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INTERPRETATION

1. Defined Terms

The interpretation of these Articles is governed by the provisions set out in the Schedule at end of the Articles.

COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY AND ASSET LOCK

2. Community Interest Company

The Company is to be a community interest company.

3. Asset Lock

3.1 The Company shall not transfer any of its assets other than for full consideration.

3.2 Provided the conditions in Article 3.3 are satisfied, Article 3.1 shall not apply to:

- (a) the transfer of assets to any specified asset-locked body, or (with the consent of the Regulator) to any other asset-locked body; and
- (b) the transfer of assets made for the benefit of the community other than by way of a transfer of assets into an asset-locked body.

3.3 The conditions are that the transfer of assets must comply with any restrictions on the transfer of assets for less than full consideration which may be set out elsewhere in the Memorandum and Articles of the Company.

3.4 If:

3.4.1 the Company is wound up under the Insolvency Act 1986; and

3.4.2 all its liabilities have been satisfied

any residual assets shall be given or transferred to an asset-locked body having similar objects to the Company's objects which (where possible) is a Community Interest Company and a registered Community Amateur Sports Club or a registered charity, as determined by resolution of the Voting Members in consultation with the Regulator.

4. Not for profit

The Club is not established or conducted for private gain and no surplus income or profits will be distributed by way of dividend to members: any surplus or assets are used principally for the benefit of the community by being reinvested by the Club in pursuance of its objects.

OBJECTS, POWERS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

5. Objects

The objects of the Club are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of cricket and to work with local residents, public sector organisations, community and voluntary organisations and others to provide and develop community facilities for recreational, cultural, social, educational and leisure activities to improve the quality of life for the people living in Newcastle upon Tyne and the surrounding area.

6. Powers

To further its objects the Club may do all such lawful things as may further the Club's objects and, in particular, but, without limitation, may:

- 6.1 borrow or raise and secure the payment of money for any purpose including for the purposes of investment or of raising funds; and
- 6.2 to incorporate and provide funding to a wholly-owned trading subsidiary of the Club provided that when carrying out such activities the Directors have a reasonable belief that by doing so the assets of the Club are likely to be enhanced as a result.

7. Liability of members

The liability of each member is limited to £1, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Club in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for:

- 7.1 payment of the Club's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member;
- 7.2 payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and
- 7.3 adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

8. Directors' general authority

Subject to the Articles, the Directors are responsible for the management of the Club's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Club.

9. Members' reserve power

- 9.1 The members may, by special resolution, direct the Directors to take, or refrain from taking, specific action.
- 9.2 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the Directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

10. Chair

The Directors may appoint one of their number to be the chair of the Directors for such term of office as they determine and may at any time remove him or her from office.

11. Directors may delegate

- 11.1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles:
- 11.1.1 to such person or committee;
 - 11.1.2 by such means (including by power of attorney);
 - 11.1.3 to such an extent;
 - 11.1.4 in relation to such matters or territories; and
 - 11.1.5 on such terms and conditions;
- as they think fit.
- 11.2 If the Directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the Directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- 11.3 The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

12. Committees

- 12.1 Committees to which the Directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern the taking of decisions by Directors.
- 12.2 The Directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the Articles if they are not consistent with them.

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

13. Directors to take decisions collectively

Any decision of the Directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with Article 19.

14. Calling a Directors' meeting

- 14.1 Two Directors may (and the Secretary, if any, must at the request of two Directors) call a Directors' meeting.
- 14.2 A Directors' meeting must be called by at least seven Clear Days' notice unless either:
 - 14.2.1 all the Directors agree; or
 - 14.2.2 urgent circumstances require shorter notice.
- 14.3 Notice of Directors' meetings must be given to each Director.
- 14.4 Every notice calling a Directors' meeting must specify:
 - 14.4.1 the place, day and time of the meeting; and
 - 14.4.2 if it is anticipated that Directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.
- 14.5 Notice of Directors' meetings need not be in Writing.
- 14.6 Notice of Directors' meetings may be sent by Electronic Means to an Address provided by the Director for the purpose.

15. Participation in Directors' meetings

- 15.1 Subject to the Articles, Directors participate in a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, when:
 - 15.1.1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles; and
 - 15.1.2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- 15.2 In determining whether Directors are participating in a Directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any Director is or how they communicate with each other.
- 15.3 If all the Directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

16. Quorum for Directors' meetings

- 16.1 At a Directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.

