

Company Number: 00036624

**THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 – 2006**

**COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF**

**EVERTON FOOTBALL CLUB COMPANY, LIMITED**

**(adopted by Special Resolution Passed on 29 September 2000 and amended by Special Resolutions passed on 10 September 2008, 29 April 2014, 17 November 2021, 24 January 2022 and 16 January 2025)**

**1. INTERPRETATION**

1.1 In these Articles:

**the Act** means the Companies Act 2006 including any statutory modification or enactment thereof for the time being in force;

**clear days** in relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;

**electronic facility** includes, without limitation, website addresses and conference call systems, and any device, system, procedure, method or other facility whatsoever providing an electronic means of attendance at or participation in (or both attendance at and participation in) a general meeting determined by the Board pursuant to Article 12.6;

**executed** includes any mode of execution;

**office** means the registered office of the company;

**the holder** in relation to shares means the member whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares;

**the seal** means the common seal of the company;

**secretary** means the secretary of the company or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the company, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary; and

**the United Kingdom** means Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

1.2 Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when these Articles become binding on the company.

1.3 The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them.

## **2. SHARE CAPITAL**

2.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and without prejudice to any rights attached to any existing shares, any share may be issued with such rights or restrictions as the company may by ordinary resolution determine provided that the number of any preference shares issued by the company shall not at any time be greater than the number of issued ordinary shares of the company at that time.

2.2 Subject to the provisions of the Act, shares may be issued which are to be redeemed or are to be liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder on such terms and in such manner as may be provided by the Articles.

2.3 The company may exercise the powers of paying commissions conferred by the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any such commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one way and partly in the other.

2.4 Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust and (except as otherwise provided by law) the company shall not be bound by or recognise any interest in any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the holder.

## **3. SHARE CERTIFICATES**

3.1 Every member, upon becoming the holder of any shares, shall be entitled without payment to one certificate for all the shares of each class held by him (and, upon transferring a part of his holding of shares of any class, to a certificate for the balance of such holding) or several certificates each for one or more of his shares upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable sum as the directors may determine. Every certificate shall specify the number, class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates and the amount or respective amounts paid up thereon. The company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate for shares held jointly by several persons and delivery of a certificate to one joint holder shall be a sufficient delivery to all of them.

3.2 If a share certificate is defaced, worn-out, lost or destroyed, it may be renewed on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and payment of the expenses reasonably incurred by the company in investigating evidence as the directors may determine but otherwise free of charge, and (in the case of defacement or wearing-out) on delivery up of the old certificate.

## **4. LIEN**

4.1 The company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) payable at a fixed time or called in respect of that share. The directors may at any time declare any share to be wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this Article. The company's lien on a share shall extend to any amount payable in respect of it.

- 4.2 The company may sell in such manner as the directors determine any shares on which the company has a lien if a sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable and is not paid within fourteen clear days after notice has been given to the holder of the share or to the person entitled to it in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, demanding payment and stating that if the notice is not complied with the shares may be sold.
- 4.3 To give effect to a sale the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The title of the transferee to the shares shall not be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.
- 4.4 The net proceeds of the sale, after payment of the costs, shall be applied in payment of so much of the sum for which the lien exists as is presently payable, and any residue shall (upon surrender to the company for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold and subject to a like lien for any moneys not presently payable as existed upon the shares before the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale.

## **5. CALLS ON SHARES AND FORFEITURE**

- 5.1 Subject to the terms of allotment, the directors may make calls upon the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) and each member shall (subject to receiving at least fourteen clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made) pay to the company as required by the notice the amount called on his shares. A call may be required to be paid by instalments. A call may, before receipt by the company of any sum due thereunder, be revoked in whole or part and payment of a call may be postponed in whole or part. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect whereof the call was made.
- 5.2 A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the directors authorising the call was passed.
- 5.3 The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.
- 5.4 If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the person from whom it is due and payable shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day it became due and payable until it is paid at the rate fixed by the terms of allotment of the share or in the notice of the call, or if no rate is fixed, at the appropriate rate (as defined by the Act) but the directors may waive payment of the interest wholly or in part.
- 5.5 An amount payable in respect of a share on allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an instalment of a call, shall be deemed to be a call and if it is not paid the provisions of the Articles shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call.
- 5.6 Subject to the terms of allotment, the directors may make arrangements on the issue of shares for a difference between the holders in the amounts and times of payment of calls on their shares.

