1. The Club shall be called the Hibernian F.C. Supporters Association Club.

2. The objects of the Club are for the promotion of Social Intercourse among and Recreation for Members of the Hibernian F.C. Supporters’ Association Club, i.e., Darts, Dominoes, Pool, Table Tennis, Provision of Meetings, Discussion Groups and General Administration.

3. (a) Application for Membership of the Club is combined with Application of the Association as defined in the Association Rules. Such Applicants must not be under 18 years of age. Affiliated Members of the National Federation of Supporters Clubs and Association Members paying out of town subscriptions shall be admitted on match days as Temporary Members at the discretion of the Club Committee.

(b) Any Applicant elected shall not be allowed the use of the Club until their Subscription has been paid and should any Subscription remain unpaid for 28 days after intimation of election has been made, such election shall become null and void. No Member whose Subscription is in arrears shall vote at any Meeting or take part in any business of the Club.

(c) Membership shall be from year to year on payment of an initial combine Association and Club current Subscription Fee and the Committee will have the power to fix all Subscriptions due and this will be considered at the Annual General Meeting. All Membership and Affiliation Fees shall become due and eligible for current year on January 1st irrespective of joining the Club or last payment.

(d) The names and addresses of Applicants proposed as Members of the Club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for at least one week before their election and that an interval of not less than two weeks shall lapse between nomination and election of Members.

(e) In order to function effectively the Club must have a minimum of 200 Club and Association and Association members.

4. The Club shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

5. The Club Committee will consist of a CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, GENERAL SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, TREASURER, ASSISTANT TREASURER, REGISTRAR AND MINUTE SECRETARY together with twelve Members duly elected at Annual General Meeting and they will
hold monthly meetings where the business and affairs of the Club will be conducted including the election of Members.

6. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer (the ‘Office Bearers’) will be elected for a minimum period of 3 years but will be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting following the 3 year period. Office Bearers will have the right to retire from their position within the 3 year period, whereby the Committee shall seek to co-opt a member of the club to replace the retired Office Bearer until a new Office Bearer is elected at the Annual General Meeting whereby the elected member shall continue in office for the remainder of the 3 year period. All Office Bearers shall retire every 3 years but shall be eligible for re-election.

7. All nominations for a position on the Committee or as an Office Bearer must give notice, in writing, with the backing of their branch, to the General Secretary to that effect, at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. The names of applicants for positions of Office Bearers will then be displayed in a conspicuous place in the club premises before the Annual General Meeting.

8. (a) No Member of the Club or Club Steward or any other servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of-alcohol liquor therein or profits arising from such sale.

(b) No notices, etc., shall be placed in any part of the Club except by the authority and under the hand of the General Secretary.

(c) Correct accounts and correct records shall be kept showing the financial affairs of the intromissions of the Club.

9. (a) All property of the Club including land and investments shall be held by the Trustees for the time being in their own names, so far as necessary and practicable for the use of and benefit of the Club and all accounts of £1 or over must be paid by cheque and bear the signature of the Chairman or General Secretary with that of the Treasurer.

(b) The Office Bearers shall have the power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property for the propose of raising or borrowing for the benefits of the Club with the consent of the Committee but no purchaser, leases or mortgage shall concern to enquire whether such consent has been given.

10. The Club Committee shall from time to time make such Byelaws consistent with this Constitution as they think necessary for the well-being of the Club. These Byelaws shall be
binding on all Members until with-drawn or suspended. A printed copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Club shall be displayed prominently at all times in the Clubrooms.

11. The Treasurer shall submit financial statements to each monthly meeting. Annual Accounts shall be drawn upon 25th January in each year and shall be audited by a reputable firm of Chartered Accountants. A copy of such Accounts and previous Annual General Meeting Minutes to be made available to Members, seven days prior to Annual General Meeting. Not withstanding the foregoing, a General Meeting of the Members may request an audited account at any time.

12. Amendments to these Rules must be handed to the General Secretary in writing at least 28 days before the date of General Meeting at which it is proposed to move the Amendments. The General Secretary will then circulate such Amendments to Members not less than 21 days before the date of the General Meeting. A simple majority will apply in all matters, with the exception of finance where two-thirds majority shall be required.

13. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the first Sunday in April. There will be no Ordinary General Meetings that day. Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by the General Secretary only if requested by at least fifty (50) Members. Members shall be notified at least 21 days before the date of such Extraordinary General Meetings. Failure to give this notice shall render the Meeting invalid. No notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be required.