16.2 The quorum for Directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Directors, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is three.

16.3 If the total number of Directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the Directors must not take any decision other than a decision:

16.3.1 to appoint further Directors; or

16.3.2 to call a general meeting so as to enable the members to appoint further Directors.

17. Chairing of Directors' meetings

The Chair, if any, or in his or her absence another Director nominated by the Directors present shall preside as chair of each Directors' meeting.

18. Decision making at a meeting

18.1 Questions arising at a Directors' meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes.

18.2 In all proceedings of Directors each Director must not have more than one vote.

19. Decisions without a meeting

19.1 The Directors may take a unanimous decision without a Directors' meeting by indicating to each other by any means, including without limitation by Electronic Means, that they share a common view on a matter. Such a decision may, but need not, take the form of a resolution in Writing, copies of which have been signed by each Director or to which each Director has otherwise indicated agreement in Writing.

19.2 A decision which is made in accordance with Article 19.1 shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting duly convened and held, provided the following conditions are complied with:

19.2.1 approval from each Director must be received by one person being either such person as all the Directors have nominated in advance for that purpose or such other person as volunteers if necessary ("the Recipient"), which person may, for the avoidance of doubt, be one of the Directors;

19.2.2 following receipt of responses from all of the Directors, the Recipient must communicate to all of the Directors by any means whether the resolution has been formally approved by the Directors in accordance with this Article 19.2;

19.2.3 the date of the decision shall be the date of the communication from the Recipient confirming formal approval;

19.2.4 the Recipient must prepare a minute of the decision in accordance with Article 488.

20. Conflicts of interest

- 20.1 Whenever a Director finds himself or herself in a situation that is reasonably likely to give rise to a Conflict of Interest, he or she must declare his or her interest to the Directors unless, or except to the extent that, the other Directors are or ought reasonably to be aware of it already.
- 20.2 If any question arises as to whether a Director has a Conflict of Interest, the question shall be decided by a majority decision of the other Directors.
- 20.3 Whenever a matter is to be discussed at a meeting or decided in accordance with Article 19 and a Director has a Conflict of Interest in respect of that matter then, subject to Article 21, he or she must:
- 20.3.1 remain only for such part of the meeting as in the view of the other Directors is necessary to inform the debate;
- 20.3.2 not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting; and
- 20.3.3 withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter.
- 20.4 When a Director has a Conflict of Interest which he or she has declared to the Directors, he or she shall not be in breach of his or her duties to the Club by withholding confidential information from the Club if to disclose it would result in a breach of any other duty or obligation of confidence owed by him or her.

21. Directors' power to authorise a conflict of interest

- 21.1 The Directors have power to authorise a Director to be in a position of Conflict of Interest provided:
- 21.1.1 in relation to the decision to authorise a Conflict of Interest, the conflicted Director must comply with Article 20.3;
- 21.1.2 in authorising a Conflict of Interest, the Directors can decide the manner in which the Conflict of Interest may be dealt with and, for the avoidance of doubt, they can decide that the Director with a Conflict of Interest can participate in a vote on the matter and can be counted in the quorum;
- 21.1.3 the decision to authorise a Conflict of Interest can impose such terms as the Directors think fit and is subject always to their right to vary or terminate the authorisation; and
- 21.2 If a matter, or office, employment or position, has been authorised by the Directors in accordance with Article 21.1 then, even if he or she has been authorised to remain at the meeting by the other Directors, the Director may absent himself or herself from meetings of the Directors at which anything relating to that matter, or that office, employment or position, will or may be discussed.
- 21.3 A Director shall not be accountable to the Club for any benefit which he or she derives from any matter, or from any office, employment or position, which has been authorised by the Directors in accordance with Article 21.1 (subject to any limits or conditions to which such approval was subject).

22. Register of Directors' interests

The Directors shall cause a register of Directors' interests to be kept. A Director must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Club or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Club which has not previously been declared.

APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

23. Methods of appointing directors

- 23.1 Those persons notified to the Registrar of Companies as the first Directors of the Club shall be the first Directors.
- 23.2 Any person who is willing to act as a Director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a Director:
- (a) by ordinary resolution; or
 - (b) by a decision of the Directors.
- 23.3 In any case where, as a result of death, the Club has no members and no Directors, the personal representatives of the last member to have died have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person to be a member.
- 23.4 For the purposes of Article 23.3, where two or more members die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger member is deemed to have survived an older member.
- 23.5 In circumstances in which a Director is appointed by a decision of the Directors the members of the Club shall be asked to ratify the appointment at either the next general meeting of the Club or at the next annual general meeting of the Club. Should the members not ratify the appointment, that Director shall immediately cease to be a Director of the Club.

