OXFORD UNIVERSITY HANDBALL CLUB - CONSTITUTION

NAME AND OBJECTS

1. The Club is called the Oxford University Handball Club. *This is a federal name which incorporates the following teams: the men's Varsity team and the League team, the women's Varsity team and the League team.* The Club's objects are the support, development, improvement and promotion of handball in the University of Oxford; and the income and property of the Club shall be applied solely to those objects.

COMPLIANCE

- 2. The club and its operations will comply with the following points:
 - (a) The Club shall be administered in accordance with the <u>University's Regulations for the Activities</u> and <u>Conduct of Student Members</u>.
 - (b) The activities of the Club will at all times be conducted in accordance with the University's procedures, codes of practice and policies in force from time to time on equality, harassment, freedom of speech and safeguarding (which are available via the University Student Handbook and on the <u>University's webpages</u>), and the Club's Code of Conduct.
 - (c) The Club is eligible to register with the England Handball Association ("National Governing Body") and shall affect and maintain such registration; purchase any insurance cover which the national body makes available and make every effort to comply with all safety procedures which the national body prescribes or recommends as good practice. If there is no such national governing body, or if the national governing body does not make insurance available, the Club must obtain alternative insurance as agreed by the Insurance Section of University Administration and Services.
 - (d) The Club shall ensure that all, paid and unpaid, club administrative and coaching appointments are ratified by the University's Sports Strategic Sub-Committee acting through the Sports Department; that all coaches are registered with any relevant national governing body; and that all paid coaches are accredited by such body.
 - (e) The Club shall observe the Club Safety Policy, ensure compliance with this Policy by the members of the Club, and follow an appropriate procedure for risk assessment. Both the Policy and the procedure for risk assessment must be acceptable to and approved by the Sports Safety Officer. If and for so long as the Club is responsible for organising an inter-college competition, the Policy shall include guidelines and appropriate generic risk assessments for that competition.
 - (f) Not less than 21 days before any event or competition which is approved or advertised by the Club as an official event of the Club (other than events already included in the approved Club Safety Policy and procedure for risk assessment) the Club shall submit to the Proctors an event plan and risk assessment, together with documentary evidence of appropriate insurance cover. The Club shall observe such conditions as the Proctors may then attach to the running of the event.
 - (g) No member of the Club shall participate in any activity overseas organised by the Club, whether during term-time or vacation, unless the plans for such activity have been notified at least one calendar month in advance of the date of departure from the United Kingdom to the Director of Sport and approved by the Proctors. Each member participating in such activities overseas shall observe any conditions imposed by the Proctors on the recommendation of the Director of Sport, e.g. relating to the deposit of contact addresses, fulfilment of health, safety and insurance requirements, and stipulation of coaches, trainers or Senior Members to accompany the trip.

- (h) The Club shall maintain a dedicated website and shall supply details of its web address to the Sports Federation for listing on the University's sports club website. The Club may apply to the University's IT Services to use information technology ('IT') facilities in the name of the Club. Where relevant facilities are allocated by IT Services it is the responsibility of the Club:
 - (i) to designate a member of the Club entitled to a University email account (as defined by IT Services rules) to act as its IT Officer, whose duties shall include liaising with IT Services about the use of facilities allocated and passing on to the successor in office all records relating to the use of the facilities allocated;
 - (ii) to designate one of its members (who may be, but need not necessarily be, the same as its IT Officer) or, exceptionally, a member of Congregation, to act as its principal Webmaster, whose duties shall include maintaining an awareness of the University guidelines on web and social media publishing, and coordinating and regulating access to the web facilities used by the Club;
 - (iii) to comply with regulations and guidelines relating to the use of IT facilities published from time to time by IT Services; including IT services guidance and rules about on-line harassment;
 - (iv) to ensure that everyone responsible under (I)-(III) is competent to deal with the requirements, where necessary undertaking training under the guidance of IT Services.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3. The members of the Club shall be those who are eligible and apply for membership of the Club, who are admitted to and maintained in membership by the Committee, and who have paid the relevant Club subscription.
- 4. Subject to paragraph 5, all student members of the University, and all persons whose names are on the University's Register of Visiting Students, shall be eligible to become members of the Club. A member shall continue to be eligible until given permission to supplicate for a degree, diploma or certificate, regardless of any continuing liability to pay fees to the University.
- 5. If the Club's objects relate directly to a protected characteristic as defined in section 4 of the Equality Act 2010, the Club may be entitled to restrict membership to members sharing that protected characteristic, provided that the Proctors shall first approve any such restriction.
- 6. The Committee may also, at its discretion, admit to membership:
 - (a) students registered to read for diplomas and certificates in the University;
 - (b) student members of Permanent Private Halls who are not student members of the University;
 - (c) members of Ruskin College and Ripon College, Cuddesdon;
 - (d) Postgraduate researchers and employees of the University;
 - (e) members of the Oxford Brookes University, provided that such members shall not constitute more than one-fifth of the total membership; and
 - (f) other persons not falling within paragraph 4 above or paragraphs 6(a) to (e) above, provided that such members shall not constitute more than one-fifth of the total membership.
- 7. The Committee may, having specific regard to the Senior Member's advice in relation to the relevant matter, remove a person from membership or refuse admission to the club if this is deemed to be in the best interests of the Club. An Oxford University student, including any student who has a contract for

