RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB LIMITED

(Hereinafter called 'The Club')

Incorporated 16th October, 1946

Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital

THE RULES OF THE CLUB 2025 EDITION

To be effective from 30 November 2026 and to replace all previous Rules (also referred to as Bye Laws) of the Club

THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ALL EXISTING AND FUTURE STATUTORY AND NON-STATUTORY REGULATIONS, ORDERS AND OTHER MATTERS INCLUDING THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB LIMITED AFFECTING THE CLUB OR ITS OPERATION FROM TIME TO TIME.

RULE 1 MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Club is open to all the community aged 18 or over and without discrimination on the grounds of ethnicity nationality sexual orientation religion beliefs sex age or disability. Children are welcome but are not required to be members of RPSCL.

2. Membership of RPSCL is attained by an individual, aged 18 or over, either joining a relevant Playing Section; or joining as a Social Member that is a Richings Park resident.

3. Playing Sections are currently Bowls; Tennis; and St Peter's Youth football. But may be varied by the Management Council.

4. Official St Peter's Youth football adult volunteers are afforded membership rights. Parents are welcome to join as social members.

5. Football teams that are not Playing Sections are all considered "pay and play". At the discretion of the sports club operator Pay and Play Members can be afforded the discounts offered to members, if any. This status can be amended by the Management Council following long term commitment and support of the club by a given team.

6. The gym is considered to be part of the operators commercial enterprise and users do not automatically become members, but can join as Social Members.

7. Membership is subject to these rules and can be withdrawn by the Management Council at its discretion, or by the individual sections. If membership fees have not been paid to RPSCL or the operator or a Playing Section as appropriate, the individual has no membership rights. Membership fees will not be refunded if membership is withdrawn.

8. New Social Member applicants are processed by the council in the following manner;
   - All new applicants must complete an application form indicating the desired type of social membership (with, or without voting rights).
   - The new application forms are presented to the council for review and acceptance each month.
   - The council take a simple majority vote on each new application.
   - If the vote is even then the Chairman has a casting vote.
   - If approved, membership is confirmed once the membership fee is paid.

9. Annual Social Member fees will be at rates determined by the Management Council in conjunction with the Operator from time to time and shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board. Subscriptions shall be due for payment of 1st April each year. The Management Council can offer social membership with and without voting rights at different levels of fee.

10. Any member who fails to renew subscriptions due to the Club within ONE month of becoming due shall be considered in arrears and shall not be permitted to take part in its affairs. Within one month of a member being in arrears the Club Secretary or the Membership Secretary shall send an official reminder to that member at his or her last recorded address. If the subscription remains unpaid within thirty days of that reminder being sent, regardless of whether or not it has been received by the member, then the membership shall be automatically terminated and a new membership application must be made.

11. In the event of a winding-up of the Club, every person who is at the date of the winding-up order a member of the Club (whether directly as a social member, or through playing sections), or whose membership ceased within twelve months of the date of the winding-up order, undertake to contribute to the assets of the Club for the purpose of the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Club contracted before the cessation of membership and of the costs, charges, and expenses of winding-up and also for the adjustment of the rights, of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required, but not exceeding **one pound**.

12. A list of current paid-up members shall be maintained and be available upon request and at the AGM or EGM.

RULE 2 VOTING RIGHTS of MEMBERS

13. The Richings Sports Park was left to the Richings Park community by the original developers for the purpose of encouraging sports and social activities between members. As such, individuals who are, at the time of application and at each annual renewal, residents of Richings Park as defined by the estate boundary shown by the area within the thick red line on figure 1 are defined as "Local Members". Local Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters put to a General Meeting, including Special Resolutions and matters relating to land use, facility development, and constitutional amendment.