- 5.7 If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the directors may give to the person from whom it is due not less than fourteen clear days' notice requiring payment of the amount unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued. The notice shall name the place where payment is to be made and shall state that if the notice is not complied with the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
- 5.8 If the notice, is not complied with any share in respect of which it was given may, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the directors and the forfeiture shall include all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture.
- 5.9 Subject to the provisions of the Act, a forfeited share may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the directors determine either to the person who was before the forfeiture the holder or to any other person and at any time before sale, reallocation or other disposition, the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the directors think fit. Where for the purposes of its disposal a forfeited share is to be transferred to any person the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person.
- 5.10 A person any of whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of them and shall surrender to the company for cancellation the certificate for the shares forfeited but shall remain liable to the company for all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the company in respect of those shares with interest at the rate at which interest was payable on those moneys before the forfeiture or, if no interest was so payable, at the appropriate rate (as defined in the Act) from the date of forfeiture until payment but the directors may waive payment wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.
- 5.11 A statutory declaration by a director or the secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share and the declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer if necessary) constitute a good title to the share and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall not be bound to see the application of the consideration, if any, nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture or disposal of the share.

## **6. TRANSFER OF SHARES**

- 6.1 The instrument of transfer of a share may be in any usual form or in any other form which the directors may approve and shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee.
- 6.2 The Directors in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor may decline to register any transfer of shares (whether fully paid or not).

- 6.3 If the directors refuse to register a transfer of a share, they shall within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the company send to the transferee notice of the refusal.
- 6.4 The registration of transfers of shares or of transfers of any class of shares may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding thirty days in any year) as the directors may determine.
- 6.5 No fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- 6.6 The company shall be entitled to retain any instrument of transfer which is registered, but any instrument of transfer which the directors refuse to register shall be returned to the person lodging it when notice of the refusal is given.

## 7. SECURITY PROTECTION

- 7.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles, no transferor of any shares in the Company is required to comply with any restriction on the transfer of such shares contained in these Articles and any such restriction shall not apply to, and the director(s) shall not refuse to register, nor suspend registration of, any transfer of such shares by reason of any such restriction contained in these Articles where such transfer is:
  - 7.1.1 to any bank, lender, financial institution, trust, fund or other person (or any affiliate of, or nominee or other entity appointed by or acting on behalf of, such a bank, lender, financial institution, trust, fund or other person) (a "**Financial Institution**") by way of security (whether such Financial Institution is acting as agent, trustee, on its own account or otherwise);
  - 7.1.2 delivered to the Company for registration by a Financial Institution in order to protect or perfect its security over the shares;
  - 7.1.3 duly executed by a Financial Institution pursuant to a power of sale or other power under or in connection with any security document which creates any security interest over such shares; and/or
  - 7.1.4 duly executed by a receiver or manager appointed by or on behalf of a Financial Institution pursuant to a power of sale or other power under or in connection with any security document which creates any security interest over such shares,

and there shall be no requirement to offer the shares which are or are to be the subject of any transfer described in this Article 7 to the members for the time being of the Company or any of them, and no such member shall have any right under these Articles or otherwise to require such shares to be transferred to that member whether for consideration or not.

A certificate by any officer or employee of a Financial Institution that the shares were subject to any security and the transfer was so executed will be conclusive evidence of such facts.

For the purposes of this Article 7, "person" includes any person, individual, firm, company, corporation, government, state or agency of a state or any undertaking (within the meaning of section 1161(1) of the Companies Act 2006) or other association (whether or not having separate legal personality) or any two or more of the foregoing.

## **8. DISAPPLICATION OF LIEN**

8.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles, no lien in favour of the Company shall apply in respect of any shares in the Company (whether fully or partly paid) which are transferred by way of security to, or otherwise secured in favour of, a Financial Institution (as defined in Article 7) or which are transferred in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 above.

## **9. TRANSMISSION OF SHARES**

9.1 If a member dies the survivor or survivors where he was a joint holder, and his personal representatives where he was a sole holder or the only survivor of joint holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the company as having any title to his interest; but nothing herein contained shall release the estate of a deceased member from any liability in respect of any share which had been jointly held by him.

