



## **CONSTITUTION OF WEST LONDON GATORS BASKETBALL CLUB (the “CLUB”)**

**Adopted in March 2025**

### **1. NAME AND AFFILIATION**

The Club is called West London Gators Basketball Club. and is affiliated to Basketball England.

The Club’s teams may play under the name West London Gators and/or under such other name(s) as the Committee may decide, including, but not limited, to Chiswick Gators.

### **2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of the Club are:

- a) to offer competitive playing, coaching and officiating opportunities for members of the community;
- b) to offer a range of playing opportunities to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds;
- c) to ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club; and
- d) to promote the game of Basketball within the community.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership consists of the Committee and members of the Club.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations, the terms of and conditions of Club membership, the codes of conduct that the Club has adopted and the policies and rules of Basketball England.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- a) player (NBL);
- b) player (development/ recreational);
- c) staff (including coaches);
- d) volunteer (including volunteer Committee members);
- e) supporter.

The Committee will oversee procedure for the disciplining of members and any mechanism for appeals by members in respect of disciplinary action taken against them

The Committee reserves the right to terminate or suspend a membership in exceptional circumstances in which a member's behaviour has brought the Club into disrepute.

The Committee may terminate or suspend a membership in circumstances where a member is in breach of the terms and conditions of Club membership.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Membership fees will be set by the Committee and reviewed at least annually.

#### **5. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

All Committee members will be officers of the Club. The Committee positions will include Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Welfare Officer and such other positions as the Committee may from time to time decide. Officers will be nominated by the Committee and elected at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Club.

#### **6. COMMITTEE**

The Club will be managed through the Committee consisting of the Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Club Welfare Officer. In addition, the Committee may (but is not required) to include a maximum of four player representatives (if over the age of 18) or parent representatives (of players younger than 18).

The quorum required for business to be agreed at Committee meetings will be two people, one of whom must be the Chair. Committee meetings may be convened on not less than two clear days' notice. Resolutions of the Committee require a majority of votes of Committee members present at any meeting in order to be passed. Resolutions of the Committee may also be passed by a written resolution circulated to all Committee members and agreed by a majority of the Committee. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chair has a casting vote.

The Committee is responsible for adopting policies, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the Club and for setting the terms and conditions of membership.

The Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

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.

#### **7. FINANCE**

All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.

The Treasurer and Chair will be responsible for the finances of the Club.

The financial year of the Club will end on 31 March.

A statement of annual accounts or financial summary will be presented by the Treasurer or the Chair at the AGM, as reviewed and agreed by the Committee.

Any cheques or payments via online banking outside of the Club's ordinary course of business are to be agreed in writing between the Chair, the Treasurer and at least one other officer.

## **8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS**

Notice of the AGM will be given by the Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice to be given to all members. The AGM will receive an update from the Committee and a statement of the annual accounts or financial summary. Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM, following nominations by the Committee. All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) in addition to the AGM. EGMs will be held on not less than seven clear days' notice.

Notice of AGMs and EGMs may be given in such manner as the Committee may decide, including, but not limited to, email and/or the Club's website.

The quorum for AGMs and EGMs will be three people, one of whom must be the Chair. Resolutions are passed if a majority of those members present vote in favour.

## **9. DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS**

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Chair or the Club Welfare Officer.

The Committee will meet to hear complaints as soon as practicable and within fourteen days of a complaint being lodged. The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

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 as soon as practicable and within seven days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The Committee should consider the appeal as soon as practicable and within fourteen days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

## **10. DISSOLUTION**

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the Club that remain will become the property of the Coach Ali Foundation (charity number 1200143) or, if the Coach Ali Foundation has also been dissolved at the time of dissolution of the Club, any assets that remain of the Club will become the property of Basketball England.

## **11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

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

## **DECLARATION**

West London Gators Basketball Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Name: Michael Kwentoh

Role: Chair

Signature:

Date:

Name: Kate Astley

Role: Secretary

Signature:

Date: