

1.Name

The Club shall be called Exeter Panthers Amateur Football Club (“the Club”).

2.Objects

The Objects of the Club are to provide facilities for, and to promote community participation in junior football, the amateur sport of Association Football in Exeter and surrounding districts.

3. Status of Rules

These Rules (the “Club Rules”) form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.

4. Rules and Regulations

(a) The members of the Club shall so exercise their rights, powers and duties and shall, where appropriate, use their best endeavours to ensure that others conduct themselves so that the business and affairs of the Club are carried out in accordance with the Rules and Regulation of The Football Association Limited (“The FA”), County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated (“Parent County Association”) and Competitions in which the Club participates, for the time being in force.

(b) No alteration to the Club Rules shall be effective without written approval by the Parent County Association. The FA and the Parent County Association reserve the right to approve any proposed changes to the Club Rules.

(c) The Club will also abide by The FA’s Safeguarding Children Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy as shall be in place from time to time.

5. Club Membership

(a) The members of the Club from time to time shall be those persons listed in the register of members (the “Membership Register”) which shall be maintained by the Club Secretary.

(b) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

(c) The Club may have different classes of membership on a non-discriminatory and fair basis.

(d) The Club Committee may refuse membership only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the sport or Club into disrepute. Appeal against refusal may be made to members.

(e) Any person who wishes to become a member must apply on the Membership Application Form and deliver it to the Club. Membership shall become effective upon an applicant’s name being entered in the Membership register.

(f) In the event of a member’s resignation or expulsion, his or her name shall be removed from the Membership Register.

(g) The FA and Parent County Association shall be given access to the Membership Register demand.

(h) Players shall be required to notify his / her manager as soon as possible if they are not available for any games. Failure to follow this rule may result in a suspension

of Exeter Panthers – Club constitution February 2020 membership being imposed.

(i) Players, officials, parents and supporters are required to conduct themselves in a suitable manner; anyone found contravening this rule will be suspended from Exeter Panthers fixtures. Persons to whom this suspension applies will be notified by post. Noncompliance with the Club's Anti-Discrimination and Equal Opportunities Policy will be dealt with under this rule.

(j) Failure to conform with fines set by the Football Association or the club will render the persons concerned illegible for future games and have their membership suspended until such monies have been paid.

(k) All correspondence with regards to club matters shall be addressed to the Club Secretary and no other person, unless by prior arrangement. **(l)** Insurance cover for players will be arranged and funded by the club. A copy will be displayed in both the clubs' changing rooms. Any additional cover required must be taken out by players themselves.

6. Annual Membership Fee

(a) An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee and set at a level that will not pose a significant obstacle to community participation. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Fees shall not be repayable.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club.

7. Resignation and Expulsion

(a) A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if, and from the date on which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of his / her resignation. A member whose annual membership fee or further subscription is more than two (2) months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the power to remove a member from membership only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. An appeal against such a decision may be made to the members.

(c) A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any, or any share of, any, of the income and assets of the Club (the "Club Property").

8. Non-distribution to members

All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

9. Club Committee

(a) The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: Chairperson, Treasurer, Club Secretary, Welfare Secretary, Junior Secretary and up to five (5) other members, all elected at an Annual General Meeting ("AGM").

(b) Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next AGM unless otherwise resolved at an Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”). One person may hold no more than two (2) positions of Club Officer at any time. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club. 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 a casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson, Exeter Panthers – Club constitution February 2020 or in their absence the Secretary. The quorum for the transaction of the business of the Club Committee shall be three (3).

(c) Decisions of the Club Committee shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary.

(d) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than seven days’ notice to all members of the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall hold not less than three (3) meetings per year.

(e) An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between AGMs shall be filled by a member proposed by one (1) and seconded by another one (1) of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members.

(f) Save as provided for in the Rules and Regulations of The FA, the Parent County Association and any applicable Competition, the Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.

(g) The position of a Club Officer shall be vacated if such a 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.

10. Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

(a) An AGM shall be held in each year to:

(i) receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year;

(ii) receive a report of the Club’s finances over the previous year;

(iii) elect members of the Club Committee;

and

(iv) consider any other business

(b) Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not 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 not less than 21 days before the meeting.

(c) An EGM may be called at any time by the Club Committee and shall be called within 21 days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition in writing, signed by not less than five members, stating the purposes for which the Meeting is required and the resolutions proposed. Business at an EGM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.

(d) The Secretary shall send to each member at their last known address written notice of the date of a General Meeting (whether an AGM or an EGM) together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 14 days before the meeting.

(e) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be.....

(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 resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

(g) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall enter the Minutes of General Meetings into the Minute Book of the Club.

11. Application of assets on dissolution

Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.