

Hampstead Heath Croquet Club



CLUB CONSTITUTION

1 TITLE

- 1.1 The Club shall be called Hampstead Heath Croquet Club, hereafter to be referred to as “the Club” and shall be affiliated to the South East Croquet Federation and shall become a Member Club of the Croquet Association.

2 OBJECTS

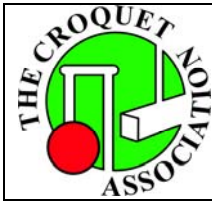
- 2.1 To foster and promote the sport of croquet at all levels, particularly in and around Hampstead Heath, providing opportunities for recreation and competition.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to any person completing a membership application form and paying the relevant subscription/joining fee as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the Club Members and approved by the City of London.
- 3.2 There shall initially be one class of membership available. Additional classes may be created subsequently subject to approval at a General Meeting.
- 3.3 The benefits of membership shall be:
- 3.3.1 50% discount on lawn hire fees
 - 3.3.2 The right to book the lawn in advance
 - 3.3.3 The right to apply for a key to the equipment box on terms determined by a General Meeting of Club Members and approved by the City of London
 - 3.3.4 Such other benefits as may be determined by a General Meeting and approved by the City of London.

4 OFFICERS

- 4.1 The Officers of the Club shall be as follows:
- Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- 4.2 All Officers of the Club shall be executive officers.



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5 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

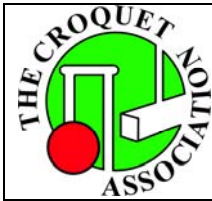
- 5.1 All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, from, and by, the Members of the Club.
- 5.2 All Officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office or another office the following year.

6 GENERAL COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The affairs of the Club shall be controlled by a General Committee comprising the Officers of the Club and up to five other Members elected from, and by, the Members of the Club. The General Committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than two times per year. It may appoint sub-committees.
- 6.2 The duties of the General Committee shall be:
- 6.2.1 To control the affairs of the Club on behalf of the Members.
 - 6.2.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by Members. The Club shall maintain a bank current account and shall agree appropriate cheque-signing powers and authorities.
 - 6.2.3 To co-opt additional members of the Committee as the Committee feels this is necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on the Committee, unless they have been co-opted to replace a member who has died or has resigned. They shall hold office until the next A.G.M.
 - 6.2.4 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

7 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 7.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than the end of November each year. 21 clear days written notice shall be given to Members of the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member by email or, if none, to their home address. Members must advise the Secretary by email or in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least 14 days



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before a meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to Members not less than 7 days before the meeting.

- 7.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:
- 7.2.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any other General Meetings.
 - 7.2.2 Receive the annual report of the Secretary.
 - 7.2.3 Elect the Officers of the Club (i.e. Chairperson; Secretary; Treasurer and any other General Committee Members).
 - 7.2.4 Fix Club subscription rates. A Member who has not paid his subscription by such default date as the Committee prescribes may at the discretion of the Committee be deemed to have resigned.
 - 7.2.5 Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from Members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.
 - 7.2.6 Such other business except business for which a Special General Meeting is required (e.g. expulsion or dissolution) as by common consent of the meeting the Chairperson in his/her discretion admits.
- 7.3 Special General Meetings may be convened by the General Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not less than five Members of the Club. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.

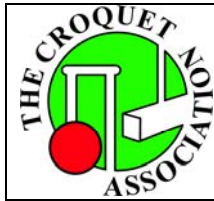
The business to be considered at the meeting is to be specified in the notice convening the business.

- 7.4 Nomination of candidates for election of Officers shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations can only be made by Members and must be seconded by another Member.

In the absence of nominations prior to the meeting nominations may be taken from the floor. All nominations must have the consent of the nominee.

- 7.5 At all General Meetings the chair will be taken by the Chairperson, or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the Club or by Members attending the meeting.
- 7.6 Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote or alternatively in his/her discretion he/she may direct a written poll.

A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 3 Members including 1 from the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.



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7.7 Each Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote on any separate issue at General Meetings.

8 EXPULSION

8.1 A member who is found by vote carried at a Special General Meeting called in accordance with clause 7.3 to have behaved in a manner likely to bring the club into disrepute or cause substantial prejudice to it may be expelled from the club. Provided that:-

- a) The resolution must be carried by not less than 4/5ths of those attending and voting.
- b) This is the only business at the meeting.
- c) Before putting the motion to the vote the member shall have a full opportunity to address the meeting.

The member expelled may appeal by notice in writing sent to the Secretary of the C.A. within 14 clear days who shall within 14 days thereafter convene a meeting of the Chairperson (or in their absence the Secretary or Treasurer) of the Council and two members who shall decide the appeal and shall not be required to give reasons. Following expulsion any subscription for the whole of that year that has been paid by that member shall be returned.

9 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

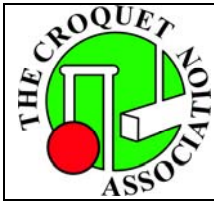
9.1 Any proposed alterations to the Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed in writing or by email not less than 28 days prior to the meeting by a Member of the Club and seconded by another Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two thirds of those Members present at the meeting and voting provided that a quorum has been achieved.

An abstention shall be recorded but shall not count as a vote.

10 DISSOLUTION

10.1 If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

10.2 If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two thirds of the Members present at the meeting and voting the General Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets



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of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club. Abstentions shall be recorded but shall not count as a vote.

- 10.3 After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Members of the Club, but shall be divided equally between the local Federation (if the Club is a member of it) and the Croquet Association. If the Club is not a member of the local Federation all assets on dissolution shall vest in the Croquet Association. Without in any way fettering the absolute discretion of the Croquet Association in the disposal thereof, first consideration may be given to support of other clubs in the vicinity of the dissolved club.