

Wrexham Supporters Federation Constitution

Following Wrexham Football Club

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1. TITLE

The title of the organisation will be the **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'**, herein after referred to as the Federation.

2. AIM

The principal aims of **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'** is;

- 2.1 to reflect the primary importance of Wrexham AFC to everyone connected with it and to develop the football club's fan base by encouraging greater, more positive, support.
- 2.2 to promote and encourage all supporters groups to join the Federation for the benefit of Wrexham AFC and its Supporters groups.
- 2.3 where possible, to participate in joint fund raising and sponsorship activities to generate finances to the benefit of the Supporters groups and in particular, Wrexham AFC.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Participation in **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'** is available to any of the Football Club's supporters' groups who agree to abide by its constitution and who fulfil all of the following criteria:

3.1 Membership Form

Membership shall be subject to completing the Federation membership form which will be signed by both the Chairperson and Secretary of the said Supporters group, and by payment of an affiliation fee.

3.2 Affiliation fee

On joining the Federation all participating groups will pay an annual affiliation fee of £50. The Federation shall be responsible for proposing any alterations to the set affiliation fee. Any such proposal shall be made at either an Emergency General Meeting or at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation. The due date of the fee will be the 1st August, or upon joining the Federation. Any Supporters group not paid by the 1st September will be deemed as lapsed membership from the Federation.

3.3 Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The Federation reserve the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting subject to fourteen days' notice.

3.4 Lapsed supporters groups

They may re-join at the discretion of the full Federation upon payment in full of the affiliation fee.

3.5 Constitution

All affiliated members will be given copies of the Constitution. Any changes to the Constitution will be at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

3.6 Disciplinary procedure of individuals

All supporters groups will be responsible for the actions of their own members, within their own disciplinary procedure contained within their own constitution.

3.7 Disrepute

a) If a group member, or the actions of their members brings the Federation into disrepute, the Federation expects a full report within fourteen days and actions to be taken as soon as possible.

b) A supporters group can be expelled from the association following the holding of an EGM, and a vote at that meeting, where over sixty percent of the groups voted in favour of expulsion of the group.

3.8 Membership refusal

The Federation reserve the right to refuse membership. This would normally be refused after a full Federation meeting.

3.9 Annual accounts

Each supporters group is to publish a set of annual accounts.

All supporter groups will retain full control of their own affairs. and have their own constitution that be supplied to the Federation.

4. ORGANISATION

4.1 Federation management

Responsibility for the management of '**Wrexham Supporters Federation**' will be vested in the affiliated supporters groups. Decision making will be at a committee meeting of representatives of all Federation participating groups. The committee have the right to appoint one or more sub-committees, or to ask those sub-committees to stand down.

4.2 Committee meetings

A business committee meeting of representatives of all Federation participating groups will be held every four to eight weeks. Minimum notice of the meeting date and venue is seven days.

The secretary will be responsible for the calling and arranging of all meetings of the Federation and notifying the secretaries of all supporters groups of their venue, date and time.

4.3 Committee representatives

Each supporters group shall provide a list of approved committee representatives, and only those named persons – subject to a maximum of five per group - will be allowed admission and the right to vote to Federation business committee meetings.

Supporters groups unable to attend a business meeting have the right to appoint a named proxy to make their views known to the committee and to cast votes on their behalf.

4.4 Agenda

The Secretary will circulate an agenda, seven days prior to a committee meeting.

4.5 Voting

All decisions will be made on the basis of one vote per each supporter's group
A simple majority is enough to pass a motion.

4.6 Club Advisory Board Membership

The Federation shall have three places on Wrexham Football Club's Advisory Board (CAB).

These positions must be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.
Nominations for the three positions will be accepted by a proposal and seconder of the Supporters' Federation committee.

The positions cannot be held by any member of the same Supporter's Group.

No nominations may be accepted from the Official Supporters' Association (OSA) or the Disabled Supporters Association (DSA) whilst these organisations have their own position on the Club's Advisory Board.

Nominations for the three positions can be received prior to the election of these positions at the Supporters' Federation Annual General Meeting, but only those attending the meetings can vote.

4.7 Annual accounts

The committee Treasurer will publish an annual set of accounts for the preceding year at the Annual General Meeting.

5. MANAGEMENT

The management of '**Wrexham Supporters Federation**' will be undertaken as follows:

5.1 Committee

The committee will comprise of three principal positions, being;

- a) Chairperson
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer

5.2 Election of officers

A simple majority open ballot at the Annual General Meeting will elect a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, who will hold each of those positions for a minimum period of 12 months.

The three principal positions must be held by persons who are not members of the same Supporters Groups, unless the Supporters Group membership falls below three groups.

Each candidate will require a proposer and seconder, both of whom have to be eligible to attend the committee meeting, in order to be a proposer or seconder. Only those present are eligible to vote, on the basis, of one vote per supporters' group. Proxy votes will be accepted, and should be lodged with the Secretary in a sealed envelope prior to the AGM.

Nominations of delegates wishing to be considered for Office, and confirmation of those Principal Officers wishing to stand down, should be lodged with the Secretary one month before the Annual General Meeting.

Additional members of the committee may be co-opted at any time, at the discretion of those representatives present at the meeting.

5.3 Quorum

The quorum for a business meeting shall be at least three representatives of the supporters' groups who constitute **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'**. At least one Principal Officer of the Federation must be present. In the event of a split vote the final decision will be made at the discretion of the Chairperson.

The date of the next meeting will be agreed at the end of the preceding meeting.

5.4 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

An AGM will be held each year. Notification of the date, time and place of the AGM should be given at least six weeks in advance. Any resolutions must be lodged with the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the Meeting.

Emergency resolutions may be accepted up to the start of the Meeting at the discretion of the Chairperson.

6. FINANCE

Responsibility for the administration of the **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'** financial affairs shall be handed to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have the appropriate qualifications or experience to undertake the duties and will be responsible for the funds of **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'**. They will keep books and records as are necessary, to give a true and accurate account of its financial position whenever required.

The Treasurer at each meeting will be required to provide a financial report, and at the Annual General Meeting must present detailed statements of all income and expenditure.

A current account will be opened with a recognised Bank or Building Society. The signatories of the account will be any three members of different supporters groups unless otherwise agreed at the AGM. The Treasurer will always be one of the signatories

Representatives appointed to conduct business on behalf of **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'** are to maintain proper records and to present them to the Treasurer prior to Business committee meetings, along with any funds raised.

Members appointed to conduct financial activities on behalf of the Association are to maintain proper records to present to the Treasurer along with any cash collected. Normally organised fund raising activities. Profits generated from such activities will be shared amongst the groups to benefit Wrexham AFC

7. FEDERATION PROPERTY

The use of the **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'** name and/or logo is to be confined to the following situations:

- (i) Any event in which **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'** is participating;
- (ii) Any purposes specifically authorised by the committee.

All property owned by **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'** is to be included in the balance sheet presented at the Annual General Meeting.

8. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution of **'Wrexham Supporters Federation'** may not be amended except by a Special Resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General

Meeting convened specifically for that purpose. In the case of the latter, representatives of at least fifty per cent (to include Proxy votes) of the supporters' groups comprising '**Wrexham Supporters Federation**' must be present and voting.

Written notification of any proposed amendment to this constitution will be forwarded to the committees of all the groups for proper consideration 14 days before the AGM or EGM where it will be discussed.

9. WINDING UP

A decision to wind up the Association can only be reached at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) convened specifically for that purpose. 21 days' notice of the date, venue and time is required.

In that event the decision as to the disposal of all monies, property and other assets, after the settlement of all debts, will be decided by all members present at the winding up meeting.