



Gosport & District Angling Club

RULES OF THE CLUB

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Section 1 Name, Office and Objects of the Club

1.1 The Club shall be called the GOSPORT & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB.

1.2 The object shall be to encourage angling fellowship and good sportsmanship and to provide members with ancillary facilities at the Club Headquarters as far as available space permits.

1.3 The Club shall be affiliated to the National Federation Of Sea Anglers.

Section 2 Membership

2.1 The following categories of membership shall prevail:

Full	18 to 64 years
Associate	18 to 64 years
Junior	8 up to 18 years
Full OAP (Male & Female)	65+ years
Associate OAP (Male & Female)	65+ years

(All Juniors, 8 to 18 years with a parent/guardian holding full membership are entitled to full Junior membership FREE).

2.2 Candidates for election must be proposed and seconded by two adult members, one of whom must be a committee member. Such candidates must sign the Membership Application Form, which states "I hereby agree, if elected, become a member of the said club and be bound by the rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws for the time being of the club". The appropriate entrance fee must be paid.

2.3 Candidate's application forms shall be posted on the club notice board for 21 days. The Committee having been notified that the 21 days have expired will consider the application's) at their meeting. Any club member having

objection's) to any applicant's) should advise the Secretary in writing prior to that Committee meeting.

2.4 President - The President shall be nominated by the Committee and shall be an Honorary position with no voting rights.

2.5 Vice President(s) - The Vice - President(s) shall be nominated by the Committee (maximum of two if considered desirable) and shall be elected at a General Meeting. Vice - President(s) post(s) shall be Honorary position(s) and shall have no voting rights'

2.6 Life - Life member shall be nominated by the committee and endorsed by a General Meeting. Life members shall be limited to 5 members only at any one time. Life members shall be entitled to all club privileges including a free boat berth.

2.7 Associate - Associate members may be elected at the Committee's discretion. Associate members will be limited to 36 members or 20% of the membership whichever is the lower. Commercial fisherman or persons whom fish with rod and line for profit or use gillnets in the pursuit of profit may only hold associate membership. Such members will have no voting rights nor may they compete for Club Trophies or prizes (other than those allocated for Associated members) or hold a boat berth or display any club emblem other than Associated badge.

2.8 Honorary Members - Honorary members can be elected by the Committee in appreciation for meritorious service rendered to the club and shall be entitled to all privileges of the club except voting rights. Honorary members shall be for life and Honorary members will not be required to pay any subscription or boat berth fees.

At no time shall there be more than 12 Honorary members. Honorary members shall not be eligible to stand for Officer/Committee posts.

2.9 The Hon Secretary and Assistant Hon Secretary shall have the power to enter visiting members of other Sea Angling Societies as Temporary members at the rate of £1.00 subscription. Application forms shall be posted on the club notice board at least two days before the Temporary membership shall take effect. Temporary membership shall be subjected to such special regulations as the Committee may from time to time make regarding Temporary members

Section 3 Subscriptions

3.1 Subscriptions and boat berth fees shall be at the rates in force at the time.

3.2 Subscriptions fall due on 1st January of each year

3.3 Subscriptions and boat berth fees be reduced a pro-rata fee equivalent to 1/12 of each month or part each month remains in that year.

3.4 Boat berth fees for Full Old Age Pensioners after two years continuous full membership shall be halved according to existing scales so laid down at a General Meeting.

3.5 Any member who has not paid his/her subscription and boat berth fees 30 days after it shall become due shall be considered in arrears and if it not paid within 28 days thereafter he/she cease to be a member. No member in arrears shall be permitted any club privileges.

3.6 The Committee shall have the power to extend this period in the event of illness or any reasonable cause warranting such extension

3.7 Members of Her Majesty's Forces who have been club members prior to being posted overseas may rejoin without paying a further entrance fee.

3.8 Should the annual Berth Fee due in respect of any boat berthed in the club compound not received by the club on or before the due date (see Rule 3.5) a charge of £2.00 per day will be made in respect of any such boat until the said Berth Fee be paid. Non Members are not permitted to use such a berth

3.9 Failure to pay Berthing Fees within three months of the date due will result in the disposal of the boat and trailer by the club to defray expenses.