study with the University, whose membership of the Club is removed under this procedure has a right to ask the Proctors to review the Committee's decision.

MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

- 8. There shall be an Annual General Meeting for all the members of the Club in the first 4 weeks of Trinity Full Term, convened by the Secretary on not less than fourteen days' notice.
- 9. The Annual General Meeting will:
 - (a) receive the annual report of the Committee for the previous year and the annual accounts of the Club for the previous year, the report and accounts having been approved by the Committee;
 - (b) receive a report from the Committee on the Club's compliance with paragraph 2 above;
 - (c) receive a report from the Committee on the number of complaints received, if applicable, the category of such complaints (e.g. harassment, funding disputes or service issues), and any Committee recommendations arising from them;
 - (d) elect Members of the Committee in accordance with paragraph 25 below: the Committee's nominations for the Officers and the Senior Member shall be contained in the notice of the Meeting: any alternative nominations must be seconded and have the consent of the nominee, and must be received in writing by the Secretary not less than seven days before the date of the Meeting: nominations for the other Committee Members may be taken from the floor of the meeting;
 - (e) consider any motions of which due notice has been given, and any other relevant business.
- 10. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called in any Full Term; by the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer on not less than seven days' notice; or on a written requisition by seven or more members, stating the reason for which the meeting is to be called, and delivered to the Secretary not less than fourteen days before the date of the Meeting.
- 11. Prior to all General Meetings notice of the agenda shall be sent out with the notice of the Meeting.
- 12. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be six members present in person or by proxy, of whom three must be members of the Committee. When any financial business is to be transacted there must be present the Treasurer, or a member of the Committee deputed by the Treasurer to represent the Treasurer's views to the Meeting (provided that where it is a case of a deputy, the only financial business transacted shall be that which was set out in the agenda accompanying the notice of the Meeting).
- 13. Every matter, except where this Constitution provides otherwise, shall be determined by a majority of members present and voting. In the case of equal votes, the President of the Club shall have a casting vote.
- 14. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept and formally adopted by the Committee. Copies of the minutes and Committee's reports shall be made available to members and, upon request, to the Proctors.

THE COMMITTEE

15. The affairs of the Club shall be administered by a Committee consisting of not more than eight persons, which shall determine the subscriptions payable by the members of the Club and have ultimate responsibility for the activities of the Club. Members of the University shall at all times make up the majority of the members of the Committee. The Committee shall consider the diversity of the Club and the benefits of increased representation for minority groups in its operations, including in the structuring

of the Committee. The Committee shall have control of the funds and property of the Club, and of its administration.

