account for their training fees (or any other form of independent fund-raising) and related expenditure. Such records shall be made available to any person with due cause to view them.

7. Resignation and Expulsion

- a) A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if, and from the date on which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of his/her resignation. A member whose annual membership fee or further subscription is more than two (2) months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.
- b) 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 them to remain a member. An appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club Committee in accordance with the Complaints Procedure in force from time to time.
- c) A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any, or a share of any, of the income and assets of the Club (the "Club Property").

8. Club Committee

- a) The Club Committee Club Committees shall consist of the following, plus other members as decided and elected at an Annual General Meeting :
 - I. Management Committee
The members of this committee are the Elected Officers of the Club: Club Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Child Welfare Officer, Development Officers, Registration Secretary, Kit Liaison Officer and Kit Manager. These officers are responsible for the day to day running of the club and also review and attend to General Issues, Disciplinary Hearings and Forward Planning. Other members may be appointed to the Management Committee with agreement of existing Management Committee members.
 - II. General Committee
The members of this committee are Managers, Coaches and Administrators.
- b) Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting. One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any time. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the Chairman or in their absence by the person appointed by the Club Committee . The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be three.



- c) Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary.
- d) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than 7 days' notice to all members of the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall hold not less than four meetings a year.
- e) An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between Annual General Meetings shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members.
- f) 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.

9. Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

- a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in each year to:
 - I. Receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year.
 - II. Receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year.
 - III. Elect the members of the Club Committee.
 - IV. Consider any other business.
- b) Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer who must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the Meeting. Any such resolution shall be displayed on the Club noticeboard not less than 14 days before the Meeting.
- c) A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called at any time by the Committee and shall be called within 21 days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than five members stating the purposes for which the Meeting is required and the resolutions proposed. Business at an SGM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.
- d) The Secretary shall email each member notice of the date of a General Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 14 days before the Meeting.
- e) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be five.
- f) 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 a casting vote.
- g) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall enter Minutes of General Meetings into the Minute Book of the Club.



10. Club Teams/Monthly Committee

- a) At its first meeting following each AGM, a date and time for monthly committee meetings shall be agreed. The Club Committee shall appoint a Club member to be responsible for each of the Club's football teams and The appointed members shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the team. The appointed members shall present to the Club Committee at its last meeting prior to an AGM a written report on the activities of the team.
- b) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be five.
- c) 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 a casting vote.
- d) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall enter Minutes of General Meetings into the Minute Book of the Club.
- e) All committee members will attend a monthly meeting at the time agreed and all monies due to the Club will be paid to the Treasurer. In the event a member cannot attend, apologies must be given to the Club Secretary prior to the meeting. All monies due to the Club must be given to another Committee member prior to the meeting for payment to the Treasurer on their behalf. Non-payment of monies due to the Club shall be classed as a breach of Club Rules and will be dealt with according to the Club Complaints Procedure.

11. Club Finances

- a) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the Club Account). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairperson, the Club Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by two of the three designated signatories. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.
- b) The income and assets of the Club (the Club Property) shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club.
- c) The Club Committee shall have 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.
- d) The Club shall prepare an annual Financial Statement in such form as shall be published by The Football Association from time to time.
- e) 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 (the Custodians), who shall deal with the Club Property as directed by decisions of the Club Committee and entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence of such a decision.
- f) 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.
- g) On their removal or resignation a Custodian shall execute a Conveyance in such form as is published by The Football Association from time to time to a newly-elected Custodian or the existing 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 surviving Custodian, a Special General Meeting shall be convened as soon as possible to appoint another Custodian.



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

12. Dissolution

- a) 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 the members present.
- b) 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 the 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 other manner as the members of the Club with the consent of the parent Association shall determine.