24. Termination of Director's appointment

A person ceases to be a Director as soon as:

- (a) that person ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Acts, or is prohibited from being a Director by law;
- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person, or an order is made against that person in individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
- (d) notification is received by the Club from the Director that the Director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms (but

only if at least two Directors will remain in office when such resignation has taken effect);

- (e) the Director fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Directors and the Directors resolve that the Director be removed for this reason;
- (f) at a general meeting of the Club, a resolution is passed that the Director be removed from office, provided the meeting has invited the views of the Director concerned and considered the matter in the light of such views; or
- (g) at a general meeting of the Club, a resolution to ratify the appointment of a Director in accordance with Article 23.5 is defeated.

25. Retirement by rotation

- 25.1 At one general meeting per calendar year only (whether the annual general meeting or otherwise) (a “**Rotation Meeting**”) one-third of the elected Directors or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the nearest number to one-third shall retire from office. A retiring Director shall retain his or her office until the dissolution or adjournment of the Rotation Meeting at which they retire.
- 25.2 The Directors to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election or appointment but as between persons who became Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless otherwise agreed amongst themselves) be determined by lot. Retiring directors shall be eligible for re-election.
- 25.3 The Club may at a Rotation Meeting fill the vacated office of each retiring Director by electing a person thereto and, in default, the retiring Director shall, if offering himself or herself for re-election, be deemed to have been re-elected unless at such Rotation Meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office or unless a resolution for the re-election of such Director shall have been put to the meeting and lost.
- 25.4 No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall be eligible for election as a Director at any Rotation Meeting unless not less than one week before the said meeting his or her name and nomination shall have been given to the Secretary by notice in writing left at the registered office of the Club and signed by five Members and there shall also have been left at the Registered Office notice in writing signed by such person of his or her willingness to be elected as a Director and (if not already a Member) to become a full Member and his or her nomination complies with the requirements laid down by these Articles.
- 25.5 The Club may from time to time in General Meeting increase or reduce the number of Directors and make the appointments necessary for effecting any such increase and determine in what rotation the increased or reduced number is to go out of office.

26. Directors’ expenses

The Club may pay any reasonable expenses which the Directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at:

- (a) meetings of Directors or committees of Directors;

- (b) general meetings; or
- (c) separate meetings of any class of members or of the holders of any debentures of the Club,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Club.

MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES AND BECOMING AND CEASING TO BE A MEMBER

27. Membership Classes

27.1 Membership of the Club shall consist of the following:

27.1.1 Senior Players;

27.1.2 Women Players;

27.1.3 Student Players;

27.1.4 Junior Players;

27.1.5 Player's Spouse/Partners;

27.1.6 Full Social Members;

27.1.7 Full Social Member's Spouse/Partner; and

27.1.8 Honorary Members.

27.2 Only Voting Members shall be entitled to notice of and to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Club. Non-Voting Members shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend general meetings of the Club but shall not be entitled to vote at such general meetings.

28. Becoming a member

28.1 The subscribers to the Memorandum are the first members of the Company.

28.2 Such other persons as are admitted to membership in accordance with the Articles shall be members of the Company.

28.3 No person shall be admitted a member of the Company unless he or she is approved by the Directors. Any applicant for membership whose application is refused by the Directors may appeal the decision to the Voting Members, such appeal to be decided by a majority vote of the Voting Members, such vote to take place within 60 days of an appeal being lodged by the applicant with the Directors..

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- 28.4 Every person who wishes to become a member shall deliver to the Company an application for membership in such form (and containing such information) as the Directors require and executed by him or her ("**Application Form**").
- 28.5 On submission of a duly completed Application Form which is approved by the Directors and payment of the required subscription and/or entrance fees to the Company, the prospective member shall become a member of the Company in the class of membership for which they have applied.
- 28.6 Membership of the Company shall be open to any person interested in furthering the objects of the Company, irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status or sexual orientation, subject always to the other requirements set out in this Article 28.
- 28.7 The amount payable for subscription and/or entrance fees shall be determined by the Directors from time to time at an appropriate level.
- 28.8 Subscriptions shall be due and payable on an annual basis on 1 January of the relevant year.

