



THE EAST ANGLIAN CROQUET FEDERATION

CONSTITUTION (as amended on 26/3/2000)

1. NAME

The name shall be "The East Anglian Croquet Federation".

2. AREA OF INFLUENCE

The Area Of Influence of the Federation shall be the same as that covered by the Sports Council Eastern Region.

3. AIMS

The aims of the Federation shall be to promote the game of croquet and to coordinate the activities of croquet clubs in the Area.

The Federation shall be run under the auspices of the Croquet Association.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Every croquet club (or croquet section of larger clubs) or group interested in croquet in or near the Area is eligible for Membership of the Federation.

5. MEMBERSHIP FEES

The membership fees for each calender year shall be as determined by the Annual General Meeting, and shall be due within two months of the Annual General Meeting.

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

i) FREQUENCY

There shall be at least one meeting each year.

ii) LOCATION

All meetings are held within the Area of Influence.

iii) NOTICE OF MEETINGS

There shall be at least 14 days notice of meetings given to all Members.

iv) VOTING

Each Member shall be entitled to send two voting delegates, in addition to the Committee of the Federation, to attend business meetings. Other interested persons may attend business meetings, but they shall not be entitled to vote.

v) MOTIONS

Motions, except for amendments to the Constitution or for the dissolution of the Federation, shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast from those present and entitled to vote.

vi) QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of six persons present and entitled to vote.

vii) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting will be held, in or about March each year, to elect the committee, pass the Accounts, appoint an Auditor, and transact general business.

viii) EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at the discretion of the Committee, or at the written request of at least three Members. On receipt of such a request, the Committee must arrange the meeting within two months of the date of receipt.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- i) The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least one other person, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, but no-one shall be eligible for election as Chairman if they have held that Office for the previous five years.
- ii) Members of the Committee shall have their own vote at a General Meeting, but the Chairman shall have one vote, to be used only as a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- iii) A vacancy on (or in addition to) the Committee may be filled by co-option. Such co-opted members will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- iv) The Committee shall meet at least twice a year, the time and place to be fixed by themselves. Three members to form a quorum.
- v) The Federation Representative on the Croquet Association Council shall be elected, when required, at the Federation AGM. Nominations shall be submitted to the Federation Secretary at least 14 days before the relevant AGM.

The C.A. Representative shall be co-opted on to the Federation Executive Committee.

8. FINANCE

The Treasurer shall transact the financial business of the Federation, and shall present the audited Accounts made up to the 31st December of the previous year at the Annual General Meeting.

Bank accounts shall be in the name of the Federation. Drawing on these accounts shall be done by the Treasurer plus Chairman or Secretary, except as otherwise determined by the Committee, or a General Meeting.

9. DISSOLUTION

Notice of motions to wind up the Federation shall be sent to all Members at least 14 days before the meeting at which they will be put.

If, at any General Meeting, a resolution for the dissolution of the Federation shall be passed by at least two thirds of those present and entitled to vote, the Federation shall be formally wound up and the assets transferred to the Croquet Association.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Notice of motions to amend the Constitution shall be sent to all Members at least 14 days before the meeting at which they will be put.

An amendment to the Constitution shall be carried only if at least two thirds of the votes are in favour.