- 16. No member of the Committee (or the Club) shall enter into or purport to enter into any arrangement, contract or transaction on behalf of the Club with a value exceeding £1,000 unless the Committee has resolved to approve the relevant arrangement, contract or transaction at a Committee meeting.
- 17. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be four members present in person. When any financial business is to be transacted, there must be present either the Treasurer or a member of the Committee deputed by the Treasurer to represent the Treasurer's views to the meeting.
- 18. The Committee shall be made up of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer (together, the "Office Holders"; and their offices are referred to as "the Offices"), the Senior Member, the Social Secretary, the Fixture Secretary, the Captains, the Head Coach, and the Welfare Officer. The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall each be either a member of the Club whose eligibility stems from paragraph 4 above or paragraphs 6 (a) to (c) above, or (with the approval of the Proctors) a member of Congregation. Where eligibility stems from paragraphs 6 (a) to (c) above, the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer must each, on election to office, sign an undertaking to abide by relevant provisions of the University Student Handbook, as directed by the Proctors from time to time, and to accept the authority of the Proctors on Club matters.
- 19. The President shall have the right to preside at all meetings of the members of the Club and at all meetings of the Committee. Should the President be absent, or decline to take the chair, the Committee shall elect another member of the Committee to chair the meeting.
- 20. Minutes of all meetings, including Committee meetings, shall be kept and formally adopted. Copies of the minutes shall be made available to members and, upon request, to the Proctors.
- 21. The President shall:
 - (a) take responsibility for the overall Club's operations;
 - (b) update and maintain both the Handball Club Live Membership List in the Club Shared Folder and the Club's Mailing List in consultation with the Head Coach;
 - (c) coordinate and support the actions of the other Committee Members and Captains;
 - (d) convene and chair Committee meetings and General Meetings;
 - (e) have the right to preside at all meetings of the members of the Club and at all meetings of the Committee;
 - (f) ensure the Club is run according to the principles set in this Constitution;
 - (g) ensure the Club disposes of the necessary insurance coverages for all of its activities; and
 - (h) take responsibility for the handover, both by ensuring a timely and smooth transition to the newly elected Committee and by completing the University's Handover forms.
- 22. The Secretary shall:
 - (a) maintain a register of the members of the Club, which shall be available for inspection by the Proctors and the Sports Federation on request;
 - (b) give notice of meetings of the members and the Committee;

- (c) draw up the agendas for and minutes of those meetings;
- (d) notify the Proctors (through the Sports Federation) promptly following the appointment and resignation or removal of committee members;
- (e) take responsibility for the operation and updating of a suitable club webpage displaying (as a minimum) current club contacts, the Club Constitution, and the Club Safety Policy, the Club Complaints Procedure, the Club Code of Conduct and procedure for risk assessment(s), approved from time to time by the Sports Safety Officer under paragraph 2 (e) above;
- (f) provide the Sports Federation with full details of any insurance cover purchased from or through a national governing body or otherwise pursuant to paragraph 2 (c) above; and
- (g) inform the Proctors through the Sports Federation if the Club ceases to operate, or is to be dissolved, and in doing so present a final statement of accounts (the format of which the Sports Federation may prescribe).
- 23. The Treasurer shall:
 - (a) keep proper records of the Club's financial transactions in accordance with current accepted accounting rules and practices;
 - (b) develop and implement control procedures to minimise the risk of financial exposure, such procedures to be reviewed annually by the Sports Federation;
 - (c) ensure that bills are paid and cash is banked in accordance with the procedures developed under (b);
 - (d) prepare an annual budget for the Club and regularly inform the Committee of progress against that budget;
 - (e) ensure that all statutory returns are made including VAT, income tax and corporation tax if appropriate;
 - (f) seek advice as necessary on tax matters from the University's Finance Division;
 - (g) develop and maintain a manual of written procedures for all aspects of the Treasurer's responsibilities;
 - (h) make all records, procedures and accounts available on request to the Senior Member, the Proctors and the Sports Federation;
 - (i) forward to the Proctors (through the Sports Federation) by the end of the second week of each Full Term in the Club's first year of operation (1 August to 31 July) a copy of the accounts for the preceding term (the format of which the Proctors may prescribe) signed by the Senior Member, for retention on the Proctors' files; and after the first year of operation forward a copy of the signed annual accounts to 31 July as soon as possible after the year end (and in any event no later than 1 month following the year-end); and
 - (j) if the Club has a turnover in excess of £50,000 in the preceding year, or if owing to a change in the nature or scale of its activities, it may confidently be expected to have such a turnover in the current year, submit its accounts (the format of which the Proctors may prescribe) for independent professional inspection and report by a reporting accountant approved in advance by the Proctors. Accounts are to be ready for inspection within a month after the year end and the costs of the inspection and report shall be borne by the Club. If requested by the reporting accountant, the Club shall submit accounts and related material as a basis for a review of accounting procedures, the cost likewise to be borne by the Club.

