



1) Club Name, Affiliation and Links

- a) The club shall officially be called **Stonesfield Strikers Football Club** (the “Club”). The Club Committee may from time to time allow informal variations of the Club name to be used to distinguish mini-soccer, youth and adult association football teams when entering competitions.
- b) The Club shall be affiliated to a County Football Association and be subject to the Constitution and Club Rules (the “Club Rules”) set out herein, as amended from time to time.
- c) The Club shall establish links with local educational institutions and recreational clubs from where to recruit players or to deliver football coaching.
- d) The Club shall establish links with semi-professional and professional football clubs to support player development and The Club’s growth.

2) Objects

- a) The objectives 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.
- b) The Club will provide youth and adult football for males and females aged from 5 years through to adulthood and who are resident in Stonesfield or surrounding area. The Club will run teams in such leagues or competitions as the Club Committee may approve.

3) Status of Rules

- a) 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) The Club will also abide by The FA’s Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and Inclusion, Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policies 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.
- b) Membership of the club shall be open to:
 - i) All persons signed on by the Club who have paid their due signing-on fees and subscriptions
 - ii) The parents of members aged under 18 on 31st August of the season concerned
 - iii) Managers and volunteers involved in running the Club's teams
- c) Any person who wishes to be a member must apply to the Club. Election to membership shall be at the discretion of the Club Committee and granted in accordance with the anti-discrimination and equality policies which are in place from time to time. An appeal against refusal may be made to the Club Committee in accordance with the Complaints Procedure in force from time to time. Membership shall become effective upon an applicant's name being entered in the Membership Register.
- d) In the event of a member's resignation or expulsion, his or her name shall be removed from the Membership Register.

6) Annual Membership Fee and Other Charges

- a) An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee and set at a level that will not pose a significant obstacle to community participation. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member.
- b) Fees shall not be refunded in any circumstances, other than in exceptional circumstances on application to the Committee.
- c) 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.
- d) Members must settle in full fines imposed by The FA, Parent County Association or League.

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 three (3) months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.
- b) The Club Committee, or such nominated sub-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

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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) Any member can be subject to suspension pending full review by the Club Committee, or nominated sub-committee, as follows (but not limited to):
 - i) Any child welfare related complaint / issue
 - ii) Any reports of the abuse of referees and match officials, visiting Managers/Officials, parents, Players, Managers or Club members verbally, physically or in any other form by any parent or Guardian, Player, Manager or Coach or Club member.
 - iii) who has not settled in full any outstanding league / FA fine.
- d) 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 shall consist of the following Club Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Welfare Officer and up to thirty other members, elected at an Annual General Meeting.
- b) Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") unless otherwise resolved at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM"). 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 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 Chairperson or in their absence any of the attending Club Officers. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be six.
- c) The Club Committee will have the following objectives:
 - i) To set policy for the Club
 - ii) To set fees and subscriptions for its members
 - iii) To seek sponsorship for the Club
 - iv) To promote and assist in fundraising for the Club
 - v) To take all steps to ensure the suitability (Coaching qualifications and Criminal Records Check (CRC) checks) of prospective team managers before their appointment and CRC for all team assistants/coaches. All coaching qualifications and CRC will need to be current for each season start.
 - vi) To promote the efficient running of the Club and deal with any disciplinary matters that breach the Club Constitution or Codes of conduct
- d) Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be recorded and retained by the Club Secretary.
- e) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than seven days' notice to all members of the Club Committee.

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- f) The Club Committee shall meet at least six times per year, normally the first Monday of every month, and shall have the power to form such sub-committees as deemed necessary and to co-opt members or others with appropriate expertise or experience to serve on such sub-committees.
- g) 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.
- h) Save as provided for in the Rules and Regulations of The FA, the Parent County Association and any applicable Competition, the Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.
- i) The position of a Club Officer shall be vacated if such person is subject to a decision of The FA that such person be suspended from holding office or from taking part in any football activity relating to the administration or management of a football club.

9) 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;
 - iv) to appoint a Club Committee member to be responsible for each of the Club's football teams; and
 - v) consider any other business.
- b) Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made 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 three 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 accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate any proceedings at any such meeting of the Club.
- f) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be six.
- g) 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

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simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

- h) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall record minutes of General Meetings for retention by the Club.

10) Club Teams

- a) At each AGM the Club Committee shall appoint a Club Committee 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 each AGM a written report of the activities of the team.

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, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account unless signed by two 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 the 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 in the course of 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 so as 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” and shall be approved at a General Meeting. A copy of any Financial Statement shall, on request, be made available for inspection by any Club member and/or 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 the recorded minutes 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 an appropriate recognised form 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.

12) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- a) Any amendment, addition or deletion to the constitution shall only be valid if passed at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting after notice of both amendment and meeting has been given to all members. Any such amendment, addition or deletion shall require a majority in favour of two-thirds of those members and committee members attending the meeting.

13) CLUB CODES OF CONDUCT

- a) The Club codes of conduct will be issued to all members and must be accepted before a member can be considered for selection of a Club team. Members shall comply with the codes of conduct at all times. Non-compliance shall be deemed as a disciplinary matter to be dealt with under this constitution.

14) DISCIPLINE

- a) All disciplinary matters will be reviewed at Committee Meetings and the Club Committee, or such nominated sub-committee, shall be empowered to take such disciplinary action as is reasonable and as it deems appropriate to the circumstances. Such action may include termination of the membership of any member. Members shall have the right to be heard by the Club Committee (or nominated sub-committee) before a final decision on termination is made.



- b) Fines - The Club will initially settle all fines that have been set by the relevant League / FA where appropriate to avoid any further league or FA sanction. Those fines accrued must be settled in full by the team Manager / Coach. The Club must be reimbursed within 28 days of notification of the fine.
- c) Suspensions - refer to Section 7c.

15) QUALIFICATIONS AND COURSES

- a) The Club will enforce that all its managers and team coaches are qualified in the relevant coaching courses to ensure the safety and welfare of all players and enhance the benefit for the Club and its members. All members, aged 16 and above, involved with any junior team (under 18) will be required to complete a DBS/CRB check.
- b) At the discretion of the Club Committee, the Club may subsidise up to 100% of the course cost for members who wish to take approved training courses. Any subsidy shall be repaid to the Club by the person concerned if the training course is not completed or the said person leaves membership of the Club within six months, at the discretion of the Club Committee.

16) 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.
 - c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to another Club, a Competition, the Parent County Association or The FA for use by them for related community sports.
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Signed:



Paul Charles – Club Chairman/Secretary

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