



## Club Rules/Constitution

### 1. **Name**

The club shall be called Parkfield Panthers Football Club (“The Club”)

### 2. **Objectives**

The objectives of The Club are:

- To provide a safe, inclusive environment for all its players to enjoy football and football related activities.
- To provide coaching that is appropriate for, and of benefit to, all players regardless of their ability.
- To support the Club’s volunteers and ensure that they all receive the training and equipment that they need to perform their duties on behalf of the Club.
- To provide strong financial governance thus ensuring that all the Club’s financial responsibilities can be met.
- To work closely with the FA at all levels and to uphold the values and principles of the Respect campaign.

### 3. **Status of Rules**

These rules (the Club Rules) form a binding agreement between each member of Parkfield Panthers Football Club

### 4. **Rules & Regulations**

- a) Parkfield Panthers Football Club shall have the status of an affiliated member club of The Football Association by virtue of its affiliation to Kent County FA. The Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and Kent County FA shall be deemed to be incorporated into the rules.
- b) No alteration to the club rules shall be effected without prior written approval by Kent County FA



- c) Parkfield Panthers Football Club will also abide The FA's Safeguarding Children Policies and Procedures, Respect Codes of Conduct, Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy as recognised in The Club policies.

## 5. **Club Membership**

- a) The members of the club shall be those persons listed in the register of members (as completed on the membership form); this shall be maintained by the club secretary.
- b) Any person who wishes to be a member must apply on a membership application form and submit it to the club secretary. Membership shall be effective upon an applicant's name being entered in the membership register.
- c) In the event of a member's resignation or expulsion his or her name shall be removed from the membership register.
- d) The FA and Kent County FA shall be given access to the membership register on request.

## 6. **Annual Membership Fee**

- a) An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the club committee. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership as detailed on the membership form
- b) The club committee has the authority to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfill the objects of the club.



## **7. Resignation and Expulsion**

- a) A member shall cease to be a member of Parkfield Panthers Football Club if, and on the date of which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of their resignation.
- b) The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member when, in their opinion, it would not be in the interests of the club for them to remain a member.
- c) A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any of the club's property.

## **8. Club Committee**

- a) The Club Committee shall consist of the following nine club officer roles: - President, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Club Secretary, Club Welfare Officer, Football Development Officer, Club Development Officer and Social & Communication Officer.
- b) Each Club Officer and Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting. One person may not hold any more than two positions of Club officer at any one time. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the Club affairs. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee Meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the club committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson or in their absence the Vice Chairperson. The quorum for the transaction of business of the club committee shall be four.



- c) Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be recorded, and minutes of meetings will be maintained by the Club Secretary.
- d) Any Member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving no less than 7 days notice to all members of the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall hold no less than 4 meetings per year.
- e) An out-going member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. A member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Committee members shall fill any vacancy on the Club Committee, which arises between Annual General Meetings.
- f) The Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issues concerning the Club rules
- g) The position of a Club Officer shall be vacated if such person is subject to a decision of The FA that such person be suspended from holding office or from taking part in any football activity relating to the administration or management of a football club.
- h) The Club Welfare Officer will sit upon the committee as a standing member

## 9. **Annual and Special General Meeting**

- a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in each year to:
  - 1. Receive a report of the activities of the club over the previous year.
  - 2. Receive a report of the clubs finances over the previous year.
  - 3. Elect the members of the Club Committee.
  - 4. Consider any other business.



- b) Nominations for elections of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder, both whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary no less than 21 days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary no less than 21 days before the meeting.
- c) A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called at any time by the committee and shall be called within 21 days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by no less than five members stating the purposes for which the meeting is required and the resolutions proposed. Business at an SGM may be any business transacted at an AGM.
- d) The Secretary shall send to each member written notice of the date of a General Meeting together with resolutions to be proposed at least 14 days before the meeting.
- e) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 8.
- f) The Chairperson or in their absence a member selected by the Club Committee shall take the Chair. Each member present shall have one vote and a simple majority shall pass resolutions. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the meeting shall have the casting vote.
- g) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Committee, shall record the minutes of meetings which will be maintained by the Club Secretary.

## 11. **Club Finances**

- a) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of Parkfield Panthers Football Club. Designated account signatories shall be the Chairperson, the Club Secretary and the Club Treasurer. No sum



shall be drawn from the Club account except by cheque signed by two of the signatories. All monies payable to Parkfield Panthers Football Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited into the Club account.

- b) The income and assets of the Club shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club.
- c) The Club Committee shall have the power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the Club and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.
- d) The Club shall prepare an annual Financial Statement in such form as shall be published by the FA from time to time.
- e) The Club Property, other than the Club account shall be vested in no less than two and no more than four custodians, one of whom shall be the treasurer (The Custodians), who shall deal with the Club Property as directed by decisions of the Club Committee and entry in recorded minutes shall be conclusive evidence of such decision.

## 12. **Dissolution**

- a) A resolution to dissolve the club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.
- b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the club committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the club.
- c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the club shall be transferred to the parent Association who shall determine how the assets shall be utilised for the benefit of the game. Alternatively, such assets may be disposed of in such other



manner as the members of the club with the consent of the parent Association shall determine.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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