14. Any Member shall on ceasing to belong to the Club by resignation or otherwise, forfeit all rights and claim upon the Club and its property and funds and shall not be entitled to have any part of their subscription for the current year returned to them. He or she, shall not however, be relieved of any liability due to the Club prior to he or she ceasing to become a Member.

15. (a) Members may have the privilege of introducing 10 Visitors to the Club on any day of the week.

(b) Members may introduce Visitors to the Club provided that they will not be supplied with alcoholic liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a Member and that the Member shall, upon admission of such a visitor to the Club premises or immediately upon being supplied with such liquor, enter his name and the name and address of the Visitors book kept for the purpose and which will show the date of each visit.

(c) No ex-member who has been expelled from Membership shall be admitted as a Visitor.
(d) The Club Committee may at any time suspend the Rule authorising the introduction of Visitors.

16. (a) Every member shall before leaving the Club pay for all food and refreshment supplied or debt incurred by him or her on their account or on account of their Visitor.

(b) Each Member introducing a Visitor is responsible for their guests conduct whilst within the Club, and any Member introducing a Visitor whose conduct is objectionable to the Members shall be dealt with by the Club Committee. No Visitor will be allowed into the Club premises, unless the Member introducing the Visitor or Visitors is actually on the Club premises to receive and vouch for the Visitor(s).

(c) No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption off the premises of the Club. No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or supplied in the club to any person under 18 years of age. Alcoholic liquor will only be supplied or sold as is permitted by the current Licensing (Scotland) Acts.

(d) No Member or Visitor leaving the Club premises (including, but not limited to, Members or Visitors wishing to use the designated external smoking area) less than 15 minutes before the stated bar closing time shall be readmitted to the Club premises.

(e) All complaints shall be put in writing and sent to the Secretary of the Club who shall place same before the Club Committee.

(f) If the conduct of a Member shall, in the opinion of the Club Committee, be injurious to the character or detrimental to the interests of the Club, they shall have the power to call upon such a Member to resign forthwith, and the name of any such Member shall be struck from the list of Members, whereupon he or she shall cease absolutely to be a Member. In the case of other offences, a Disciplinary Meeting shall be called and any appeal arising from the Committee decision, which is based on a simple majority, shall be lodged with the General Secretary not less than 14 days after the decision is made known to the offender. All appeals will be heard by the Office bearers of the Club Committee whose decision shall be final.

17. (a) Honorary Membership of the Club is extended to all Hibernian F.C. Supporters Association Honorary Members and Members of the Club who have in the opinion of the general body of Members rendered outstanding service to the Club.
(b) Any nominee for Honorary Membership can only be elected at an Annual General Meeting. All nominations must be sent in writing to the General Secretary at 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting and notified to members at least 21 days before Annual General Meeting.

(c) No person shall be allowed to become an Honorary or Temporary Member of the Club or be relieved of the payment of the regular entrance fee or subscription except for those possessing certain qualifications as defined in the Rules and subject to conditions and regulations prescribed therein.

(d) A Member who on attaining the age of 65 years (Male and Female) and has been a Member of the Club and paid the Annual Subscription for not less than five years, shall be entitled to Honorary Membership.
ASSOCIATION RULES

1. The Association shall be called the Hibernian F.C. Supporters Association.

2. The objects of the Association are for the promotion of Social Intercourse among and Recreation for the Members of the Association, i.e., Darts, Dominoes, Snooker, Table Tennis, Provision of Meetings, Discussion Groups and General Administration. That the Association formed under these Rules shall be known as the Hibernian F.C. Supporters Association and shall consist of an Executive Council and any Branches approved by same and accepted at Delegates Meeting.

3. (a) Every Applicant for Membership to the Association shall be a Member of the Hibernian F.C. Supporters Association for at least one year and shall be proposed in writing by their Branch Secretary, setting forth the full name and address and occupation, and each application will be signed by the Applicant and two Qualified Members of the Association as Proposer and Seconder, provided that such Proposer and Seconder have both been full Members of the Association for at least six months and the Applicant has been personally known to them. Such applications for Membership shall be forwarded by the Branch Secretary for due consideration by the first available Council Meeting. All Members of the Association shall be elected by the Executive Council.

