



# Haverstock Fencing Club

## CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. **NAME OF ORGANISATION**

Haverstock Fencing Club

2. **PURPOSE (MAIN ACTIVITY)**

To promote the sport of fencing in the local community

3. **AFFILIATION**

To the Governing body for fencing in the UK, the British Fencing Association (BFA)

4. **MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO (SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE)**

A. Any experienced fencer

B. Any adult member of the local community who is deemed physically capable, and who wishes to take up the sport

B. Any junior member of the local community/school who is deemed physically capable, and who wishes to take up the sport

C. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or cancel membership without giving a reason.

5. **A CLUB MEMBER WILL BE DEEMED TO BE:**

A. A fencer (junior or senior) who has paid 51% or more of the club term/annual fee either by standing order or at the beginning of the said month.

B. A fencer who has been made a life or honorary member. Such fencers must be nominated by the committee and then be accepted by an A.G.M.

6. **CLUB FEES**

An annual fee, which will be divided into a monthly subscription, will be set by an A.G.M. or committee. This will divide into 3 parts called "Terms". Each term will be made up of 11-12 weeks.

Members whose monthly subscription remains unpaid for more than 3 months after the due date will be considered as having ceased to be members.

7. **CLUB OFFICERS**

CHAIRMAN  
TREASURER  
SECRETARY  
CAPTAIN (EPEE)  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

8. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting shall be called by the Hon. Secretary giving not less than 13 days' notice at which all members shall be entitled to stand and at which the following business shall be concluded.

Minutes of previous A.G.M.

OFFICERS REPORTS (Treasurer's report to include statement of income and expenditure and balances plus submission of reports for approval).

Election of officers  
Any other business

9. **CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION**

Can only be made at the A.G.M. by approval of a simple majority at which two-thirds of the membership must be present.

10. **MINUTES**

These shall be kept by the Club Secretary who shall make them available to any club member on request.

11. **FINANCE**

A. The Club Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of all financial dealings.

B. Cheques shall be countersigned by the following:

Jacqui Lockwood (Treasurer), John Ince

D. Audit - The end of the financial year will be 31 December.

12. **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

To the Club Secretary two weeks prior to the meeting.

13. **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Shall be deemed quorate if three fifths of club officers (and in any event at least three officers) are present. Voting by majority.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt anyone to its meetings, but he or she shall not have power to vote. The Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies (i.e. a vacancy usually arising from an officer or elected Committee member resigning before he or she has served a full year). The Chairman shall have a casting vote at a Committee meeting. (If a number of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the Chairman has deciding or casting vote even if he has voted already). The Committee shall meet at regular intervals.

14. **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Club coach (paid).

15. **DISSOLUTION**

- A A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AMG or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) by approval of a simple majority at which two-thirds of the membership must be present.
- B In the event of dissolution, the net assets of the Club after payment of debts and liabilities will not be distributed or otherwise shared between the members of the club, but will, subject to paragraph C, be transferred to:
- (i) A registered charity;
  - (ii) British Fencing (or any successor governing body for the sport of fencing in Britain) to apply for use in the sport of fencing in the Haverstock Fencing Club's local community; or
  - (iii) Another club whose purpose is the promotion of the sport of fencing in its local community.
- C The choice of recipients under paragraph B above may be decided by the Club's committee in accordance with meeting procedure set out in Article 13.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Chairman



Date 12 November 2014