FireSport UK – Trust Instruments

December 1974 (as amended by AGM 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1993, 1996, 2006, 2007, 2015 and confirmed in accordance with Rule 43, 2025)

1. Name and Objectives

1.1 Name:

The trust shall be known as Fire Sport United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as "the Trust").

1.2 Objectives:

The objectives of the Trust are to:

- Promote and organise sports,athletic and wellbeing activities for the benefit of serving and retired members of the Fire and Rescue Services in the UK, Channel Islands, and Isle of Man.
- Foster camaraderie and participation in sports and wellbeing activities while encouraging diversity and inclusion.
- Manage and coordinate events, competitions, and awards in collaboration with relevant bodies.
- Ensure compliance with relevant codes of conduct and adopt ethical principles when seeking support from sponsors.

2. Membership

2.1 Eligibility:

Membership is open to:

- Serving or retired staff of the Fire and Rescue Services in the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
- Clubs or organisations associated with Fire and Rescue Services upon approval by the executive committee. Examples include members of staff at the Fire Service College and National Fire Chiefs Council.

2.2 Membership Rules:

Membership dues, if applicable, will be determined annually by the executive committee.

Clubs (or active FSUK sections) must maintain good standing by adhering to the Trust's rules and timely payment of dues.

3. Governance Structure

3.1 Executive Committee:

The Trust will be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Up to three additional members as needed for specific expertise.

3.2 Roles and Responsibilities:

- The Chairperson presides over meetings and represents the Trust.
- The Secretary manages correspondence and record-keeping.
- The Treasurer oversees finances and ensures compliance with financial regulations.
- The committee meets at least twice a year; decisions are made by majority vote.

3.3 General Meetings of the membership:

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the membership will be held to review activities, finances, and elect officers with agendas issued 14 days in advance of the meeting. Special meetings may be called if needed, with notice and agenda provided at least 14 days in advance.

Members of the Trust are eligible to attend AGMs as voting members. AGMs may be held in-person or online.

The rules of the Trust shall not be altered or revoked except by a two-thirds majority of votes cast at an AGM or special meeting convened to consider such proposals.

4. Financial Management

4.1 Accounts:

The Treasurer will maintain accurate accounts, which will be independently reviewed annually.

4.2 Fund Use:

All funds must be used to further the Trust's objectives. No funds may benefit individual members except as reimbursement for authorised expenses.

4.3 Dissolution:

In the event of dissolution, remaining assets will be applied to purposes aligned with the Trust's objectives or donated to similar organisations.

5. Property

The Trust shall be empowered to hold land for the purposes of the Trust and may acquire, sell, mortgage or in any other way deal with land.

Any land acquired or held by the Trust shall be vested in the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary for the time being as trustees and may be sold, leased mortgaged or otherwise dealt with by the trustees from time-to-time.

Upon the death of a trustee or upon the retirement of a trustee, the membership of the Trust may appoint a new trustee pending the election of a new officer to the post formerly occupied by the deceased or retiring trustee.

6. Legal Compliance

The Trust will adhere to all applicable trust and charity laws in the United Kingdom.

Amendments to this instrument require approval by a two-thirds majority of members at a general meeting.