9.2 A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member may, upon such evidence being produced as the directors may properly require, elect either to become the holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee. If he elects to become the holder he shall give notice to the company to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered he shall execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person. All the Articles relating to the transfer of shares shall apply to the notice or instrument of transfer as if it were an instrument of transfer executed by the member and the death or bankruptcy of the member had not occurred.

9.3 A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member shall have the rights to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of the share, except that he shall not, before being registered as the holder of the share, be entitled in respect of it to attend or vote at any meeting of the company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the company.

## **10. ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL**

10.1 The company may by ordinary resolution:

10.1.1 increase its share capital by new shares of such amount as the resolution prescribes;

10.1.2 cancel shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

10.2 Whenever as a result of a consolidation of shares any members would become entitled to fractions of a share, the directors may, on behalf of those members, sell the shares representing the fractions for the best price reasonably obtainable to any person (including, subject to the

provisions of the Act, the company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among those members, and the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.

10.3 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may by special resolution reduce its share capital, any capital redemption reserve and any share premium account in any way.

## **11. PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES**

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may purchase its own shares (including any redeemable shares) and make a payment in respect of the redemption or purchase of its own shares otherwise than out of distributable profits of the company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares.

## **12. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

12.1 Unless special notice of a meeting is required pursuant to the Act, any general meeting shall be called by at least fourteen clear days' notice.

12.2 A general meeting may be called by shorter notice by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent in nominal value of the shares giving that right.

12.3 Subject to the provisions of the Articles and to any restrictions imposed on any shares, a notice of general meeting shall be given to all the members, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member and to the directors and auditors.

12.4 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

12.5 The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. If pursuant to Article 12.6 the Board determines that a general meeting shall be held partly by means of electronic facility or facilities, the notice shall:

12.5.1 include a statement to that effect; and

12.5.2 specify the means, or all different means, of attendance thereat, and any access, identification and security arrangements determined pursuant to Article 12.16.

12.6 To facilitate the organisation and administration of any general meeting, the Board may decide that the meeting shall be held at two or more places, including enabling persons entitled to attend and participate in a general meeting to do so by simultaneous attendance by means of electronic facility or facilities. The Board may determine the means, or all different means, of attendance and participation used in relation to the general meeting.

- 12.7 For the purposes of these Articles, any general meeting of the Company taking place at two or more places shall be treated as taking place where the chairman of the meeting presides (principal meeting place) and any other place where that meeting takes place is referred in these Articles as a satellite meeting.
- 12.8 All references in these Articles to a member being present in person shall mean present at the principal meeting place or at a satellite meeting.
- 12.9 A member present in person or by proxy at a satellite meeting may be counted in the quorum and may exercise all rights that they would have been able to exercise if they were present at the principal meeting place.
- 12.10 In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.
- 12.11 The Board may make and change from time to time such arrangements as they shall in their absolute discretion consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it including without limitation to:
  - 12.11.1 ensure that all members and proxies for members wishing to attend the meeting can do so;
  - 12.11.2 ensure that all persons attending the meeting are able to participate in the business of the meeting;
  - 12.11.3 ensure the safety of persons attending the meeting and the orderly conduct of the meeting; and
  - 12.11.4 restrict the numbers of members and proxies at any one place to such number as can safely and conveniently be accommodated there.
- 12.12 The entitlement of any member or proxy to attend a satellite meeting shall be subject to any such arrangements then in force and stated by the notice of the meeting or adjourned meeting to apply to the meeting.
- 12.13 A general meeting held at more than one place is duly constituted and its proceedings are valid if (in addition to the other provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings being satisfied) the chairman of the meeting is satisfied that facilities (whether electronic or otherwise) are available to enable each person at each place to participate in the business of the meeting.
- 12.14 If there is a failure of communication equipment or any other failure in the arrangements for participation in the meeting at more than one place, the chairman may adjourn the meeting in accordance with Article 13.5. Such adjournment will not affect the validity of such meeting, or any business conducted at such meeting up to the point of adjournment, or any action taken pursuant to such meeting.
- 12.15 All persons seeking to attend a general meeting by way of electronic facility or facilities shall be responsible for maintaining adequate facilities to enable them to do so. Subject only to the

requirement for the chairman to adjourn a general meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article 12.14, any inability of a person or persons to attend or participate in a general meeting by way of electronic facility or facilities shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

12.16 If a general meeting is held partly by means of an electronic facility or facilities, the Board and the chairman may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction that is:

12.16.1 necessary to ensure the identification of those taking part by means of such electronic facility or facilities and the security of the electronic communication; and

12.16.2 in its or his or her view, proportionate to those objectives.