29. Termination of membership

- 29.1 Membership is not transferable to anyone else.
- 29.2 Membership is terminated if:
- 29.2.1 the member dies or ceases to exist;
 - 29.2.2 the member gives notice in writing to the Club of their resignation as a member;
 - 29.2.3 otherwise in accordance with the Articles; or
 - 29.2.4 at a meeting of the Directors at which at least half of the Directors are present, a resolution is passed resolving that the member be expelled on the ground that his or her continued membership is harmful to or is likely to become harmful to the interests of the Club. Such a resolution may not be passed unless the member has been given at least 14 Clear Days' notice that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify expulsion, and has been afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard by or of making written representations to the Directors. A member expelled by such a resolution will nevertheless remain liable to pay to the Club any subscription or other sum owed by him or her. Any member expelled by such a resolution may appeal the decision to the Voting Members, such appeal to be decided by a majority vote of the Voting Members, such vote to take place within 60 days of an appeal being lodged by the expelled member with the Directors.

OR.GANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

30. General meetings

- 30.1 The Directors may call a general meeting at any time.
- 30.2 The Directors must call a general meeting if required to do so by the members under the Companies Acts.
- 30.3 The Directors may call an annual general meeting at their discretion provided that there is no more than one annual general meeting in any calendar year.

31. Length of notice

All general meetings must be called by either:

- 31.1 at least 14 Clear Days' notice; or
- 31.2 shorter notice if it is so agreed by a majority of the Voting Members having a right to attend and vote at that meeting. Any such majority must together represent at least 90% of the total voting rights at that meeting of all the Voting Members.

32. Contents of notice

- 32.1 Every notice calling a general meeting must specify the place, day and time of the meeting, whether it is a general or an annual general meeting, and the general nature of the business to be transacted.
- 32.2 If a special resolution is to be proposed, the notice must include the proposed resolution and specify that it is proposed as a special resolution.
- 32.3 In every notice calling a meeting of the Club there must appear with reasonable prominence a statement informing the member of his or her rights to appoint another person as his or her proxy at a general meeting.

33. Service of notice

Notice of general meetings must be given to every Voting Member, to the Directors and to the auditors of the Club (if any).

34. Attendance and speaking at general meetings

- 34.1 A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
- 34.2 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when:
 - 34.2.1 that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting; and
 - 34.2.2 that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.

34.3 The Directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it.

34.4 In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.

34.5 Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

35. Quorum for general meetings

35.1 No business (other than the appointment of the chair of the meeting) may be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present.

35.2 Fifteen persons entitled to vote on the business to be transacted (each being a Voting Member, a proxy for a Voting Member or a duly Authorised Representative of a Voting Member) shall be a quorum.

35.3 If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such time and place as the Directors may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting those present and entitled to vote shall be a quorum.

36. Chairing general meetings

36.1 The Chair (if any) or in his or her absence some other Director nominated by the Directors will preside as chair of every general meeting.

36.2 If neither the Chair nor such other Director nominated in accordance with Article 36.1 (if any) is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number to chair the meeting and, if there is only one Director present and willing to act, he or she shall be chair of the meeting.

36.3 If no Director is willing to act as chair of the meeting, or if no Director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote must choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting, save that a proxy holder who is not a member entitled to vote shall not be entitled to be appointed chair of the meeting.

37. Attendance and speaking by Directors and non-members

37.1 A Director may, even if not a member, attend and speak at any general meeting.

37.2 The chair of the meeting may permit other persons who are not Voting Members of the Club to attend and speak at a general meeting.

38. Adjournment

- 38.1 The chair of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:
- 38.1.1 the meeting consents to an adjournment; or
 - 38.1.2 it appears to the chair of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.
- 38.2 The chair of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.
- 38.3 When adjourning a general meeting, the chair of the meeting must:
- 38.3.1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the Directors; and
 - 38.3.2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.
- 38.4 If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the Club must give at least seven Clear Days' notice of it:
- 38.4.1 to the same persons to whom notice of the Club's general meetings is required to be given; and
 - 38.4.2 containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.
- 38.5 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

39. Voting: general

- 39.1 A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the Articles.
- 39.2 A person who is not a Voting Member of the Company shall not have any right to vote at a general meeting of the Company; but this is without prejudice to any right to vote on a resolution affecting the rights attached to a class of the Company's debentures
- 39.3 Article 39.2 shall not prevent a person who is a proxy for a Voting Member or a duly Authorised Representative from voting at a general meeting of the Club.