Section 4 Qualification and Forfeiture of Membership

4.1 Members shall cease to be members:-

by non payment of subscriptions (Rule 3.5).

Angling Secretary

A Wessex representative may be co-opted

6.2 All the Committee shall be eligible members and be over 18 years of age.

Junior representative's), maximum of 2 between the ages of 16 and 18 years, may be co-opted onto the Committee.

6.3 All the Committee shall normally be elected at the Annual General Meeting with the exception of the Festival Secretaries (beach and boat) who may be elected at the Half Yearly General Meeting.

6.4 All Principle Officers shall serve for two years before standing for re-election.

6.5 Full, Full OAP and Life members with a minimum of 12 months membership shall be eligible for election.

6.6 The Committee shall have the power to constitute from its members sub-committees if they deem it expedient for the carrying on its work and may delegate to such sub-committees all or such power as they in their discretion think fit.

6.7 Such sub-committees will have the power to co-opt non-committee members of the club to assist them in their work subject to the approval of the Committee.

6.8 The Committee shall be elected by written ballot at the Annual General Meeting with the possible exception of the Festival Secretaries, and shall take office on the 1st January following until the conclusion of that year on 31st December.

6.9 Any one or more members of the Committee may be removed by resolution passed by two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at a Special General Meeting convened in accordance with the Rules.

Any vacancy or vacancies so resulting shall be filled by ballot in accordance with the Rules.

6.10 Should any of the Principle Officers die, resign, be removed or become unfit or incapable to act during the two year term of office, that position will be filled by election at the next Annual General Meeting. The elected member

to serve for the remainder of the two year term before standing for re-election.

6.11 In the case of another Principle Officer/Officer of the Club wishing to stand for election of the vacated Principal Officer position, he/she must resign his/her Principle Officer/Officer post prior to the General Meeting and elections will be held for both posts as laid down in Rule 15.

6.12 In the case of any Committee members (other than a Trustee) who shall die, resign, be removed or become unfit or incapable to act, the Committee may at any time co-opt a person to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting unless the vacancy is previously filled at a Special General Meeting.

6.13 A Committee Member who resigns more than twice during his/her tenure because he/she does not agree with a democratic vote taken within the club will not be allowed to stand as a Committee Member for the remainder of his/her membership.

Section 7 Trustees

7.1 The Trustees shall be appointed (or removed) only at a General Meeting by resolution of two thirds majority of the members present and entitled to vote. A Trustee may not hold an Officer post.

7.2 In the event of a Trustee dying, resigning or being removed from office, another shall be appointed by resolution of two-thirds majority of members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting. A resolution appointing a Trustee shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting at which he/she is appointed.

7.3 All the property of the club shall be vested in the Trustees representing and acting for the whole of the members of the club. No personal liability shall attach to any Trustee except to the extent of such funds, deed documents of title and securities for money as may be received by him/her or placed in his/her hands in his/her control by the committee.

7.4 All deeds, documents of title and securities for money held by the Trustee, who shall take measures for the safe custody and preservation thereof at the expense of the club as they may think fit. They shall be responsible for the safe custody of all such deeds, documents and securities as are placed in their

hands or under their control and shall procure them for inspection by the auditors when required by them and whenever else required by a resolution of the *General Meeting* or of the *Committee*.

7.5 The Trustees shall be the persons to sue or be sued on behalf of the club. The Trustees shall deal with the properties of the club as directed by resolution of the *Committee*, at which a certified copy of the appropriate entry in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence and shall be fully indemnified against all risks and expenses incurred in the performance of their duties over club property.

7.6 If any Trustees, being removed from his/her office, refuses or neglects to assign or transfer any property of the club as a *General Meeting* may direct, such Trustee (if he/she be a member) shall be expelled, and cease to have any claim on the club without prejudice to any liability to prosecution.

