



Rainbow Blades Constitution

THE NAME OF THE GROUP: Rainbow Blades

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP WILL BE MADE UP OF: Membership is open to supporters of Sheffield United Football Club from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans & Queer (LGBTQ+) communities, their friends, families, and anyone who agrees with our aims (Allies).

AIMS: Rainbow Blades aims to be a friendly, welcoming, and inclusive Sheffield United Supporters' Group. We want to help make Bramall Lane and Football in general inclusive spaces where everyone feels safe to be themselves. (Detailed aims & objectives are outlined in the aims, values, and mission document)

AGM (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING): The Group will hold an Annual Meeting each March where the Committee will review the year, receive the Group's accounts, and outline plans for the upcoming year to members. Members will be able to use this forum to ask any questions or raise any issues.

Mode of Operation

- The group will hold at minimum quarterly meetings.
- Communication between committee members will be via a WhatsApp group/email.
- Communication between the membership will be via social media, Mail Chimp & Outlook.
- External communication will be done via social media, Club website, Blog, Mailchimp & Outlook.
- Meetings will occur out of normal working hours. E.g.) 4.30pm onwards

COMMITTEE'S ROLE: The Committee shall implement the aims of the Group and ensure its efficient running and financial sustainability. Any changes to these aims will require the ratification of the Group at the AGM or through an email ballot/online vote. A simple majority of returned votes shall be enough for ratification. The Committee shall have full delegated authority to raise funds and vary membership or other charges. The quorum for the Committee will be a minimum of four of its members.

COMMITTEE ROLES:

- Chair and/or Co-Chair/Treasurer
- Administrator
- Marketing & Communications
- Events Officer
- Sponsorship/Fundraising
- Floating Committee Member
- Ambassador/s (Nominated by the club)

MEMBERSHIP: Sheffield United Fans will be able to become members of the group through an online sign-up form. GDPR wording will be added to the form.

Membership can be fans who identify as LGBTQ+ (this includes gender identity) and Allies.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE GROUP: As the founder of the group currently has a bank account set up for Sheffield Rainbow Laces this will be used for the foreseeable. This can be amended in the future.

AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION: This constitution can be amended either at a Group meeting called for that purpose of which reasonable notice has been given or via an online/email ballot.



Defined Terms and Interpretation

“AGM” means the Annual General Meeting.

“Committee” means the committee of Rainbow Blades.

“LGBTQ+” means lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans & queer and other gender or sexual identities that are commonly understood to be included in the LGBTQ+ community.

“Member” means a member of Rainbow Blades.

“Allies” are a voice for a marginalised group of society.

“Roles” are defined positions in the committee.