

Merched y Cae Ras

FOLLOWING WREXHAM AFC

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE.

The title of the organisation shall be *Merched y Cae Ras*, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

2. AIMS.

The aims of the Association shall be:

- i. to provide a solid and safe platform for a community of Wrexham AFC female supporters worldwide, to join together in a fun, friendly and non-judgmental environment where everyone feels included
- ii. to generate finances which will enable the Association to participate in sponsorship activities to the benefit of Wrexham AFC
- iii. to promote assistance; information; guidance; and encouragement to all those interested in Wrexham AFC
- iv. to promote the awareness of Wrexham AFC globally and to encourage its further development.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

Membership shall be open to all females interested in all aspects of Wrexham AFC.

The committee reserve the right to refuse membership without giving reasons.

On Joining the Association all members shall pay an annual subscription. The committee shall be responsible for proposing any alterations to the annual subscription. Any such proposal shall be made at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and must be passed by a majority of those members present at the AGM and voting. The Committee reserves the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time, subject to fourteen days' notice, to propose any changes to the annual subscription if it is considered necessary. Agreement of any such proposals shall be by a majority of those present and voting.

Annual subscriptions shall be due on 15th July, with a period of grace of up to 1st November. Any member who has not paid by 1st November will be deemed to have lapsed from the membership. Subject to the discretion of the committee, lapsed members may rejoin upon immediate payment of all subscription arrears.

Members joining the Association during the season shall pay 10GBP per annum.

Junior members (i.e. those under sixteen years of age) and OAP shall be admitted to the Association at half the current adult subscription per annum. Other concessions may be given at the discretion of the board.

All members shall be provided with a copy of the Rules and Constitution and shall be informed of any changes thereto (see para. 7). Acceptance of membership shall be taken as evidence that the applicant agrees to abide by the Rules and Constitution of the Association.

If it is in the interest of the Association that a member be asked to resign, the member should be informed in writing and allowed four weeks to make any representations. If, on consideration of any explanation - or in its absence within the time limit - the committee decide that membership shall cease the said member will be informed in writing.

Any member guilty of misconduct whilst attending a football match will be expelled immediately from the Association. In that event no right will exist to the refund of any paid subscriptions.

The Association shall not be responsible for any loss or injury, however sustained by any member or visitor participating in any of its activities. All persons taking part in the activities of the Association will be held to have accepted this condition, and responsibility for acquainting visitors with it remains with the member(s) inviting them.

Members' personal details are held by the secretary and treasurer on a digital register for administration purposes only and will not be made available to non-members, under the UK GDPR rules and regulations.

4. MANAGEMENT.

The management of the Association shall be vested in a committee comprising the following elected members:-

- i. Chairperson
- ii. Vice-Chair
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Treasurer

The Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall constitute the Principal Officers of the Association.

Ordinary members may be co-opted to the committee as and when required.

Members of the committee shall serve for two years. They may continue in office for a further period in the absence of any other nominations. If other nominations are received an election shall be held at the Annual General Meeting, only those members present being eligible to vote. Nominations of members wishing to stand office, (and notification of those wishing to stand down) must be lodged with the secretary at least fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

The quorum for a Business meeting shall be three members, this figure to include at least one Principal Officer. Ten days' notice should be given of the intention to call a Business meeting.

An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year for the purpose of conducting the business of the Association. Notification of the date, place, and time of the meeting shall be given in writing. Any resolutions must be forwarded to the secretary at least

fourteen days' before the date of the meeting. Emergency resolutions may be accepted up to the start of the meeting at the discretion of the Chairperson.

5 FINANCE.

The Treasurer shall be a person who has the appropriate professional qualifications or experience to undertake the duties.

A Book Account shall be opened with a recognised Bank or Building Society. The signatories of the Account shall be any four of the Association's committee members, one of which must be the Treasurer.

The Treasurer is responsible for the funds of the Association, and shall keep books and records as are necessary to give a true account of the Association's finances. The Treasurer shall produce an income and expenditure schedule of the Association's account for the Annual General Meeting.

Members appointed to conduct financial activities on behalf of the Association are to maintain proper records and to present them to the Treasurer on a regular basis along with any cash collected. They are also to conduct their activities in accordance with any guidelines met by the committee.

Authority for any expenditure in excess of £200 will be agreed by the committee board and communicated to all members.

6. SUPPORTERS FEDERATION

Wrexham AFC Supporters Federation is the recognised umbrella organisation for official and independent supporters groups of Wrexham AFC. This organisation is governed and made up by the committee members of each official Supporters organisation.

All members are recognised as an Official Supporters Club of Wrexham AFC, and our Association is required to be a member of the Supporters Federation to be recognised as an Official Supporters group of Wrexham AFC.

The Principal Officers and elected Committee members of our Association will represent the Association at the meetings of the Supporters Federation, and report back to the membership any decisions made.

As members of the Supporters Federation the Association's representatives can annually propose an Association member to represent the Supporter's Federation on the Wrexham AFC 'Club Advisory Board' (CAB).

7. ASSOCIATION PROPERTY.

The use of the Association's name and/or logo is to be confined to the following situations: -

- (i) Exhibitions and Meetings of the Association or of other clubs or Societies where the Association is taking part;
- (ii) any purposes specifically authorised by the committee of the Association.

All property owned by the Association is to be included in the Balance Sheet submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

8. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution of the Association shall not be amended, except by a Special Resolution passed, at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting convened specifically for that purpose. In the case of the latter, at least fifty per cent of the total membership must be present and voting,

Notification of any proposed amendment will be made to all members in writing.