

CONSTITUTION OF THE CRYSTAL PALACE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

NAME

1. We shall be known as the Crystal Palace Sports Partnership (CPSP).

PURPOSE

2. We comprise and act as a diverse umbrella group of stakeholder organisations and users who are concerned about improving the Crystal Palace sports and leisure centre (hereafter “the Centre”) and its integration within the surrounding Crystal Palace Park. We will liaise and work with relevant agencies, organisations, authorities and the community at the appropriate levels with a view to arriving at and supporting satisfactory development and a sustainable future of the Centre.
3. The aims and objectives of CPSP include, but are not limited to, providing a partnership approach between relevant organisations to meet its purpose and to share concerns, goals and views, and to raise issues of mutual interest relating to the improvement and promotion of:
 - a. Sports and leisure;
 - b. Respect for the architectural amenity, heritage and wider Crystal Palace Park interests;
 - c. The commercial vitality and economy of the Centre;
 - d. Health and wellbeing of the community that the Centre supports
 - e. Social and cultural diversity.

MISSION

4. We support a mixed-use sports, leisure and event Centre – a sustainable facility that is shared by the local community, schools, clubs and aspiring athletes at all levels and abilities for sports, health and wellbeing and education services.
5. The Centre is expected to maintain regionally significant functions for some sports and services.
6. The Centre should be a resource that caters for the needs of recreational users, as well as providing for the development of elite athletes.

MEMBERS

7. The CPSP shall be governed by a Board, which will include representative(s) from the local sports and residential community, business community, organisations, and users and clubs based at the Centre, relevant governing bodies, and other individuals or representatives who have an active interest in the future of the Centre, and who are agreed by the Board.
8. The Board will elect individuals to serve as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

who together will form the Executive and who may appoint additional Executives from time to time. The Executive is empowered to take key decisions on behalf of the Board. The remit and makeup of the Executive can be defined from time to time by the Board.

9. In reaching decisions a meeting will be quorate, and will require at least 50% of the Board to vote at the meeting. The Chair will hold a casting vote in the event of a tie.
10. In reaching decisions of Members of the Board, a meeting will be quorate, and Members may be appointed with the agreement of at least 50% of the other current Board members at the meeting. The Board is required to have a minimum of 3 members. The Board will not have a maximum number of members but as a guide any in excess of 12 would be considered as temporary for the duration of their contributions.
11. The Board may coopt individuals from time to time and as may be required to augment its skills and expertise.
12. Sub-groups may be set up and be empowered by the Board to discuss and take forward specific areas of work as defined by the Board. Sub-groups will report to and be accountable to the Board who will make any final and binding decisions as necessary.
13. In the absence of the Chair, an interim Chair shall be nominated at any meeting of the Board or Executive by the majority present. Notice of such meetings shall be given to members by written notice from the Secretary.
14. Ordinary meetings of the CPSP shall take place at such times and at such places as the Board may decide from time to time.

FINANCE

15. The CPSP may remain an unfunded group and this status can only be altered by a unanimous Executive decision or majority Board decision. In this event, the CPSP would follow Charity Commission guidance for best practice of financial governance, even if it is not a charity or not yet incorporated.
16. The CPSP may be funded by the voluntary donations of the members, and any other person or body or association at the discretion of the Board.

ANNUAL MEETING

17. The Board will need to meet at least once a year at an Annual Meeting at which Board and Executive membership will be ratified.
18. Due notice of such a meeting shall be published to the Board at least one month in advance and to potentially interested 3rd parties who may be invited at the discretion of the Board.

REMIT

19. The work of CPSP will aim to serve the interest of stakeholders and users of the Centre in the local and neighbouring boroughs of Bromley, Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark. The CPSP will also

maintain a wider remit to serve stakeholders and users in surrounding London boroughs and the region of the South East of England.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

20. The CPSP will not tolerate bias or discrimination in any respect and the CPSP will promote equal opportunities at all times, including but not limited to race, colour, ethnicity, gender, sexual origination, disability, age, political or religious beliefs, socio-economic background or status.
21. In forming the Board, due consideration shall be given to incorporating as diverse a group as practicable with the aforesaid groups in mind.

AMMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND DISSOLUTION

22. The Constitution of the CPSP can be amended by the Board as may be required from time to time by a 75% voting majority at any Board meeting.
23. The CPSP may be dissolved by a 75% voting majority at any Board meeting. Any residual funding, after all debts and liabilities are settled, would be paid to a charity with interests aligned with the CPSP and at the discretion of the Board.