



CONCORD DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

(Registered Charity No: 519001)

CONSTITUTION

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I. Title

The organisation shall be known as the CONCORD DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS [herein after called the organisation].

2. Aims

The aims of the organisation are to educate the public in the appreciation of Drum Corps style activities and, in particular, to advance the education and training of young people in the playing of the organisation's instruments and maintaining a Drum and Bugle Corps.

In furtherance of the above Aims but not otherwise, the organisation shall have the following powers :

- a) To project a proper image of a Drum and Bugle Corps by public performance and competition in the United Kingdom and/or abroad.
- b) To raise funds and invite and receive contributions, subscriptions and donations from any source so long as it remains within the law.
- c) To acquire by purchase, lease or hire facilities and equipment to train the Corps members in the arts and sciences as they relate to competitive Drum and Bugle Corps.
- d) To seek and train instructors In Corps disciplines so as to improve the standard of the Corps.

3. Membership

Membership of the Corps, the Corps staff and supporters is open to all regardless of sex, race, religion, sexuality, marital status, disability or age, subject only to the rules of the national governing bodies on age limits for competitive purposes.

The membership of the organisation shall be classified into three groups :

a) Marching Corps Members

Those young people who pay the subscription at the appropriate rate as shall be determined by the Corps Director and who are considered able or potentially able by the Corps Director to contribute towards the aims of the organisation [subject to the veto of the Board of Governors under Rule 4a].

b) The Corps Staff

Those over [18] eighteen years of age who are appointed by the Corps Director after consultation with their staff and the Board of Governors [subject to their veto under Rule 4a] to fulfil specific functions in the management and Instruction of the Corps.

c) The Supporters

Those over [18] eighteen years of age [excluding Marching Corps Members and Staff Members] who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate, in advance, for Supporters as shall be determined by the Chairman of Supporters in consultation with the Board of Governors.

The Chairman of Supporters shall be elected by and out of the Supporters members at the Annual General Meeting of Supporters [subject to the veto of the Board of Governors under

Rule 4a] and may be assisted by a Committee of [4] four Supporters similarly elected. The Supporters Committee and Chairman shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election.

4. Management

- a) A Board of Governors will be responsible for the maintenance of the Aims of the organisation. They will be responsible for the appointment of a suitable person as Corps Director and for his/her removal if found unsuitable, provided that such a person shall have the right to be heard before a final decision is reached.
- b) The Board of Governors is to be as broadly based as possible and should have not less than seven [7] but not more than eleven [11] members. The Corps Director is to be "ex officio".
- c) A number of the members of the Board of Governors [not more than half] will retire annually in rotation. The vacancies will be filled by ballot of the remaining members only. Re-election of retiring members will be permissible.
- d) The Board of Governors will meet at least four times per year, one such meeting being the Annual General Meeting.
- e) The Board of Governors will elect annually from their number, a Chairman, Treasurer and a Secretary. They will appoint annually an Independent Examiner of Accounts.
- f) Any Corps member, staff member, supporter or parent of a member will have the right of access to Board members. A list of Board members is to be made available.
- g) For the purposes of Rule 8, the Board of Governors will be the Management Committee.

5 Finance

- a) The financial year of the organisation shall end on December 31st.
- b) Banking accounts as required shall be opened in the name of the organisation and cheques shall be signed by the Corps Treasurer and any one other person as named on the mandate.
- c) The income and property of the organisation, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards promoting the Aims of the organisation as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the organisation except in payment of reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

5. Annual General Meeting

- a) This shall be held within [16] sixteen weeks of the end of each financial year and not less than [14] fourteen days notice shall be given to each member. Items for agenda to be raised at the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Governors not less than [7] seven days beforehand.
- b) A Special General Meeting of the Board of Governors may be summoned at any time by the Chairman or by any two members of the Board of Governors upon [7] seven days clear notice being given to all other members of the matters to be discussed.

7. Amendment

Amendment to this Constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. A resolution for the amendment of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary of the organisation at least [21] twenty-one days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least [14] fourteen days notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the Membership and must include notice of the amendment proposed. Provided that no amendment to Clause 2, Clause 8 or this clause shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or any other Authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained; and no amendment shall be made which would have the effect of causing the organisation to cease to be a charity In law.

8. Dissolution

The organisation may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which [21] twenty-one days notice shall have been given to the members. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by, or in the name of the organisation provided that, if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such property shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the organisation, but shall be given or transferred to such charitable institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the organisation. The organisation may determine and insofar as effect cannot be given to this provision, then to some other charitable purpose.

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