Section 8 Chairman

8.1 The Chairman or in his absence the Vice Chairman, or in his absence an elected Chairman, shall take the chair at *Committee Meetings*. At *General Meetings* the President of the club or an elected Chairman may take the chair if asked to do so by the majority of the members present.

Section 9 The Honorary Treasurer

9.1 The Treasurer shall pay monies received by the club from any source whatever without any deduction other than that for an impress account to the credit account of any account opened in the name of the club at such bank and in such manner as the *Committee* may direct.

9.2 He/she shall produce all books, documents, property and money of the club in his/her possession and render a full clear account at each audit and whenever required by resolution of the club or the *Committee* or Trustees.

9.3 All account books will be in the custody of the Hon Treasurer and will be of easy access to the Hon Secretary and Assistant Secretary and one of Officers of the club.

9.4 The club's financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December of each year and the Hon Treasurer shall prepare a statement of accounts for the relevant year in sufficient time for the same to be submitted to the auditors in time for them to prepare a final balance sheet to be prepared at the Half Yearly General Meetings.

9.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for paying any affiliation fees each year.

Section 10 Secretary

10.1 The Secretary or in his/her absence the Assistant Secretary shall attend all General Meetings.

10.2 The Secretary shall record correctly the names of the Officers and Committee there present in the Attendance Book.

10.3 The Secretary shall record the minutes of the proceedings, which he/she shall transcribe to be authenticated by the signature of the chairman as the proceedings of the meeting.

10.4 The Secretary shall receive applications for admission to the club.

10.5 The Secretary shall forthwith hand over all monies received by him/her to the Treasurer (other than monies drawn from the bank as an Impress Account). He/she shall produce all books, documents, property and monies of the club in his/her possession and render a full and clear account at each audit and whenever required by a resolution of the club or Committee or by the Trustees. He/she shall also pay over all monies and give up all books, documents and property belonging to the club when ordered to do so by a resolution thereof of the Committee or by the Trustees.

10.6 The Secretary shall summon and give notice of all meetings of the club in such manner and for such purpose as the Committee may appoint and shall prepare all returns and other documents required by the Committee.

10.7 The Secretary shall on occasions, in execution of his/her office act under the superintendence, control and direction of the Committee.

10.8 For his/her service, the Chairman, Hon Treasurer, Hon Secretary shall receive such honorariums, as the Committee shall determined.

Section 11 Committee

11.1 The Committee shall meet at least once a month for general business and not less than one third of the total number of the Committee shall form a quorum.

11.2 The Committee shall control the management of the club and shall have full power to superintend and conduct the business of the club according to the rules therof and shall in all things act for and in the name of the club. It shall have the power to purchase such articles and do all things it may deem necessary for the carrying out the object of the club.

11.3 When the club intends any expenditure in excess of £1000, except for normal running costs, the Committee shall apply the following rules:

11.3.1 Specific details of what is required are to be set out in writing before tenders are invited and put on the notice board.

11.3.2 A minimum of three external quotes must be sought.

11.3.3 The above tenders must be confidential and must be sent in sealed envelopes marked 'tender' to the club Secretary.

11.3.4 The club Secretary will open tenders during the next full Committee meeting.

11.3.5 The tenders should then be posted on the notice board for two weeks.

11.3.6 The final decision must be taken by the full Committee.

11.4 Nothing in the rules shall enable the Committee to declare any dividend or make any monetary grants to members or apply the club funds except for the purpose of the club itself and the purpose specified in the rules.

11.5 No resolution of the Committee shall be rescinded unless notice to rescind has been given at the previous Committee meeting and posted on the club notice board.

11.6 Any Committee member not attending for three consecutive meetings including all General Meetings, shall unless he/she sends an explanation which the Committee consider satisfactory, cease to be a Committee member. If any Committee member, being removed from his/her office, refuses or neglects to assign or transfer any property of the club as a General Meeting may direct, such Committee member (if he/she be a member) shall be expelled, and cease to have any claim on the club without prejudice to any liability to prosecution.

