



Shrewsbury Masters Constitution

1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be Shrewsbury Masters

2. Objects

- 2.1 The objects of the Club shall be the teaching, development and practice of swimming, promoting social interaction for its members and to support promote and encourage the art of swimming. In the furtherance of these objects:

2.1.1 The Club is committed to treat everyone equally within the context of its activity. This shall be, for example, regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion, disability or political persuasion, on any grounds.

3. Membership

- 3.1 Membership shall consist of officers and members of the club. All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations.
- 3.2 All members must be aged 18 or over.
- 3.3 Each Member shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings
- 3.4 The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

4. Membership Fees

- 4.1 Membership fees will be set annually and agreed by the management committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2 Fees will be due 1st April annually and must be paid by 1st May Annually.

5. Committee

- 5.1 The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (together "the Executive Officers of the Club") and 4 other elected members all of whom must be members of the Club.
- 5.2 The Executive Officers and Committee members shall be proposed seconded and elected at the Annual General Meeting each year and shall remain in office until their successors are elected at the next Annual General Meeting and will take office when the Chairman has closed the meeting. Any vacancy occurring by resignation or otherwise may be filled by the Committee. Retiring Executive Officers and members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

- 5.3 Committee meetings shall be held not less than twice a year (save where the Committee itself shall by a simple majority resolve not to meet), and the quorum of that meeting shall 4 Committee members (to include not less than one Executive Officer). All members may attend committee meetings.
- 5.4 The Committee may from time to time appoint from among their number such sub-committees as they may consider necessary (and to remove (in whole or in part) or vary the terms of reference of such sub-committees) and may delegate to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine. All sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Committee
- 5.5 The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Club and shall have the sole right of appointing and determining the terms and conditions of service of employees of the Club. The Committee shall have power to enter into contracts for the purposes of the Club on behalf of all the members of the Club.
- 5.6 The Committee shall maintain an Accident Book in which all accidents to Club members at swimming related activities shall be recorded.

6. Annual General Meeting

- 6.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year on a date in May or June. The date, time and venue for the Annual General Meeting shall be fixed by the Committee.
- 6.2 The quorum for the Annual and Special General Meetings shall be seven members entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting or, if greater, such number as represents one-tenth in number of such members.

7. Special General Meeting

- 7.1 A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee. A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Club within 28 days of receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than seven members entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting or, if greater, such number as represents one-tenth in number of such members, stating the purposes for which the meeting is required and the resolutions proposed.

8. Finance

- 8.1 All moneys payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in a bank account in the name of the Club. No sum shall be drawn from that account except by cheque signed by two of the three signatories who shall be committee members. Any monies not required for immediate use may be used or invested as the Committee in its discretion think fit.
- 8.2 The income and property of the Club shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club and no part thereof shall be paid by way of bonus, dividend or profit to any members of the Club.
- 8.3 The Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any Officer, member or employee of the Club and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.

- 8.4 The financial transactions of the Club shall be recorded by the Treasurer in such manner as the Committee thinks fit.
- 8.5 The financial year of the Club shall be the period commencing on 1st April and ending on 31st March. Any change to the financial year shall require the approval of the members in a General Meeting.
- 8.6 The Committee shall retain all financial records relating to the club and copies of Minutes of all meetings for a minimum period of six years.

8. Dissolution

- 9.1 A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three- quarters of the members present and entitled to vote. A specific date for the dissolution shall be included in the resolution.
- 9.2 The dissolution shall take effect from the date specified in the resolution and the members of the Committee shall be responsible for the winding-up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.
- 9.3 Any property remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be given to a charity or Club nominated by the last Committee

10. Acknowledgement

- 10.1 The Members acknowledge that these Rules constitute a legally binding contract to regulate the relationship of the members with each other and the Club.

The following statement needs to appear on Club membership forms and is to be signed by the member

I acknowledge that I have read the rules of Shrewsbury Masters Club (available on the website) and confirm my understanding of these and accept that such rules (as amended from time to time) shall govern my membership of the Club. I further acknowledge and accept the responsibilities of membership upon members as set out in these rules.