

The Kent County Amateur Fencing Union

Constitution

- 1 The Union shall be known as the KENT COUNTY AMATEUR FENCING UNION and shall incorporate that body formerly known as the Kent Schools Fencing Association. Hereafter in this constitution the Union will be referred to as the Union.
- 2 The Union shall comprise the Administrative County of Kent, the Medway Towns Authority and the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich and Lewisham.
- 3 The objects of the Union shall be:-
 - a) to develop and encourage fencing and to promote and conduct amateur fencing championships within the area.
 - b) to ensure proper administration and use of funds, and the submission of audited accounts annually to the Union's Annual General meeting.
 - c) to keep proper administrative records, including minutes of committee and general meetings.
 - d) to provide one representative to serve on the South East Region Committee.
 - e) to undertake such duties as the South East Region Committee may request.
 - f) to advise the British Fencing Association, the South East Region or any other organisation on any matter relating to fencing within the County.
- 4 Membership shall be open to clubs and schools within the area which are affiliated to the British Fencing Association and to individuals resident within the area.
- 5 The Committee of the Union shall be elected at a General Meeting and shall comprise an honorary Chair, an honorary Vice-chair, an honorary Secretary, an honorary Treasurer, an honorary Schools' Secretary, two honorary Schools' Representatives, the Team Captain, an honorary Match Secretary and three elected members - one each from the West Kent area, the Mid Kent area and the East Kent area. Offices may be combined if it is thought expedient to do so. The committee shall have the power to co-opt and shall fill vacancies that occur between one A.G.M. and the next. Co-opted members will only have voting rights if replacing a voting member of the committee.

- 5a The West Kent area shall consist of the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham, and the District Council areas of Dartford, Gravesham, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling and Tunbridge Wells.
- 5b The Mid Kent area shall consist of the District Council areas of Ashford, Maidstone and Swale and the Medway Towns Authority.
- 5c The East Kent area shall consist of the District Council areas of Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet.
- 5d The post of area representative may be filled by two people who shall each be able to vote at any committee meeting except that when both are present only one vote will be counted.
- 5e Three voting members shall form a quorum.
- 5f The committee will also include a President and one or more Vice Presidents elected for life but without voting rights.
- 6 The Union year shall run from 1st October to 30th September and the Annual General Meeting shall be held on or before 30th November when the accounts shall be presented by the Treasurer.
- 6a An E.G.M. may be called on application of a quorum of the committee or three clubs to the county secretary in writing. Fourteen days notice shall be given and only the reason(s) for calling the meeting will be on the agenda.
- 6b Such an E.G.M. will be called by the committee in June of each year, or as soon as is possible after, to set competition fees and the calendar of events for the following season.
- 7a The Union shall hold an account (in a bank, building society or similar institution) which will be administered by the Treasurer. The signatories on the account will be either the treasurer, the chair or the secretary.
- 7b All property, financial and other assets of the Union shall be vested in the Committee who shall acquire, dispose of and have custody of them at all times.

- 8a At the A.G.M. each club may have two voting representatives, each school may have one voting representative and each individual member shall have one vote.
- 8b Fourteen days notice of the A.G.M. shall be given.
- 9 The annual affiliation fee for Individual Membership of the Union will be assessed at the A.G.M.
- 10 At their discretion the committee may financially assist any person representing the County in a competition or otherwise participating in a competition which is considered likely to bring credit to the Union or its members.
- 11 The committee shall have the power to award County Colours to persons for representative matches.
- 12 No alteration or addition to this Constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting and unless approved by at least two thirds of the delegates present. Proposals for such alterations must be circulated with the Notice of the Meeting.
- 13 Should any question arise that is not provided for in this constitution then the committee shall have the authority to make a binding decision. In the event of the Union ceasing to function viably, all assets will be passed back to the British Fencing South East Region.

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