

THE OLD ASKEAN ASSOCIATION



RULES Revised 2023

Rules of the Old Askean Association

These Rules replace all former Rules of the Association and its predecessor, the Old Askean Club, of which Rules the last major alterations were made in February 1998. These Rules were approved at a General Meeting of the Association held on 7th July 2010 and amended at the General Meetings held on 14th July 2011 and 5th July 2023.

Definitions & Abbreviations

In these Rules the following terms have the meaning indicated.

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| School | = | Haberdashers' Hatcham Boys' School |
| College | = | Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College |
| Askean | = | A pupil of the School or College |
| OA | = | An Old Askean |
| Association | = | The Old Askean Association |
| Member | = | A Full, Student or Honorary member of the Association |
| AsCom | = | The elected Association Committee |
| Secretary | = | The Honorary Secretary of the Association |
| Magazine | = | The " <i>Old Askean</i> " Magazine |
| Bulletin | = | The " <i>Old Askean</i> " Bulletin |
| Association Year | = | The period from one AGM to the next AGM |
| Association Fiscal Year | = | The period from 1 st April to 31 st March |
| Federation | = | Haberdashers' Aske's Federation |
| AAA | = | Aske's Alumni Association |

1. Objects

- 1.1 The encouragement of association and reunion of former pupils of the Haberdashers' Hatcham College and its predecessors Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham Girls' and Boys' Schools.
- 1.2 The encouragement of association with College students and members of the teaching, administration and technical staff, and members of the Hatcham Association.
- 1.3 The provision of social, recreational and sports activities for OAs.
- 1.4 Publication and distribution of information of interest to OAs.
- 1.5 The formation of regional groups of the Association by OAs resident in particular areas.
- 1.6 The preservation of the links with the College and the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers.

2. Privileges and Benefits

- 2.1 The activities and facilities provided for Members by the association shall be available to all Members and shall be commensurate with the financial resources and income of the Association.
- 2.2 The Association shall look to all Members to assist in the provision of resources for these activities.

3. Membership

- 3.1 The Association shall have three types of members - Full Members, Life Members, Student Members, Honorary Members.
- 3.2 The following shall be eligible to apply for Full Membership and all applications must be approved by AsCom –
- (a) OAs as defined in Rule 1.1 who are automatically eligible;
 - (b) College Staff may be invited to apply for Full Membership after two years active full-time employment.
- 3.3 Full Membership shall not become effective until AsCom has accepted the application and the first subscription has been paid
- 3.4 The following shall be eligible to become Student Members and shall be free and continue for as long as the OA remains a student in full time education –
- (a) All Askeans in the Years 12 & 13 (6th Formers);
 - (b) All OAs in full time education.
- 3.5 The following shall be eligible to become Honorary Members –
- a) Persons whom AsCom considers to have given exceptional service to the Association or to the Federation.
 - b) Persons to whom, by virtue of the position or office they hold, it may be deemed courteous and of benefit to the Association, to offer such membership including –
 - Master of the Haberdashers' Company;
 - Clerk to the Haberdashers' Company;
 - Principal of the Colleges;
 - Chairman of the College Governors.
 - c) Spouses of distinguished Old Askeans

- 3.6 Any Full Member may propose a person for Honorary Membership, but the election shall be entirely at the discretion of AsCom.
- 3.7 A Member may terminate his membership in writing at anytime by giving written notice to the Membership Secretary. AsCom shall have the power to suspend or expel a Member whose conduct is, in their opinion, detrimental to the Association.
- 3.8 Failure to pay a subscription or other payment due to the Association within four weeks of the due date of payment shall lead to suspension of Privileges and Voting Rights and, failing a satisfactory response within eight weeks to a written request for immediate settlement from the Membership Secretary or the Treasurer, shall be liable to termination of membership.
- 3.9 Honorary Membership under Rule 3.5 shall cease when the persons cease to hold their respective appointments unless AsCom decides otherwise.

4. Subscriptions

- 4.1 The annual rates of subscription for all Members shall be reviewed as necessary by AsCom.
- 4.2 AsCom may vary or waive individual subscriptions in exceptional circumstances.
- 4.3 All subscriptions shall be payable on joining the Association and thereafter on the 1st April of each year.

5. Management, Officers and the Committee

- 5.1 Management of the Association's affairs and property shall be vested in AsCom.
- 5.2 The Association Committee (AsCom) shall consist of the Officers:
 1. The President;
 2. Senior Vice President;
 3. Junior Vice President;
 4. Secretary;
 5. Treasurer;
 6. Membership Secretary;
 7. Social Secretary.

Seniority of the Officers shall be in accordance with their numbering and:

- The Immediate Past President;
- Editor of the Magazine;
- Four Ordinary Members elected under Rule 5.8;
- College Liaison Representative

- 5.3 AsCom may invite one member of the College staff to become the College Liaison Representative as a co-opted member of AsCom.
- 5.4 AsCom may invite each of the affiliated "Old Askean" sports and social clubs and each of the Regional Groups to nominate one of their members, who must be a Full Member, to be a representative for their club or group on AsCom. The invitations and the acceptances of the nominees shall be at the sole discretion of AsCom.

