



Nottingham Rowing Club Constitution

Nottingham Rowing Club is affiliated to British Rowing. As such, it undertakes to be bound by British Rowing's Regulations, Articles, and any rules established by the British Rowing Board.

1 NAME

The Club was formed by the amalgamation in 2006 of Nottingham Britannia Rowing Club and Nottingham Boat Club and with effect from 16th May 2006 is known as Nottingham Rowing Club (hereinafter known as "the Club").

2 COLOURS

The colours of the Club shall be royal blue, dark blue and old gold.

3 AIMS

To create a responsible, safe, effective, and friendly club for people to enjoy the sport of rowing.

4 OBJECTIVES

- To provide all members with access to high-quality rowing facilities and equipment.
- To provide all members the opportunity to meet their rowing goals, whether this is performance or participation based.
- To provide all members with access to appropriate levels of competition and events.
- To improve links with the local community to increase Club membership and diversity.
- To operate on a non-profit-making basis. Any surplus will be re-invested in the continuing development of rowing.

5 MEMBERSHIP

All persons are eligible for membership, within the following classes:

- a. Ordinary Membership
- b. University Membership
- c. Social Membership
- d. Concessionary Membership

Legacy Membership:

- e. Honorary
- f. Lifetime

5.1 Election of Membership

- A. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of rowing on application, in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Policy (Paragraph 6).

- B. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- C. Applicants for membership and members renewing their membership will abide by the Nottingham Rowing Club and British Rowing Codes of Conduct and their Rules and Regulations.
- D. If it is considered by the Club committee that the granting or renewal of membership would be detrimental to the aims and objectives of the Club, by virtue of conduct or character likely to bring the Club or the sport of rowing into disrepute or for some other similar good cause, the Club committee shall be entitled to refuse or withdraw such membership.

5.2 Restriction

A person who has been expelled from, or refused membership of, British Rowing, shall not be eligible for membership. The Club reserves the right to deny membership to anyone with a disciplinary record within the Club.

6 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

The Club will ensure that the talents and resources of all members are utilised to the full and that no member receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, disability, marital status, creed, social class, ethnicity, age or sexual orientation.

7 SAFEGUARDING

- A. The club has adopted the British Rowing Safeguarding policy.
- B. The committee will appoint a Welfare Officer to whom all concerns or allegations will be made in the first instance, or as required by the relevant policy. The Welfare Officer will ensure that all safeguarding procedures and training requirements are followed and recorded.

8 SUBSCRIPTION

- A. The rates of subscription shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting.
- B. Subscriptions are payable on the 1st November of each year and may be paid either annually or monthly (in 12 equal instalments).
- C. A member shall not be entitled to use any of the Club property while the subscription is overdue.

9 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any member may resign at any time, giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary.
- B. A member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club if, after due notice in writing, they have not paid by 1st January the annual subscription which became due on 1st November or if two consecutive months' subscriptions are not received when paying monthly. The person may, however, rejoin at any time during that year.
- C. Any termination of membership by the club will follow the Club's Grievance and Disciplinary process.

10 DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING OFFICE

Only members entitled to vote are eligible to hold office.

11 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- A. The Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Club as a whole and shall consist of a President, Chair, Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and, in line with British Rowing's regulations, a Water Safety Adviser and a Welfare Officer. Other committee positions may be appointed as considered necessary.
- B. With the exception of the named positions above, any two committee positions may be filled by one person, in which case votes will be granted per position and not per each individual.
- C. Nominations for the position of President, Chair, Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and other Committee Members shall be put forward annually for election at the Annual General Meeting.
- D. The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.
- E. The Committee may make, alter or suspend Bye-Laws and a copy of the Bye-Laws shall be displayed on the Club website at all times.
- F. The Committee shall delegate the management of the Spooner Fund to a committee known as the Spooner Committee (Paragraph 20 below).

12 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Committee is responsible for the general conduct of the Club's business and activities.
- B. The Committee shall meet at regular intervals during the year, as required by the business to be transacted.
- C. Special meetings of the Committee shall be called by the Chair and be quorate.
- D. A quorum shall consist of 50% of Committee Members (of which 2 need to be senior officers) plus one.
- E. In the case of casual vacancy among the Committee, the said Committee shall be entitled to appoint another eligible person to act until the next AGM.

13 GENERAL MEETINGS

- A. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in the Summer of each year, no later than three months after the 31st May. There shall be laid before the meeting a statement of accounts made up to the 31st day of the month of May immediately preceding.
- B. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called on the instructions of a simple majority of the Committee, or on a requisition signed by not less than 50 members of the Club entitled to vote.
- C. Not less than 21 days clear notice shall be given, specifying to all members the time and business of the General Meeting.
- D. Motions for discussion at Annual General Meetings not of origin from within the Committee shall be lodged with the Secretary at least 30 days preceding the AGM and be signed by ten members entitled to vote.
- E. At any General Meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands, of those entitled to vote.
- F. At the General Meeting where nominations for Committee Members are being elected, votes will be decided by a show of hands except when more than one nomination has been received, in which case voting will be by secret ballot.
- G. At all General Meetings the Chair will preside or, in his/her absence, a Chair for the meeting will be elected by the voting members present.
- H. At all General Meetings quorum is the number of committee members and an equal number of non-committee voting members plus one.
- I. Absences of Quorum: if after half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the Meeting, if called at the request of the members, shall be dissolved. In any other case,

the Meeting shall be adjourned until a time and place to be fixed by the Committee. If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for an Adjourned Meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

14 LIABILITY

The General Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club. Financial or legal liability incurred in the rightful exercise of their office shall not, however, be the personal liability of the Committee, but shall be the responsibility of the Club as a whole.

15 VOTING

Only Ordinary, Concessionary or Life Members over the age of 18 are entitled to vote at all general meetings. Members who have not paid fees owed to the club may not be eligible to vote.

16 ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

- A. This constitution shall not be altered, amended or rescinded except by a General Meeting of the Club.
- B. A resolution to give effect to a change must be passed by a majority of the members present at the General Meeting and voting on this behalf.

17 DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS

The Income and Property of the club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club or third parties.

18 DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS

- A. A Resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- B. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club but shall be given to another CASC registered Rowing Club or to British Rowing.

19 POWER OF DECISION

Any matter not provided for in this constitution, or any question over the interpretation of it shall be dealt with by the Committee whose decision shall be final.

20 SPOONER COMMITTEE

- A. The Spooner committee shall look after the monies raised from the sale of the Arthur Spooner painting in 1985. These funds are part of the total assets of the club and as such are covered by rules 17 & 18 (Profits and Dissolution)
- B. The Spooner Committee shall comprise not more than six persons of whom four should be past or present members of the Club who shall be elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a period of six years subject to retirement of office. One Spooner Committee member will stand for election each year after retirement of office.
- C. The Spooner Committee shall provide annual accounts to the Committee who shall provide copies to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

- D. The Spooner Committee shall appoint a financial advisor to manage the investments and cash. Any other transactions will require authorisation from any two members of the Spooner Committee after agreement of the other Spooner Committee members.

21 TRUSTEES

The Committee shall appoint two or more Trustees as required for each lease that the Club enters into for Club property and land. Trustees must be members of the Club. The trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of Club property.

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