In this respect, the Board or chairman may authorise any voting application, system or facility for attendance and participation as it sees fit.

### **13. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

13.1 No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Two persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, each being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation, shall be a quorum.

13.2 If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the directors may determine and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

13.3 The chairman, if any, of the board of directors or in his absence some other director nominated by the directors shall preside as chairman of the meeting, but if neither the chairman nor such other director (if any) be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairman and, if there is only one director present and willing to act, he shall be chairman.

13.4 If no director is willing to act as chairman, or if no director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be chairman of that meeting.

13.5 The chairman may:

13.5.1 with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place; and

13.5.2 at any time without the consent of the meeting adjourn (whether or not it has commenced or a quorum is present) to another time and/or place if, in his opinion, it would facilitate the conduct of the meeting to do so,

but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a

meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any such notice.

13.6 A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded:

- 13.6.1 by the chairman; or
- 13.6.2 by at least two members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
- 13.6.3 by a member or members representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
- 13.6.4 by a member or members holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right;

and a demand by a person as proxy for a member shall be the same as a demand by the member.

13.7 Unless a poll is duly demanded a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

13.8 The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

13.9 A poll shall be taken as the chairman directs and he may appoint scrutineers {who need not be members} and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. 1 In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than thirty days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.

13.10 No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.

13.11 A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a general meeting at which he was present shall be as effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more members.

#### **14. VOTES OF MEMBERS**

14.1 Subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands every member who {being an individual} is present in person or {being a corporation} is present by a duly authorised representative, not being himself a member entitled to vote, shall have one vote and on a poll every member shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder.

14.2 In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders; and seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the register of members.

14.3 A member in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction {whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere} in matters concerning mental disorder may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his receiver, curator bonis or other person authorised in that behalf appointed by that court, and any such receiver, curator bonis or other person may, on a poll, vote by proxy. Evidence to the satisfaction of the directors of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be deposited at the office, or at such other place as is specified in accordance with the Articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in default the right to vote shall not be exercisable.

14.4 No member shall vote at any general meeting, either in person or by proxy, in respect of any share held by him unless all moneys presently payable by him in respect of that share have been paid.

14.5 No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

14.6 On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.

14.7 An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing, executed by or on behalf of the appointor and shall be in the following form (or in a form as near thereto as circumstances allow or in any other form which is usual or which the directors may approve):

“The Everton Football Club Company Limited”

I/We, of

being a member/members of the above-named company, hereby appoint

of or  
failing him, of as my/our  
proxy to vote in my/our name[s] and on my/our behalf at the general meeting of the company  
to be held  
on 20  
and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed on 20

14.8 Where it is desired to afford members an opportunity of instructing the proxy how he shall act the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form (or in a form as near thereto as circumstances allow or in any other form which is usual or which the directors may approve):

“The Everton Football Club Company Limited”

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

being a member/members of the above-named company, hereby appoint

of or

failing him, of as my/our proxy to  
vote in my/our name[s] and on my/our behalf at the general meeting of the company, to be held  
on 20  
and at any adjournment thereof.

This form is to be used in respect of the resolutions mentioned below as follows:

**Resolution No. 1 \*for \*against**

## Resolution No. 2 \*for \*against

\*Strike out whichever is not desired.

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he thinks fit or abstain from voting.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

14.9 The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the directors may:

14.9.1 be deposited at the office or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out

by the company in relation to the meeting not less than 48 hours or such shorter period as the directors may allow before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or

- 14.9.2 in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be deposited as aforesaid after the poll has been demanded and not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
- 14.9.3 where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be delivered at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the chairman or to the secretary or to any director,

and an instrument of proxy which is not deposited or delivered in any manner so permitted shall be invalid.

