

RULES / GOVERNING DOCUMENT

These rules replace Rules adopted in 1988 and amended in 2003 and 2007.

Adopted at the Special General meeting of the Society on 17th November 2019

Rule 1 NAME

The Society shall be called the King Edward Musical Society of Macclesfield.

Rule 2 OBJECTS

The objects of the Society are to present and study music of the highest quality, aiming at a high standard of performance both vocal and instrumental. These objects will be carried out through the presentation of public concert performances and recitals and by such other ways as determined by the Society through the Committee as are charitable in law.

Rule 3 CONSTITUTION

An Annual General Meeting shall be held on a convenient date after the end of the financial year but before 31st July.

Not less than 7 days' notice of any General Meeting of the Society shall be given: such notice being by email or, for those for whom this is not an option, by phone or in person.

The officers shall consist of Chair, Hon. Secretary or Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer, one or more Musical Director/s and the holders of any other office, the creation of which is considered advisable for the efficient running of the affairs of the Society. The number of Secretaries and other officers shall be considered by the members of the Committee, who shall make appropriate recommendations to the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee may appoint a President of the Society.

The Committee shall consist (ex officio) of the Chair, Secretary(ies), Hon. Treasurer, Musical Director(s) and those other officers (if any) who it is decided at the Annual General Meeting shall be ex-officio members, together with as many members of the Society (not being less than ten in number inclusive of the Officers) as the Committee shall from time to time decide, provided that there shall at all times be on the Committee at least two members from each section of the Society (that is, at the date of the adoption of these Rules, the Choir, the Orchestra, and the Concert Band).

The General Committee may, at its discretion, create sub-committees to assist in the running of the Society, each of which will be convened and chaired by a member of the General Committee. Sub-committee composition is at the discretion of the Committee; subcommittee members need not be members of the Committee. Such sub-committees shall report back to the Committee.

Ordinary committee members shall serve without re-election for a maximum of three consecutive years but can be re-elected at the AGM at which they retire. Officers shall be entitled to remain in office for as long as they remain elected members of the committee.

The Committee has the power to co-opt additional members of the Society as members of the committee.

All Members of the Committee or a sub-committee shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting at which they are present, but the Musical Director(s) shall not be entitled to vote. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the meeting in question shall have a casting vote.

Rule 4 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Society shall be open to all, subject to such audition (if any) as may from time to time be prescribed by the Committee with the concurrence of the Musical Directors.

The members of the Society shall be those who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as determined by the Society in General Meeting, all subscriptions being payable at such times and by such instalments as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Rule 5 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription will be recommended annually by the Committee and determined by a show of hands of those Members who are present at the Annual General Meeting.

No reduction shall be made for any member who leaves the society during the season or does not take part in all its concerts. A reduction for full members joining during the season shall be at the discretion of the Treasurer.

Rule 6 FINANCE

The financial year of the Society shall end on 31st May or on such other date (not more than 3 months before or after 31st May) as may be decided upon from time to time by the Committee. A statement of accounts duly certified by an Independent Examiner (as required by the Charities Commission) shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting. The Independent Examiner shall be appointed by the Committee.

The Society may receive donations, grants in aid or financial guarantees and the Committee shall have power to issue tickets for the Society's concerts at reduced prices to its members and others.

The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in its Rules, and no proportion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or by payment of a professional fee to any member of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

On the winding up of the Society any remaining assets shall be handed over to a Society or Association having similar aims and objects.

Rule 7 MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES

Any matters not covered by these Rules shall be dealt with by the Committee.

Rule 8 AMENDMENT OF RULES

These Rules shall only be altered or added to at the Annual General Meeting of the Society or at a Special General Meeting of which not less than 14 days' notice has been given to at least 90% of all Members, provided that nothing contained herein shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.

Members may request a Special General Meeting of the Society and this shall be acted upon by the Committee only if supported by the signatures of not less than 10% of the Members of the Society at that time. The request must be made to the Secretary at least 14 days before the proposed meeting takes place. It is not permissible to request a Special General Meeting to be held within 14 days of the Annual General Meeting.

In the case of both the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meetings, the quorum is ten members.