11.7 In the event of the resignation or removal of the whole or majority of the Committee, then the whole of the Committee must be re-elected. The Trustees shall obtain nominations and appoint scrutineers and arrange for holding a ballot. A minimum of seven days shall be allowed for the nominations and a further minimum of seven days for completed ballot papers to be returned to the scrutineers who shall declare the results of the ballot by notice sent to all members.

Section 12 Club Competitions

12.1 The methods (Rules) by which all relevant club competitions shall be fished shall be discussed and decided before the Annual General Meeting. Only full voting members may attend this meeting. Decisions so taken will be valid for the whole of the following year.

12.2 Such competitions shall be guided by the rules as laid down by National Federation of Sea Anglers.

12.3 All Juniors between 8 and 14 years fishing club competitions must be under Adult Supervision.

12.4 The age limit of Juniors fishing competitions will be 16 years, any Junior whose 17th birthday falls after the start of the year's competitions will be allowed to complete that year's competitions.

12.5 All fish entered for Club/N.F.S.A awards must be landed while the captor is involved in sport angling. The Records Officer shall refer any application to the full Committee for ratification.

Section 13 Bye-Laws

13.1 The Committee shall have the power to make such Bye-Laws as it may consider necessary do not contravene any of the Rules.

13.2 Bye-Laws may also be passed by a resolution at a General Meeting by two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote.

Bye-Laws

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(As per Section 13)

1. All members must do everything possible to keep the club premises clean. No petrol, bait or lumber is to be left on club premises. It is the responsibility of Boat Berth Owners to keep the area around their boat berths clean and tidy.

2. All property is left on the club premises entirely at the owner's risk. The Committee will not hold themselves responsible for any loss.

3a. A key to the external club premises will be provided for a deposit as set by the Committee at the time. Each member upon termination of membership MUST return this key to the Hon Secretary.

3b. Keys to the double gate to be held by Boat Berth owners and certain nominated members at the discretion of the Committee only.

4. The Club Room will not be open to Club Members for general use except for bar opening times and club activities.

5a. Claims for club record fish and heaviest fish trophies are to be made on the appropriate forms, which are available from the Records Officer. All fish entered must be weighed on club certified scales, with two witnesses, who must be club members (one of whom must be a Committee member or Officer of the club), are required to sign the form. Fish caught outside club matches or competitions are eligible even if more than one rod is in use at the time. The season for heaviest fish trophies runs from 1st January to 31st December each year.

5b. Fish may also be weighed in at Dave's Tackle, it must be witnessed by Mr. D Ellis plus 1 club member as an alternative to 5a.

6. Fish of the Month trophies (Boat and Beach). All entries (Senior and Junior) for the fish of the Month trophies will be calculated as a percentage of the SENIOR club Record.

7. Any member wishing to enter a fish for the NFSA Specimen Medal competition should make application on a separate form, which is obtainable from the Hon Secretary.

8. Any application for record fish must conform to NSFA record sizes.

9. Club waters are defined by NFSA area 'E' (leaving and returning to a Hampshire port).

10. The following Bye-Laws shall govern club competitions:

a. Competitions shall be guided by NFSA Rules.

b. Rules and Guidelines for the fishing of all competitions will be issued to members at the beginning of each year and will be decided by the Methods of Fishing Meeting to be held before the Annual General Meeting.

c. Any competitor requiring dispensation not covered in NFSA rules should apply to the Officer of the Day

d. Club competitions are open to eligible club members. Weekly visiting members are not eligible for the annual trophies. Junior members may enter all club competitions and are eligible to win any club trophy or Club Record as well as the Club Junior Championship.

e. Competitors to arrange for their own boat accommodation if possible, those not able to do so are to report to the Officer of the Day.

f. Free membership goes to club:

i. Overall Champion Beach & Boat

ii. Lady Champion Beach & Boat

iii. Junior Champion Beach & Boat

The following Bye-Laws shall cover the use of the Club Boats:

