



Eastwood and East Kilbride Canoe Club

The following forms the Constitution of the Club.

1 Name

The Club shall be called the Eastwood and East Kilbride Canoe Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club. The Club shall be affiliated to the Scottish Canoe Association.

1A No portion of the income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, distribution, bonus, honoraria or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members.

2 Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be to encourage the promotion and practice of the sport of canoeing and undertake activities incidental or conducive to the furtherance of these objects. There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, political or other opinion.

3 Membership

3.1 The membership shall consist of the following categories:

Senior
Junior
Child
Social

3.2 The definitions of membership categories are:

Senior: A member of 18 years of age and above.

Junior: A member 13 to 17 years of age.

Child: A member 8 to 12 years of age

Social: A non-paddling member of any age.

3.3 Membership fees shall be as agreed by each annual general meeting.

3.4 All members joining the Club shall be deemed to accept the terms of this Constitution and any bye-laws published from time to time by the Club.

3.5 Senior members shall be entitled to speak and vote at any general meeting of the Club and shall be eligible for election to the executive committee. Junior members shall be entitled to speak and vote at any general meeting but shall not be eligible to stand for election to the executive committee. Child members may speak at any general meeting but may not vote and are not eligible for election to the executive committee. Social members may not speak, vote or stand for election to the executive committee.

4 Management

4.1 The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by an executive committee which shall consist of the officers of the Club, a representative of the Club coaches, an equipment officer and two ordinary members, one of whom shall specifically represent the interests of the junior members.

4.2 The officers of the Club, who shall be honorary, shall consist of a Chairperson, Vicechairperson/ Treasurer and Secretary who shall be elected annually at the AGM. If the post of any officer or other committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the executive committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

4.3 All executive committee members shall be members of the club.

4.4 The executive committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members of the club on to the committee, as the executive committee decides fit, for the purpose of the work of the committee.

5 General Meetings

5.1 Annual General Meeting

The Club shall hold an annual general meeting in the months of March or April to:

5.1.1 Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.

5.1.2 Receive reports for the Chairperson and Honorary Secretary.

5.1.3 Receive a report from the Honorary Treasurer and approve the annual accounts.

- 5.1.4 Receive a report on the examination of the accounts.
- 5.1.5 Elect the executive committee.
- 5.1.6 Consider changes to the constitution.
- 5.1.7 Appoint an examiner for the Club accounts.
- 5.1.8 Deal with other relevant business.

5.2 Extraordinary General Meeting

An extraordinary general meeting shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 20% of the membership of the Club. The executive committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by a simple majority of its members.

5.3 Notice

At least 30 days' notice shall be given to all voting members of any general meeting.

5.4 Voting

5.4.1 With the exception of changes to the constitution decisions put to a vote shall be resolved by simple majority at general meetings.

5.4.2 The Chairperson of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

5.5 Quora - The quorum at general meetings shall be 15% or 10 members, whichever is the lesser. The quorum for committee meetings shall be 4 members, one of whom shall be an honorary office bearer of the club.

5.6 Changes to the constitution

5.6.1 Any changes to the constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at a general meeting.

5.6.2 Notice shall be given to all voting members of any general meeting as specified in 5.3 and then any proposal to change the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the secretary at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

5.6.3 All proposals for changes to the constitution shall be signed by two members eligible to vote at a general meeting.

6 Finance and Accounts

6.1 The financial year shall run from April 1st to March 31st each year.

6.2 The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts of the Club.

6.3 The accounts shall be examined by an independent person elected annually by the AGM.

6.4 All cheques drawn against the Club's funds shall be signed by two of the office bearers.

6.5 All members of the Club shall be considered to be jointly responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

7 Bye-laws

The executive committee shall have the power to publish and enforce such bye-laws as the membership feels necessary to govern the activities of the Club.

8 Dissolution

The Club shall only be dissolved if so resolved by a motion to do so being passed at a properly called General Meeting. Any such motion shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at a general meeting. In the event of the dissolution of the Club any assets thereof shall be passed to the Scottish Canoe Association for the general purposes of the Association or distribution as it sees fit amongst affiliated clubs of the Association.

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Signed

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