- 24. The Senior Member shall:
 - (a) keep abreast of the actions and activities of the Club;
 - (b) provide information relating to the Club to the Proctors on request;
 - (c) seek to settle any preliminary disputes between the Committee and the members;
 - (d) support the Club's welfare officer in their role to seek to prevent incidents of harassment and support those involved in such incidents;
 - (e) following paragraph 23(i) above, consider whether the accounts of the Club are in order and, if so, sign them;
 - (f) ensure that adequate advice and assistance is available to the Secretary and the Treasurer in the performance of their responsibilities under paragraphs 22 and 23 above; and
 - (g) be available to represent and speak for the Club in the public forum, and before the University authorities.
- 25. The members of the Committee shall be elected by the members of the Club annually and shall be eligible for re-election. The members of the Club shall not appoint several individuals jointly to hold any of the Offices, nor allow any individual to hold more than one Office at a time. The members of the Club shall appoint a member of Congregation as the Senior Member when electing other members of the Committee each year provided that a Senior Member who has previously held office as Senior Member for more than five [consecutive] years shall not be eligible for re-appointment. The Senior Member shall be a member of the Committee *ex officio*.
- 26. If during the period between the annual elections to offices any vacancies occur amongst the members of Committee, the Committee shall have the power of filling the vacancy or vacancies up to the next Annual General Meeting by co-optation.
- 27. Each Office Holder must, and shall procure that other Office Holders shall, at the end of any term of Office, promptly hand to the relevant successor in Office (or to another member of the Club nominated by the Committee) all official documents and records belonging to the Club, together with (on request from the Committee) any other property of the Club which may be in the outgoing Office Holder's possession; and must complete any requirements to transfer authority relating to control of the Club's bank accounts, building society accounts, or other financial affairs.
- 28. Without derogating from its primary responsibility, the Committee may delegate its functions to finance and general purposes and other subcommittees which are made up exclusively of members of the Committee.
- 29. The Committee shall have power to make regulations and by-laws in order to implement the paragraphs of this Constitution, and to settle any disputed points not otherwise provided for in this Constitution. No member of the Committee shall be removed from office except by a majority vote of a disciplinary committee of three members of the Club who are not members of the Committee appointed by the Senior Member for that purpose and acting in consultation with the Senior Member (or the Proctors if the member of the Committee to be removed is the Senior Member or if the Senior Member is otherwise conflicted).

INDEMNITY

30. So far as may be permitted by law, every member of the Committee and every officer of the Club, including members of any disciplinary committee established under paragraph 29, (each a "**relevant officer**") shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the Club's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by the relevant officer in the execution or discharge of duties as a

relevant officer or the exercise of powers as a relevant officer, or otherwise properly in relation to or in connection with the relevant officer's duties as a relevant officer. This indemnity extends to any liability incurred by a relevant officer in defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, which relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by the relevant officer as a relevant officer and in which judgement is given in the relevant officer's favour (or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on the relevant officer's part), or in which the relevant officer is acquitted, or in connection with any application under any statute for relief from liability in respect of any such act or omission in which relief is granted to the relevant officer by the Court.

31. So far as may be permitted by law, the Club may purchase and maintain for the benefit of any relevant officer insurance cover against any liability which by virtue of any rule of law may attach to the relevant officer in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which the relevant officer may be guilty in relation to the Club and against all costs, charges, losses and expenses and liabilities incurred by the relevant officer and for which the relevant officer is entitled to be indemnified by the Club by virtue of paragraph 30.

DISSOLUTION

- 32. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the approving votes of two thirds of those present in person or by proxy at a General Meeting. The Club may also be dissolved (without the need for any resolution of the members) by means of not less than thirty days' notice from the Proctors to the Secretary of the Club if at any time the Club ceases to be registered with the Proctors.
- 33. In the event of the Club being dissolved, its assets shall not be distributed amongst the members, but shall be paid to or at the direction of the University for use in support of University handball or other sporting activities within the University.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 34. In accordance with University regulations, if the Club wishes to remain a registered University Club, the Club must seek approval in writing from the Proctors for any changes to this Constitution that deviate from the University's Standard Sports Club Constitution, as amended from time to time. Such approval will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
- 35. Changes to this Constitution must be ratified at a General Meeting with the approval of two-thirds of present, eligible and voting members. As such the University recommends that the Proctors' approval is sought prior to seeking to change the Constitution at a General Meeting.