- a. The club boats are available for private use by club members on non competition days. Friends may accompany club members. Booking of club boats must be made through the Boat Berth Officer.
- b. On boat competition days, the club boats come under the jurisdiction of the Officer of the Day. If the club boats are not required one hour after the competition has started; the boats may be taken out by a non competitor.
- c. The club can accept no responsibility for the safety of members or guests using the club boats.
- d. Club boats must be *CLEANED THOROUGHLY* after use. Hoses are to be replaced after use.
- e. No club member under 18 years may take charge of a club boat.
- f. Children under the age of 12 years shall not be allowed to be taken out in a club boat at any time.
- g. Not more than two adults and one (maximum) child may use the club boat for fishing purposes.
- h. EVERY PERSON GOING AFLOAT IN A CLUB BOAT MUST TAKE A LIFE JACKET SUPPLIED BY THEMSELVES AND IS LIABLE FOR THE CLUB BOAT AND EQUIPMENT.
- i. No outboard engine of more than 8hp may be used on the club boats.

12. The following Bye-Laws shall cover berthing of members private boats in the compound:

- a. Application to berth a boat in the club compound must be made in writing on a form provided by the Boat Berth Officer on request.
- b. On approval, subject to space being available, and the boat being considered for use in the Solent, the Boat Berth Officer will allocate a berth to the member.
- c. All boats/trailers must be clearly identifiable by carrying their owner's name and membership number. This must be clearly visible.

d. No boat over 5.5mtrs (18 feet long) or less than 3mtrs (10 feet long) or with a permanent super-structure or a navigation mast in excess of 2ft 6ins will be allocated a berth.

e. Members are entitled to apply for a maximum of three weeks in the club boathouse for maintenance purposes. An extension is permissible subject to the Boat Berth Officer's permission, in exceptional circumstances. All applicants must take up their opinion to use the club boathouse facilities within two (2) days of the beginning of their allotted term or forfeit their term.

f. All Boats having berths in the compound must be kept on a useable and reasonable condition trailer, failure to adhere to this Bye - Law may lead to the loss of the Boat Berth.

g. Any club member removing his/her boat/engine from the compound MUST advise the Boat Berth Officer immediately. Any berth vacated for longer than three months may cause forfeiture of the berth.

h. When a member of the club sells his/her boat, the berth is not transferred to the new owner. The new owner must remove the boat from the compound and re-apply for a boat berth as laid down in Bye-Law 12. No refund of boat berth fees will be allowed.

13. No unauthorized cars or boats may be parked in the compound.

14. Parents/Guardians are expected to keep their children under control at all times. Any Parent/Guardian failing to comply could be subject to suspension of their membership.

15. Children may only use the pool table under adult supervision.

16. Dogs should be kept on a lead and under control both in the Clubhouse and Boat Compound.

17. Applications for membership must be accepted by two-thirds majority of the Committee.

18. New bar staff will be accepted for a probationary period of three months.

19. Members may be offered a free drink at the discretion of an Officer of the Club when giving freely of their time for club maintenance.

20. Principal Officers are allowed to spend up to £500 if thought necessary after consultation with another principal Officer.

21. The Club house is available to members for private functions subject to the following conditions:

a. The applicant must be a member of the club.

b. The member **MUST** be in attendance for the full duration of the function and is responsible for the conduct of all the guests during the period of the function up to the departure of the last guest.

c. For children's birthday parties the member is responsible for finding a committee member willing to be in attendance.

d. **A LIST OF GUESTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE HON SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE FUNCTION.**

e. Only the facilities of the club may be used (i.e no drink to be brought onto the premises).

f. Owing to fire regulations the club is limited to a maximum of 60 guests.

g. All guests must be clear of the club premises 30 minutes after the bar closes.

h. Guests are not permitted behind the bar or in the bar cellar.

i. No guests are allowed in the boat compound.

j. No persons under 18 are allowed to play the gaming machine or purchase alcoholic liquor.

k. **IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CLUB MEMBERS COULDN'T BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CLUB DURING A PRIVATE FUNCTION.**

l. The club must be left in a clean and tidy condition, if the organiser does not arrange for the club to be cleaned a function a £10 cleaning fee will be required in advance.

m. No claims can be made against the club for any loss, damage or personal injury.

n. Any damage to club property must be paid for.

