**Optional Powers**

* 1. to support or establish or aid in the establishment of any trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the Objects;
  2. to acquire, merge, collaborate, amalgamate or co-operate with charities or voluntary bodies operating in furtherance of the Objects or similar purposes and to exchange information and advice with them;
  3. alone or with other organisations to seek to influence public opinion and to make representations to and to seek to influence governmental and other bodies and institutions regarding the reform, development and implementation of appropriate policies, legislation, regulations and rules;
  4. to establish or acquire subsidiary companies to assist or act as agents for the Club or to carry on trading activity;
  5. to borrow money and give security for loans but subject always to and in accordance with the Trustee Act 2000;
  6. to invest the monies of the Club not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit;
  7. to deposit or invest funds, to employ or engage a financial expert or experts and to arrange for the investments or other property of the Club to be held in the name of a nominee in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000;
  8. to deposit documents or other physical assets with any company or other body registered or having a place of business in England and Wales as custodian and to pay any reasonable fee required;

**Optional Property Section**

1. The Committee shall ensure that title to:
   * 1. all land held by or in trust for the Club;
     2. all investments held by or in trust for the Club; and
     3. any other assets of the Club (other than the cash held in the Club Account);

(together **Club Property**)

is vested in (i) the names of the Officers for the time being (ii) a trust corporation or (iii) at least [two] but not more than [four] persons appointed by the Committee as holding trustees (**Holding** **Trustees**).[[1]](#footnote-1)

* 1. The Holding Trustees shall hold any Club Property in accordance with these Rules and shall act under the lawful directions of the Committee. Provided that the Holding Trustees so act, they shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of the Committee and shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Club against any expenses and other liabilities incurred by them in the proper discharge of their duties to the fullest extent permitted by law.
  2. The Holding Trustees shall appoint additional or replacement Holding Trustees by a conveyance or deed as directed by the Committee. A Holding Trustee may, or at the direction of the Main Committee shall, retire at any time provided that there will be remain at least two Holding Trustees when the resignation is to take effect. On a Holding Trustee’s retirement, they shall promptly execute a conveyance or deed to the remaining or new Holding Trustees as directed by the Committee.
  3. A Holding Trustee’s appointment shall cease upon death. On the death of a Holding Trustee, any Club Property vested in them shall vest automatically in the surviving Holding Trustees. If there is only one surviving Holding Trustee, they shall promptly appoint one or more new Holding Trustees as directed by the Committee.

1. **Guests – Optional**
   1. Members shall be entitled to bring one or more guests to any activity of the Club with the express consent of the Chair or the Secretary.
   2. The Member in question shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of their guests and shall be liable to the Club for any loss or damage of any kind whatsoever suffered or incurred by the Club as a direct or indirect result of the acts or omissions of any of their guests.
   3. Guests shall be legally bound by these Rules as if they were a Member save that guests shall have none of the rights of membership.
   4. A guest may be required to pay a visitor’s fee at such amount and sign a guest register in such form as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.

1. Since an unincorporated association members’ club cannot hold assets (including property) in its own name, it often falls to Committee members to hold such assets in their personal names for and on behalf of the Club. Please refer to EA’s Club Structures guide for more details on the implications to you personally of undertaking a role of this nature. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)