

Kendal Snowsports Club

Constitution



1. The name of the Club shall be known as Kendal Snowsports Club.
2. The objectives of the club are to encourage and promote the sports of Skiing and Snowboarding giving particular emphasis on the provision of an artificial ski slope and ancillary services.
3. The management of the Club shall be entrusted to a Committee comprising Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and 12 other members of the Club elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, together with the immediate past Chairman. The Committee shall meet at such times as it shall determine. Representatives will be sought from all areas of activity.
4. The election of the members of the Committee shall take place in the following manner.
 - a. Any two members of the Club shall be at liberty to nominate a member to service on the Committee. The name of each member so nominated shall be sent in writing to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting, accompanied by the formal consent of the candidate.
 - b. A list of the names, in alphabetical order shall be affixed to the Notice Board of the Club at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting. Election to the Committee will be by ballot of the members present at the Annual General Meeting. If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes to fill the last positions on the Committee, then a fresh ballot shall be taken by all those present, between the tied candidates only.
 - c. Existing Committee members shall be eligible for re-election.
 - d. Any casual vacancies on the Committee may be filled by the Committee and any member so chosen shall retire at the following Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible as a candidate for election to the Committee at such Annual General Meeting.
 - e. The Committee shall be entitled to co-opt not more than two persons to service as additional Committee members for specific purposes. These persons being entitled to attend Committee meetings but have no voting powers and whose appointment shall cease as the following Annual General Meeting.
5. The Committee shall have control of the finances of the Club, including slope and equipment charges and all administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objectives of the Club in accordance with these rules. The

Committee and Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense by the members of the Club in the event of the Club's assets not exceeding its liabilities if the Club should ever be dissolved or wound up.

6. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Club and shall have custody of all documents belonging to the Club. The secretary shall keep full and correct Minutes of all meetings.
7. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club and shall make up the annual statements of the accounts and balance sheet of the Club to the thirty first day of March in each year, which shall be available at the Annual General Meeting.
8. The membership of the Club will be open to the whole Community without discrimination and shall comprise of;
 - a. Ordinary members who must be at least 16 years of age
 - b. Junior members who must be under 16 years of age and shall have no voting rights.
 - c. Honorary Members who will be elected at the Annual General Meeting and will retain voting rights.
 - d. A member who is in the chair shall, on completion of three consecutive years, be elected as an honorary Member at the AGM and will retain their voting rights.

9. Membership

- a. Application to join the Club will be made upon the form provided for that purpose and obtainable from the Secretary or Club. All applications shall be considered by the Committee at the first available Committee meeting, after the application form has been returned to the Membership Secretary the application will be approved by the simple majority vote of the Committee. The Club may refuse or remove membership of any member for conduct or character likely to bring the Club into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal of membership may be made to the Committee.
- b. Membership of the Club operates from the September of any year and any membership renewals not received by the Membership Secretary by the 31 October of that year will be deemed to have lapsed and the joining fee will be payable on subsequent renewal. Membership expires on the 31st August of the year following. No member shall be entitled to vote, or to enjoy any privileges of the Club until any due membership subscriptions have been paid.
- c. No member of the Club shall be paid to play (i.e. skiing and snowboarding).

- d. Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion beliefs or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Skiing or snowboarding as a particular sport.
- e. Membership Joining Fees and Charges for use of the slope and equipment shall be at the rate fixed at the Annual General Meeting.

10. The Annual General Meeting

- a. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year within an 8 week period comprising the months of April and May.
- b. The Committee may call an extraordinary general meeting when any question of urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so on receiving a requisition signed by twenty five members of the Club.
- c. At least 21 days' notice be given of the AGM and any Extraordinary GM specifying the business to be transacted, with the day, place, and hour of meeting which shall be displayed in the lodge and also in appropriate media at the discretion of the committee.
- d. No constitutional rule as set out in the constitution of the Club shall be repealed or altered and no new rule shall be made, save by a two thirds majority of the members present at a general meeting, and at least fourteen days' notice of the intention to propose any new rule or alteration shall be given to the Secretary, who shall display a notice as to the proposed change, in the Ski Lodge for at least seven days before the general meeting.
- e. The Committee is empowered to make, repeal and amend such rules as they may from time to time consider necessary for the operation of the Club.

11. The property of the Club shall be vested in four Trustees who shall be appointed by the Committee. The property of the Club shall be vested in them to be dealt with as the Committee may from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence). The trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Clubs property. The trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the Committee. Where, by reason of such death, resignation or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, the Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is here by nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and he/she shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.

12. Upon dissolution of the Club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CA SC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body.
13. No member shall take away, or permit to be taken away, from the Clubhouse, under any pretence whatever, or shall damage or destroy any property of the Club. All surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
14. The Club, its Committee and its Officers for the time being are not liable for any action, default or omission, or by result of which any member or guest may suffer loss, damage or injury. Members of the Club accept no personal responsibility for injury or damage suffered by them from, during or in connection with, the activities of the Club.
15. Every member shall be bound by the Constitution of the Club and its operational rules.
16. To expel/suspend a member from the Club, notice should be sent to the Club Secretary acquainting him/her with the circumstances that gave rise to such notice. The member shall have the right to appear, along with a supporter, before the Committee to explain his/her conduct. Such expulsion/suspension shall occur if a two thirds majority of the members of the Committee present vote for his/her expulsion/suspension. Any member so expelled/suspended shall forfeit all such rights to, or claim upon, the Club, or its property or funds as he/she otherwise would have by reason of his/her membership. He/she shall not be entitled to any return of subscription and shall remain liable for any subscription or other fees outstanding at that time.

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