- 14.10 A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous determination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll unless notice of the determination was received by the company at the office or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for taking the poll.

## **15. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

That the number of Directors of the Company (excluding alternate Directors) shall be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time but shall not be less than three.

## **16. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

- 16.1 Any director (other than an alternate director) may appoint any other director, or any other person approved by resolution of the directors and willing to act, to be an alternate director and may remove from office an alternate director so appointed by him.
- 16.2 An alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointer is a member, to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the director appointing him is not personally present, and generally to perform all the functions of his appointer as a director in his absence but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the company for his services as an alternate director. But it shall not be necessary to give notice of such a meeting to an alternate director who is absent from the United Kingdom.
- 16.3 An alternate director shall cease to be an alternate director if his appointer ceases to be a director.
- 16.4 Any appointment or removal of an alternate director shall be by notice to the company signed by the director making or revoking the appointment or in any other manner approved by the directors.

16.5 Save as otherwise provided in the Articles, an alternate director shall be deemed for all purposes to be a director and shall alone be responsible for his own acts and defaults and he shall not be deemed to be the agent of the director appointing him.

**17. POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

17.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the memorandum and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the company shall be managed by the directors who may exercise all the powers of the company. No alteration of the Memorandum or Articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the directors which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given. A meeting of directors at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the directors.

17.2 The directors may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be the agent of the company for such purposes and on such conditions as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers.

**18. DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS**

The directors may delegate any of their powers to any committee consisting of one or more directors. They may also delegate to any director holding any other executive office such of their powers as they consider desirable to be exercised by him. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the directors may impose, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers and may be revoked or altered. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the Articles regulating the proceedings of directors so far as they are capable of applying.

**19. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

19.1 The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of directors to exceed any number fixed by or in accordance with the Articles as the maximum number of directors.

**20. DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

20.1 The office of a director shall be vacated if:

20.1.1 he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director; or

20.1.2 he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or

20.1.3 he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either:

- 20.1.3.1 he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960, or
- 20.1.3.2 an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs; or
- 20.1.4 he resigns his office by notice to the company; or
- 20.1.5 he shall for more than six consecutive months have been absent without permission of the directors from meetings of directors held during that period and the directors resolve that his office be vacated.

20.2 The office of a director/officer of the company shall be vacated if the person holding such office is subject to a decision of the Football Association that such person be suspended from holding office or from taking part in any football activity relating to the administration or management of a Football Club.

20.3 Any provision of the Act which, subject to the provisions of these Articles, would have the effect of rendering any person ineligible for appointment as a Director or liable to vacate office as a Director on account of his having reached any specified age or of requiring special notice or any other special formality in connection with the appointment of any Director over a specified age, shall not apply to the company.

## **21. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS**

Only directors who are also employees of the company shall be entitled to receive any remuneration from the company. Such remuneration shall be determined by the board of directors. A director shall not vote on any resolution concerning his own remuneration.

## **22. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES**

The directors may be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of directors or committees of directors or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

## **23. DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS**

23.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors may appoint one or more of their number to any executive office under the company and may enter into an agreement or arrangement with any director for his employment by the company or for the provision by him of any services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a director. Any such appointment, agreement or arrangement may be made upon such terms as the directors determine and they may remunerate any such director for his services as they think fit. Any appointment of a director to

an executive office shall terminate if he ceases to be a director but without prejudice to any claim to damages for breach of the contract of service between the director and the company.

23.2 Subject to the provisions of the Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a director notwithstanding his office:

23.2.1 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the company or in which the company is otherwise interested;

23.2.2 may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the company or in which the company is otherwise interested; and

23.2.3 shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the company for any benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.

23.3 For the purposes of Article 23:

23.3.1 a general notice given to the directors that a director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class or persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified; and

23.3.2 an interest of which a director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his.

## **24. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS**

The directors may provide benefits, whether by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or otherwise, for any director who has held but no longer holds any executive office or employment with the company or with any body corporate which is or has been a subsidiary of the company or a predecessor in business of the company or of any such subsidiary, and for any member of his family (including a spouse and a former spouse) or any person who is or was dependent on him, and may (as well before as after he ceases to hold such office or employment) contribute to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such benefit.

