

SURREY COUNTY REFEREES ASSOCIATION – GUILDFORD SOCIETY RULES

1. The Association shall be called “The Guildford Society of the Referees Association” with headquarters as shall be determined from time to time.
2. Meeting nights will normally be the second Monday of the month from August to May inclusive.
3. The objectives of the Society shall be to provide opportunities for Members to meet monthly for social welfare and for the discussion of matters relating to the work of the Referees and for the protection of Members.
4. The Guildford Society shall consist of a) Registered Referees who shall be known as Members and who shall be admitted as right upon application and payment of subscriptions, b) other Registered Referees, who have paid their Referees’ Association subscriptions to another Society, upon payment of the current Associate Membership fee, and c) Past Referees who shall also be known as Members and who shall be admitted on payment of the agreed subscription.
5. The date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on a Monday in May each year. A verified copy of the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account shall be presented to each Member at or before the Annual General Meeting.

6. OFFICERS and COMMITTEE of THE SOCIETY

- The Officers of the Society shall consist of the President, the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer.
- The Committee shall consist of the aforementioned five Officers plus the Honorary Training Officer, the Honorary Retention Officer, the Honorary Supplies Officer, the Honorary Magazine Editor and five other Members, all of whom shall be either Registered Referees or ex-Referees who are Members.
- Four Members of the Committee, which **must** include at least two Officers, shall form a quorum for the transaction of Society business.
- All of the above Officers and Committee Members, plus the Vice Presidents, shall be elected annually at the AGM. Similarly, nominations and subsequent approval for Life Membership shall only be agreed at the AGM.
- The elected President may serve for no longer than three consecutive years and may not again be elected to the same post until a further three years have elapsed.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS and FINANCIAL MATTERS

The annual subscription for **all** levels of membership shall be reviewed at the February Committee meeting for proposal to Members at the AGM in May.

The subscription shall include the Affiliation Fee and the Insurance Premium payable to The Referees' Association plus the subscription to the Surrey County Referees Association.

- The Guildford Referees' Society financial year shall run from April 1 to March 31.
 - All subscriptions shall be paid by 31 May latest each year.
 - Any Member not paying his/her subscription by that date may not receive any further correspondence from this Society.
 - A Verifier shall be appointed by the Committee at the first Committee meeting after the AGM.
8. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called for a specific purpose upon 14 days written notice, signed by at least 25% of the Membership or at the discretion of the Committee, and being submitted to the Honorary Secretary.
9. No alteration shall be made to the foregoing rules except at the AGM or at the EGM called for that purpose as provided for by Rule 8. Any proposed changes to Rule shall be notified in writing to the Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the nominated date of the AGM or EGM.
10. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for by these Rules and any matter of urgency shall be the subject of ratification at the next Society meeting.
11. In the event that Members decide to close the Society -
- All monies left following the settlement of any outstanding debts shall be donated to The Referees' Association Benevolent Fund.
 - Any training aids owned by the Society shall be donated to The Surrey Referees' Association County Committee for use in training Referees within the County.
 - Any trophies owned or used by the Society, but not covered by a formal written agreement, shall be donated to The Surrey Referees' Association County Committee.
 - The Society minute books, membership books, final accounts and other general Society records shall be lodged with The Secretary of the Surrey County Referees' Association.

(Latest update AGM 11 May 2009).