

# RULES & REGULATIONS



## SWISS SPURS SUPPORTERS CLUB

Official Tottenham Hotspur Supporters Club of Switzerland

## **I. Name, Head Office and Purpose of the Club**

### **§ 1**

The Swiss Spurs Supporters Club (named "Club"), founded in CH-Basel on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005, with its Head Office in CH-Binningen BL, has the purpose of supporting Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, GB-London. The Club organises meetings and events and helps organise trips to football matches in England. The Club is politically and religiously neutral, independent and non-profit making.

## **II. Membership**

### **§ 2**

The Club consists of Honourable Members, Members and Sponsors.

a) A Club member may be suggested as an honourable member if he/she has shown special commitment, dedication and achievement towards the Club. Suggestions can be made by Club members by forwarding a written application to the committee. Only members who have served at least 10 years of membership may be suggested as honourable members. Exceptions may be made by the Club's committee.

b) Persons who wish to join the Club must apply for membership by sending the official Membership Application Form to the Club's committee. The committee will then examine the application before deciding whether it will be accepted or dismissed. Applications can be made at any time.

c) Only persons who live, work or study in Switzerland, may be accepted as full members of the Swiss Spurs Supporters Club. This is in relation to the Terms and Conditions released by the Members Office of Tottenham Hotspur FC. Persons who are not registered residents within Switzerland must be in possession of a Swiss stay permit "L" or "G". Exceptions may be made by the Club's committee.

d) Members who wish to withdraw from the Club must do so in writing to the committee. The written notice must be handed to the committee at least 1 month (meaning 30<sup>th</sup> April) before the running membership year ends (see §11b). The postage stamp/date is relevant.

## **III. Members Obligations**

### **§ 3**

Yearly membership fees will be set at the Annual General Meeting (AGM, see §6). The membership fees will be published on the Club's website and any changes will be sent in writing to all Club members including the latest Rules and Regulations (by Post or electronic).

- a) Membership fee's must be paid on a yearly basis and are due on the first day of the running membership year (§11b).
- b) Honourable members are freed from paying membership fees.
- c) Membership fees will not be refunded at any time.

## **IV. Members Rights**

### **§ 4**

Club members have the following rights:

1. Voting in all Club affairs.
2. Applying for running as a committee member, after at least 12 months of membership.
3. Participation in all Club events.
4. Use of all benefits offered by the Club.
5. Sponsors are non-members and therefore do not own any Club rights or obligations.

## **V. Organs**

### **§ 5**

The Organs of the Club consist of:

- a) The general meeting (GM)
- b) The committee

## **VI. The General Meeting (GM)**

### **§ 6**

The General Meeting (GM) is the highest organ of the Club and settles all businesses in accordance to these Rules and Regulations. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is, if possible, to be held at the end of each football season (English Premier League). The GM implements the following businesses:

- a. Approval of the annual Club and financial reports.
- b. Committee election.
- c. Appointment of honourable members.
- d. Changes to the Rules and Regulations.
- e. Set yearly membership fees.
- f. Approval of new members and member exclusions.

### **§ 7**

Extra-Ordinary General Meetings (EGM) can be called up if decided by the committee. The summoning of such a meeting must also take place if it is required by at least 1/5 of the Club's voting members, in stating the reasons in writing.

### **§ 8**

The GM is resolution-able if there are at least 13 members, with a right to vote, present. Otherwise the committee's resolutions count.

### **§ 9**

Poll's and Elections are decided by the majority of votes, subject to the cases of § 10 and § 13. Poll's and Elections are usually held openly. Secret Polls and Elections will only be carried out if required by the majority of members who own a right to vote.

### **§ 10**

Resolutions concerning the announcements of honourable members can only be seized with a majority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of present voters.

### **§ 11**

- a) The Club's financial business year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January through to 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year.
- b) The Club's membership year runs from **1<sup>st</sup> June** through to **31<sup>st</sup> May** of the following year.