INTERPRETATION

- 36. Any question about the interpretation of this Constitution shall be settled by the Proctors.
- 37. This Constitution shall be binding on all members of the Club. No regulation, by-law or policy of the Club shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, this Constitution.

BY-LAWS OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY HANDBALL CLUB

From Michaelmas Term 2022

INTRODUCTION

- 1. As per the club's constitution:
 - (a) The Committee shall have power to make regulations and bylaws in order to implement the paragraphs of the Constitution, and to settle any disputed points not otherwise provided for in this Constitution.
 - (b) This Constitution shall be binding on all members of the Club. No regulation, bye-law or policy of the Club shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, the Club's Constitution.
- 2. This document represents the by-laws made by the club to carry out its functions.

OBJECTS

- 3. In normal circumstances, the Club should yearly:
 - (a) play a men's and women's Varsity game against the Cambridge University Handball Club;
 - (b) compete in the main British universities championship;
 - (c) take part in other leagues or championships depending on the Club's capacity.

THE COMMITTEE

The committee shall function as per the club's constitution. In addition to the duties set out in the constitution, the officers have the following additional responsibilities:

- 4. The Secretary shall:
 - (a) take responsibility that the club web-page displays the training schedules and the Club's special events;
 - (b) act as IT Officer; and
 - (c) take responsibility for the Club's image and communication on social media.
- 5. The Treasurer shall:
 - (a) ensure the payment of membership fees by Members.
- 6. The Senior Member shall:
 - (a) act as Health and Safety Officer for the Club; and
 - (b) ensure that adequate advice and assistance is available to the Vice-President and Social Secretary in the performance of their responsibilities under the paragraphs 6 and 7 of these by-laws below.

The following committee members roles, in addition to the officers named in the constitution, shall be included on the clubs committee:

- 7. The Vice-President shall:
 - (a) support the President in their supervisory role and provisory replace them in case of absence or incapacity;
 - (b) assist the Fixture Secretary with booking sports venues and matters relating to equipment and kit;
 - (c) assist Fixture Secretary with all matters relating to transportation, including drivers' training;
 - (d) take responsibility for completing and submitting the facility request forms for the Iffley Road Sports Center;
 - (e) take responsibility for players' registration and transfer when appropriate; and
 - (f) take responsibility for club purchases, liaising with the Treasurer when appropriate.
- 8. The Social Secretary shall::
 - (a) take responsibility for team building and the social cohesion of the team;
 - (b) organise events fostering a positive team spirit and the inclusion of all Members;
 - (c) create and send out a term card no later than Saturday of week 1 in each Full Term; and
 - (d) take responsibility for maintaining and updating the Club's social media presence, along with responding to all messages received on those platforms.
- 9. The Fixture Secretary shall:
 - (a) arrange club fixtures specifically matches for students and the National Governing Body League and Cup;
 - (b) ensure accurate fixture list is visible and frequently communicated to all members of the Club;
 - (c) take responsibility of the Club's matchday equipment. This includes but is not limited to numbered bibs, the scoreboard, the first-aid kit, and playing kit;
 - (d) ensure team documentation is ready for official fixtures. This might include the team roster, and the official scoresheet;
 - (e) ensure the organisation of referees and table referees for official fixtures;
 - (f) ensure home match results are submitted to the National Governing Body within the required timeframe; and
 - (g) liaise with the Head Coach and Captains to ensure the completion of these duties.

THE CAPTAINS

10. Each of the Club's team shall have a designated Captain.

- 11. The Captains are nominated by the Head Coach after consultation with the President and approbation by the Committee. They shall be selected for their athletic ability and leadership potential.
- 12. The Captains are nominated for one academic year. The nominations shall happen after the Annual General Meeting but no later than one month prior to the start of Michaelmas Full Term.
- 13. The Captains are non-voting members of the Committee.
- 14. Any Member of a team is eligible for Captaincy except for the Club's President.
- 15. The Captains shall:
 - (a) take responsibility for their team's fitness and readiness to play, including confirming players' attendance at training
 - (b) ensure appropriate behaviour of their team and reflect a positive image of the Club; and
 - (c) represent the interests of their team on the Committee.
- 16. Shall the situation require it, Captains shall be removed from their position by a majority vote of the Committee, after consultation with the Head Coach.