14. Individuals admitted as members of a recognised Sports Section or as Social Members, who do not qualify as Local Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters pertaining to

the governance and activities of their Sports Section and the RPSCL as set out in the constitution or rules of RPSCL and each section, but shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Company on matters relating to: (i) land use or disposal; (ii) the addition, removal, or closure of Sports Sections, other than their own sections. That is to say that, if there was ever a vote on the change of use of land currently being used by a specific section, all members of that section would be entitled to a vote, whether local or not; (iii) alterations to these Articles; or (iv) winding up of the Company. For the avoidance of doubt, Sports Section and Social Members may attend General Meetings and speak but not vote on the reserved matters above.

15. Members of the playing sections and approved social members, apart from "pay and play" teams and "Gym Members" are automatically members of RPSCL. Pay and Play users and Gym Members do not have voting rights.

16. The addition of two tier voting rights is consistent with our Community Amateur Sports Club status and its guidance notes:
    - They do not restrict access to the Club or its facilities for any member.
    - They do not change the governance of individual Sports Sections.
    - They do not create a hierarchy of sporting participation.
    - The proposals protect the Club's original purpose and ensures that decisions about the land that serves this community continue to be made by the residents.



Figure 1: Map of Richings Park defining the residential area of "Local Members"

RULE 3 THE BAR & LICENSING MATTERS

17. The permitted hours are as stated in the club's premises licence and extended on such occasions as given by an appropriate Temporary Event Notice.

18. The Operator is responsible for complying with all relevant laws and licensing requirements.

RULE 4 THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

19. The business of the Club, under the Articles, is managed by the elected Management Council. All members aged 20 years or over who have been members of the Club for at least TWO years shall have the right to be elected to the Management Council at the Annual General Meeting, or to be co-opted by the Management Council.

20. Notice of the General Meetings of the Club shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board twenty-one days prior to the date of the Meeting. As far as possible, such Notice will also be circulated to all members and such notice shall be deemed proper notice to comply with the requirements of Section 133 of the Companies Act 1948. The members' right to call a Meeting shall be in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club.

21. The Management Council shall consist of members of the Club, and its composition shall be as follows: -

    (a) Chairman;
    (b) Treasurer and any Directors of RPSCL;
    (b) Two members from each of the following Playing Sections: bowls; football (not pay and play); tennis; other sports approved by the Management Council. These representatives are nominated by the Sections and can be varied from meeting to meeting to ensure attendance;
    (c) Two fully paid-up social members (with voting rights);
    (e) The Secretary of the Club who will be appointed by the above Council Members.
    (f) The Operator, who will be invited to attend when there are agenda items deemed relevant to the operator.

22. Three members of the Management Council present shall form a quorum as long as the meeting was advertised to the sections with 7 calendar days notice.

23. Any changes to the use of the land are to be approved by a majority vote of all paid-up Local Members. Any proposed changes put forward to the Local Members by the Management Council must be consistent with the purpose of the club as defined in the Memorandum of Association, which is to encourage sports and social activities. For the avoidance of doubt, religious activities are not considered to be social activities in this context. The proposed changes and decision made must consider both current and potential future users and be considered sustainable.

24. Any changes must be approved by Fields in Trust and comply with Planning requirements and Permissions.

RULE 5 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

25. The Management Council has power to suspend or expel any member (from sports sections or Social) who fails to comply with the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association or the Club Rules or who has been guilty of any conduct unbecoming a lady or a gentleman or likely to be injurious to the Club or likely to bring the Club into disrepute. Any member so suspended or expelled may within thirty days of receipt of a written notice of suspension or expulsion appeal to the Management Council.

26. If a section committee suspends or expels one of its members, the member will automatically be suspended or expelled from the Club as a whole.

27. Appeals against Management Council decisions to suspend or expel a member shall be heard by an Appeals Committee within twenty-one days of Notice of appeal being given, and its findings shall be final.

