

DRAFT CONSTITUTION

NOTTINGHAM VETERANS FENCING CLUB

1. The Club will be known as Nottingham Veterans Fencing Club. Nottingham Veterans Fencing Club will be concerned with the development of Veterans Fencing in the Midlands regions of England.
2. The Club shall be concerned with Veteran Fencers who are members of British Fencing in the Midlands regions of England Fencing and surrounding regions.
3. As an associated member of British Fencing Association Ltd the club remains independent organisation able to conduct its own affairs except those which are the responsibility of British Fencing as the governing body for the sport of fencing in Great Britain. The club will comply with the normal rules and regulations of British Fencing.
4. The objectives of Nottingham Veterans Fencing club shall be:
 - a. To provide facilities practice, training and development facilities for Veteran age fencers in the Midlands regions of England.
 - b. To ensure proper administration and use of funds and the submission of accounts annually to the AGM.
 - c. To keep proper administrative records including minutes of meetings of the Management Committee and General Meetings
5. Membership will be open to any fencer, who has or will achieves his/her 40th birthday in the year of joining, upon payment the appropriate subscription.
6. Members of Nottingham Veterans Fencing must be individual members of British Fencing (NGB).
7. Management Committee members at the time of their election must be members of Nottingham Veterans Fencing Club. The Management Committee shall consist of Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer and up to two other elected officers.
8. The Management Committee have the power to combine any of these, except the office of Chairman, if circumstances dictate this .The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt individuals onto the Committee on a temporary basis, and to fill vacancies which may arise between one AGM and another.
9. The Committee shall meet not less than three times in each financial year. No meeting of the Management Committee can take a decision unless a quorum of three voting members is present. Each voting member of the management committee shall be entitled to exercise one vote on any matter. On equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
10. An Annual General Meeting shall be convened each year. Twenty-one days' written notice of such a meeting shall be given all Club members by the Honorary secretary. With this notice and an Agenda for this meeting the Honorary Secretary will circulate the Annual Report and a copy of the accounts for the previous financial year.

11. No Annual General meeting can take a decision unless a quorum of 30 percent of the membership is present
12. The Officers and members of the Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall serve for one year and be eligible for re-election.
13. A quorum of the Management Committee or not less than ten individual members shall be able to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss and vote upon any matter. A written agenda will be circulated by the Honorary Secretary no less than twenty-one days before such a meeting is to be convened. No business other than that on the agenda will be discussed at the Extraordinary General Meeting. No Extraordinary Meeting can take a decision unless a quorum of 30 percent of the membership is present.
14. The Club shall hold a Bank and /or Building Society or appropriate account. Payment out of the account will administered by the Treasurer. Payments will be sanctioned by two signatures from among the following members of the Management Committee who are authorised to do so:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Honorary Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
15. The Club's financial year will run from 1st September to August 31st
16. All property, financial and other assets of the Club shall be vested in the Management committee who shall acquire or dispose of it in the best interest of the Club's members.
17. No alteration(s) or addition(s) may be made to the constitution except at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club. Such alteration(s) or addition(s) must be approved by two thirds of the members present and voting. Notice of such alteration(s) or addition(s) must be made in writing and received by the Honorary Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least twenty-one days' notice of such a meeting must be given by the Honorary Secretary to all voting members and must include notice of the alteration(s) or addition(s) proposed.
18. Dissolution of the Club
 - a) If at any General Meeting of the Club a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club the Honorary Secretary shall immediately convene a Special Meeting of the Club to be held not less than twenty-eight days thereafter to discuss the vote on the resolution
 - b) If at this Special Meeting the resolution is approved by at least two thirds of the members present at the General Meeting shall thereupon or at such a date as has been specified in the resolution proceed to the assets of Club and to discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.
 - c) After discharging all the debts and liabilities of the Club the remaining assets shall not be paid out or distributed amongst the members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to the East Midlands region of England Fencing

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