

## **CONSTITUTION - WIGSTON WILLOW FOOTBALL CLUB**

### **1. Name of Club**

The Club shall be known as Wigston Willow Football Club (hereinafter to be referred to as “the Club”) and may also be known as WWFC. The Club will be affiliated with Leicestershire County FA.

### **2. Legal Status**

The Club is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, company number 1574343. It shall also be incorporated as a Community Amateur Sports Club.

### **3. Aims and Objectives**

The aims and objectives of the club shall be:

1. To provide facilities for and encourage the participation in amateur football in Wigston and wider community.
2. To provide training, social and competitive football for members.
3. To provide a social environment outside the context of the main club activity.
4. To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club.
5. To ensure all club members are treated equally.

### **4. Membership**

4.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in participating in football regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities/resources is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

4.2 Membership shall consist of ‘social membership’ within the company with members under the age of 18 having their voting rights proxied to the parent/guardian named as responsible for paying membership fees.

4.3 All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.

4.4 Members will pay membership fees as determined by the club and notified in the team rules for that season, see club rules\*.

*\*Individual teams fees may differ from the fees set out in the club rules, check with team manager*

4.5 Each membership application must be made and renewed annually by following the clubs registration system for that season.

4.6 Any member wishing to resign from the Club must do so in writing i.e. by WhatsApp or by email.

4.7 The Club shall have the power to suspend or exclude any member for contravention of this constitution or documented rules that may exist at that time.

4.8 Subscriptions: See 'Club Rules' for membership fees. Membership fees shall not exceed £1612 per annum.

## **5. Management**

Decision making will default to club directors with the assumption of approval by club members. Decisions made by the club that a team doesn't agree with may be contested with a minimum 25% of teams support for a review and ultimately a vote by teams. The objection should be lodged by email stating the matter to which the team objects, the nature of the objection and the names of additional teams in support of the objection (to reach minimum 25% of teams) providing the following criteria is met:

1. The matter hasn't been voted on by the club within the last 12 months.
2. The matter isn't one that would normally require an ordinary or special resolution by directors
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## **6. Club Vote**

Club management may refer any decision to a club vote and must refer any matter with 25% support of teams to a vote. A club vote is one vote per affiliated team at time of vote, cast by a team manager. The team manager has no obligation to consult with his or her team, but it is recommended. Club votes will be online and allow a minimum of 7 days to respond. A

vote will be by a simple majority. Where there is a tie, the chairman shall have casting vote (which will typically be used to support the status quo ante). Any vote to change the club rules will be changed from the following season.

## **7. Meetings**

There is no minimum requirement for physical club meetings. The primary forum for discussing club matters will be the clubs 'Team Official' WhatsApp group.

## **8. Finance**

(a) The financial year of the club shall run between 1<sup>st</sup> July & 30<sup>th</sup> June.

(b) All funds belonging to the Club shall be deposited with a bank or building society in accounts that shall carry the club title. All accounts shall operate on two signatories.

## **9. Property and Funds**

(a) All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

## **10. Winding Up**

10.1 The directors may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

10.2 Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sports governing body for use by them in related community sports.

## **11. Amendments to Constitution**

The constitution may be changed through agreement by a majority vote of directors. Club members may object and call a vote with at least 25% support of teams.