40. Votes

- 40.1 On a vote on a resolution on a show of hands at a meeting every person present in person (whether a Voting Member, proxy or Authorised Representative of a Voting Member) and entitled to vote shall have a maximum of one vote.

- 40.2 On a vote on a resolution on a poll at a meeting every Voting Member present in person or by proxy or Authorised Representative shall have one vote.
- 40.3 In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chair of the meeting shall not be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he or she may have.
- 40.4 No member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all monies presently payable by him, her or it to the Club have been paid.
- 40.5 The following provisions apply to any organisation that is a Voting Member (“a Member Organisation”):
- 40.5.1 a Member Organisation may nominate any individual to act as its representative (“an Authorised Representative”) at any meeting of the Club;
- 40.5.2 the Member Organisation must give notice in Writing to the Club of the name of its Authorised Representative. The Authorised Representative will not be entitled to represent the Member Organisation at any meeting of the Club unless such notice has been received by the Club. The Authorised Representative may continue to represent the Member Organisation until notice in Writing is received by the Club to the contrary;
- 40.5.3 a Member Organisation may appoint an Authorised Representative to represent it at a particular meeting of the Club or at all meetings of the Club until notice in Writing to the contrary is received by the Club;
- 40.5.4 any notice in Writing received by the Club shall be conclusive evidence of the Authorised Representative’s authority to represent the Member Organisation or that his or her authority has been revoked. The Club shall not be required to consider whether the Authorised Representative has been properly appointed by the Member Organisation;
- 40.5.5 an individual appointed by a Member Organisation to act as its Authorised Representative is entitled to exercise (on behalf of the Member Organisation) the same powers as the Member Organisation could exercise if it were an individual member;
- 40.5.6 on a vote on a resolution at a meeting of the Club, the Authorised Representative has the same voting rights as the Member Organisation would be entitled to if it was an individual member present in person at the meeting; and
- 40.5.7 the power to appoint an Authorised Representative under this Article 40.5 is without prejudice to any rights which the Member Organisation has under the Companies Acts and the Articles to appoint a proxy or a corporate representative.

41. Poll votes

- 41.1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:

41.1.1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote; or

41.1.2 at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.

41.2 A poll may be demanded by:

41.2.1 the chair of the meeting;

41.2.2 the Directors;

41.2.3 two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution;

41.2.4 any person, who, by virtue of being appointed proxy for one or more members having the right to vote at the meeting, holds two or more votes; or

41.2.5 a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote on the resolution.

41.3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:

41.3.1 the poll has not yet been taken; and

41.3.2 the chair of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.

41.4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chair of the meeting directs.

42. Errors and disputes

42.1 No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid.

42.2 Any such objection must be referred to the chair of the meeting whose decision is final.

43. Content of proxy notices

43.1 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "Proxy Notice") which:

(a) states the name and address of the Voting Member appointing the proxy;

(b) identifies the person appointed to be that Voting Member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;

(c) is signed by or on behalf of the Voting Member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and

(d) is delivered to the Club in accordance with the Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.

- 43.2 The Club may require Proxy Notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- 43.3 Proxy Notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.
- 43.4 Unless a Proxy Notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:
- (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting; and
 - (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

44. Delivery of proxy notices

- 44.1 A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid Proxy Notice has been delivered to the Club by or on behalf of that person.
- 44.2 An appointment under a Proxy Notice may be revoked by delivering to the Club a notice in Writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the Proxy Notice was given.
- 44.3 A notice revoking the appointment of a proxy only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.

45. Amendments to resolutions

- 45.1 An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if:
- 45.1.1 notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Club in Writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chair of the meeting may determine); and
 - 45.1.2 the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chair of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- 45.2 A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if:
- 45.2.1 the chair of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed; and
 - 45.2.2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.

- 45.3 If the chair of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chair's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

46. Written resolutions

- 46.1 Subject to Article 46.3, a written resolution of the Club passed in accordance with this Article 46 shall have effect as if passed by the Club in general meeting:

46.1.1 A written resolution is passed as an ordinary resolution if it is passed by a simple majority of the total voting rights of eligible members.

46.1.2 A written resolution is passed as a special resolution if it is passed by members representing not less than 75% of the total voting rights of eligible members. A written resolution is not a special resolution unless it states that it was proposed as a special resolution.

