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LENHAM WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1909

***Affiliated*** ***to*** ***the*** ***KentFA***

**Rules and Constitution Season 2022/23**

**1.** **Name**

The club shall be known as **LENHAM** **WANDERERS** **FOOTBALL** **CLUB** *(The* *Club).*

Club Web Address**:** www.lenhamwanderersfc.co.uk

Club Facebook: www.facebook.com/lenhamwanderersfc/

**2.** **Home Grounds**

The William Pitt Field, Old Ham Lane, Lenham, Kent. ME17 2LR

Lenham Primary School, Ham Lane, Lenham, Kent. ME17 2LL

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**3.** **Objective**

To provide a competitive game of football for all members of *The* *Club* within the community, in compliance with the rules of The Football Association, the ***KentFA*** and the leagues to which *The* *Club* is registered. The Club agrees to abide by The FA’s Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy as shall be in place from time to time.

**4.** **Affiliation**

*The* *Club* will be affiliated to the **Kent** **FA** before the start of each season. The affiliation documentation will be completed by the relevant officer. Personal Liability Insurance for all members of *The* *Club* will be taken out with the **Kent** **FA** as part of this process. Members are encouraged to consider additional Personal Liability insurance to provide extra protection.

**5.** **Constitution** *Teams* *and* *Leagues* *entered* *for* *the* *season* *shall* *be:*

**Non-league** **ONE** Under 6 team and **ONE** Senor female Team.

**Maidstone Invicta League** **ONE** Under 7 team, **TWO** Under 9 team,

**ONE** Under 10 Team and **ONE** Under 11 team.

**Maidstone Primary League** **ONE** Under 12 Team, **ONE** Under 13 team and **ONE** Under 14 team.

**Maidstone Minor League** **ONE** Under 18 Team.

**Ashford League** **ONE** Senior team.

**Kent County League** **ONE** Senior team.

**Kent County League** **ONE** Veterans Team.

**6.** **Funds**

All money raised or donated is to be used solely for *The* *Club’s* running costs and purpose.

**7.** **Subscriptions**

Senior 1st & 2nd teams

* Match fee £6 (except for fulltime students, match fee £4)
* Annual Membership fee £40 (except for fulltime students, membership Fee £30)
* No training fees, this is self-funding.

Veterans

* Match fee £7
* No annual membership fees
* No training fees, this is self-funding.

Youth Teams

* Club fee £5.00 per week (includes match & training)
* Annual Membership fee £25.
* If a youth player trains only, the fee will be £2.00 per training session.

The club will introduce a new payment system which shall include; cash, card and standing order options.

**A** **team** **reaching** **a** **Competition** **Cup** **Final,** **players** **are** **not** **required** **to** **pay** **Match** **Fee.**

It is the Team Managers responsibility to see that fees are collected from players and paid in to *The* *Club* Treasurer using *The* *Club* paperwork. The Treasurer requires money to be paid in at the end of each calendar month.

**8.** **Annual General Meeting**

The playing season must be finished before *the* *Club* AGM takes place and is to be held no later than 30th May each year. A minimum of 50% of the Committee is needed to be present for the meeting to proceed. Notice of such meeting is to be published a minimum of 14 days prior.

**9.** **New/Alterations to Rules**

No rule shall be introduced or altered, except at *The* *Club* A.G.M. or an Extra Special General Meeting. An E.S.G.M. can only be held if 50% or more of the committee are in favour, or 50% or more of the membership have requested it and *The* *Club* has received such notification in writing. Notice of such to be published a minimum of 14 days prior. Proposals to alter any rule must be lodged with *The* *Club* Chairman in writing 28 days prior to the A.G.M. or E.S.G.M.

**10.** **Officers/Management Committee**

*The* *Club* committee shall consist of: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Welfare officer, Youth Teams secretary, Senior Teams secretary, Treasurer, Minute secretary, Facilities officer, Player registration officer and any team manager.

Sub-Committees can be formed to deal with any business outside the remit of those mentioned. Sub-Committee Members are to attend all meetings convened by *The* *Club.*

The officers and members of the committee will meet on the 2nd Monday, every 2nd month, at a convenient venue to discuss and decide the business of *The* *Club.* All Officers and Committee members are to attend.

Anyone wishing to become a new Manager or Officer shall meet with officers of the club to discuss expectations. After this, if the person intends having regular contact with a member of *The* *Club* who is under the age of 18years, the said person must attend the Kent FA, ‘safe guarding children’ course, Emergency Aid course, The playmaker course and complete the KentFA DBS check.

**11.** **Team Managers**

A person wishing to become a Team Manager for the club must agree to meet this commitment in full. A Team Manager wishing to attend committee meetings must commit to the same attendance policy as any Committee Member.

**12.** **Conduct Control/Misconduct/Code of Conduct**

Misconduct will not be condoned from any member/manager/officer or committee member of *The Club*, either on or off the field of play. Team managers **MUST** notify the officers of *The Club* of any player who is guilty of continuous misconduct. Any penalty for these offences will be decided by the Management Committee.

**13.** **Discipline and Appeals**

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Club Welfare Officer. The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership (*add*, any outstanding debt would have to be paid prior to termination). The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 28 Days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee will consider the appeal within 7 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

If a member of *The Club* receives a caution/’s whilst representing *The Club* and receives the affiliated FA paperwork relating to the caution/’s, the fine shall be paid for by the member.

**14.** **Membership Forms**

The signed club membership form must be received by the Player Registration Officer prior to the player being to be eligible to play.

**15.** **Home Matches**

All players are to report to the Home Ground 45 minutes before kick-off, unless otherwise instructed by the team manager.

In the event of poor weather, the grounds-man will inspect all 3 pitches and decide on their playability. With a minimum of 2hours notice, all relevant managers will be contacted by the grounds-man who shall have the final say on pitch use.

**16.** **Away Matches**

All team players will meet at the home ground unless otherwise advised by their manager. To meet 1 hour before kick-off, unless otherwise instructed by the team manager.

**17.** ***The Club* Kit and Equipment**

All kit and equipment is to be returned to the Team Manager after each time it is used (at the manager’s discretion). It MUST be returned at the end of the season and, in turn, the Team Managers are to return the same to *The* *Club* Officers. Any kit or equipment donated to any team becomes the property of *The* *Club*.

**18.** **Club Colours**

The Club colours are: **Yellow** **Shirts;** **Blue** **Shorts** **and** **Blue** **Socks:** Change/Away colours are to be decided on an annual basis.

**19.** **Accounts**

Any fully paid-up member or Youth Team player’s parent/guardian may, by written request, inspect *The* *Club* accounts. This also applies to the Leagues to which *The* *Club* are members of and the controlling authorities to which *The* *Club* is affiliated to, providing a reasonable period of notice has been received in writing.

**20.** **Dissolution**

In the event of *The* *Club* dissolving its activities, any remaining assets will be transferred to the sport’s governing body for use in related community sport, to a charity or to any other non-profit making organisation within the community.

**21.** **THESE** **RULES** **SHALL** **BE** **EXECUTED** **IN** **CONJUNCTION** **WITH** **THOSE** **OF** **THE** **FOOTBALL** **ASSOCIATION,** **KENTFA** **AND** **THE** **COMPETITIONS** **AS** **ENTERED** **ANNUALLY.**

**22.** **Notification of Rule Changes**

Should there be any changes to these rules *The* *Club* will notify all members and the controlling authorities.

**Rule 23.** **LWFC Officers and Management Committee: Season 2021/22**

These are available upon request.

**24.** **Honorary President and Vice Presidents**

These honorary positions will be decided annually at each A.G.M.

These are available upon request.

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