## **25. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS**

25.1 The directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit. A director may, and the secretary at the request of a director shall, call a meeting of the directors. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A director who is also an alternate director shall be entitled in

the absence of his appointor to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor in addition to his own vote.

- 25.2 The quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors may be fixed by the directors and unless so fixed at any other number shall be three. A person who holds office only as an alternate director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum.
- 25.3 The continuing directors or a sole continuing director may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their number, but, if the number of directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing directors or director may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.
- 25.4 The directors may appoint one of their number to be the chairman of the board of directors and may at any time remove him from that office. Unless he is unwilling to do so, the director so appointed shall preside at every meeting of directors at which he is present. But if there is no director holding that office, or if the director holding it is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 25.5 All acts done by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, or by a person acting as a director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any director or that any of them were disqualified from holding office or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director and had been entitled to vote.
- 25.6 A resolution in writing signed by all the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of directors or (as the case may be) a committee of directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more directors; but a resolution signed by an alternate director need not also be signed by his appointer and, if it is signed by a director who has appointed an alternate director, it need not be signed by the alternate director in that capacity.
- 25.7 For the purpose of determining whether the quorum for the transaction of the business of the Board exists:
  - 25.7.1 in the case of a resolution agreed by Directors in telephonic communications, all such Directors shall be counted in the quorum;
  - 25.7.2 in the case of a meeting of Directors, in addition to the Directors present at the meeting, any Director in telephonic communication with such meeting shall be counted in the quorum.
- 25.8 A Director may vote as a Director in regard to any matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Company or upon any matter arising thereon, and if he shall so vote his vote shall be counted and he shall be reckoned in estimating a quorum when any such matter is under consideration.

25.9 No third party dealing with the Company shall be concerned to see or enquire whether any Director has an interest in any dealings between itself and the Company which ought to be disclosed by that Director or whether such interest has been disclosed and shall be entitled to assume, in the absence of express notice to the contrary, that all Directors of the Company have complied with section 317 of the Act.

For the purposes of this Article, an interest of a person who is, for any purpose of the Act (excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when this Article becomes binding on the company), connected with a director shall be treated as an interest of the director and, in relation to an alternate director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate director without prejudice to any interest which the alternate director has otherwise.

## **26. SECRETARY**

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the secretary shall be appointed by the directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any secretary so appointed may be removed by them.

## **27. MINUTES**

27.1 The directors shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:

- 27.1.1 of all appointments of officers made by the directors; and
- 27.1.2 of all proceedings at meetings of the company and of the directors, and of committees of directors, including the names of the directors present at each such meeting.

## **28. THE SEAL**

The seal shall only be used by the authority of the directors or of a committee of directors authorised by the directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and by the secretary or by a second director.

## **29. DIVIDENDS**

29.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends in accordance with the respective rights of the members, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the directors.

29.2 No larger dividend shall be declared than the maximum dividend allowed, from time to time, by the Football Association as a condition of membership of such Association.

29.3 The Company shall not without the consent in writing of the Football Association issue any bonus shares or pay any dividend otherwise than out of profits.

29.4 Subject to the foregoing and the provisions of the Act, the directors may pay interim dividends if it appears to them that they are justified by the profits of the company available for distribution.

If the share capital is divided into different classes, the directors may pay interim dividends on shares which confer deferred or non-preferred rights with regard to dividend as well as on shares which confer preferential rights with regard to dividend, but no interim dividend shall be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear. The directors may also pay at intervals settled by them any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment. Provided the directors act in good faith they shall not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights.

- 29.5 Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid. All dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid; but, if any share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date, that share shall rank for dividend accordingly.
- 29.6 A general meeting declaring a dividend may, upon the recommendation of the directors, direct that it shall be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets and, where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution, the directors may settle the same and in particular may issue fractional certificates and fix the value for distribution of any assets and may determine that cash shall be paid to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of members and may vest any assets in trustees.
- 29.7 Any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share may be paid by cheque sent by post to the registered address of the person entitled or, if two or more persons are the holders of the share or are jointly entitled to it by reason of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, to the registered address of that one of those persons who is first named in the register of members or to such person and to such address as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct. Every cheque shall be made payable to the order of the person or persons entitled or to such other person as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct and payment of the cheque shall be a good discharge to the company. Any joint holder or other person jointly entitled to a share as aforesaid may give receipts for any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of the share.
- 29.8 No dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share shall bear interest against the company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share.
- 29.9 Any dividend which has remained unclaimed for twelve years from the date when it became due for payment shall, if the directors so resolve, be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the company.