- 46.2 In relation to a resolution proposed as a written resolution of the Club the eligible members are the members who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution on the circulation date of the resolution.

- 46.3 A members' resolution under the Companies Acts removing a Director or an auditor before the expiration of his or her term of office may not be passed as a written resolution.

- 46.4 A copy of the written resolution must be sent to every member together with a statement informing the member how to signify their agreement to the resolution and the date by which the resolution must be passed if it is not to lapse. Communications in relation to written notices shall be sent to the Club's auditors in accordance with the Companies Acts.

- 46.5 A Voting Member signifies their agreement to a proposed written resolution when the Club receives from him or her an authenticated Document identifying the resolution to which it relates and indicating his or her agreement to the resolution.

46.5.1 If the Document is sent to the Club in Hard Copy Form, it is authenticated if it bears the member's signature.

46.5.2 If the Document is sent to the Club by Electronic Means, it is authenticated if it bears the member's signature.

- 46.6 A written resolution is passed when the required majority of eligible members have signified their agreement to it.

- 46.7 A proposed written resolution lapses if it is not passed within 28 days beginning with the circulation date.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS

47. Means of communication to be used

- 47.1 Subject to the Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Club under the Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for Documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Club.
- 47.2 Subject to the Articles, any notice or Document to be sent or supplied to a Director in connection with the taking of decisions by Directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that Director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or Documents for the time being.
- 47.3 A Director may agree with the Club that notices or Documents sent to that Director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within an agreed time of their being sent, and for the agreed time to be less than 48 hours.

48. Irregularities

The proceedings at any meeting or on the taking of any poll or the passing of a written resolution or the making of any decision shall not be invalidated by reason of any accidental informality or irregularity (including any accidental omission to give or any non-receipt of notice) or any want of qualification in any of the persons present or voting or by reason of any business being considered which is not referred to in the notice unless a provision of the Companies Acts specifies that such informality, irregularity or want of qualification shall invalidate it.

49. Minutes

- 49.1 The Directors must cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:
- 49.1.1 of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
- 49.1.2 of all resolutions of the Club and of the Directors; and
- 49.1.3 of all proceedings at meetings of the Club and of the Directors, and of committees of Directors, including the names of the Directors present at each such meeting;
- and any such minute, if purported to be signed (or in the case of minutes of Directors' meetings signed or authenticated) by the chair of the meeting at which the proceedings were had, or by the chair of the next succeeding meeting, shall, as against any member or Director of the Club, be sufficient evidence of the proceedings.
- 49.2 The minutes must be kept for at least ten years from the date of the meeting, resolution or decision.

50. Records and accounts

The Directors shall comply with the requirements of the Companies Acts as to maintaining a members' register, keeping financial records, the audit or examination of accounts and the preparation and transmission to the Registrar of Companies and the Regulator of:

- 50.1 annual reports;

50.2 annual returns; and

50.3 annual statements of account.

51. Indemnity

51.1 Subject to Article 51.2, a relevant Director of the Club or an associated company may be indemnified out of the Club's assets against:

- (a) any liability incurred by that Director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Club or an associated company;
- (b) any liability incurred by that Director in connection with the activities of the Club or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006); and
- (c) any other liability incurred by that Director as an officer of the Club or an associated company.

51.2 This Article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.

51.3 In this Article:

- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate; and
- (b) a "relevant Director" means any Director or former Director of the Club or an associated company.

52. Insurance

52.1 The Directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Club, for the benefit of any relevant Director in respect of any relevant loss.

52.2 In this Article:

- (a) a "relevant Director" means any Director or former Director of the Club or an associated company;
- (b) a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant Director in connection with that Director's duties or powers in relation to the Club, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Club or associated company; and
- (c) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

53. Exclusion of model articles

The relevant model articles for a company limited by guarantee are hereby expressly excluded.

