

THE CONSTITUTION OF
SOUTHBOURNE/BOURNEMOUTH SURF LIFE-SAVING UNIT

1. **NAME** The name of the Unit shall be the Southbourne/Bournemouth Surf Life-Saving Unit (hereinafter and in the rules called 'The Club').
2. **OBJECTS** The object of the Club is to save life, whether by prevention or rescue, from the beach.
To achieve this, the Club will:-
 - a) Promote the water safety aspect of all beach activities.
 - b) Develop beach life saving methods in all their respects.
 - c) Work in the closest possible manner with all other bodies and organisations whose work is conducive to the objects of the club.
 - d) Normally operate between Hengistbury Head and Portman Ravine.
3. **MEMBERS** The Club shall consist of all persons wishing to join. Their membership status shall be determined in accordance with the Club Rules.
4. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** The Committee shall convene each year not later than the end of March an Annual General Meeting at which the President may take the chair, to which shall be invited all members of the Club, any interested member of the public and the Press.

The Committee shall present to the Annual General Meeting reports by the Club Officers and an audited statement of the accounts and such other matters as may be determined by the Committee.

All paid-up members of the Club aged 18 years or over on the day of the meeting, each with one vote, shall elect the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Club Captain, Club vice-Captains (max 3), Membership Secretary, Gear Steward, and up to eight Committee Members.
5. **ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** The Committee may convene an Ordinary General Meeting whenever it so decides, subject to the notice required in the Club Rules.
6. **EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting must be convened upon receipt by the Chairman or Secretary of a written request signed by not less than 10 paid-up members.
The Officers of the Club will give all members 21 days notice of such a meeting together with copies of the agenda giving details of the reason for the request being made.
7. **COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEES** The committee shall number up to fifteen, including the Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting.
Any Committee member not attending for three consecutive meetings without explanation may be removed from the Committee and replaced by any other suitable paid-up Club member.

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The Committee shall have the power to co-opt not more than 3 additional persons.

The Committee may appoint sub committees as it deems necessary and shall prescribe their function provided that all acts and proceedings of any such sub committee shall be reported to the Committee as soon as possible and provided further that no such sub committee shall expend funds of the Club otherwise than in accordance with a budget agreed by the Committee.

In an emergency, the Chairman in consultation with the Officers may act on behalf of the Committee and must report decisions at the next meeting. Note:- The entire Committee as trustees, would be liable for any decision reached by the Officers.

The Committee shall meet at times determined by the Chairman and Secretary, but not less frequently than at a regular three-monthly interval.

8. **QUORUM AND MINUTES** The usual quorum at Committee meetings is 3 or one third of the Committee whichever is the greater. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings
9. **CLUB CAPTAIN** The Club Captain shall have charge of the day to day running of the Club. He/she shall frame such rules as are necessary for this purpose and for the achievements of the aims of the Club.

The Club Captain's Rules, temporary and permanent, shall be binding upon all members unless and until over-ruled on appeal to the Committee.

10. **FINANCE** The Committee may raise and receive by way of gifts and donations monies and goods on behalf of the Club. The Club should not undertake any permanent trading except in direct furtherance of its Objects.
11. **CONSTITUTION** Alteration to this Constitution shall receive the assent of two thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual or a Special General Meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Club at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least 14 days notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the alteration proposed. Provided that no alteration to clause 2 (objects), clause 13 (Winding up) or this clause, shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Club to cease being a charity in law.

11a This Club shall be solely a SURF life saving Club. Any changes to this section of the constitution will automatically terminate the affairs of the Club.

12. **CLUB RULES** In amplification of this constitution, there shall be Club Rules covering membership, duties of Officers and administration.