

Club Constitution of Maidenhead Reapers Wargaming Society

1 Name of Club

The club will be called Maidenhead Reapers Wargaming Society (Hereinafter will be referred to as The Club), and may also be known as Reapers or MRWS

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To provide facilities & equipment for members to play table top games with Miniatures.
- To provide facilities for members to play board or card games.
- To support members in arranging events outside of regular meetings.
- To promote positive relations with other wargames clubs or societies when practicable.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone

3 Membership

- (a) Membership of the club is open to anyone over the age of 16, interested in promoting, volunteering or participating in wargames.
- (b) The membership shall consist of the following categories:
 - Full member.
 - Honorary member.
 - * Students and those not in full time employment at the time of joining are eligible for membership at concessionary rate as set at an AGM.
- (c) All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.
- (d) Members in each category will pay membership fees plus table fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Individuals shall not be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection of any Club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Club committee.
- (f) Non members will be welcome and able to use the equipment at the club and will be subject to the same regulations and codes of practice of the club. Failure to comply with club rules could result in exclusion.

4 Equity

- (a) The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their hobby, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

- (b) The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their hobby in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- (c) All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour.
- (d) The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

5 Committee

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary plus two others to cover; competitions, events and publicity who shall all be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) All committee members must be members of the Club.
- (c) If required, the committee shall elect a Vice Chair from among its members.
- (d) The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (e) If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club.
- (g) The Committee will have powers to appoint any advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- (h) The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.
- (i) The committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the Club and be held no less than 5 times per year.
- (j) Only the posts listed above will have the right to vote at committee meetings.
- (k) The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be three.

6 Finances

- (a) The club treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- (b) The financial year of the club will run from 1st October and end on 30th September.
- (c) All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.

- (e) A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

7 Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings

- (a) General Meetings are the means whereby the members of the Club exercise their democratic rights in conducting the Club's affairs.
- (b) The Club shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of October to:
- Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
 - Receive reports from the Chairman and Secretary.
 - Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
 - Elect the officers on the committee.
 - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
 - Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
 - Deal with other relevant business.
- (c) Notice of the AGM will be given by the club secretary with at least 14 days' notice to be given to all members.
- (d) Nominations for officers of the committee will be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM. The committee will then elect a Returning officer, a member of good standing who is not running for one of the positions.
- (e) Election of the committee. Each member will have 5 votes to cast one for each candidate of their choice. They will also be able to cast another single vote for their choice of Chairman. Email and other media votes will only be counted if sent to the returning officer before the given deadline.
- (f) Proposed changes to the constitution shall be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM, who shall circulate them at least 7 days before an AGM.
- (g) All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- (h) The quorum for AGMs will be 25% of the membership.
- (i) The Chairman of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at general and committee meetings.
- (j) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 10% of the members of the Club. The committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the committee members.
- (k) All procedures shall follow those outlined above for AGMs.

8 Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

9 Discipline and appeals

- (a) All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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 7 days of the hearing.
- (d) There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 7 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

10 Dissolution

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- (b) In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any clubs funds. Any assets of the club that remain will be distributed to the members (whose membership exceeds 6 months) as evenly as possible.

11 Declaration

Maidenhead Reapers Wargaming Society hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Name		Position	Chair
Sign		Date	

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