

STRANRAER FOOTBALL CLUB

CONSTITUTION & RULES

1. The club shall be known as Stranraer Football Club (SFC), and shall promote the fostering of football in the town and district.
2. The club shall be affiliated to the Scottish Football Association Limited (SFAL), the Southern Counties Football Association (SCFA) and the Wigtownshire and District Football Association (WDFFA), and/or any other approved Football Association.
3. Excluding current incumbents who shall retain their honorary Lifetime appointments, the Club shall appoint an Honorary President and no more than three (3) Honorary Vice-presidents at any one time. All candidates for Honorary President or Honorary Vice-president require to be proposed and seconded at the AGM subsequent to a vacancy having arisen. The Honorary President and Honorary Vice-presidents shall hold their positions for life, unless they decide themselves to retire or are removed by special resolution supported by a two-thirds majority of voters at an AGM or SGM.

4. The club shall be managed by a Committee of twelve (12) members each elected from the general membership. From this twelve, the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Treasurer and Match Secretary shall be elected at the AGM by those present and voting. Committee members shall retire after having served three (3) years but shall be immediately eligible for re-election. In the event of the resignation, death or expulsion of a committee member during the season, the next highest unsuccessful candidate at the previous election shall be invited to take their place, in turn until no more nominated unsuccessful candidates remain. Thereafter, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt from the membership to fill vacancies. Such co-opted members will need to stand for election at the next AGM. Formal seconded nominations for election or re-election must be received by the club secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM. All paid positions, such as Secretary, Grounds man etc, shall be determined by the Club Committee.

5. Membership of the club shall be open to all supporters of SFC. Applicants must be proposed and seconded by existing club members. The Club Committee shall have the right to refuse any application for membership but shall give reasons to the applicant for such refusal within seven (7) days from receipt. The refused applicant will then have seven (7) days

to lodge an appeal, which must be considered by the club within fourteen (14) days of receipt. In case of such circumstances of appeal, the circumstances will be considered by an Appeal Committee comprising at least three (3) of five (5) members chosen specifically for this purpose at each AGM. A representative of the Club Committee shall attend such an appeal and explain the Club's case for refusal, and the applicant shall be entitled to be present, or represented to put his case for acceptance. This clause shall also apply to any appeal against Suspension or Expulsion of a member.

6. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held no later than the 31st August. Advice of the meeting shall be distributed to paid-up and entitled members no later than fourteen (14) days prior to its date, and shall include, along with the meeting agenda, a full set of independently drafted accounts, and names of those proposed and seconded for election.

7. At the AGM the events of the previous year shall be open for discussion. The previous year's accounts shall be approved, and the Committee members appointed.

8. The secretary shall call a Special General Meeting (SGM) on the instruction of the Chairman or on a requisition signed by at least seven (7) members of the Committee, or by at least twenty percent (20%) of club members. Such a meeting to be held within twenty-eight (28) days of receipt of the application.

9. The Annual Membership Subscription shall be fixed at the AGM and shall become payable immediately.

Paid-up members shall be issued with a membership card as proof of payment. The membership term shall run from 1st September to 31st August inclusive.

A hard copy of the 'Club Constitution and Rules' may be posted when payment is made however a full copy will be published on the SFC official website.

10. The rules and regulations shall not be altered or added to except with the consent of three quarters (3/4) of members present at an annual general meeting or special general meeting called for that purpose and having been advertised for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Local Press. Intimation of any proposed alteration to the rules and regulations together with a note of the proposed alteration shall be given to the secretary fourteen (14) days before the meeting at which the proposed alteration is to be submitted.

11. At the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting voting shall be by show of hands except in the case of election of committee members when a ballot shall take place. Ballot papers will be issued in these instances at the start of each meeting to members present whose names appear on the current membership list.
12. The Club Committee shall meet as and when required, but in full at least four (4) times per year, excluding the AGM. Committee members should attempt to attend most meetings either in person or by conference call. Attendance at all meetings shall be recorded and made available to voting members if required at the AGM.
13. No decision of the Club Committee can be overturned without a majority vote.
14. Five (5) members of the Club Committee shall form a quorum.
15. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-chairman shall have the power to call a meeting of the Club Committee and must do so upon the request of three (3) members of the committee.

16. All complaints or suggestions from members must be made in writing to the secretary and shall be submitted to the Club Committee for consideration within fourteen (14) days of receipt.

17. The title to or lease of any heritable property purchased by or leased to the club shall be taken in the names of the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Treasurer at the time as Trustees for the Club, and thence to their successors. Any leases, Minutes of Agreement or Security Writs granted by the Club shall be binding on the Club if signed on its behalf by the then Chairman, Vice-chairman or Treasurer.

18. The Club Committee shall have the power with the consent of the club in General Meeting to sell-lease or pledge any club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of Stranraer F.C social club but no purchaser-tenant or heritable creditor shall be concerned to enquire whether such consent has been given.

19. A Minute Book shall be kept and the full proceedings of all Club Committee, Annual General and Special General Meetings shall be recorded therein. The minutes shall be read at respective subsequent meetings and when recommended for approval, and seconded shall be signed by the Chairman and stand as a correct record.

20. The original of this 'Club Constitution and Rules' was adopted at a meeting of members held in Stranraer Boys Club on the twenty-fourth of May, nineteen-hundred and forty-six (24th May 1946). Various amendments and additions have been made since, and this current version was adopted on.....