### **§ 12**

1) Within reason, a member may be expelled from the Club if he/she:

- a) Transgresses/offends any of these Rules and Regulations and/or opposes to arrangements set by the committee.
- b) In any way damages the good name of the Club and/or Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.
- c) Falls behind or fails with payments of membership fees.

2) Excluded members may make an appeal in writing to the next GM within 14 days of receiving the written exclusion. Excluded members are banned from the Club for at least 2 years.

3) Tottenham Hotspur Football Club has no responsibility for the running of the Club or for the conduct of the Club's members. All members of the Club will do everything they can to protect and enhance the good name of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. Any members transgressing this rule will be automatically expelled.

### **§ 13**

The dissolution of the Club can not be decided or executed, if there is an opposition of 10% of all Club members with a right to vote. In the case of the Club's dissolution, all fortunes will be paid to a charity cause. The Club's members have no right to Club fortunes.

## **VII. The Committee**

### **§ 14**

1) The committee consists of 3-5 Club members; the President (Chairperson), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Assessors, all of whom will hold honorary positions. The minimum of 3 positions must be covered by a Club President, Secretary and a Treasurer. The committee is resolution-able if at least 3 committee members are present. If votes are equal then the President has the final ballot.

2) All committee members must be "One Hotspur" members.

3) The committee is elected by the GM and will hold office for 2 years.

4) Committee elections take place every two years by the AGM, first in 2005.

5) A committee member may stand for re-election.

### **§ 15**

1) Into the authority of the committee fall all businesses which are not transferred to other organs in regards to the Rules and Regulations, in particular:

- a. Organisation and Events.
- b. Administration of Club finances. The committee is in charge of the Club's Business and Finance, must manage all Club business with common business sense and is responsible for the healthy management of Club finances.
- c. Administration and update of the Club's website.
- d. Direct contact with Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, GB-London.

2) The committee members execute the following functions:

- a) The President represents the Club to the outside. He manages meetings and negotiations and has direct contact with Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, GB-London.
- b) The Vice-President represents the President in his absence and supports him in office functions.
- c) The Treasurer manages the Club's finances. He presents a yearly financial report at the AGM allowing all members to have insight.
- d) All other functions are divided amongst members of the committee.
- e) A committee member may carry out multiple office functions at the same time. It is however not possible for a single committee member to carry out the positions of President and Vice-President at the same time. In any case, the committee must at all times consist of at least 3 members.

## **VIII. External Representation**

### **§ 16**

1) The following members have the sole right of obligatory signature:

- a) The Club's President and the Vice-President collectively.

2) Other members of the committee are authorized to individual signature in correspondences of their department, as long as the club is in no way obligated.

## **IX. Financial Commitments**

### **§ 17**

The Club's property/finances adheres for its commitment. A personal adhesion of Club members is impossible, unless proven evidence is found that a member has caused damage intentionally or with serious negligence. If a member causes intentional or serious negligent damage, then he/she is fully liable to the damage/s caused.

### **§ 18**

1) The Club's income/revenue consists of the following:

- a) Fee's paid by Club members and sponsors.
- b) Other revenue and donations.

2) The Club's fortunes consists of:

- a) The respective account balances of cash and post office checks
- b) The pending assets less the respective possible debts
- c) The inventory

3) The Club's expenditures consist of:

- a) All costs which are required for the functioning and running of the Club
- b) All administration costs
- c) All production and administration costs of the Club's website

4) The Club can charge administration fees.

## **X. Changes of Rules and Regulations**

### **§ 19**

Changes to these Rules and Regulations are executed by the committee and approved by the GM in accordance to § 6 lit. d. The committee must pass forward any intended changes prior to the GM. If a member wishes to have any Rules and Regulations changed, then he/she must apply in writing to the committee.

## **XI. Temporary Provisions**

These Rules and Regulations were accepted at the AGM on the 26th July 2009 and are valid with immediate effect.



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## **COMMITTEE:**

***If you would like information regarding our committee members, then please contact us.***