

The Croydon Philatelic Society
Rules of the Society
(Amended May 2014)

1. The Society is called "The Croydon Philatelic Society".
2. **Objectives of the Society:**
 - 2.1 The study of all matters related to philately;
 - 2.2 Bringing together all interested in philately;
 - 2.3 Enabling members to sell and/or acquire material.
3. **Officers & Management:**
 - 3.1 The officers of the Society are: President, Vice Presidents, Immediate Past President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Packet Secretary, Auctioneer.
 - 3.2 The affairs of the Society are managed by a Committee made up of the officers and not more than **three** other members. Each year the longest-serving of the other members will retire and will not be eligible for re-election for **twelve** months.
 - 3.3 All members of the Committee will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
 - 3.4 The quorum for a Committee meeting is **five**.
4. **Meetings:**
 - 4.1 The Society will hold meetings of interest to members.
 - 4.2 The Annual General Meeting will be held in April/May for the purpose of receiving reports and approving the accounts, electing members of the Committee, revising rules, and any other matters relating to an AGM.
 - 4.3 All meetings will be chaired by the President, or in his/her absence by a Vice President or another member of the Committee.
5. **Membership:**

Applications to join the Society will be dealt with by the Secretary. The application will be placed before members at the next meeting and submitted for election at the following meeting. Should any adverse vote be cast, the application will be referred to the Committee for investigation and appropriate action.
6. **Subscription:**
 - 6.1 The Society's financial year will commence on 1st April in each year, and the annual subscriptions for that financial year will become due on demand after the amount is ratified at the AGM held in April/May. The amount will be recorded on the Society's Programme Card.
 - 6.2 After the AGM, a notice will be sent to each member requesting payment of the subscription and will state that such be paid either by post or in person **ON OR BY** the date of the first meeting in September, and in every case must be paid by the 30th September of that year. Payment of the subscription constitutes membership of the Society.
 - 6.3 In the event of a member not paying by the 30th September, a reminder will be sent requesting immediate payment. Failure to make such a payment may lead to the termination of the member's membership, at the discretion of the Committee.

- 7. Resignations:**
Members wishing to resign from the Society should do so in writing to the Secretary.
- 8. Contact details:**
The Society will hold in an electronic form contact details for each member, including name, address, preferred telephone number and email address, unless permission to do so is withheld. A member must inform the Secretary of any change to these contact details. Unless specifically declined, members will be deemed to have given permission to be contacted by email when an email address has been provided.
- 9. Life Membership:**
Life Membership will be awarded as an honour to any member on the recommendation of the Committee and confirmed by a simple majority vote of members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 10. Misconduct:**
If in the opinion of the Committee, a member's conduct is incompatible with the character or interests of the Society, he/she will be requested to resign. If the member fails to resign then expulsion will result. An appeal against the expulsion will be heard by a sub-Committee of 3 independent members including the Secretary.
- 11. Exchange Packet:**
Separate rules will apply relating to the operation of the Society's exchange packet. These rules may be amended at the request of the Packet Secretary subject to the approval of the Committee.
- 12. Auctions:**
Auctions will be held as appropriate: commission, at a rate determined by the Committee, will be charged, this going to Society funds.
- 13. Dissolution of the Society:**
On the winding up of the Society, after the payment of all debts and liabilities, any excess property will not be distributed among members of the Society. The excess funds will be transferred to another organisation with the primary objective of the furtherance of Philately within the UK.
- 14. Alterations of Rules:**
The Society's rules cannot be altered except at an Annual General Meeting of members or at a Special General Meeting convened at the request of no fewer than **six** members. Members must be given at least 28 days' notice of the date and purpose of a Special General Meeting.
- 15. Distribution:**
A copy of the Society's rules will be provided to members on joining, or made available to any member on request.

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