

# Constitution of the York Wargames Society

1. The Society shall be known as the York Wargames Society.
2. The object of the Society is to facilitate the playing of tabletop wargames, including displays and competitions, roleplaying games, board games and card games.
3. The expenses of the Society shall be met from subscriptions and such funds that the Society may acquire via donations, fund-raising or otherwise.
4. The membership of the Society shall consist of ordinary members.
5. Membership of the Society is open to:
  - a. Those aged 13-18, being considered Junior Members.
    1. Junior Members must either be accompanied by a parent or person acting *in loco parentis*.
    2. The above person must also be a Full Member of the Society.
  - b. All those over the age of 18, being considered Full Members.
  - c. Membership is dependent upon payment of his/ her subscription to the Committee.
6. Membership subscriptions are due every year, payable no later than 4 weeks after the start of the year, or within 4 weeks of joining (for new members). Membership is valid from the day it is paid until the end of the current year.
7. Privileges of membership:
  - a. Full Members are granted all privileges of membership.
  - b. Junior Members are entitled to the full privileges of membership with the exception of:
    1. They have no Voting rights at either the AGM or any EGMs.
    2. Certain club events may be judged to be strictly over 18s only.
8. Anyone who is in arrears with his subscription shall not be considered a member of the Society.
  - a. A person may be refused membership at the discretion of the Committee.
  - b. A member may have his rights of membership withdrawn at the discretion of the Committee, subject to an appeal at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting.
9. All funds and properties acquired by the Society shall be regarded as vested in the Officers of the Society, as trustees for the members.
10. Committee
  - a. The Committee of the Society shall consist of three Officers, being the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer, and two ordinary members.
  - b. The members of the Committee shall be elected by simple hand vote, or by any other means deemed suitable by the Chairman Presiding and acceptable to

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the majority of members present at the Annual General Meeting. The Officers shall be selected by the Committee.

- c. The ordinary term of office for all Committee members shall be one year. All are eligible for re-election.
  - d. The Committee shall meet at least six times per year.
  - e. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Committee.
  - f. At any meeting of the Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.
  - g. The Honorary Secretary shall convene an Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Society at the request of at least five ordinary members.
  - h. The Committee shall present a report of its proceedings to the Annual General Meeting.
  - i. The Committee shall be empowered to co-opt non voting members, whether to fill a casual vacancy or otherwise.
11. An Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date determined by the Committee. Members are to be advised of this meeting via the notice board, four weeks in advance.
12. Any proposal for amendment to this Constitution of the Society must be submitted by the Committee to Full Members by one of the following processes;
- a. At the Annual General Meeting. No amendment to this Constitution of the Society shall be regarded as adopted unless by two-thirds majority of Full Members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.
  - b. By ballot to all Full Members who have additionally acceded to contact on Voting matters and who have provided contact details to do so. No amendment to this Constitution of the Society shall be regarded as adopted unless approved by two-thirds majority of Full Members in the group 12(b)
13. If upon winding up or dissolution of the Society there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, and assets whatsoever, the Society shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the Society. All property will be auctioned amongst the members of the Society and the proceeds, along with all the remaining cash assets to be donated to a Registered Charity.