

EAST GRINSTEAD LIONS 200 SUPPORTERS CLUB

Constitution (1st January 1987 amended 5th December 2005)

1. **OBJECTS:**

The primary objects of the Club are

- a) To provide benefits as stated under paragraph four.
- (b) To raise funds for distribution to charities.

2. **MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership of the Club shall be open to members of East Grinstead & District Lions Club, family and friends and members of the general public.

In no circumstances shall membership exceed 200 in number.

3. **SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

The subscription shall be £2.00 per month, payable in advance either quarterly, half yearly or annually by bank standing order or cash. Eligibility for draws must be by payment three months in advance for the June and December draws and six months in advance for Star Draws in March and September.

4. **BENEFITS:**

- (a) Twice yearly ballots to be known as star Draws will be made in March and September of all paid up and eligible members. Two other draws will take place in June and December. When membership of the Club is full, i.e. 200 members, the benefits in the form of prizes shall be: -

Star Draws - 1st Prize £500, 2nd Prize £200, 3rd prize £100
Other Draws - 1st Prize £250, 2nd Prize £100, 3rd prize £50

- (b) If at any time the number of members falls below the stipulated 200, the total prize value paid in the form of benefits shall be in proportion to the membership eligible for that draw, as follows: -

| Star Draws | | | | Other Draws | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Members | 1 st Prize | 2 nd Prize | 3 rd Prize | Members | 1 st Prize | 2 nd Prize | 3 rd Prize |
| 180-199 | 500 | 200 | 100 | 180-199 | 250 | 100 | 50 |
| 160-179 | 450 | 180 | 90 | 160-179 | 225 | 90 | 45 |
| 140-159 | 400 | 160 | 80 | 140-159 | 200 | 80 | 40 |
| 120-139 | 350 | 140 | 70 | 120-139 | 175 | 70 | 35 |
| 100-119 | 300 | 120 | 60 | 100-119 | 150 | 60 | 30 |

- (c) All ballots to take place at Lions Club Social functions. Members of the 200 Club shall be invited to attend on the occasion of the star Draw evenings with their guest. Immediately preceding these evenings, 200 Club Members shall be advised of the venue, date and cost, including admission charge to which they may be subject.

5. **BALLOTS:**

Only fully paid up members shall be entitled to participate in ballots.

The ballots shall be organised as follows: -

- (a) All members shall be allotted a number corresponding to his number on the club Roll.
- (b) All numbers to be entered for draws, subject to paragraph 6.

6. **SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

A new member shall be informed of his number on the Club Roll as soon as his subscription is received. Subsequent to enrolment, the member shall be entitled to participate in the quarterly draws providing he is paid up for the three months preceding the said draws. However, in order to participate in any star Draw, a new member shall be paid up in full for the six months preceding the Star Draw.

7. **RESERVE LIST**

When the membership reaches 200, subsequent applications for membership shall be placed in order on a reserve list and the first applicant on the reserve list shall become a member on the retirement of any existing member.

8. **MANAGEMENT**

Any questions, interpretations or disputes connected with the East Grinstead Lions Supporters Club shall be decided by the President and Board of Management of the East Grinstead and District Lions Club. Should any member of that Board of Management be involved in any way in the matter to be settled, he shall not participate in any decision made in respect of that matter. The President of the East Grinstead and District Lions Club shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer to manage the day to day affairs of the Supporters Club.

The Secretary of the Supporters Club, the Treasurer of the Supporters Club, the President of the East Grinstead and District Lions Club and the Treasurer of the East Grinstead and District Lions Club shall have authority to draw cheques; any two signatures shall be sufficient authority for the bank.

The President may appoint an auditor.

A Roll of Membership shall be kept and each member shall be allotted a Roll number.

The President and Board of Management of the East Grinstead and District Lions Club shall have power to disburse any financial surplus accruing to the Supporters Club, such disbursements being always for welfare purposes.

9. **ACCOUNTS OF THE CLUB**

Proper books of account shall be kept by the Secretary or the Treasurer. All members shall have the right to inspect such books on reasonable notice being given.

A prize list and list of donations shall be circulated to all members at intervals of six months. The Secretary and Treasurer shall fulfil all statutory obligations under the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 and any subsequent amendments thereto.