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# Gosport Falcons

## Football Club

(Affiliated to Hampshire FA)

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## Club Rules

### General Rules & Regulations:

1. These rules (*the Club rules*) form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.
2. All persons joining the Club are deemed to have read and accepted these Club Rules, a copy of which will be made available to all potential and current members.
3. Members of the Club shall so exercise their rights, powers and duties and shall, where appropriate, use their best endeavors to ensure that others conduct themselves so that the business and affairs of the Club are carried out in accordance with the Rules and regulations of The Football Association Limited ("The FA"), County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated ("Parent County Association") and Competitions in which the Club participates, for the time being in force.
4. Members will abide by The Football Association's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.
5. Any person(s) connected to the Club deemed as bringing the Club into disrepute or damaging the good name and reputation of the Club will be suspended from their position pending a full investigation by a 'Disciplinary Committee'. There will be no right of appeal to the outcome of the hearing.
6. The Club's Committee reserves the right to add, alter, amend and make byelaws, (not inconsistent with these rules), at any time to regulate the conduct and affairs of the Club. They must also, at the earliest, ensure that members are notified of any changes.

### Fees:

7. Match fees will be £3.00p as decided at the AGM. Substitutes, and those substituted, will pay full match fee.
8. Training fees of £2:50p, for all age groups, is to be paid regardless of attending the training session. This will be waived through illness, injury or holiday by the discretion of the manager – not via another player.
9. Match fees and training fees are to be paid on time and no player is to owe more than £10:00p. (*This figure can be waived, by discretion of the manager, if members pay fees monthly*)
10. Where possible all existing Club members are to re-register with the Club by the start of the new season. Registration fee is £20:00p for every League player, which will be reviewed annually at the AGM. New members are to register with the Club as soon as possible after the 1st June. No further player registrations will be considered after the 31st January of each season.
11. Players who are not eligible, for whatever reason, to register with the League must register with the Club. Club registration fee is £10:00, which will be reviewed annually at the AGM. The fee remains the same throughout the season or part of.



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12. Each Manager is responsible for the management of fees until they are paid to the Treasurer (even if someone else collects them on behalf of the manager). All monies are to be paid to the Treasurer at least 48hrs prior to a committee meeting.
13. No Member is to open or operate a bank account of their own for the purposes of depositing monies of Gosport Falcons FC. All monies **must** be deposited in the Club account only.
14. Travel expenses will not be paid for travel within the boundaries of the Parent County Association or any of the Leagues of which the Club is a member.
15. Club Members undertaking a coaching qualification will have their fees paid for by the Club. In return the prospective coach must commit to the Club for a minimum of one complete season following successful course completion. If the coach leaves the Club before this time, any monies paid will become repayable to the Club. An individual may appeal against this decision to the Club Committee.

### Players Rules:

16. All Players will play in their own age group and will only be permitted to play in an older age group if authorised by the Management Committee.
17. Each player will provide suitable football boots and shin protection, which must be worn during each match and training session(s). The remainder of the kit, shirt, shorts and socks, will be provided by the Club if a team is unable to secure sponsorship.
18. All players must wear shirts, shorts and socks provided by the Club in all games including tournaments. The only exceptions to this rule will be:
  - Where a change of shirt is required by rules of relevant competition(s).
  - Where the Club's Management Committee has previously been contacted and agreed to a request to change any Club Kit.
19. Players must return kit and pay any outstanding fees before they leave the Club. We may withhold your registration with the League if you leave owing kit or monies. This means a player will not be able to register for another club until the debt owed is repaid.
20. Players must inform their manager as soon as possible if they are unavailable for matches or training sessions. Failure to comply may render a player barred from the next game.
21. No jewellery of any kind or watches is to be worn at training or during matches.
22. All players within the Club shall be respectful to Managers, Club and Match Officials on and off the field of play. If a player commits an offence by act, word or demeanour, which contravenes this rule, it will be considered by the Management Committee and dealt with accordingly.
23. All players must return their complete kit, at the end of each season, to their manager. It is the manager's responsibility to enforce this.



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### Club Rules:-

#### Club Discipline:

24. Any Member, Player or a Supporter who, by word, act or demeanour, is considered to have brought the Club into disrepute, will be dealt with by the Management Committee, as required by the Club Disciplinary procedure.
25. The principal reasons for this procedure are not only to ensure that the standards established by the Club's Rules and Codes of Conduct are adhered to, but also to provide fair methods of dealing with alleged failure to observe such rules.

The disciplinary procedure is concerned with the following:

- Misdemeanour
- Misconduct
- Gross Misconduct
- Incompetence
- Unsuitability

In normal circumstances, the procedure will be followed in full. However, the Club reserves the right to omit any stages dependant upon the seriousness of the alleged offence(s).

26. The Club has four levels at which a disciplinary action may be invoked. They are:
  - Verbal Warning (for minor offences)
  - First Written Warning (repeated minor offences)
  - Final Written Warning (should the verbal and /or the first written warning have no effect)
  - Membership/Volunteer status removal (the Club Member or Official will be informed and will receive a written notice of this decision, together with the reason for removal). *See the 'Suspension' policy below.*

#### Fines:

27. Any County FA and/or League fines incurred by Members are the full responsibility of those said Members. Therefore;
  - All fines and/or administration fees levied on Club Members e.g. team managers, players, parent(s)/guardian(s) or supporters, must be paid by the said offender or, for those offenders under 18 years of age, by their parent(s) or guardian(s). Payment must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable but not to exceed more than fourteen (14) days from notification. Failure to pay such fines will result in the suspension of such individual(s) until payment is received in full by the Club. *(See 'Suspension' below.)*
  - No right of appeal exists with regards to cautions except in the case of mistaken identity and in this event the player may appeal to the Club's Disciplinary Committee for this to be reviewed. *(This is in line with County FA Disciplinary Rules).*



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#### Suspension:

- 28. At any stage the Club may, by written notice, suspend a Member or Club Official for a specific period during which time an investigation may be undertaken. Where a Club member or Official is suspended they will not be entitled to access either the Club's premises, use any Club equipment or property, or participate in matches or training without prior consent of the Club.
- 29. In the event of a severe reprimand in writing, suspension or a ban involving Team Management, the Disciplinary Committee may, at their discretion, require a change of Team Management or withdrawal of the team from all competitions.

#### Disciplinary Committee:

- 30. A Disciplinary Committee shall be formed to include the Officers of the Club, i.e. Chairperson, Vice-Chairman, Club Secretary, Child Protection Officer etc. and in addition, two (2) other Committee Member to deal with matters of a disciplinary nature. The Committee will endeavour to resolve disciplinary matters within a period of twenty one (21) days from when the complaint is made.

As a member of Gosport Falcons, you are required to abide by the above Club rules at all times whilst representing or involved in matters of Gosport Falcons Football Club.

All members are required to sign that they have received, and read, a copy of the Club Rules and agree to comply with them. Non compliance will prevent/invoke membership to Gosport Falcons Football Club.

Please complete the slip below.

*( cut along dotted line and return to Club Secretary )*



### CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS

MEMBER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(print name)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(signature)*

DATE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 20 \_\_\_\_