

Tunbridge Wells Rugby Football Club Limited

(RFU, KCRFU, KSRFUR, MCRFU)



TUNBRIDGE WELLS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED (“the CLUB”)

RULES

Introduction

1. As a Company Limited by Guarantee, the provisions of the various Companies Acts apply as a matter of law to the operation of the Club, including the provisions for members to call for a General Meeting of the Club, and the club has to act at all times in accordance with its Articles of Association.
2. The following specific rules of the Club are made pursuant to Article 17 of the Club’s Articles of Association. The terms used shall have the same meaning as in the Articles of Association. Where there is any inconsistency between these Rules and the Articles of Association, the provisions of the Articles of Association shall prevail.

Membership

3. Membership of the Club consists of Ordinary Membership and Temporary Membership.
4. ORDINARY membership consists of Voting Members and Non-Voting Members, none of whom may be admitted without an interval of at least two days between their application for Membership and their admission.
5. The Voting Members shall be over the age of 18 and be:
 - (i) Playing Members, who play for or at the Club;
 - (ii) Vice Presidents, including Life Vice-Presidents;
 - (iii) Family Members (other than Playing Members) who qualify for a subscription discount as volunteers; and
 - (iv) Social Memberswho have paid any annual subscription due either in full or in part under the payment arrangements as approved by the Board from time to time.
6. The Non-Voting Members shall be:
 - (i) Members under the age of 18 who play for or at the Club;
 - (ii) Family Members over the age of 18 other than those who are Voting Members in accordance with Rule 5 (iii);
 - (iii) Members of affiliated clubs constituted under their own rules which may be entitled to use the facilities of the Club as agreed by the Board from time to



time; and which have paid any annual subscription due either in full or in part under the payment arrangements as approved by the Board from time to time.

7. TEMPORARY membership is by invitation only to visiting clubs, supporters and guests for the day of the activity concerned only. Temporary members are not entitled to vote nor to be eligible for election to any committee or office of the Club.

Rights and Privileges of members

8. All Ordinary Members are entitled to receive all Club publications and such other membership rights as the Board shall from time to time determine. They are entitled to receive notice of and attend general meetings of the Club. Information will be notified to members in writing or by posting this information prominently on the Club's website,
9. In addition, Voting Members are entitled (under the Articles of Association) to vote at general meetings of the Club (either in person or through a proxy); propose and second candidates for election; and to such other voting membership rights as the Board shall from time to time determine.

Subscriptions

10. The annual subscriptions payable by members of the Club, subject to alteration as provided in Rule 11, shall be set by the Board from time to time in accordance with the Articles.
11. The subscription year shall be from 1 September to 31 August inclusive in each year, or such other period as the Board shall decide. Any changes in subscriptions made by the Board will be notified to members in writing or by posting this information prominently on the Club's website, on or before 1 August next following after the decision to make the increase and will take effect on the first day of September following such notification.
12. Members admitted at any time during the year shall pay the full annual subscription or at the discretion of the Board such proportion of the annual subscription as apportioned to represent the number of full months remaining in the subscription year.
13. In the event that a member's membership is terminated for any reason, no refund of a subscription shall be payable unless the Board decides otherwise.

Expulsion of members

14. The Board has the power to expel a member in accordance with Article 32 of the Articles of Association.

Rules concerning provision of intoxicating liquor on the Club Premises

15. The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be as permitted by the Club's Club Premises Certificate, and all activities shall be in accordance with the mandatory conditions annexed to that Certificate. Decisions taken by the nominated person of the Certificate shall be final.

16. Purchase for the Club and supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor is in the absolute discretion of the Licensing Committee appointed by the Board of not less than four members of the Board all of whom shall be over the age of 18.

17. If any member of the Licensing Committee for any reason ceases to be a member of the Club, he/she automatically ceases to be a member of the Committee, and another member must be appointed by the Board in his/her place.

18. The Licensing Committee must not in any way be restricted in freedom of purchase.

19. No one may at any time receive at the expense of the Club or any member any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.

20. No one may directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.

21. Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to members or anyone else on the Club's premises otherwise than by or on behalf of the Club.

22. No persons under the age of 18 shall be permitted to consume any intoxicating liquor and individuals who appear to be under 18 must be required to produce, on request and before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either a holographic mark or an ultraviolet feature.

23. Any Ordinary Member may introduce guests to the Club, and any player, coach, other team representative, match official or spectator attending the Club's premises (by invitation of the Club) who is not a member shall be a guest of the Board, provided that no one whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club may be introduced as a guest.

Organisation of the Club

24. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Board has overall responsibility for all matters relating to the Club, including its organisation.

25. The Board itself shall act as the Licensing Committee.

26. The day-to-day running of the Club is delegated by the Board to an Executive Committee which shall have two subordinate committees: the Development

Committee and the Facilities Committee. These three committees are empowered to create sub-committees as necessary, operating within the limits of the creating committee.

27. The Development Committee deals with the future plans and evolution of the Club.

28. The Facilities Committee deals with all aspects of the provision of facilities for all users of the Club. Membership of the Committee shall include a representative of Tunbridge Wells Borderers Cricket Club and in addition such representatives of other users of the facilities as the Chairman of the Committee shall deem appropriate.

29. Subject to Rules 15-22 above concerning the supply of intoxicating liquor and any rules concerning the use of the clubhouse or ground promulgated by the Facilities Committee, the Club is open at such times or periods as the Board or a member of one of the executive committees shall decide.

Interpretation of the Rules

30. The interpretation of the Rules shall be the prerogative of the Board.

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