

MOUNTS BAY YOUTH FC

Club Constitution and Rules

1. Name

1.1 The club shall be called Mounts Bay Youth FC (“the Club”).

2. Objects

2.1 The objects of the Club (“the Objects”) are:

- (a) to provide facilities for, and to promote participation in, association football for children and young people, and the wider community, in the Mounts Bay area of Cornwall;
- (b) to organise football coaching, training, matches, and tournament participation for its members;
- (c) to promote the physical, social and personal development of children and young people through sport; and
- (d) to provide a safe, inclusive and enjoyable environment in which to play football.

2.2 The Club is a non-commercial society. It is established and conducted for the purpose of enabling participation in, and supporting, sport, and not for private gain.

3. Status of Rules

3.1 These rules (“the Club Rules”) form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.

4. Rules and Regulations

4.1 The Club is affiliated to the Cornwall County Football Association Limited (Organisation ID: 114803) (“the County FA”) and shall abide by the rules and regulations of The Football Association Limited (“The FA”), including The FA’s Safeguarding Children Policy and procedures, the Equality Policy and the Respect codes of conduct, together with the rules and regulations of the County FA and of any league or competition to which the Club is affiliated.

4.2 The Club shall appoint a Club Welfare Officer who shall hold an in-date FA-accepted DBS check and complete The FA’s required safeguarding training, in accordance with FA requirements for clubs with youth teams.

4.3 No alteration to the Club Rules shall be effective without prior written approval at a General Meeting of the Club.

4.4 The Club will also abide by The FA’s rules on anti-discrimination and reporting.

5. Membership

5.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to any person who completes a membership application in the form required by the Club Committee and whose application is approved by the Club Committee. In the case of members under the age of 18, the application shall be completed by a parent or guardian.

5.2 Membership is open to all and no application shall be refused on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. Membership may only be limited on non-discriminatory grounds, such as the capacity of the Club's facilities or coaching provision.

5.3 The Club Committee shall maintain a register of members.

6. Membership Fees

6.1 Annual membership fees and any match or training subscriptions shall be determined by the Club Committee and notified to members.

6.2 Fees shall be payable at such times and by such methods as the Club Committee shall determine. The Club Committee may, at its discretion, reduce or waive fees in cases of hardship.

7. Resignation and Expulsion

7.1 A member may resign from the Club by giving written notice to the Club Secretary. A member whose subscription is more than two months in arrears may be deemed to have resigned.

7.2 The Club Committee may expel or suspend a member, or take other disciplinary action against a member, where the member's conduct is, in the reasonable opinion of the Club Committee, contrary to the interests of the Club or the Club Rules. The member shall be given the opportunity to make representations before any decision is made, and shall have a right of appeal to a panel appointed by the Club Committee.

8. The Club Committee

8.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a committee ("the Club Committee") consisting of, as a minimum, a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Club Welfare Officer, together with such other officers as the Club shall decide at a General Meeting.

8.2 Members of the Club Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting, when they shall be eligible for re-election. The Club Committee may fill any casual vacancy arising between Annual General Meetings.

8.3 The Club Committee shall meet as often as is necessary to conduct the business of the Club, and in any event not less than four times per year. The quorum for Club Committee meetings shall be three members. Decisions shall be made by a majority of those present and voting; in the event of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

8.4 The Club Committee shall have the power to make regulations for the day-to-day management of the Club, to appoint sub-committees, team managers and coaches, and to do all such things as are necessary to carry out the Objects of the Club, including the operation of fundraising activities.

9. Annual and Special General Meetings

9.1 An Annual General Meeting ("AGM") shall be held in each calendar year. At least 14 days' written notice of the AGM shall be given to members.

9.2 The business of the AGM shall include: receiving a report of the Club's activities; receiving the Club's accounts for the preceding financial year; electing the members of the Club Committee; setting membership fees; and considering any other business properly brought before the meeting.

9.3 A Special General Meeting (“SGM”) may be called at any time by the Club Committee, and shall be called within 28 days of receipt by the Club Secretary of a written request signed by not fewer than five members of the Club, stating the business to be considered.

9.4 The quorum for any General Meeting shall be ten members or one-tenth of the membership, whichever is the lower. Each member aged 18 or over (or, in respect of a member under 18, that member’s parent or guardian) shall have one vote. Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting, except as otherwise provided in these Club Rules.

10. Club Finances

10.1 A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (“the Club Account”). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairperson, the Club Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by the authorisation of at least two of the designated signatories (or, for electronic payments, in accordance with dual-authorisation controls approved by the Club Committee).

10.2 All income and property of the Club, from whatever source, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects of the Club. No part of the Club’s income or property may be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to any member of the Club, except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Club or in payment for goods or services properly supplied to the Club at fair market rates.

10.3 The Treasurer shall keep proper accounting records of all income and expenditure of the Club, and shall present the accounts for the preceding financial year at each AGM.

10.4 The Club may raise funds through subscriptions, donations, sponsorship, grants, fundraising events and lotteries, provided all such funds are applied solely to the Objects of the Club.

10.5 The Club may promote small society lotteries in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, subject to registration with Cornwall Council and compliance with all applicable legal requirements. The Club Committee shall authorise in writing a member of the Club to act as the promoter of any such lottery, and all lottery proceeds, after the deduction of prizes and reasonable expenses, shall be applied solely to the Objects of the Club.

10.6 The financial year of the Club shall run between the dates entered below in each year:

Financial year: from _____ **to** _____

11. Dissolution

11.1 A resolution to dissolve the Club may only be passed at an AGM or SGM by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and voting.

11.2 Upon dissolution, the Club Committee shall be responsible for winding up the affairs of the Club. Any assets remaining after the discharge of all debts and liabilities of the Club shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Club, but shall instead be given or transferred to one or more of the following: (a) the Cornwall County Football Association Limited, for use in community-related football initiatives; (b) another club or registered charity with objects similar to those of the Club; or (c) such other charitable or sporting purposes as the members shall decide at the meeting at which the resolution to dissolve is passed.

Adopted by the members of Mounts Bay Youth FC at a General Meeting

Date of Adoption:

Chairperson

Name:

Date:

Signature: *S Carpenter*
Sign here using Fill & Sign, or by hand if printed

Club Secretary

Name:

Date:

Signature: 
Sign here using Fill & Sign, or by hand if printed

Treasurer

Name:

Date:

Signature: *Amanda Carpenter*
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