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ON-LINE BANKING AND THE MODEL CLUB CONSTITUTION

Clause 14 (“Finance”) of the Model Club Constitution makes reference to the club’s use of cheques when making payments.

For the avoidance of doubt, the constitution is not written to deliberately prevent on-line banking but rather it is a clause used by many sports in their standard club constitutions.

However, should clubs wish to have provision in their constitution to facilitate electronic/online banking etc they may do so; the provision regarding cheques is not a mandatory clause which must remain absolutely intact. The exact nature of the amendment will of course depend on the club’s banking arrangements but clubs should be aware that the clause will in effect prescribe how the club can enter into/complete financial transactions so should be very carefully considered.

The above notwithstanding, it is always recommended than more than one person sign off on any more than a token amount as a matter of Best Practice in order to ensure the security of the monies (as is required in the Model Club Constitution).

Clubs who already have adopted the Model Club Constitution would have to formally change their constitutions, by following the rule changing procedure set out in their constitution.