THE HEAD COACH

- 17. The Head Coach is named by the Committee as soon as reasonably possible after the position becomes vacant.
- 18. The Committee and the Head Coach decide on the suitable contractual modalities, which shall be reviewed on a yearly basis.
- 19. The Head Coach can name up to two assistant coaches. Assistant coaches must be approved by the Committee.
- 20. The Head Coach is a non-voting member of the Committee for the duration of their mandate.
- 21. The Head Coach shall:
 - (a) take responsibility for planning and leading the scheduled trainings of the club, in person or through an appropriate substitute;
 - (b) take responsibility for the coaching during all the official games played by the club, in person or through an appropriate substitute;
 - (c) ensure appropriate behaviour of the teams and reflect a positive image of the Club;
 - (d) notify the President of any potential new club members who require formal registration and sign-up; and
 - (e) in collaboration with the Committee, liaise with the English Handball Association (EHA) for all matters relating to competitions.

THE WELFARE OFFICER

- 22. Before the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term, the Committee shall appoint a Welfare Officer, who shall be any consenting member of the Club.
- 23. The Welfare Officer shall:
 - (a) act as the primary point of contact for any member with personal, academic, or sporting issues or concerns;
 - (b) be informed and knowledgeable to the satisfaction of the Committee about support networks within Oxford sports and the University of Oxford;
 - (c) ensure, where appropriate, confidentiality of members is respected and upheld;
 - (d) report any serious welfare concerns where the member or others may be 'at-risk' to the appropriate University Sports Federation staff;
 - (e) signpost members to the relevant support when requested;
 - (f) promote the code of conduct within the club; and
 - (g) act, when appropriate, as the Club's Child Welfare Officer by:
 - (i) completing Mandatory EHA Welfare and Safeguarding training;
 - (ii) being the main point of contact with the national governing body's National Lead Protection Officer
 - (iii) being the first point of contact for staff, volunteers, parents, and young people where concerns about children's welfare, poor practice or child abuse are identified.
- 24. The Welfare Officer may be removed at any Committee Meeting with the votes of two-thirds present and voting

ELECTIONS

- 25. Elections shall be carried out during the Annual General Meeting.
- 26. Withholding provisions made under paragraph 18 of the constitution, any Members of the Club are eligible for Committee positions.
- 27. Candidatures should be received by the Secretary no later than 8 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The list of candidates for each position shall be sent out with the agenda no later than 7 days prior to meeting. Should a position not have received any candidature by this deadline, candidatures may be taken from the floor during the meeting.
- 28. Two Returning Officers shall be appointed by the incumbent President at the beginning of the Annual General meeting. They shall be responsible for counting the votes and should not be candidates to any position themselves.
- 29. Each position is elected through a secret ballot.
- 30. Members shall always have the right to ask for a reopening of the nominations (RON) or to abstain.

- 31. A simple majority of the valid and non blank ballots is required to obtain the position. Should no candidate obtain this majority, the candidate with the least vote shall be withdrawn and the vote carried on again. In the event of a tie, the incumbent President shall adjudicate.
- 32. The detailed results of the vote shall be available to all members upon request, and should be kept by the Returning Officers until the next election.
- 33. If an Officer position is not filled during the annual elections or if any vacancies amongst the Officers occur during the period between the annual elections, the Committee shall have the power of filling the vacancy or vacancies up to the next Annual General Meeting by co-optation.
- 34. The transfer of power shall be effective at midnight on the seventh day following the election. The incumbent Committee members shall organise a handover in this period of time.
- 35. Each Office Holder must, on relinquishing his or her appointment, promptly hand to his or her successor in Office (or to another member of the Club nominated by the Committee) all official documents and records belonging to the Club, together with (on request from the Committee) any other property of the Club which may be in his or her possession; and must complete any requirements to transfer authority relating to control of the Club's bank accounts, building society accounts, or other financial affairs.

CHANGES TO THESE BY-LAWS

36. Changes to these By-Laws must be approved at a General Meeting with the approval of two-thirds of present, eligible and voting members.

INTERPRETATION

- 37. Any question about the interpretation of these By-Laws shall be settled by the Senior Member of the club.
- 38. Guidance relating to by-laws and their relationship to the club constitution can be sought from the Sports Federation.