



Club Constitution

BWF (IVV) Club No. 70



ARTICLE 1 – Name and Headquarters

1. The name of the organisation is the Ise Valley Vagabonds (Ise VV)
2. The organisation was formed in June 1988
3. The first formal meeting was held on June 10th 1988

ARTICLE 2 – Purpose of the organisation

1. The organisation is a member of the British Walking Federation (BWF) and, through this, a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)
2. The aims of the organisation are :-
 - i) To promote and encourage a programme of non-competitive walking events
 - ii) To encourage participation in similar events organised by other similar bodies – both in the UK and abroad
 - iii) To contribute towards understanding among people by fostering international friendship through non-competitive sport
 - iv) To encourage and promote the award scheme run by the IVV
3. The organisation has no political, ideological or racial bias
4. The organisation is non-profit making. Any profits which may accrue as a result of activities and which are not used to promote the further activities of the Ise VV shall be donated to a charitable cause

ARTICLE 3 – Membership

1. Membership is based upon personal application
2. The Committee is empowered to exercise the right of veto over any membership application
3. There shall be five classes of membership :-
 - i) Full membership : Annual Individual
 - ii) Annual Family (2 adults and 2 children under 18 years of age of either adult)
 - iii) Life Membership . This may be purchased for a single payment on an individual basis. (Should the club cease to operate at some future date, Life Members will have the option of the return of their fees or having them donated to a charity of their choice)
 - iv) Honorary Membership . Any person may be elected as an Honorary member

- v) Temporary Membership. To be made available at walks, to non-members, to enable them to participate in the walk as a member. Such temporary memberships will be valid for the day of the walk only and shall automatically expire at the end of the day concerned
4. All categories of membership will have identical rights except that first refusal of any benefits which may be available from time to time will be offered to Life Members, then to Full Members, including Family Members, then to Honorary Members and then to Temporary Members

ARTICLE 4 – Expiration of Membership

1. Membership of the organisation will terminate :-
 - i) Upon dissolution of the Ise Valley Vagabonds
 - ii) Membership will be deemed to have lapsed if, after three calendar months from the start of the Club year (January 1st), subscriptions have not been paid, or contact not made with the Membership Secretary
 - iii) Upon expulsion
2. A member may be expelled for :-
 - i) Deliberate actions which damage the interests of the Ise Valley Vagabonds
 - ii) Failing to pay dues within three months from the start of the Club year (January 1st).

[Re-admission following (i) above will not be considered for a minimum of two years and must be approved by a majority vote at the next Annual General Meeting]

[Re-admission following (ii) above will involve either payment of outstanding dues (if less than twelve months have elapsed) or re-application as a new member (if more than twelve months have elapsed)]

ARTICLE 5 – Meetings and Events

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be the main business meeting of the Ise Valley Vagabonds
2. The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held sometime in April
3. Each member in compliance may exercise one vote at the AGM. A Family Membership may exercise up to 2 votes at the AGM
4. The Committee of the Ise Valley Vagabonds shall meet as often as is deemed necessary in the course of the year and shall account to the membership at each Annual General Meeting
5. The organisation will organise events regularly, consistent with its aims and objectives, encouraging individual members to undertake the responsibility for making the necessary arrangements

6. All events will conform to the standards laid down by the International Federation of Popular Sports and the British Walking Federation

ARTICLE 6 – Dues and Levies

1. The organisation requires funds to fulfil its financial obligations to the BWF and to produce and distribute the Vagabond Times
2. Membership fees will be kept to a minimum, consistent with the financial obligations
3. The level of fees for Family Membership is £7-00 per annum, Individual Membership £3-00 per annum and Temporary Membership £0-25 per walk until such time as it is changed by members at the AGM. Life Membership will involve a single payment of £40-00 and will endure for the natural life of the individual (the single payment may be spread over a period of three months by arrangement with the Treasurer)
- 3a. The Officers of the club, as defined in ARTICLE 8 clause 1, shall be exempt from paying membership subscriptions for the years following their election and whilst they continue in post
4. The membership year will run from 1st January to 31st December
5. All walkers, including walk organisers and all Marshals, are to pay the walk fee on either a Club series walk or Club event. The amount of the fee, in the case of a Club series walk, to be the current fee, or in the case of an event to be as advertised

ARTICLE 7 – Administration of the Organisation

The day to day administration will be carried out by the elected officers and committee of the organisation

ARTICLE 8 –Officers and Committee

1. The Committee of the Ise Valley Vagabonds shall comprise :-
Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Materials Officer, Events Co-ordinator, at least one ordinary Committee member
Any serving Committee Member may be invited to become the President of the Ise Valley Vagabonds
2. Any Committee Member may hold two or more offices concurrently, though the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are to be held by three separate committee members
3. Each member of the Committee will have an equal vote
4. In the event of any vote resulting in a tie, the Chair of the meeting shall cast a final, deciding vote

5. The Committee is quorate when at least half of its members are present
6. Elected members of the Club Committee will not be eligible for nomination to receive annual Club Awards which are related to service to the Club. They will, however, be eligible to compete for any awards which may be instituted, based on walking achievements
7. Officers term of duty to be three years. Termination of office will be by way of an E.G.M. or resignation

ARTICLE 9 – Compensation for Expenses

1. All positions in the organisation are honorary and without salary
2. All members, committee or otherwise, may claim for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses provided that they are incurred solely and entirely for the benefit of the Club and are approved by the Committee, subject to production of appropriate receipts

ARTICLE 10 – Accounting Audit

1. The accounts of the Ise Valley Vagabonds will be checked annually by any person of suitable experience, other than committee members, who may be proposed by the Treasurer, but must be approved by the Committee
2. A copy of the accounts will be presented at each Annual General Meeting

ARTICLE 11 – Fiscal Year

The Fiscal Year is the same as the Tax Year – i.e. 6th April to 5th April

ARTICLE 12 – Dissolution of the Ise Valley Vagabonds

1. The Ise Valley Vagabonds may only be dissolved following a majority vote to a formal proposal lodged not less than 28 days before, to that effect, at either an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose
2. Any funds remaining to the credit of the Ise Valley Vagabonds following dissolution, after all outstanding debts have been met, shall be transferred to Nene Valley Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied Club

ARTICLE 13 – Concluding Article

1. Any matter not covered by the preceding twelve articles will be subject to the Articles Of Association of the International Federation of Popular Sports
2. The Committee is empowered to arbitrate and proceed with any matter not satisfactorily resolved

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