

## CONSTITUTION OF IOF MAVERICKS FC CIC

#### 1. Name

The Club shall be called IOF Mavericks FC CIC.

# 2. Objects

The Club's primary objective is to promote and facilitate the playing and development of football within the local community, providing opportunities for players of all abilities to engage in the sport in a safe, structured, and inclusive environment.

#### 3. Status of Rules

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

#### 4. Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated to the Derbyshire County Football Association and shall abide by its rules and regulations, along with those of The Football Association (FA).

# 5. Club Membership

- (a) Membership shall be open to all, without discrimination.
- (b) All members shall abide by the Club's Code of Conduct and FA Respect Codes.
- (c) The management committee reserves the right to refuse or revoke membership where conduct is deemed detrimental to the Club.

#### 6. Club Committee

- (a) The Club shall be governed by a management committee, consisting of at least a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Welfare Officer.
- (b) The committee shall be elected at the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- (c) The committee shall meet at least quarterly to discuss Club matters and make decisions.
- (d) A quorum for a committee meeting shall be three members.

## 7, Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

- (a)An 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; and
- (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 and seconder, both of whom 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.
- (c) An EGM may be called at any time by the Club 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 EGM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.
- (d) The Secretary shall send to each member at their last known address written notice of the date of a General Meeting (whether an AGM or an EGM) together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 14 days before the meeting.
- (e) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be......
- (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.

### 8. Club Finances and subs

- (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 Club Property shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club. The distribution of profits or proceeds arising from the sale of Club Property to members is prohibited.
- (c) The Club Committee shall have the power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the Club (although a Club shall not remunerate a member for playing) and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.
- (d) The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
- (e) The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:
- (i) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.
- (ii) employ members (although not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Club Committee without the person concerned being present.
- (iii) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests; and
- (iv) indemnify the Club Committee and members acting properly during the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).
- (f) The Club shall keep accounting records for recording the fact and nature of all payments and receipts to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position, including the assets and liabilities of the Club. The Club must retain its accounting records for a minimum of six years.
- (g) The Club shall prepare an annual "Financial Statement", in such format as shall be available from The FA from time to time. The Financial Statement shall be verified by an independent, appropriately qualified accountant and shall be approved by members at general meeting. A copy of any Financial Statement shall, on demand, be forwarded to The FA.

- (h) 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.
- (i) 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.
- (j) On their removal or resignation, a Custodian shall execute a Conveyance in such form as is published by The FA from time to time to a newly elected Custodian or the existing Custodians as directed by the Club Committee. The Club shall, on request, make a copy of any Conveyance available to The FA. 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, an EGM shall be convened as soon as possible to appoint another Custodian.
- (k) 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.
- (l) Subs must be paid by parents on time otherwise this will result in a player not being allowed to train or play until such time the full amount owed is paid to the club.
- (m) Playing kit is purchased by the player and therefore is their own to keep even when they leave the club, any items purchased by the club must be returned prior to leaving.

## 9. Club Teams

At its first meeting following each AGM the Club Committee shall appoint a Club member to be responsible for each of the Club's football teams. 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 of the activities of the teams

## 10. Safeguarding and Welfare

- (a) The Club is committed to providing a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults.
- (b) A designated Welfare Officer shall be appointed to oversee safeguarding matters.
- (c) The Club shall adopt and adhere to The FA's Safeguarding Children Policy.

## 11. Discipline and Conduct

- (a) The Club shall operate within The FA's disciplinary framework.
- (b) Any breaches of conduct shall be reviewed by the committee, which may impose sanctions, including suspension or expulsion.

#### 12 Dissolution

- (a) In the event of dissolution, any remaining funds or assets shall be donated to a football charity or grassroots football organization, as decided by the committee.
- (b) A proposal to dissolve the Club must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting.

## 13. Amendments to the Constitution

(a) Amendments to this constitution shall only be made at an AGM or EGM, with at least a two-thirds majority of members present voting in favour.

This constitution was adopted by the founding members of IOF Mavericks FC CIC on 24/03/2025.