(b) Any Applicant elected shall not be allowed to become a Member until their Subscription has been paid and should any Subscriptions remain unpaid for 28 days after intimation of election has been made, such election shall become null and void. No Member whose subscription is in arrears shall vote at any meeting or take part in any business of the Association.

(c) Juveniles will be admitted to the Association on payment of the current fee, if consent in writing is obtained from parent or guardian, Branch Secretary to notify General Secretary of newly graduated Adult Members.

(d) Membership shall be from year to year on payment of the initial current fee, then followed by the relevant Annual Subscription fees. The Annual Subscription shall be the fee the Members may at their Annual General Meeting decide. All subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the first day of January each year. A Member whose Annual Subscription is overdue shall cease to belong to the Association, but the Executive Council may re-instate him or her on receiving a reasonable explanation of the delay and provided the arrears are duly paid.

(e) Transfers between Branches will be approved mutually between Branch Secretaries. The Registrar shall be notified in writing of such transfers by the Secretary of the original Branch.

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(f) The names and addresses of Applicants proposed as Members of the Association shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Association premises for at least one week before their election and that an interval of not less than two weeks shall between nomination and election of Members.

(g) Members wishing to resign must give notice, in writing, to the General Secretary to that effect 28 days before the next Annual General Meeting otherwise they will be liable for the Subscription for the ensuing year.

(h) Any Member shall on ceasing to belong to the Association by resignation or otherwise, forfeit all rights to and claims upon the Association and its property and funds and shall not be entitled to have any part of their Subscription for current year returned to them. He or she shall not, however, be relieved of any liability due to that Association prior to he or she ceasing to be a Member.

(i) The Executive Council may, at any time, suspend the rule authorising the introduction of new Members.

(j) In order to function effectively the Club must have a minimum of 200 Club and Association members.

4. The Association shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

5. The Association is out to help Hibernian F.C. No Members of the Association shall approach the Hibernian F.C. Management or players re Association business unless authorised by Executive Council.

6. (a) There will be appointed a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Minute Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Registrar, together with a Council of 12 other Members duly elected at Annual General Meeting, who shall form an Executive Council for the management of the Association. No more than 4 Members from each Branch to serve on Executive Council.

7. (a) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary (The ‘Trustees’) will hold office for a minimum period of 3 years but will but will be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting following the 3 year period. Trustees will have the right to retire from their position within the 3 year period, whereby the Executive Council shall seek to co-opt a member of the club to replace the retired Trustee until a new Trustee is
elected at the Annual General Meeting whereby the elected member shall continue in office for
the remainder of the 3 year period.

(b) All Trustees shall retire every 3 years but shall be eligible for re-election.

8. (a) All nominations for positions on the Executive Council and/or Trustees must give notice,
in writing, with the backing of their branch, to the General Secretary to that effect, at least 14
days before the Annual General Meeting. The names of applicants for positions as Trustees will
then be displayed in a conspicuous place in the club premises before the Annual General
Meeting.

(b) The Chairman, or if absent, the Vice-Chairman, shall take the chair at all meetings, and in the
absence of both the meeting shall elect a Chairman from the Members present. The Chairman in
case of equality shall have a casting vote.

(c) The Executive Council may delegate any of its powers to a sub Committee of its own
Members whose decision shall be ratified by the Executive Council and at the Delegates
Meetings.

(d) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and General Secretary shall be ex-officio Members of all
Committees.

(e) The Executive Council shall have powers to co-opt Members for special work, the said
Members having no vote on Executive Council.

(f) Any Member of the Executive Council ceasing to become a Member of the Association shall
vacate his or her seat and the Executive Council shall appoint a successor until a new Trustee is
elected at the Annual General Meeting whereby the elected member shall continue in office for
the remainder of the 3 year period.

(g) The Executive Council reserve the right to invite different outside bodies to delegates
Meetings.

(h) Executive Council shall meet at least once a month, seven days prior to the Delegates
Meeting for the purpose of attending to current business and drawing up agenda for Delegates
Meeting. Delegates Meeting shall be held on the first Thursday of each month. All decisions by
the Executive must be ratified at Delegates Meeting.
9. (a) The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of the Members elected at the Association Annual General Meeting. The business and affairs of the Association shall be under the management of said Executive Council.

(b) Members of the Executive Council are expected to attend all Council Meetings. Attendance at all meetings will be recorded by the Assistant Secretary.

