

NAME

The name of the team is Yorkshire Terriers.

OBJECTIVES

1. To promote participation in football by gays and lesbians of all ages and abilities in Yorkshire and the immediate surrounding area, and enable them to fulfil their potential as players.
2. To play competitive games against gay and non-gay teams locally, nationally and internationally.
3. To act as a reference point and channel of communication on football related matters within the local gay and lesbian community.
4. To represent the interests of gay and lesbian football in Yorkshire in Yorkshire and the immediate surrounding area within appropriate national and international bodies.
5. To act as a facilitator for gay and lesbian football events and competitions.
6. To raise funds and obtain sponsorship for the general running of the team and for participation in events.
7. To compile and maintain a register of members.
8. To raise fees for membership, as determined by the Committee.
9. To promote good relations between the gay and non-gay communities through the medium of football.
10. To do all such other lawful things as may be necessary.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership shall be open to all who subscribe to the objectives of the team.
2. All members will be entitled to:
 - a. Vote in general meetings
 - b. Stand for election to the Committee
 - c. Put down motions for determination by a general meeting
 - d. Receive information on the activities of the team

COMMITTEE

1. The organisation and administration of the team shall be directed by a Committee which shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Team Manager and up to 3 other team members.
 2. All Committee members shall be elected at the AGM.
 3. If a vacancy occurs between AGMs the Committee shall have the power to appoint a replacement on an 'acting' basis pending formal election at the next AGM.
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4. The quorum for Committee meetings shall be three, at least one of whom shall be the chairperson, secretary or treasurer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. The AGM shall be held in the month of June each year and each member shall be notified at least 21 days in advance. Membership runs on a rolling 12 month basis from the date that member joins. The financial year will run to 30 April.
2. The business of the AGM shall include annual reports from officers, election of officers and committee members and any other business as determined by the Committee.
3. A quorum for the AGM shall be 5 members. If a meeting is inquorate the business of the meeting shall be presented at the next meeting of the Committee.
4. Members can only vote at the AGM if they were members on or prior to 30 April of the year of the AGM.

PROCEDURES

1. A vote shall be carried by a simple majority of paid up members attending with the chairperson having a right to a casting vote.
2. Motions for discussion must be sent to the secretary at least one week prior to the AGM.
3. All motions must be formally proposed and seconded.

FINANCE

1. The team shall be financed by subscriptions, donations and sponsorship of cash or 'in kind'.
2. The Committee shall refuse sponsorship from any group or organisation which it deems to be in opposition to or in contravention of its objectives.
3. Subscriptions shall be determined by the Committee and must be paid by 7 days before the AGM.
4. Team funds shall be kept in a current account (and deposit account when appropriate) as determined by the Committee. Any interest earned on bank deposits will be credited to the bank account for the benefit of the team.
5. Cheques or other written instructions to make payments from the bank account must be made by two authorised signatories. These will be members holding the post of either Chairperson, Treasurer or another specified member of the committee and will be nominated by the committee.
6. The treasurer shall keep accounts for the team and for presentation to the AGM.
7. The team accounts shall be independently examined for presentation to the AGM.

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DISSOLUTION

Should the team cease to exist any assets or equipment would be given to a similar type of team or to the British Gay and Lesbian Sports Federation.

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may only be changed by a majority vote of paid up members present at an AGM or EGM convened for the purpose.

Pete Shoard - Chair
Tim Conway - Secretary
19 September 2003
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