22. JUNIORS

a. Juniors who attend on Tuesday Night's must on every occasion enter the Clubhouse respecting all furniture and fittings and at the end of juniors nights the Clubhouse should be left in a tidy condition.

b. No juniors are allowed to loiter or walk around the boat compound unless accompanied by an adult member.

c. FISHING - all juniors when fishing with the club will be expected to behave in a sensible and safe manner. Actions like stone throwing or any other act that may prove dangerous to fellow fisherman or the general public could result in a competition ban for one competition and points deducted.

d. Knives are not recommended on the beach when fishing, but if they are used they should be put away in a secure place when finished with, scissors and nail clippers are much safer and perform nearly the same duty. Wet weather clothing is always advisable to have on every competition as well as a hot drink.

23. Applications for membership (excluding juniors) will be invited to a committee meeting, after the application has been on the notice board for the statutory three weeks, for an interview before a decision is taken on their application.

24. Free membership will be offered to club members at the committee's discretion for:

a. Bar staff who have completed 18 bar duties in the twelve months between 1st January and 31st December.

25. All matters not provided for in these Bye-Laws shall be decided by the Committee or any persons appointed by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Section 14 Meetings

14.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October each year on a date to be fixed by the Committee. The agenda for this meeting shall be posted to the members not less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting together

with such business as may be submitted by the Committee or any member who shall have given notice of the motion he/she proposes to make.

14.2 Notice of a motion by a member shall be given in writing not less than one calendar month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting and the Secretary shall add to the agenda.

14.3 A Special General Meeting will be called by the Committee and also by the Secretary on being requested to do so by not less than 25 members in writing, or one fifth of the membership whichever is less.

14.4 The Half Yearly General Meeting will be held in the March of each year for the purpose of presenting of a balance sheet, amending the rules and election of Festival Secretaries if required.

14.5 Committee Meetings shall be held monthly or when considered necessary by the Chairman or Secretary.

14.6 At least 14 days notice of any General Meeting stating business to be transacted at such a meeting shall be given to every member in writing and left or posted to his/her address.

14.7 Every eligible member over the age of 18 shall have one vote.

14.8 A General Meeting may proceed to business if 18 members are present within 30 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting.

14.9 If the number of members present at a General Meeting convened on the requisition of the members does not form a quorum; the meeting shall be dissolved.

14.10 A quorum not present at a meeting convened by order of the Committee the meeting shall stand adjourned to the week following at the same time and the meeting so adjourned may proceed to business whatever the number of members present.

14.11 Any General Meeting duly constituted may adjourn to such time as the members present direct and may continue to such adjournment as from time to time they may think fit.

Section 15 Conduct of Elections At General Meetings

15.1 The elections of Officers (except Trustees) and Committee shall be by ballot paper. The Secretary shall write to all eligible members asking for nominations for office. No member under suspension shall be eligible for nomination.

15.2 Each eligible member shall have one vote each vacancy and may not give more than one vote to any candidate.

15.3 For a candidate to be elected to an Officer or Committee post he/she must receive a majority of the votes cast by those present and eligible to vote, including postal votes.

15.4 The ballot shall be carried out by three independent scrutineers appointed at the Annual General Meeting who shall not be candidates, Committee members or Officers. The result shall be made known by the posting of a notice in the club signed by the scrutineers recording the number of votes polled by each candidate.

15.5 After the results of the ballot have been properly recorded and announced, the ballot papers shall then be completely destroyed by the Secretary. The Secretary will then inform all members by the result of the ballot.

15.6 Postal votes shall be sent to the Secretary in sealed, marked envelopes, and the Secretary shall pass these unopened to the scrutineers.

15.7 Should a single candidate fail to receive a majority vote then he/she shall not be elected. Should any ballot involving two or more candidates be inconclusive then a further ballot shall be taken involving no more than the two candidates who received the most votes in the first ballot.

