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HULL CITY SOUTHERN SUPPORTERS
CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the association is Hull City Southern Supporters (“HCSS”).

2. Objects

The objects of HCSS are as follows:-

- 2.1 To encourage and maintain interest in and support for Hull City AFC (“the Club”) among actual and prospective supporters of the Club, in particular those resident outside the City of Kingston upon Hull or the East Riding of Yorkshire, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:-
- 2.2 To encourage the attendance of HCSS members at the Club’s first-team, and, depending on their importance, reserve-and junior-team fixtures;
- 2.3 To liaise with the Club in order to secure the availability for purchase by HCSS members of tickets for the Club’s fixtures, and in particular those fixtures designated “all ticket”;
- 2.4 To organise a meeting-place in order to allow HCSS members to socialise prior to the Club’s fixtures;
- 2.5 To organise travel to the Club’s fixtures from London, the Home Counties or other localities, subject to the existence of sufficient demand, and, where reasonably practicable, to facilitate the co-ordination of

arrangements for travel to the Club's fixtures among individual members or groups of members;

- 2.6 To establish and maintain an internet website and e-mail groups for the purpose of disseminating information to actual and prospective members regarding the activities and business of HCSS;
- 2.7 To produce an occasional Newsletter for distribution amongst members;
- 2.8 To devise and implement a programme of such meetings, social and sporting and other events for the benefit of members;
- 2.9 To be and remain an active member of APFSCIL (The Association of Provincial Football Supporters' Clubs in London) and to participate in the activities of APFSCIL; and
- 2.9 To perform such activities ancillary to the objects set out in Clauses 2.1 to 2.9 as are reasonably necessary in order to fulfil those objects.

3. The Committee

- 3.1 The Committee shall comprise the following:-
 - 3.1.1 The Chairman;
 - 3.1.2 The Treasurer;
 - 3.1.3 The Sports and Social Secretary;
 - 3.1.4 The Social Secretary;
 - 3.1.5 The Magazine Editor;
 - 3.1.6 The Marketing Officer;
 - 3.1.7 The Travel Co-ordinator;
 - 3.1.8 The Website Controller;
 - 3.1.9 The Travel Guide Editor;
 - 3.1.10 The Membership Secretary; and
 - 3.1.11 The Ticketing Secretary

subject to the following provisions of this Clause 3.

- 3.2 The Committee may make such amendments to its composition as it shall think fit from time to time.
- 3.3. Any two or more of the positions on the Committee as set out in Clause 3.1 (as the same may be varied pursuant to Clause 3.2) may, by resolution of the Committee, be held simultaneously by the same Committee member (provided that, subject to Clause 3.9, in all matters placed before the Committee for resolution each member of the Committee holding two or more of the said positions shall be entitled to a single vote).
- 3.4 Subject to Clauses 3.5 and 3.7, each member of the Committee shall be appointed by resolution of the Members at the AGM, and shall serve until the next following AGM. Each member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
- 3.5 The Committee may, in addition, by resolution appoint not more than four members ('co-opted members') to the Committee. However, the Committee may not appoint any member as a co-opted member if, as a result, more than one-third of the members of the Committee at the time of such appointment would be co-opted members. A co-opted member's appointment takes effect from the end of that meeting, unless the appointment is to fill a future vacancy; in that case, the appointment begins on the date the position in question is vacated.
- 3.6 A Committee member shall cease to hold office if he or she:-
- 3.6.1. becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs;
 - 3.6.2 is absent without the permission of the Committee from all of its meetings held within a period of twelve months and the Committee recommends that his or her office be vacated; or

- 3.6.3 notifies to the Committee a wish to resign (but only if at least three members of the Committee will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).
- 3.7 Any Member aged 18 or over is eligible to stand for election to the Committee or be appointed as a co-opted member.
- 3.8 In the event that any member of the Committee resigns his or her position other than with effect from any AGM, the Committee shall resolve whether to appoint a replacement member. In the event that it is resolved by the Committee to appoint a replacement member, such replacement member shall be appointed by special resolution of the Members.
- 3.9 All resolutions of the Committee shall be decided, either at a meeting of the Committee or by the Chairman or his nominee conducting a vote among all serving Committee members for the time being by telephone or electronic mail, by a simple majority of those Committee members who place a vote, on condition that the number of Committee members placing a vote constitutes a valid quorum. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 3.10 Four or more serving Committee members for the time being shall constitute a valid quorum.
- 3.11 The proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of any Committee member
- 3.12 The Committee have control of the Association and its property and funds and are responsible for conducting the day to day operation of the business of HCSS.
- 3.13 Without limiting the generality of Clause 3.12, the Committee may exercise the following powers, on condition that they are exercised lawfully and solely for the purpose of fulfilling the objects of, and in the best interests of, HCSS:-.

- 3.13.1 To invite and receive financial contributions, and raise finance generally;
- 3.13.2 To set and collect Member subscriptions;
- 3.13.3 To acquire and dispose of personal property (whether or not for valuable consideration);
- 3.13.4 establish sub-Committees or working groups in the performance of its duties or functions, or the furtherance or promotion of the objects of HCSS for the time being;
- 3.13.5 Establish and communicate to Members rules and procedures relating to the conduct of the activities of HCSS (including, without limitation, a procedure for the allocation of tickets for the Club's fixtures issued to HCSS for distribution) and the behaviour of its members; and
- 3.13.6 do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aims or is otherwise necessary or desirable for the purposes of the furtherance or promotion of the objects of HCSS for the time being.