- 5.5 AsCom may co-opt or invite both voting and non-voting members at any time.
- 5.6 Each co-opted or invited member shall retire at the end of the current Association Year or at an earlier date if AsCom or the member so wishes.
- 5.7 Any OA who is a Full Member of the Association may stand for election as an Officer or Ordinary Member at the Association AGM providing his written nomination, signed by a proposer and a seconder who must also be Full Members has been received by the President or his Nominee at least 28 days before the AGM.
- 5.8 The 4 Ordinary members of AsCom shall be elected for a period of 2 years each. 2 of them shall be elected each Year, and the retiring members may offer themselves for re-election.
- 5.9 AsCom may nominate Officers and Ordinary members for election.
- 5.10 AsCom may appoint a Member to be an Officer to fill any vacancy arising during the Association Year.
- 5.11 All elected Officers shall hold office for one Association year and together with an Officers appointed during the Year shall retire at the end of the Association Year, but may offer themselves for re-election.

6. Committee Meetings

- 6.1 The President may call a meeting of AsCom at any time, providing ten working days' notice is given.
- 6.2 The President of the Association shall be the Chairman of AsCom or in his absence the senior Officer present shall take the chair.
- 6.3 A quorum at an AsCom meeting shall be five voting members.
- 6.4 Officers, Ordinary members and Co-opted members of AsCom may vote on all resolutions.
- 6.5 Invited members attending AsCom are not voting members.

7. Accounts

- 7.1 Proper financial records of all monies received and expended by the Association shall be kept by the Treasurer and presented to AsCom from time to time and in such form as AsCom may require.
- 7.2 The Treasurer shall maintain one or more accounts in the name of the Association for the receipt and payment of monies.
- 7.3 AsCom shall have the power to invest money on behalf of the Association.
- 7.4 Annual Accounts for the Association Fiscal Year shall be prepared by the Treasurer for approval by AsCom.

8. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- 8.1 The quorum for all General Meetings shall be ten full members

8.2 The AGM shall be convened to:

- (a) Consider and adopt the AsCom Annual Report;
- (b) Consider and adopt the Annual Accounts of the Association;
- (c) Elect the Officers for the ensuing year;
- (d) Elect the Ordinary members of AsCom;
- (e) Appoint an Honorary Auditor;
- (f) Consider any resolutions.

8.3 The AGM shall be held on a date decided by AsCom but not later than 31st July, and notified to all Members.

8.4 Resolutions to be put before the AGM cannot be taken from the floor of the meeting but must be proposed and seconded by Full Members and received with the arguments for the resolution in writing, by AsCom not less than 28 days before the AGM. AsCom reserves the right to refuse to accept a proposed resolution if, in AsCom's opinion, the resolution would be either *ultra vires* or incompatible with AsCom's fiduciary and financial responsibilities and duties.

8.5 All Members shall be sent at least 14 days prior to the Meeting, copies of the following documents –

- Agenda for the Meeting;
- AsCom's Annual Report;
- Association Financial Report and Accounts;
- Nominations for Officers and Ordinary Members of AsCom;
- Resolutions;
- Postal Voting Form, if necessary.

8.6 The retiring President shall hand over to the new President at the end of the Meeting.

9. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

9.1 An EGM shall be convened by AsCom, as necessary, or upon the receipt of an acceptable written request signed by not less than 12 Full Members. The meeting must be held within 28 days of receipt of an acceptable request.

9.2 AsCom reserves the right to refuse an EGM on the same grounds as refusing a resolution.

9.3 All Members shall be sent a notice, at least 14 days prior to the meeting, stating the business to be discussed. New resolutions can not be accepted from the floor of the meeting.

10. Voting

10.1 Only Full Members may propose, second and vote on all resolutions at General Meetings (AGM and EGM).

- 10.2 Voting Members who are unable to attend a General Meeting may vote by ballot using an Association Postal Voting Form. The Form shall be completed by the Member with his own confidential vote on each resolution on the Voting Form, signed by him and delivered directly to the President or his nominee not later than 5 working days before the General Meeting.

11. Old Askean Publications

- 11.1 The Editor shall be appointed by AsCom and shall be an ex-officio member of AsCom.
- 11.2 The Editor shall be responsible for the content and production of the Magazine.
- 11.3 Bulletins may be issued as and when required by AsCom to communicate with members.

12. Regional Groups and Minor Clubs

- 12.1 Full Members may form Regional Groups and Minor clubs for specific activities.
- 12.2 Regional Groups and Minor clubs may be formed by sending a written application to AsCom for approval.
- 12.3 Each Regional Group or Minor Club shall be responsible for their own finances and not act in variance to these rules.
- 12.4 Membership of a Regional Group or Minor club shall be available to all Members and by invitation to non OAs.
- 12.5 OAs who are not Members of the Association but wish to join a Regional Group or Minor club are expected to join the Association.
- 12.6 The granting and the withdrawal of the title 'Old Askean' shall be the prerogative of AsCom.

13. Association Insignia and Colours

- 13.1 The insignia of the Association shall be the words "Old Askean Association" together with the Haberdashers' Company crest and motto "Serve and Obey".
- 13.2 The Association colours shall be Haberdashers' Blue, Black and White. *[Haberdashers' Blue is identifiable for printing purposes, on either matt or gloss paper, with printing ink standard reference Pantone No. 287].*

14. Rule Changes and Notifications

- 14.1 These Rules shall not be altered, varied, or rescinded except upon a resolution passed by two thirds of the votes cast at a General Meeting.
- 14.2 A change in the Rules shall be notified to all members.
- 14.3 A member may request a copy of the Rules.
- 14.4 On the winding up of the Association, by a majority resolution of the members voting, the assets and property of the Association, after settlement of all debts and liabilities, shall be given to the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers for charitable purposes. No member may benefit from the distribution of the assets and property.

