CONSTITUTION

1.0 NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

1.1 The association will be known as Snowsport South.
1.2 Snowsport South shall cover the areas of Southern England designated by Snowsport England.

2.0 STATUS AND AIMS OF SNOWSPORT SOUTH

2.1 Snowsport South is a regional body of Snowsport England.
2.2 The aim of Snowsport South is to meet its responsibilities as contained in article 32 of Snowsport England articles of association.

3.0 OBJECTIVES OF SNOWSPORT SOUTH

3.1 To encourage and promote the sport of skiing in all disciplines at all levels.
3.2 To participate in the formation of Snowsport England policy and to support its implementation in the region.
3.3 To act as a forum for constituent member organisations and to assist them in furtherance of their legitimate objectives.
3.4 To represent the interests of snowsports in the region to all appropriate authorities.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership of Snowsport South shall be open to all Snowsports clubs or organisations which are registered with Snowsport England and have identified Snowsport South as primary or secondary affiliations subject to acceptance by the Executive committee (10.0).
4.2 Where a club is a small part of a larger club the clubs that make up the larger club will be considered for membership upon application as in 4.1.

5.0 PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1 A member organization (and their members) shall be entitled to be notified of, to attend and to vote (if qualified) at all general meetings of Snowsport South, to receive copies of Snowsport South papers, official publications and such other benefits as the Executive committee of Snowsport South shall determine.

6.0 GENERAL MEETINGS

6.1 An annual general meeting (referred to as AGM for the rest of this document) of Snowsport South shall be held during November of each year at a time and place determined by the Executive committee. Twenty-one (21) clear days notice shall be given to members who must advise the secretary of motions to be moved fourteen (14) days before the meeting. The secretary shall circulate an agenda not less than seven (7) days before the meeting.

6.2 The Jurisdiction of the AGM shall be to: -

a) Confirm the minutes of all meetings held subsequent to the last AGM
b) Receive the accounts for Snowsport South made up to the 30th September each year
c) Receive the annual reports of the Executive committee members
d) Elect the Executive officers of Snowsport South
e) Transact all other business received in writing as per 6.1 and included on the agenda

6.3 Special General meetings may be called by the Executive committee or on a request in writing to the secretary from not less than 3 member organisations. Not less than Twenty-eight (28) days notice of the meeting shall be given.

6.4 Nominations of candidates for election as Executive officers of Snowsport South shall be made in writing to the secretary not less than 14 days in advance of an AGM. All nominees must be members of member clubs or organisations with primary affiliation to Snowsport South.

6.5 At all meetings of Snowsport South the chair shall be taken by the Chairman or in his or her absence the vice chairman. In the event of neither being present within 20 minutes of the published start time, then the members present shall elect a chair for the meeting from amongst the officers present.

6.6 Every question to be decided at all meetings of Snowsport South with the exception outlined in 8.1 shall be by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the chairman shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

6.7 A quorum for a general committee meeting of Snowsport South will be a minimum of 2 Executive officers of the region and a minimum of 5 individuals who must, collectively, represent a minimum of 2 clubs or organisations within the region.

6.8 All member organisations of the region (and their members) are invited to attend but only one vote may be cast per member organisation under the requirements of 7.0.

7.0 VOTING RIGHTS

7.1 At an AGM each member club or member organisation has one vote (subject to current Snowsport England membership and 4.0) which shall usually be tendered by the club/organisation chairperson or their nominated deputy. Individuals have no voting rights.

7.2 At a meeting of the Executive committee each member of the committee has one vote.

7.3 At a general committee meeting, one vote is held by each member of the Executive committee (10.1), each non Executive officer (13.1), and the official representative of a member club or organisation (4.0).

7.4 Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless a secret ballot is requested by a majority (60%) of the members present.

7.5 Individuals under the age of 18 are not entitled to hold the vote of organisations or clubs, unless specifically agreed by the Executive Committee in advance of the meeting.