15.8 Should any Officer post remain unfilled at the end of the elections, the Committee shall have the power of co-option subject to a vote of confidence at the next General Meeting.

Section 16 Misconduct of Members

16.1 No less than 2 Officers or Committee Members shall have the power to order to withdraw from the club premises or boat compound any member who misconduct's himself/herself and such member shall have no rights to re-enter the club premises or boat compound until summoned to meet the Committee.

Section 17 Suspension and Expulsion of Members

17.1 The Committee shall have the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any member who shall infringe any Rule or Bye-Law or whose conduct shall, in their opinion, render him/her unfit for membership.

17.2 No member shall be reprimanded or expelled without first being summoned to appear before the Committee. Nor shall he/she be reprimanded, suspended or expelled unless two-thirds of the Committee then present shall vote for his/her reprimand, suspension or expulsion. No period of suspension shall exceed 12 months.

17.3 Every member so summoned shall receive at least 14 days notice in writing from the Secretary and such notice shall contain a statement of the charges brought against him/her.

17.4 A member so summoned shall be given full opportunity to advance a defense.

17.5 A suspended member shall not be entitled to any club privileges.

Section 18 Right of Appeal

18.1 A member suspended or expelled shall have the right of appeal to the three arbiters appointed by the Committee.

18.2 Such arbiters shall not hold Officer/Committee posts.

18.3 Such appeal must be in writing to the Secretary within 1 month of the summons appearance.

18.4 The decision of the arbiters shall be final.

18.5 The arbiters may order the costs of the arbitration to be bourn by either party or both parties in such proportion, as they think fit.

Section 19 Disputes

19.1 Any dispute not covered in these rules shall be brought to the Committee in the first instance and if not settled to the satisfaction of all parties, shall then go before three independent arbiters whose decision shall be final.

Section 20 Accounts

20.1 The Committee shall require proper accounts of the club to be kept by the Treasurer.

20.2 It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a copy of the last Annual Balance Sheet and of the Report of the Auditor on the Balance Sheet.

20.3 A copy of the last Annual Balance Sheet shall be circulated to all members prior to the Half Yearly General Meeting.

Section 21 Application of Club Funds

21.1 All monies received on account of entrance fees, subscriptions, levies, donations etc, and interest on investments shall be applied in carrying out the objects of the club in accordance with the rules.

Section 22 Investment

22.1 So much of the funds as may not be wanted for immediate use, or to meet usual occurring liabilities, shall, with the consent of the Committee, or the majority of the members present and entitled to vote at a *General Meeting*, be invested by the Trustees, in any investment in which the Trustees are for the time being by law authorised to invest trust funds.

Section 23 Borrowing

23.1 The Trustees with the consent of a *General Meeting* may borrow money for the purpose of the club upon security of any assets of the club and shall have the power to exercise all deeds or other documents, which may be required for the purpose.

Section 24 Auditors

24.1 Qualified auditors shall be appointed by resolution at the *Annual General Meeting* each year or in the case of a vacancy by the Committee, to examine and certify accounts. Such auditors shall not be members of the Committee.

(For the purpose of this Rule 'Qualified Auditors' means a person who is a qualified auditor under Section 7 of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968)

Section 25 Dissolution of the Club

25.1 The club shall not be dissolved so long as fifty members exist, and then only providing there is a majority of two-thirds in favour of doing so.

25.2 In this event, the Trustees shall sell the club property and the proceeds after all payments to secured and other creditors and all liabilities are defrayed shall be shared between such charities as the Trustees may decide.

Section 26 Notices

26. All summonses and notices shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered at or sent by registered post to the last known address of the member or person for whom they are intended

Section 27 Bar Sub-Committee

27.1 The Committee shall delegate responsibility for the day to day running of the bar to a bar sub-committee.

27.2 This sub-committee shall also undertake such other functions as the Committee may from time to time delegate.

27.3 The Bar Sub-Committee shall comprise the elected Bar Chairman and Bar Secretary/Treasurer and Licensee and other additional members approved by the Committee at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

27.4 The Bar Sub-Committee is authorised to purchase on behalf of the club such stocks, as it considers necessary.

27.5 The Bar Sub-Committee shall make rules for the proper operation of the bar subject to the approval of the Committee and shall provide that stocktaking is done once per month.