SCHEDULE
INTERPRETATION

Defined terms

1. In the Articles, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Term	Meaning
1.1 “Address”	includes a number or address used for the purposes of sending or receiving Documents by Electronic Means;
1.2 “Articles”	the Club’s articles of association;
1.3 “Authorised Representative”	means any individual nominated by a Member Organisation to act as its representative at any meeting of the Club in accordance with Article 40;
1.4 “asset-locked body”	means (i) a community interest company, a charity or a Permitted Industrial and Provident Society; or (ii) a body established outside the United Kingdom that is equivalent to any of those;
1.5 “bankruptcy”	includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;
1.6 “Chair”	has the meaning given in Article 10;
1.7 “chairman of the meeting”	has the meaning given in Article 36;
1.8 “Circulation Date”	in relation to a written resolution, has the meaning given to it in the Companies Acts;
1.9 “Clear Days”	in relation to the period of a notice, that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;
1.10 “Club” or “Company”	Newcastle Cricket Club C.I.C which is a community interest company registered in England and Wales;
1.11 “community”	is to be construed in accordance with accordance with Section 35(5) of the Company’s (Audit Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004;
1.12 “Companies Acts”	means the Companies Acts (as defined in Section

- 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the Club;
- 1.13 “Conflict of Interest”** any direct or indirect interest of a Director (whether personal, by virtue of a duty of loyalty to another organisation or otherwise) that conflicts, or might conflict with the interests of the Club;
- 1.14 “Director”** a director of the Club, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;
- 1.15 “Document”** includes, unless otherwise indicated, any Document sent or supplied in Electronic Form;
- 1.16 “Electronic Form” and “Electronic Means”** have the meanings respectively given to them in Section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;
- 1.17 “Full Social Member”** a non-playing member of the Club aged 18 years or older who is up to date in their payment to the Club of the required Subscription Fees for full social members of the Club;
- 1.18 “Full Social Member Spouse/Partners”** the spouse or partner of any Full Social Members who is up to date in their payment to the Club of the required Subscription Fees for full social member spouse/partners of the Club;
- 1.19 “Hard Copy Form”** has the meaning given to it in the Companies Act 2006;
- 1.20 “Honorary Member”** any person who is elected by the Directors or the voting members to be an honorary member of the Club.
- 1.21 “Junior Member”** a member of the Club who is either under the age of 18 or was under the age of 18 on 1 September of the previous membership year and who has joined by paying the required subscription fees for junior membership.
- 1.22 “Membership Classes”** those classes of membership of the Club listed in Article 27.1;
- 1.23 “Memorandum”** the Club’s memorandum of association;
- 1.24 “Non-Voting Members”** Junior Players and members of any other Membership Class of the Club from time to time which does not entitle the member to be a Voting Member;
- 1.25 “paid”** means paid or credited as paid;
- 1.26 “participate”** in relation to a Directors’ meeting, has the meaning given in Article 15;

- 1.27 “Permitted Industrial and Provident Society”** an industrial and provident society which has a restriction on the use of its assets in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations 2006 or Regulation 4 of the Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006;
- 1.28 “Player Spouse/Partners”** the spouse or partner of any Senior Player, Women Player or Student Player who does not play for the Club but who is up to date in their payment to the Club of the required Subscription Fees for player spouse/partners of the Club;
- 1.29 “Playing Member”** a member of the Club aged 18 years or older who is up to date in their payment to the Club of the required Subscription Fees for full playing members of the Club;
- 1.30 “Proxy Notice”** has the meaning given in Article 43;
- 1.31 “the Regulator”** means the Regulator of Community Interest Companies;
- 1.32 “Secretary”** the secretary of the Club (if any);
- 1.33 “Senior Players”** members of the Club aged 18 years or older who are up to date in their payment to the Club of the required Subscription Fees for senior players of the Club;
- 1.34 “specified”** means specified in the memorandum and articles of association of the Club for the purposes of this paragraph;
- 1.35 “Student Players”** members of the Club aged 18 years or older who are students during the year of their membership are up to date in their payment to the Club of the required Subscription Fees for student players of the Club;
- 1.36 “Subscription Fees”** the relevant amount payable to the Club in each calendar year by a person in respect of a Membership Class that such person requests membership of, as determined by the Club from time to time;
- 1.37 “subsidiary”** has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;
- 1.38 “transfer”** includes every description of disposition, payment, release or distribution, and the creation or extinction of an estate or interest in, or right over, any property;

- 1.39 “Voting Members”** means all Senior Players, Women Players, Student Players, Player Spouse/Partners, Full Social Members, Full Social Member Spouse/Partners and Honorary Members;
- 1.40 “Women Players”** female members of the Club aged 18 years or older who are up to date in their payment to the Club of the required Subscription Fees for women players of the Club;
- 1.41 “Writing”** the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in Electronic Form or otherwise.

2. Subject to clause 3 of this Schedule, any reference in the Articles to an enactment includes a reference to that enactment as re-enacted or amended from time to time and to any subordinate legislation made under it.
3. Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when the Articles become binding on the Club.
4. Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to all other genders.