7.6 Snowsports clubs or organisations that are not current members of Snowsport South (4.0) do not have a vote.

8.0 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

8.1 Any proposed alteration or additions to the constitution may only be considered at an AGM or extraordinary general meeting (EGM) when notice has been validly given in accordance with clause 6 and shall be put to the vote at the meeting. Not less than 2/3 rds of the members present at that meeting must vote in favour for the proposed changes.

8.2 Any alterations or changes must be advised to Snowsport England. If Snowsport England have concerns over the changes they should advise the Snowsport South committee in writing within 30 days of the date of being notified. In this event, a joint meeting between Snowsport South and SSE should be convened within a further 30 days and an action plan agreed.

9.0 NOTICES

9.1 A notice or any other document may be served by Snowsport South upon any members personally, by E-mail, or by post addressed to the member at their last known postal address. The accidental omission to give such notice or other such document, or the non-receipt of such documents or notice by any member shall not invalidate any resolution passed or election connected to the aforementioned documents or notice.

9.2 Documents or notice of a meeting will be published on the Snowsport South website in accordance with the times required under clause 6.

10.0 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF SNOWSPORT SOUTH

10.1 The Executive officers of Snowsport South shall be honorary and consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Technical Officer. Vice Chairperson and Technical Officer shall be optional posts but their election shall constitute an Executive position.

10.2 The Executive officers of Snowsport South shall hold office for one year and be members of the Executive committee of Snowsport South.

10.3 Executive officers are responsible to the membership of Snowsport South for the day-to-day running of Snowsport South and must report their activities at each Executive committee meeting. Any appointment, new practice or other development may be put into effect immediately subject to 28 days cooling off period during which the membership may express any dissatisfaction with any changes.

10.4 The Executive committee may appoint non Executive officers to the committee for any purpose deemed in the interests of the development of snowsports within the region. Such posts may be re-elected annually and indefinitely but for one year tenures.

10.5 The membership of the Executive committee shall comprise of the Executive officers of Snowsport South.

10.6 A quorum of the Executive committee shall be 3 Executive officers (excepting the conditions for the AGM set out in 6.7).

12.0 DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

12.1 All members are appointed to represent the interests of snowsports in general and not only the views of their organization or interest group.
12.2 To manage the income and funds of Snowsport South and ensure that those funds are used solely for the furtherance of the objectives of Snowsport South.
12.3 In the event of dissolution of Snowsport South all funds will be transferred to SS England who will constitute a new body to represent the region.
12.4 In the event of dissolution of SS England, Snowsport South will be the regional representative of the new governing body set up by Sport England to replace them.
12.5 The committee shall cause proper accounting practices to be used for Snowsport South funds and shall present the accounts to the membership at each AGM.
12.6 Co-opt such other persons as is deemed necessary to fulfil Snowsport South's need.
12.7 Elect a minimum of one (1) representative to attend Snowsport England meetings.
12.8 Fill any vacancy on the Executive committee.
12.9 Accept member organisations into Snowsport South as notified by Snowsport England, subject to qualification criteria (4.1).
12.10 Appoint sub committees as and when necessary.
12.11 Deal with any circumstances not provided for in these rules.

13.0 NON EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

13.1 The Executive committee may appoint coordinators to represent other disciplines as required by the Executive Committee.
13.2 The role of the coordinator is to represent, promote and develop the discipline within Snowsport South.
13.3 The coordinators may form sub committees to further their ability to respond to requests from the Executive committee.
13.4 The coordinators are responsible to the membership via the Executive committee.
13.5 Documentation or notices will be published on the web site subject to ratification by the Executive committee.
13.6 Each member organisation, as defined in 4.1, shall be entitled to nominate a representative to attend meetings of the Executive Committee as Non Executive members.
13.7 Motions requiring a vote at Executive Committee may be voted upon by Non Executive Members subject to agreement by the Executive Committee. The Chair of the meeting (6.5) shall be responsible for ensuring that the vote is representative of the membership present.

14.0 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

14.1 E-mail is considered to be the same as normal mail for the purpose of communicating between Snowsport South and its members.
14.2 The membership will be notified of the outcome of all meetings by the publication of the minutes on the web site.