

Ashford Town (Middlesex) Football Club Limited

Bye Laws

INTRODUCTION

1. Ashford Town (Middlesex) Football Club Limited (“the Company”) was incorporated on 08/12/11 under the Companies Act 1984 and 1989. The Company has no share capital and is limited by guarantee. The Company was formed to take over the assets and operation of the Ashford Town (Middlesex) Football Club.
2. Article 60 of the Articles of Association of the company (“The Articles”) gives the Board of Directors of the Company (“the Board”) the power to make, alter and repeal any Bye-laws as may be necessary or convenient for the proper management of the Company and its property. These bye-laws have been adopted by the Board pursuant to such Article 60.
3. The Articles and these bye-laws exist separately as documents governing the constitution of the Company. Should any conflict or discrepancy arise between the interpretation of any provision of the Articles and of these Bye-laws then the Articles shall prevail.
4. Unless the context requires otherwise, in these Bye-laws, words and expressions defined in the Articles shall have the same meaning when used in these Bye-laws and words importing the masculine gender shall include the female gender and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

BYE LAWS

1. The team colours shall be Tangerine and White or black and the alternative shall be Blue.
2. In accordance with Article 3 the following classes of membership shall apply.

Full Member –	Who having first been an Associate Member for a minimum period of five years or otherwise been granted membership in accordance with these Bye-Laws and paid the annual fee shall have all rights and responsibilities as described in the articles and these bye-laws
Associate Member -	Who has the right of access to the Members bar and such rights and privileges as may be granted by the General Committee from time to time but has no right to vote in General or Extraordinary Meetings of the Company
Affiliate Member -	Who has the right of access to the Members bar, reduced price entry to matches at the Robert Parker Stadium and such rights and privileges as may be granted by the General Committee from time to time by virtue of involvement with Ashford Town (Middlesex) Youth FC as defined in Bye-Law 5.
Honorary Member –	Who has the right of access to the Members’ bar only
President –	An honorary position given to an individual for the term of one year.

Vice-President – An honorary position given to an individual for meritorious service to the club and held until such time as the recipient resigns or is removed by a General Meeting of the Company..

3. The membership subscription shall be determined by the Board, payable on application and if elected, on the first of July every year thereafter. On the thirty-first of August in any year the name of any Member not having paid shall be posted on the notice board of the Company and any such Members shall cease to be Members on the expiration of seven days, unless a reason satisfactory to the Board, shall be given for the delay but the subscription and arrears nevertheless shall be payable.
4. Acceptance of a member by the Board gives that Member the rights outlined in Bye-law 2 above. All players registered with Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC that are over the age of eighteen shall automatically become Full Members until the end of the season or until they cease to play for Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC, if sooner. Players shall be obliged to pay such subscriptions as might be determined by the Board in respect of their status as Full Members.
5. Upon payment of an annual fee, to be determined by the Board, a nominated parent of any player under the age of 18, who is registered to play for any Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC or Ashford Town (Middlesex) Youth FC team, shall become an Affiliate Member until the end of the season or until the player ceases to play for Ashford Town (Middlesex) if sooner. The amount of discount for entry to matches at the Robert Parker Stadium will be determined by the Board as and when necessary.
6. Every candidate for Associate Membership must have attained the age of 18 and shall be proposed by two Members. All such applications shall be made on an application form, accompanied by the subscription fee, which will be signed by the applicant and the proposers. The acceptance of Members shall be at the discretion of the Board and the subscription will be refunded if membership is refused.
7. Associate Members who have held their membership for a minimum period for five years and have paid all monies due to the Company may be considered for Full Membership at the discretion of the Board without being proposed by two members. The Board shall have the power to grant Full Membership to Associate Members of less than five years standing if they are elected to the General Committee of the Club at the Annual General Meeting or other meeting called for the purpose.
8. The Board shall have the power to request any Member to resign and terminate any membership without explanation but for the purpose of this Bye-law a vote of not less than two-thirds of the whole Board shall be necessary.
 - 8.1 No Member whose membership has been terminated shall be introduced by any other Member to any part of the Company's premises.
 - 8.2 Players of visiting teams or associates plus spectators on match days, shall be deemed Honorary Members for the day of the match and shall be fully responsible to Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC for their conduct on the Company's premises.
 - 8.3 Temporary membership of one month's duration may be granted to bona fide visitors of Members on payment of a fee determined by the Board subject nevertheless the overriding conditions contained in bye-law 13.
 - 8.4 Guests to the premises must be signed in half-an-hour before the bar closes.

9. With the exception of individuals covered under Bye-law 8.2, no persons may be admitted to membership or admitted as candidates to membership privileges without an interval of at least two days from their application for membership.
10. In accordance with Articles 31 and 32 a General Committee of up to 18 individuals shall be established to carry out the duties delegated by the Board. The General Committee shall comprise of the following:
 - The eight Board Directors
 - Up to nine members elected at the Annual General Meeting, who may hold specific offices as determined at the Annual General Meeting
 - A Representative of Ashford Town (Middlesex) Youth FC

In addition the Board may appoint additional personnel as required to facilitate the operation of the Club and may invite any officers appointed in this manner to attend meetings as appropriate.

- 11 The Board shall appoint Team Manager(s) with responsibility for selection, discipline and administrative matters relating to the team(s). The Team Manager(s) shall have power to delegate his/their functions but shall, nevertheless, be solely responsible to the Board for all matters connected with the running of the teams.
- 12 The Company servants shall be under the orders of the Board only and no member shall reprimand a Company servant. If a Member has any cause for complaint they shall bring the same before the Board in writing and the Chairman of the Board shall be the only person to reprimand a Company servant on instructions from the Board.
- 13 The Company bank account shall be operated by any two of the 8 Company Directors.
- 14 The Board's ruling and interpretation of these bye-laws shall be binding and absolute.
- 15 The times fixed for permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor upon the Company's premises are subject to the Licensing Laws.
- 16 Any Member may introduce up to three (3) guests to the Members' bar. The names and addresses of the guests shall be entered in the visitor's book and countersigned by the Member concerned. A fee, to be fixed by the Board, shall be paid in respect of each visitor introduced. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for payment to any person on the Company premises other than a Member or guest complying with this Bye-law.
- 17 A list of all Members' names and addresses must be kept in the Members bar on Company premises.
- 18 Intoxicating liquor for consumption off the premises must not be supplied except to a Member in person.
- 19 Intoxicating liquor must not be supplied to a person under the age of 18.
- 20 Intoxicating liquor may be sold to persons attending the company's premises for social and other functions organised or authorised by the company. No function shall be permitted to which admission may be obtained for payment of money at the door whether for a ticket or otherwise.

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