



TYNDALE CHORAL SOCIETY

Governing Document

Rules of the Society as amended 13 September 2010

1. **TITLE:** The name of the Society shall be TYNDALE CHORAL SOCIETY
2. **OBJECTS:** The objects of the Society shall be to educate the public in the art and science of music, and in particular of choral music, by the presentation of public concerts and such other ways as the Society, through its Committee, shall determine from time to time.
3. **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE:** The management of the Society shall be vested in a Committee consisting of four Officers and not less than five others (who shall all be Members of the Society and Trustees of the Charity).

The Officers shall be the Chairman, Secretary,-Treasurer and Events Manager, elected by the Committee and subject to confirmation at a General Meeting of the Society. They shall remain in office for one year and be eligible for re-election. Other Committee Members shall be elected by the Society at a General Meeting. They shall remain in office for three years and be eligible for re-election. The committee may fill vacancies by co-opting Members (who shall serve until the next General Meeting).

The Committee may appoint a President for the term of one year (or the role may be left vacant). A President may or may not be a Member of the Society but shall not be a Charity Trustee. A President may, if invited, attend Committee Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.

The Conductor and Accompanist may, if invited, attend meetings of the Committee but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.

Quorum: 6 voting Committee Members.
4. **MANAGEMENT:** All arrangements and the management of rehearsals and concerts and the control of finance and expenditure shall be in the hands of the Committee.
5. **PERFORMING MEMBERSHIP:** Performing membership of the Society shall be open to any person wishing to advance the objects of the Society subject to the approval of the Committee and subject to payment of any subscriptions due. All Members shall be expected to be in regular attendance at rehearsals and concerts. Members who wish to resign from the Society shall let the Secretary know before the beginning of a new season.
6. **FINANCE:** The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in its rules, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or payment of a professional fee to any Member of the Society.
7. **GENERAL MEETINGS:** An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year; not more than fifteen months shall elapse between successive AGMs. The Committee may call a special General Meeting at any time.

The Committee must call a special General Meeting if requested to do so in writing by at least ten Members (or one tenth of the Membership if greater). The request must state the nature of the business that is to be discussed. The Committee must hold the meeting within 28 days of the request.
8. **ALTERATION OF GOVERNING DOCUMENT (RULES):** Any proposed alteration to the rules must appear on the Agenda for a General Meeting. A two thirds majority of Members present and voting is necessary for the passing of such a resolution. No amendment shall be made to objects and no amendment shall be made to any other clause which would cause the Society to cease to be a charity in law.
9. **DISSOLUTION:** In the event of the Society being wound up any assets remaining upon dissolution after payment of proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to the Society.
10. **POLICY STATEMENTS:** Policy statements (and subsequent alterations to same) prepared by the Committee will be subject to confirmation by the Society in a General Meeting, passed by a simple majority of the Members present and voting. Such policy statements shall be binding on all Members of the Society and shall be consistent with the terms of the Governing Document. The Society, in General Meeting, has the power to alter, add to, or repeal such policy statements.
11. **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:** membership of the Society is terminated if a Member resigns by written notice to the Secretary, any sum due from the Member to the Society is not paid in full within two months of it falling due or the Member is removed from membership by a resolution of the Committee.