

APPENDIX A

TWICKENHAM ROWING CLUB - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY 3rd August 2008 PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The Committee recommends the Club register as a Community Amateur Sports Club, which would give the Club an 80% mandatory relief of business rates and would give tax benefits on some donations to the Club. To apply and to qualify as a CASC various rules must be changed as shown below. In addition the Committee recommends changes to other rules as shown.

OLD RULE	NEW RULE	COMMENTS
2. The object of the Club shall be to promote and facilitate rowing under the Rules and Conditions of the Amateur Rowing Association and as such the Club shall observe the rules of the Amateur Rowing Association.	2. The object of the Club shall be to <i>promote community participation in</i> and to facilitate rowing under the Rules and Conditions of the Amateur Rowing Association and as such the Club shall observe the rules of the Amateur Rowing Association.	Required to qualify as a CASC
3. Upon dissolution of the Twickenham Rowing Club the property of the Twickenham Rowing Club and other assets remaining shall not be distributed amongst its members but shall be utilised to support the sport of rowing in Great Britain as the Trustees shall decide either to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity or which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club or to the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.	3. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies: 1. A registered charitable organisation(s) 2. Another Club which is a registered CASC 3. The sport's national governing body for use by them for related community sports	Required to qualify as a CASC
Insert new rule after old rule 3: all subsequent rules will be renumbered.	4. The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club.	Required to qualify as a CASC.
Insert after old rule 5(i)(iv)	6(i)(v) Surf Boat Members: Allowed the use of the surf boat only.	To bring the Rules into line with current practice
Insert after new rule 6(i)(v)	6(i)(vi) Family Membership: A group of related members, parent(s) and children	To give parents of Junior members a discount on their Club subscription (see new Rule 7(vii))
6(i) The rates of annual subscription shall, on the recommendation of the Committee, be determined by resolution at the Annual General Meeting.	7(i) The rates of annual subscription may on the recommendation of the Committee, <i>be changed within a margin of +/- 10%</i>	With the subscription year now starting on 1 st April each year, subscriptions need to be reviewed during the three months prior to April. This rule will avoid the need for an extra general Meeting, as happened in 2007.
Insert after 7(vi)	7(vii) Family groups consisting of at least one parent and one child under the age of 18 will be offered reduced rates of subscription as the Committee may decide.	

Insert after 7(vii)	7(viii) As specified in Bye-law 33 Rowing members paying their subscription promptly shall receive a discount as the Committee may decide. As specified in Bye-law 35, the subscription of members paying late may be subject to a surcharge.	To incorporate new Bye-laws introduced last year.
Insert after 7(viii)	7(ix) Students using equipment in the holidays between term times may pay a reduced subscription as the Committee may decide.	To encourage new Student members.
8(i) All Members, other than Honorary Members under Rule 5 (vi)(a), shall be elected by the Committee by a majority of 4 to 1.	9(i) All Members, other than Honorary Members under Rule 6 (vi)(a), shall be elected by the Committee by a <i>simple majority vote</i> ..	Required to qualify as a CASC
Second sentence of 8(ii) : If it is considered by the Committee that the granting of membership would be detrimental to the aims and objectives of the club, the committee are entitled to refuse membership and would provide full reasons for doing so.	In 9(ii) replace with: The Committee may refuse membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority vote.	Required to qualify as a CASC
8(vi) Neither Junior Members nor Honorary Members other than Honorary Life Members may propose or second candidates for membership of the Club.	Delete rule	Following a rule change in August 2005, proposers and seconders are no longer required.
10. The Committee may, for any cause which to them may seem sufficient, request any member to resign his membership. If a member so required to resign omits to do so a General Meeting may be convened of which not less than seven clear days' notice shall be given, stating that the object of the meeting is to consider the request by the Committee for the resignation of such member.	Replace with: 11. The Committee may expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members in a General meeting.	Required to qualify as a CASC
18. The Club's banking accounts shall be operated on the signature of the holder of office of Honorary Treasurer alone up to a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds in respect of any one transaction.	19. The Club's banking accounts shall be operated on the signature of the holder of office of Honorary Treasurer alone up to a sum not <i>exceeding an amount that shall be determined by the Committee</i> in respect of any one transaction	This Rule replaces Bye-law 32. The current limit set by the Committee is £500.