28. The Appeals Committee shall consist of five members as follows: -

    (a) The Chairman of the Management Council;
    (b) The Secretary of the Management Council or a Director;
    (c) The Chairman and one other representative of the playing section to which the member belongs. (In case of social members the Chairman of Social or Entertainment Committee) if there is one at the time. Otherwise the Chairman and one other representative of a playing section.

29. The Appeals Committee may determine the matter by a majority vote. The Chairman will have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

30. Any member subject to disciplinary action shall not be entitled to any refund of subscription or other payment made to the Club.

RULE 6 THE CLUB PROPERTY

31. The Management Council, in conjunction with the Operator, may, without prior notice, close the sports ground or any part thereof for any specified purpose.

32. The Management Council may at its absolute discretion charge a fee for admission to the Sports Ground or any part thereof.

33. Children below the age of 11 years are not permitted to use the Club premises or Grounds unless accompanied by a fully paid-up adult member or guest of a fully paid-up member, or part of an event booked with the Operator.

34. Children between the age of 11 years and 16 years inclusive are not permitted to use the Club premises or Grounds after the hours of 8.00pm unless they are (a) accompanied by a fully paid-up adult member (b) accompanied by an adult guest of a fully paid-up adult member, or they are (c) a bona fide playing member on any day in question, or (d) part of an event booked with the operator.

35. It shall be the responsibility of the fully paid-up adult member or guest to ensure supervision and attendance upon any child under or in their control whilst on the Club premises and Ground and in particular the car parking areas and areas utilised or intended for storage purposes or for parking machinery of all descriptions.

36. The Club premises or any part thereof shall be open at the discretion of the Management Council in liaison with the Operator.

37. Any member who shall occasion wilful damage or injury to any part of the Club premises or Ground (including all fixtures and chattels therein or thereon) shall have his or her membership immediately revoked and shall be excluded from the Club premises its Grounds facilities and Playing Sections for such period as the Management Council may in its absolute discretion decide including the right for the Management Council to implement a Life Ban on the member concerned. Any other person not being a member who shall fail to observe this Rule shall be immediately evicted from the Club and its premises and Grounds. Furthermore, the Management Council may at its discretion take such further legal action against the individual or individuals visiting the Sports Club or body concerned.

38. No vehicles shall be left on the Club property for over 24 hours without prior notification to the Club Operator and no repairs shall be carried out to any vehicles (not belonging to the Club) on the Club property unless pursuant to a vehicle break-down.

39. The use of bicycles on the grassed areas of the Club premises and grounds is expressly forbidden.

40. For health and safety reasons dogs and any other domestic animals are excluded from the sports grounds, and members and non-members are not allowed to exercise their dogs in the grounds at any time. This does not apply to assistance dogs such as guide dogs.

RULE 7 ADDITIONAL GENERAL MATTERS

41. The Objects for which the Club is established are set out in the Memorandum of Association.

42. The Accounts shall be made up to the 31st day of March in each year and together with the Directors' Report and the Auditors Report shall be laid before the Members at the Annual General Meeting in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Acts.

43. The Rules of each playing section shall at all times conform to the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of the Club and to these Club Rules.

44. The Management Council has the power to make, alter or repeal any Club Rule. Any such change in the Rules shall become immediately effective by the posting of such change by or on behalf of the Secretary on the Club Notice Board.

45. All members guests and visitors must at all times respect the right of private properties, their owners and occupiers within the locality of the Club premises and grounds.

46. Neither the Club nor its Management Council shall be responsible for any accident, injury, damage or event occasioned to any person (member or otherwise) arising directly or indirectly out of a breach by a member of the Club or a guest or visitor, of any of these Rules.

47. Betting is prohibited on the Club premises. Fund raising events such as lotteries and raffles must comply with any relevant laws and regulations.

48. Any facilities provided by the Club for use by junior members (i.e. under the age of 18 years) shall be used at all times in a reasonable and proper manner and with respect to the reasonable wishes of any fully paid-up member over the age of 18 years.

Signed

---------- Dated 30 November 2026
Chairman

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Secretary