4. Members

- 4.1 Any person is eligible to become a Member of HCSS if he or she:
 - 4.1.1 is 18 years or over, or has been expressly proposed for membership by a parent or guardian who is an existing Member;
 - 4.1.2 is, in the opinion of the Committee, interested in promoting and fulfilling the objects of HCSS;
 - 4.1.3 has paid the annual subscription;
 - 4.1.4 has completed, fully, correctly and to the reasonable satisfaction of the Membership Secretary, an application for membership in such manner and form, and submitted it in such manner, as the Committee may prescribe from time to time; and
 - 4.1.5 is, in the opinion of the Committee, a fit and proper person to be a Member

- 4.2 The decision as to whether a person has satisfied the criteria to become a Member of HCSS as set out in Clause 4.1 shall be made by the Committee in its

absolute discretion, and any such decision made by the Committee in that regard shall be absolutely final.

- 4.3 The Committee may expel any Member if it shall find that that Member does not fulfil, or has ceased to fulfil, any one or more of the criteria set out in Clause 4.1.
- 4.4 Any decision of the Committee in that regard shall be absolutely final. The Committee shall be entitled (but not obliged) to decline to repay to any expelled Member, either in whole or in part, any membership fees that he or she has paid. Whether any such refund is made, and, if paid, the amount of such refund, shall be entirely at the discretion of the Committee.
- 4.5 Each Member shall be entitled to receive each communication issued by the Committee to Members, including without limitation Members' magazines, Travel Guides and travel information, notices of General Meetings and details of ticketing arrangements for the Club's fixtures.
- 4.6 Membership of HCSS shall be conferred for a period beginning on 1st July in any given year and ending on 30th June the following year. If a person becomes a Member during the course of any such period, his or her membership will expire at the end of that period (subject to Clause 4.3) but the full annual subscription shall nevertheless be payable.

5. General Meetings

- 5.1 Each Member shall be entitled to attend general meetings of HCSS in person
- 5.2 The Committee shall issue notice to all Members of each General Meeting by electronic mail (for which purpose a general circular electronic mail posted to a message board instituted for the general purpose of providing information to Members, and transmitted by such means to the last-known electronic mail address of each subscribing Member, shall constitute sufficient notice) not less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting, and specifying the following:

- 5.2.1 the date and time of the meeting;
 - 5.2.2 the venue of the meeting; and
 - 5.2.3 the business to be transacted at the meeting.

- 5.3 There is a quorum at a General Meeting if the number of Members personally present is at least six.

- 5.4 The Chairman (or, if the Chairman is unable or unwilling to be present at the meeting, such other member of the Committee as shall be nominated by the Chairman for such purpose or, if the Chairman is unable or unwilling to make such nomination, determined by resolution of the Committee) shall preside at each General Meeting.

- 5.5 Except where otherwise provided in this Constitution, every matter for resolution at a General Meeting shall be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Members present in person.

- 5.6 Every Member present at a General Meeting in person is entitled to one vote on every matter for resolution, provided that, in the event of an equal number of votes being cast for and against any resolution, the Chairman (or, if applicable, the member of the Committee presiding over the meeting) shall have a casting vote.

- 5.7 An AGM (Annual General Meeting) must be held not less than 50 weeks and not more than 54 weeks after the previous AGM.

- 5.8 At each AGM the members shall:
 - 5.8.1 receive the accounts of HCSS for the previous year;
 - 5.8.2 receive the reports of Committee members on matters arising in relation to their respective areas of responsibility since the previous AGM;
 - 5.8.3 elect or re-elect (as the case may be) Committee members to hold office until the next following AGM to replace those retiring from office; and

- 5.8.4 discuss and determine any issues of policy or deal with any other business put before them.
- 5.9 An EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) may be called at any time by the Committee and must be called within 14 days after a written request to the Committee from at least 10 Members.
- 5.10 Minutes of each General Meeting shall be taken by such Member as is appointed by the Chairman (or, if applicable, by the member of the Committee presiding over the meeting) and posted in full on the HCSS website not less than 30 days following the date of the meeting.

6. Income and Property

- 6.1 The property and funds of HCSS shall be used solely in the furtherance or promotion of the objects of HCSS for the time being, and do not belong to any Member, Committee member, or any group of either.
- 6.2 No Member or Committee member may receive any payment of money or other material benefit (whether direct or indirect) from HCSS, with the exception of reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in the furtherance or promotion of the objects of HCSS for the time being and expressly approved by the Committee. Any Member or Committee member who incurs expenditure in respect of which he or she intends to seek reimbursement without first obtaining such approval does so at his or her own risk.
- 6.3 Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed at a Committee meeting, that Committee member must:-
- 6.3.1 declare an interest before discussion begins on the matter;
 - 6.3.2 withdraw from that part of the meeting unless expressly invited to remain in order to provide information;
 - 6.3.3 not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting; and

6.3.4 withdraw during the vote and exercise no vote on the matter

6.4 HCSS, acting through the Treasurer, shall keep an account of all income and expenditure of HCSS, and will ensure that these accounts will be verified annually at the AGM

7. Changes to this Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by a resolution passed at a General Meeting by not less than 75% of the Members present in person. Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 5.2.3, the notice of the General Meeting shall include notice of the resolution setting out in full the terms of the amendment proposed.

8. Dissolution

HCSS may be dissolved by a resolution passed at a General Meeting by not less than 75% of the Members present in person. After making provision for the settlement of all outstanding liabilities of HCSS, the Committee may transfer all the remaining property and funds of HCSS to such organisation or organisations existing principally for the purpose of furthering support for and interest in the Club as the Committee shall determine.