## **30. CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS**

- 30.1 The directors may with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the company:
  - 30.1.1 subject as hereinafter provided, resolve to capitalise any undivided profits of the company not required for paying any preferential dividend (whether or not they are

available for distribution) or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve;

- 30.1.2 appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the members who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions and apply such sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up the amounts, if any, for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively, or in paying up in full unissued shares or debentures of the company of a nominal amount equal to that sum, and allot the shares or debentures credited as fully paid to those members, or as they may direct, in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other but the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve, and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this Article, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to members credited as fully paid;
- 30.1.3 make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by payment in cash or otherwise as they determine in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable under this Article in fractions; and
- 30.1.4 authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the members concerned into an agreement with the company providing for the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid, of any shares or debentures to which they are entitled upon such capitalisation, any agreement made under such authority being binding on all such members.

## **31. NOTICES**

- 31.1 Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the Articles shall be in writing except that a notice calling a meeting of the directors need not be in writing. Communications by facsimile transmission shall be deemed to be in writing. In addition any notice to be given by any person pursuant to these Articles may be sent using electronic communications (as that term is defined in the Electronic Communications Act 2000).
- 31.2 The company may give any notice to a member either personally or by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope or by facsimile transmission addressed to the member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address. In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of members in respect of the joint holding and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders. A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him shall be entitled to have notices given to him at that address, but otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any notice from the company.
- 31.3 A member present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the company or of the holders of any class of shares in the company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.

- 31.4 Every person who becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share which, before his name is entered in the register of members, has been duly given to a person from whom he derives his title.
- 31.5 Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, pre-paid and posted or that a facsimile transmission was despatched shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice sent by post shall be deemed to be given at the expiry of 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted. A notice sent by facsimile transmission shall be deemed to be given when sent. In the case of a notice sent using electronic communications, such notice shall be deemed to be given at the expiration of 48 hours after the time it was sent.
- 31.6 A notice may be given by the company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member by sending or delivering it, in any manner authorised by the Articles for the giving of notice to a member, addressed to them by name, or by the title of representatives of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt or by any like description at the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied for that purpose by the persons claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the death or bankruptcy had not occurred.

### **32. WINDING UP**

- 32.1 On the winding-up of the Company the surplus assets shall be applied, first, in repaying the Members the amount paid on their shares respectively. If such assets are insufficient to repay the said amount in full, they shall be applied rateably, so that the loss shall fall upon the Members in proportion to the amount called up on their shares respectively. No Member shall be entitled to have any call upon other Members for the purpose of adjusting the Members' rights; but where any call has been made and has been paid by some of the Members such call be enforced against the remaining Members for the purpose of adjusting the rights of the Members between themselves.
- 32.2 If the surplus assets shall be more than sufficient to pay to the Members the whole amount paid upon their shares, the balance shall be given by the Members, at or before the time of dissolution as they shall direct, to The Football Association Benevolent Fund, or to some Club or institute in the Metropolitan County of Merseyside having objects similar to those set out in the Memorandum of Association or to any local charity, or charitable or benevolent institution situate within the said Metropolitan County of Merseyside.
- 32.3 In default of any such decision or apportionment by the Members, the same to be decided upon and apportioned by a Judge of the High Court of Justice having jurisdiction in such winding-up or dissolution and as he shall determine.
- 32.4 Alternatively such balance may be disposed of in such other manner as the Members with the consent of the Council of The Football Association Limited, as then existing, shall determine.

### **33. INDEMNITY**

Subject to the provisions of the Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, every director or other officer or auditor of the company shall be

indemnified out of the assets of the company against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the company.

#### **34. THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

- 34.1 The Rules and Regulations of the Football Association Limited for the time being shall be deemed to be incorporated herewith and shall prevail in the event of any conflict with the provisions set out herein.
- 34.2 No proposed alteration to the provisions of this Article 34 shall be effective unless the proposed alteration has been approved in writing by the Football Association 14 days or more before the day on which the alteration is proposed to take place.