# **CLUB CONSTITUTION**



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Sandy Tigers Football Club is a not for profit organisation, managed by an elected voluntary Management Committee. With the aim to encourage and promote the development of football within the local community, The club will strive to provide an opportunity for players of all sexes to participate in football at all ages and ability levels.

## About Sandy Tigers Football Club

Home Ground: Sandy Secondary School, Engayne Avenue Sandy, SG19 1BL

Sandy Tigers Football Club is affiliated to Bedfordshire FA and endeavours to adhere to the rules and recommendations of the Association in all respects.

## **Elected Offices of Sandy Tigers Football Club**

Chairman: Simon Ford Vice-Chairman: Scott Elliott General Secretary: Karen Hemmings Treasurer: Hayley Cox Kit, Equipment and sponsorship: Matt Clarke Child Welfare Officer: Natasha Orchard Smith

## **Club Committee**

The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Kit and Equipment officer and Child Welfare, elected at an Annual General Meeting. Every team manager will automatically form part of the club committee.

Each Club Officer shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") unless otherwise resolved at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM"). One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any time. The Club officers shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the chair or in their absence the Vice chair. Decisions of the Club Committee meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary.

Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between Annual General Meetings shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members..

### Sandy Tigers Football Club provides.

Sandy Tigers is conscious of the need to provide value to its members in return for their membership fees. In addition to the commitment of our officials, managers and coaches, Sandy Tigers FC provides the following:

Entry to league and cup competitions appropriate to each team and the attendance of a team manager or coach at all matches and training sessions.

A kit to all competing players where the kit consists of shirt, shorts and socks the kit remains the property of the Club but tracksuits will not be supplied. The purchase of new or replacement kit will be done through the Kit and equipment officer

Training equipment such as balls, cones, discs and bibs and all associated equipment will be available to each team.

Each team manager is required to attend an FA sanctioned level 1 coaching course

Each assistant team manager is required to attend a basic First Aid course, safeguarding course and hold a current DBS certificate, this will be at the expense of the club..

A First Aid kit will be available at all league and cup matches and training sessions.

All playing members will be insured against accident through the sports guard insurance.

All Club Officials, Managers and Coaches will be sanctioned by the Criminal Records Bureau.

At the end of each season trophies for Managers Player, Players Player and Most Improved Player will be awarded for each team, A team of the year will also be awarded by the club officials.

#### **Club colours and Kit**

The official colours of the Club are orange and black where orange is the primary colour.

The primary colour should not be changed for shirts

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and the referee, but no player is permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Change of colours is permitted when playing against a club with similar colours and it is the home team which must change (different coloured bibs would suffice) otherwise the Club will incur a fine.

The Club will supply a kit to all competing players where the kit consists of shirt, shorts and socks as they are the property of the Club but tracksuits will not be supplied.

Sandy Tigers Kit is currently supplied by KC sports and contracted with Umbro until September 2023, this will then be reviewed. All team kit requests must come through the Kit and Equipment officer and must not deviate from the above.

#### Sandy Tigers Football Club Constitution and Club Rules:

#### Name

The club shall be called Sandy Tigers Football Club

#### Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to provide facilities, promote the game of association football, to arrange matches for its members.

#### **Rules and Regulations**

The Club shall have the status of an Affiliated Member Club of The Football Association by virtue of its affiliation to/membership of The Football Association. The Rules and Regulations of The Football Association Limited and parent County Association and any League or Competition to which the Club is affiliated for the time being shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Club Rules.

The Club will also abide by The Football Association's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.

#### **Club Membership**

Any person who wishes to be a member must complete the club registration form In the event of a member's resignation or expulsion, their name shall be removed from the Membership Register.

In the event of a registered member requesting a transfer of membership to another club or association, all outstanding fees and fines must be paid; otherwise the transfer will be refused..

An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined by the Club Committee Each individual team and their team Manager are responsible for collection of the annual membership fee, If any outstanding fees from the previous season remain outstanding, membership will be refused until all outstanding monies have been paid.

Any financial hardship through sickness or unemployment, the Chair and or Treasurer may consider subsidising through a reduction or suspending membership fees, each cash will be reviewed periodically.

All members and their parents, supporters, friends or family shall abide by the club rules and the Respect Code of Conducts set out in handbook.

### **Resignation and Expulsion**

The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member or manager when, in its opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for them to remain a member, there shall be no appeals procedures.

A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any or a share of any of the club property.

#### **Discipline and Sporting Behaviour**

Players, Parents and Spectators must adhere to the clubs Respect Code of Conduct. Any breach of these codes may from time to time incur a club, league or association fines, these are payable by the playing member not the club.

Suspensions can be imposed by the League, the Bedfordshire FA and/or the club.. The club has five levels at which a disciplinary action may be invoked, they are: -Suspension pending investigation

Verbal Warning First Written Warning Final Written Warning Membership removal

### **Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings**

An AGM shall be held in each year to: receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year; receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year; elect the members of the Club Committee; and consider any other business.

#### **Club Finances**

Bank accounts shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the "Club Account"). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairperson, the Club Vice Chairperson and the Treasurer. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.

The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club: sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing.

The Club shall keep accounting records for recording the fact and nature of all payments and receipts so as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position, including the assets and liabilities of the Club. The Club must retain its accounting records for a minimum of two years.

The Club shall prepare an annual "Financial Statement", in such format and will be signed off by the Club Chairperson and submitted to the FA at the end of the football season..

## Fund Raising, Advertising and Sponsorship

The Club is dedicated to engaging in a variety of methods and activities to secure the finances of the club. Parents/guardians and friends of the club are expected to actively support, assist, organise and engage in events designed to raise funds which are sanctioned by the Management Committee. The Management Committee also welcomes offers of sponsorship, we can only accept Sponsorship on the following understanding. Kit and Equipment may be sponsored by an individual or group of individuals only if the Sponsors agree that the items sponsored become the property of the Club Specific teams can be sponsored, but in the example of kit, if the players outgrow the kit, then the Club reserves the right to pass the kit onto other teams

#### Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present. Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club will be disposed of in such manner as the management committee shall determine