



## Club Constitution

(Updated after the AGM held on 12 November 2021)

### 1. Name

1.1. The organisation shall be called The London Raiders Softball Club, hereafter to be referred to as “the Club”.

### 2. Objectives

2.1. To foster and promote the sport of softball to the LGBTQIA+ community and those who are positive in their attitudes towards the LGBTQIA+ community and to provide opportunities for recreation and competition at all levels.

### 3. Membership

3.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to any person, regardless of race, age, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or ability who registers with the Club and pays the relevant membership fee as determined by the General Committee of the Club.

3.2. There shall be two classes of voting membership: “Full Members” and “Casual Members”.

3.3. There shall be one class of non-voting membership: “Social Members”.

### 4. Executive Officers

4.1. The four “Executive Officers” of the Club shall be Voting Members, comprising:

4.1.1. Two Club Managers, ensuring gender diversity in these roles;

4.1.2. Treasurer; and

4.1.3. Secretary.

4.2. Executive Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Club by the Voting Members of the Club.

4.3. Executive Officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected after one year to the same office or another office, by standing for election.

### 5. General Committee

5.1. The affairs of the Club shall be controlled by a General Committee comprising the Executive Officers and such other officers as the Club Managers propose, who are then elected by the Voting Members at the AGM, and are themselves Voting Members.



5.2. The General Committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.

5.3. If there is a vacancy on the General Committee the remaining General Committee may, by a two-thirds majority agreement, co-opt a **Voting** Member of the Club to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.

5.4. The duties of the General Committee shall be:

5.4.1. To control the affairs of the Club on behalf of the Members and make decisions by a simple majority of the existing General Committee **(or by such method as the General Committee decides, in the event of an even number of Committee members)**.

5.4.2. To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by Members and should be **reviewed** by the General Managers before every AGM. The Club shall maintain a bank current account and the Executive Officers shall be authorised to **approve and make Club expenditures**.

## 6. General meetings

6.1. The Club shall hold an AGM each year.

6.2. Notice

6.2.1. The Secretary shall provide not less than 21 days' notice of the date of the AGM by email to all Members and by posting on the Club's social media channels.

6.2.2. Members may email the Secretary any business to be moved at the AGM no later than 14 days prior to the AGM.

6.2.3. The Secretary shall send the agenda to Members by email and **via appropriate social media channels** with at least 7 days' notice.

6.3. Nomination of candidates for election as officers shall normally be made by email **at least 5 days** before the AGM and may only be made by **Voting** Members.

6.4. The business of the AGM shall be to:

6.4.1. Receive the annual report of the General Committee from the Club Managers;

6.4.2. Receive the financial accounts for the year from the Treasurer;



6.4.3. Elect the General Committee (Executive Officers and any other officers) of the Club; and

6.4.4. Transact such other business as included on the agenda, **as given** with the notice required by 6.2.2.

6.5. Special General Meetings (“SGM”) may be convened by the General Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request by email from not less than five **Voting** Members of the Club. At least 21 days’ notice of the meeting shall be given to Members by email and **via appropriate social media channels**.

6.6. The two **Club** Managers, or a deputy appointed by the **Club** Managers or by **Voting** Members attending the meeting, shall chair the AGM and any SGM.

6.7. The AGM and any SGM shall require a quorum of 20% of the total number of **Voting** Members, rounded up to the nearest whole number, and 50% of the Executive Officers of the Club, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

6.8. Decisions made at the AGM or any SGM shall be by a simple majority of votes from those **Voting** Members attending the meeting.

6.9. Each **Voting** Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM and any SGM.

## 7. Amendments to the Constitution

7.1. Amendments to the Club Constitution may only be considered at the AGM or any SGM convened with the required notice. Any amendment must be proposed by a **Voting** Member of the Club and seconded by another **Voting** Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those **Voting** Members present at the meeting.

## 8. Dissolution

8.1. If, at the AGM or any SGM, a resolution is passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall convene an SGM of the Club to be held not less than one month later to discuss and vote on the resolution.

8.2. If, at that SGM, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the **Voting** Members present at the meeting, the General Committee shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

8.3. After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall be given or transferred to some other club having objects similar to those of the Club.

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