

UK UKRAINIAN SPORTS SUPPORTERS CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. Name

- a) The name of the club is UK Ukrainian Sports Supporters Club to be known as “the club” henceforth in this document.

2. Objectives

- a) To act as a body which will acquire and fairly allocate tickets for Ukrainian sports events amongst its members. The club will particularly focus on sporting events taking place in the UK or in neighbouring countries.
- b) To forge closer links between Ukrainian sports supporters in the Ukrainian Diaspora and those based in Ukraine.
- c) To promote Ukrainian culture through sport.

3. Membership

- a) Membership shall be open to all Ukrainian sports supporters.
- b) The club will keep a membership database.
- c) The annual membership fee shall be determined by the club committee and shall be announced prior to the commencement of the season.
- d) The period of membership shall be annual from August 1st to July 31st.
- e) Approval of individual membership shall be at the discretion of the committee.
- f) The committee has the right to suspend a member with immediate effect, any individual who has acted in a way that is prejudicial to the interests and objectives of the club, pending on an enquiry which can lead to a suspension or expulsion, the individual concerned has had the right to appeal in person to the Committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made. Any member so expelled shall forfeit all subscriptions paid and shall not be entitled to re-join the Club.

4. General Meetings

- a) There shall be an Bi-annual General Meeting every two years.
- b) Extra Ordinary Club General Meetings can be called by the Club Committee or by a petition, which shall be presented in writing to the Club Chairperson and shall be signed by not less than ten (10) percent of the paid-up membership. At least seven (7) days notice shall be given for a General Meeting and the business shall be clearly stated.
- c) Notice of all General Meetings shall be publicised in writing to all Club members.
- d) Minutes of all General Meetings must be kept by the Club Secretary and made available to any member upon request.
- e) All members of the Club shall be entitled to full voting rights immediately after they are admitted into membership.

5. The Committee

- a) The club shall consist of 3 officers (chair, treasurer, secretary) and up to 6 other committee members.
- b) The role of the officers of Committee shall be:
 - i. Chairperson:** The Chairperson will be the Chief Executive Office of the club. They shall preside at all club meetings, including General

Meetings; co-ordinate club activities; club rules and procedural queries subject to the subsequent approval of a simple majority of the committee; and has the casting vote in all club meetings in the event of a tied vote.

iii. Secretary: Will keep minutes of general meetings and committee meetings and take responsibility for communications of the club.

iv. Treasurer: Will maintain an up-to-date record of club finances and bank balances; will produce a financial report for the Club Annual General Meeting.

- c) The committee can co-opt sufficient members to fill vacancies in the committee. Co-opted members shall not have voting rights in the committee.
- d) The committee can create sub-committees of volunteers to perform specific tasks.

6. Removal of Officers

- a) Officers can be removed at Extraordinary General Meetings by a two-thirds majority vote. The committee also has the right to remove an officer by a two-thirds majority vote.
- b) Reasons for removal shall be:
 - Failing to fulfil constitutional duties without extenuating circumstances
 - Bringing the club into disrepute
 - Misuse of club resources

7. Audit Committee.

- a) The audit committee will consist of a chair and two ordinary members.
- b) Members of the auditing committee, may attend committee meetings, but do not have any voting rights.

8. Election of Club Officers, Committee Members..

- a) Club officers, committee members and the audit committee will be elected at the biannual general meeting.
- b) Only paid-up club members are able to vote in Club elections.
- c) A Chairperson cannot stand for re-election as Chairperson if he/she has already served two full consecutive terms as Chairperson.
- d) The committee must ensure at least one candidate is nominated for each officer.

9. Honorary Life Membership

- a) The committee shall have the power to propose Honorary Life Members, who shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership of the club. Proposals must be ratified by members at Annual General Meetings.

10. Dissolution

- a) Should the club be dissolved by the decision of at least two thirds of the members present at a General Meeting, any remaining assets after the discharging of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to a club or voluntary organisation with similar aims or objectives and shall not be dispersed amongst members.

11. Amendments to the Constitution

- a) The constitution can be amended only at a general meeting of the club. Any amendments must be accepted by a two thirds majority.
- b) Motions to amend the constitution must be sent to the club secretary at least 14 days in advance of the meeting, and must be proposed and seconded by at least one fully paid up member.

The constitution was incorporated on the 6th July 2008 at Tarasivka.