



# OLD HARROVIAN ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

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## RULES

### **Name and Purpose**

1. The Club shall be known as “The Old Harrobian Association Football Club”, and its purpose shall be the provision of competitive and friendly football and related social activities for alumni of Harrow School.
2. Membership of the Club shall be by subscription or by honorary appointment. Provided they act lawfully, the members shall have the right to refuse membership to any person.

### **President and Vice-Presidents**

3. There shall be a President of the Club who in the ordinary course shall be elected by an Annual General Meeting (AGM), but who may also be elected by an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) called in accordance with Rule 18 below.
4. There shall be Vice-Presidents of the Club who shall be elected by the AGM upon the nomination of any of the officers.

### **General Meetings**

5. Administration of the Club shall primarily be the responsibility of the members, by resolutions passed at an AGM or EGM.
6. The AGM shall take place in May, or as soon thereafter as can be arranged.
7. Responsibility for calling the AGM shall be that of the Secretary or, if that post is vacant, the President.
8. The person calling the AGM must give not less than 14 days' notice of the AGM to the members of the Club. Notice may be given by any sensible means, including by sending an e-mail with details of the date, time and venue of the AGM to the captains of the teams for the time being, the Veterans Secretary and the President, with a request to pass the notice on to those members with whom they are in regular contact.
9. An AGM is quorate if it is attended by 5 members who are entitled to vote. If it is not quorate, it may be adjourned, but no other business may be transacted.
10. The AGM must appoint a chairman at the outset of each meeting. If there is no consensus as to who should be chairman, the choice shall be that of the President, or in his absence that of the longest-serving member present.

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11. The AGM shall have the power to take any decision regarding the administration of the Club, including the power to amend these Rules, and shall have complete control over its own procedure. Ordinarily, resolutions shall be passed by the support of a simple majority of those present with the chairman having a casting vote. In the event of a dispute as to whether, or how, any decision shall be taken, the matter shall be one for the chairman's sole discretion.
12. The officers, who shall be elected by the AGM, shall consist of the following:
  - 12.1. Club Chairman;
  - 12.2. Hon. Secretary;
  - 12.3. Hon. Treasurer;
  - 12.4. Hon. Membership Secretary;
  - 12.5. Hon. Fixture Secretary;
  - 12.6. Hon. Veterans Secretary;
  - 12.7. Captains of the teams (other than the Veterans) for the time being fielded by the Club.
13. In addition, the AGM may appoint such other officers as may seem to it to be necessary or appropriate, and in particular may make appointments to the following offices:
  - 13.1. Vice-Captains of the teams for the time being fielded by the Club;
  - 13.2. Hon. Dinner Secretary;
  - 13.3. Hon. Tour Secretary.
14. At the AGM, there shall be presented for approval a balance sheet and statement of accounts. If for any reason this rule is not complied with, an explanation shall be sought from the Treasurer, who shall be asked to present distribute those documents to members of the Club as soon as possible thereafter.
15. The AGM shall fix the level of subscription and match fees. The current subscription bands are as follows:
  - Life Membership - £400 (applicants are to be 40 and over)
  - 25 & over - £15 / month
  - Under 25 - £10 / month
  - Students / unemployed / leavers - £5 / month

\*A reference to a player's age means their age on September 1<sup>st</sup> in any given season

16. Members paying subscriptions, and Life Members, shall not be required to pay match fees. Anyone who plays for any club team who is not either (a) a Life Member or (b) paying a subscription, shall be required to pay a match fee. The match fee shall be £10 and may be paid on the day or collected retrospectively by the Membership Secretary. However, anyone who plays regularly shall pay a subscription – for this purpose a player 'plays regularly' if he is selected in a squad for 6 or more matches in a season.
17. Anyone who has played 6 matches in a season but declines to pay a subscription shall, at the discretion of the President, be ineligible for selection.

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18. Rules 16 & 17 above shall not apply to Veterans' matches, in respect of which a match fee is payable by all players, including those who pay subscriptions or are Life Members
19. The day-to-day administration of the Club shall be the responsibility of the officers appointed by the AGM and where appropriate by sub-committees approved by the President. Such officers and sub-committees may make whatever rules they consider appropriate relating to their particular area of responsibility, subject again to the President's approval.
20. Officers may claim from the Treasurer reimbursement for any expenditure incurred by them in the course of their office. Reimbursement shall be at the discretion of the Treasurer, who in cases of difficulty may refer the matter to the President for approval.
21. The Secretary (or if that post is vacant any other officer) must call an EGM if for any reason the post of President becomes vacant, or if he is presented with a written request to do so signed by 10 or more members. Rules 8 to 11 above apply to EGMs as to AGMs.

## Discipline

22. It is agreed and recognised that members of the Club must set the highest standards as regards their conduct towards one another, and towards all others with whom they come into contact while representing the Club. For the purposes of Rules 19 to 23 only, "member" includes any person representing the Club, whether or not he has paid a subscription.
23. A member shall indemnify the Club against any fine levied against the Club by virtue of an act of indiscipline committed by him.
24. Further, if it comes to the attention of the President that a member has fallen short of the standards expected of him either on or off the field, he may, having given the member a reasonable opportunity to explain himself:
  - 24.1. warn him as to his future conduct;
  - 24.2. fine him up to £50 payable to the Club.
25. If a financial penalty under Rule 24.1 or 24.2 is not paid within a reasonable period, or the President considers that such a sanction is inadequate, he may call summon the member to attend before a sub-committee consisting of himself and two Vice-Presidents, or other senior members of the Club. Such sub-committee may, having heard from the member, impose such further sanction as seems appropriate, including all or any of the following:
  - 25.1. banning the member from playing for a given period;
  - 25.2. suspending his membership;
  - 25.3. expelling him from the Club.

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26. Any member punished under Rule 25 shall have the right to challenge the decision before an AGM or EGM called in accordance with these Rules, but no such challenge shall delay the implementation of the decision.

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