(c) The Executive Council shall have the power to Let any part of the Association premises for such periods as they may, from time to time determine. They shall have the power to invest the surplus funds of the Association in any Trustees’ Securities - decisions to enact any of the items in this sub-paragraph shall require a two-thirds majority of the Executive Council Meetings. They shall not under any circumstances have the power to make advances to Members of the Association.

(d) The Executive Council shall meet at least once a month for transactions of business including examination and consideration of the accounts of the Association. At Meetings of the Executive Council eight shall form a quorum.

(e) Members of the Executive Council shall have powers to resign at any time.

(f) The Executive Council shall have powers to appoint or accept such Sub- Committee as may be found necessary for the efficient conduct of the Association. Such Committees shall submit any recommendations that may have for the due and proper management of the Association to the Executive Council.

10. (a) All property of the Association including land and investments shall be held by the Trustees for the time being in their own names, so far as necessary and practicable for the use of and benefit of the Association and all accounts of £1 or over must be paid by cheque and bear the signature of the Chairman or General Secretary with that of the Treasurer.

(b) The Trustees shall have the power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Association property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Association with consent of the Executive Council, but no purchaser, lessee or mortgage shall be concerned to enquire whether such consent has been given.

11. (a) The Trustees shall be five in number and shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary.
(b) The Chairman shall preside at every Meeting of the Trustees, and in his absence, the Trustees present shall elect one to act as Chairman from amongst their number. The Chairman shall only have a casting vote.

(c) On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the Executive Council shall take steps to procure a new Trustee appointed in place thereof as soon as possible until a new Trustee is elected at the Annual General Meeting whereby the elected member shall continue in office for the remainder of the 3 year period.

12. The Executive Council shall, from time to time make such byelaws consistent with this Constitution as they shall think necessary for the well-being of the Association. These byelaws shall be binding on all Members until withdrawn or suspended. A printed copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Association shall be displayed prominently at all times in the Clubrooms.

13. Branch Meetings shall be restricted to Members only. Membership cards must be produced for admission to Meetings. Members without cards will be admitted if vouchèd for by a Member of the Branch.

14. The Treasurer shall submit Financial Statements to each Monthly Meeting. All Registrations Fees to be paid to Registrar at Delegates Meeting within one month of enrollment except Branches outside city limits. Annual Accounts shall be drawn up on 25th January in each year, and shall be audited by a reputable firm of Chartered Accountants. A copy of such accounts and previous Annual General Meeting Minutes to be made available to Members seven days prior to Annual General Meeting notwithstanding the fore-going, a General Meeting of the Members may request an audited account at any time.

15. Branch books pertaining to membership will be made available to the General Secretary on request.

16. Amendment to these rules must be handed to the General Secretary in writing at least 28 days before the date of General Meeting at which it is proposed to move the Amendments. The General Secretary will then circulate such Amendments to each Branch not less than 21 days before the date of the General Meeting. A simple majority will apply in all matters, with the exception of finance where a two-thirds majority shall be required.

17. Annual General Meeting will be held on the first Sunday in April. There will be no Ordinary General Meeting that day. Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by the General Secretary only if requested by at least two Branches. Every Branch shall be notified at least 21
days before the date of such Extraordinary General Meetings. Failure to give this notice shall render the meeting invalid. No notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be required.

18. (a) If the conduct of a Member shall, in the opinion of the Executive Council, be injurious to the character or detrimental to the interests of the Association, they shall have the power to call upon such Member to resign forthwith, and the name of any such Member be struck from the list of Members, whereupon he or she shall cease absolutely to be a Member. In the case of other offences, a Disciplinary Executive Council Meeting shall be called and any appeal arising from the Executive Council’s decision, which will be based on simply majority, shall be lodged with the General Secretary not later than fourteen days after the decision is made known to the offender. All appeals will be heard by the Office-Bearers of the Executive Council whose decision shall be final.

(b) Any person holding Honorary position should regard the position as an honour and refrain from holding Executive office. This would apply to Association Honorary Members.

(c) Qualifications for Honorary Association Members shall be decided by the Members, that in the opinion a Member who has been a loyal and dedicated servant and who promoted the interests of the Association or of the football in general over a period of years.

(d) Any nominee for Honorary Membership can only be elected at an Annual General Meeting. All nominations must be sent in writing to the General Secretary at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting and notified to members at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.