27.6 The Bar Sub-Committee must propose the names of the voluntary bar stewards to the Committee for approval.

27.7 Only approved members of twelve months actual membership of the club may volunteer for bar stewardship.

27.8 Only members of the Bar Sub-Committee and approved volunteer stewards may operate the bar.

27.9 The Bar Treasurer shall submit the accounts to the Committee, Hon Secretary or the auditors as and when they may direct.

27.10 The Bar Treasurer shall transfer such of the bar funds to the club's general account as deemed necessary by the Committee.

27.11 The bar may not give credit or cash cheques.

27.12 The bar stewards may refuse to serve any person without giving a reason, and may also close the bar at any time within the permitted hours if conditions become adverse.

27.13 Bar Sub-Committee meetings shall be called as required by the Bar Secretary in consultation with the Bar Chairman. Four days notice of meetings shall be given. Three members shall form a quorum.

27.14 Minutes of all meetings shall be kept and confirmed at the next succeeding meeting. The minutes shall be produced at the request of the General Committee or the Hon Secretary.

Section 28 Permitted Hours

28.1 The permitted hours of the club during which intoxicating liquor may be served on weekdays shall be those ordered by the Licensing Act 1964 (as amended by any subsequent legislation).

28.2 Notwithstanding the above provisions, the hours during which intoxicating liquor may be served shall be at the discretion of the Committee, provided they comply with the licence and shall be kept posted on the club notice board.

28.3 The Bar Sub-Committee shall have the power to make an application to the Licensing Authorities for a special order or exemption on any specified occasion.

Section 29 Purchase of Liquor

29.1 Subject to any restrictions which may from time to time be imposed by the Bar Sub-Committee, the following persons be entitled admission to the club premises and purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises:

1. Members

2. Temporary Members

3. Hon Life Members

4. Visitors

Section 30 Guests

30.1 A Full Member/Full OAP may introduce to the club premises any guest/visitor at any time.

30.2 Each guest/visitor will pay 50p on entry to the club premises, as it stands for the year 2001 and pay such sums that be determined by future Committee or members at an Annual General Meeting.

30.3 Each member and their guest/visitor must sign the guest/visitor book. Guest/visitors may be supplied with alcoholic refreshments for consumption only on the premises.

30.4 Whilst on the club premises all guests/visitors shall be responsibility of the member signing them in. Guests/visitors must leave with or prior to the member signing them in.

Section 31 Visitors

31.1 The following classes of persons may be admitted to the club premises and may purchase and consume alcoholic refreshments therein:

1. Officers, Members and players of visiting club upon the occasion of a home match.

2. Persons who shall have been invited by the Committee or by the Sub-Committee whether gratis or upon payment of an entrance fee, to attend a special function organised by such Committee.

31.2 All persons admitted, as visitors pursuant to this rule shall sign the visitor's book and record their address and in case of officers and members of another club shall enter the name of the club of which they are members.

Section 32 Juniors

32.1 No person (whether member or not) under 18 years of age shall be permitted to purchase or consume intoxicating liquor on the premises.

Section 33 Copies of Rules

33.1 The Secretary shall be supplied by the Committee with copies of these rules and shall deliver to every member a copy on first joining the club or whenever these rules are amended. Further copies of the rules may be purchased from the Secretary on payment of such charge as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Section 34 Amendment of Rules

34.1 No new rules shall be made, nor shall any of the rules contained or hereafter to be made, be amended or rescinded unless with the consent of at least two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

34.2 Every 4 years the foregoing rules shall be reviewed and updated as necessary by the Committee.

Section 35 Interpretation

35.1 The Committee shall decide all questions not covered by the foregoing rules.