

CONSTITUTION OF THE RUGBY AREA YOGA SOCIETY

1. Name

The name of the Society shall be Rugby Area Yoga Society (RAYS)

2. Aims and Objectives

The aims of the Society shall be to further the interests of its members in all aspects of yoga and related holistic practices

3. Membership

Membership shall be open, subject to the discretion of the Committee, to all persons interested in the aims of the Society as stated in paragraph 2 above

- a. All Members shall pay an annual subscription to join the Society such subscription to be decided by the Committee
- b. Members must be 18 years of age or over
- c. All subscriptions shall be due and payable at the beginning of the financial year which shall run from 1st March to 28th February
- d. Any Member shall be deemed to have resigned if by 60 days the subscription has not been paid
- e. The Committee shall have the power to expel any Member whose conduct, in the opinion of at least 75% of the full Committee renders that person unfit to be a member of the Society. No Member shall be expelled without having first been given an opportunity to appear before the Committee

4. Finance

- a. All money received by the Society shall be deposited in the Society's bank account
- b. Four Members of the Committee one of which shall be the Treasurer shall be nominated to sign cheques
- c. Withdrawals shall require the signature of two of the nominated Members detailed in 4b above

5. The Committee

The Society's affairs shall be administered by a Committee elected at the AGM.

The Committee shall consist of:-

- a. A Chairperson who will preside at all meetings at which he/she is present.
- b. A Vice Chairperson who will act as chair in the absence of the Chairman
- c. A Secretary who will be responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings, keeping Society records in good order and ensuring all correspondence is correctly handled
- d. A Treasurer who will be responsible for carrying out the day to day financial duties
- e. Up to six Ordinary Members

6. Committee Meetings

- a. Committee meetings may be called by any Committee Member
- b. The quorum for the Committee shall be four
- c. In the absence of a quorum, business may be dealt with but any decisions taken only become valid after ratification at the next meeting at which a quorum exists
- d. A decision may be reached by a simple majority

7. AGM

- a. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in March each year
- b. An agenda giving notice of the AGM must be circulated to all Members at least ten days in advance
- c. The quorum for the meeting shall be thirty per cent of all Members
- d. The agenda for the meeting shall be
 - i. apologies for absence
 - ii. minutes of the previous AGM
 - iii. Chairman's report
 - iv. Secretary's report
 - v. Treasurer's report
 - vi. election of new committee
 - vii. election of auditors (if appropriate)
 - viii. any other business
- e. Nominations for Committee Members will only be valid if confirmed by a nominee at the AGM or previously in writing

8. EGM

- a. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee or not less than ten Members
- b. At least 28 days notice in writing shall be given to all Members
- c. Any decision to wind up the Society may be taken only at an EGM.
The Funds of the Society shall, after the sale of all assets and the payments of all debts be disposed of to a charity determined by the Members at the final EGM