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**North Dorset Rugby Club Rules**

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# **NORTH DORSET RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED (“THE CLUB”)**

## **RULES**

These rules of the Club are made pursuant to Article 2.1.11 and Article 42 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.

### **1. Membership**

The Club consists of Voting Members and Non-Voting Members.

### **2. Voting Members**

The Voting Members shall be:

- (i) fully paid up members of the Club who participate in playing rugby union (whether competitively or not) or other sports for or at the Club and who are over 18 years old (“Full Playing Members”);
- (ii) fully paid up members who have been appointed as vice presidents of the Club (“Vice Presidents”)

who are admitted to the Club by the Board upon application in accordance with the Articles; and

- (ii) individuals who have been elected as life members of the Club (“Honorary Members”) in accordance with Article 27.2.4.

### **3. Non-Voting Members**

The Non-Voting Members shall be:

- (i) people who participate in playing rugby union (whether competitively or not) for or at the Club and who are under the age of 18 and who are admitted to the Club by the Board upon application in accordance with the Articles (“Junior Members”);
- (ii) people who are temporary members of the Club (“Temporary Members”); and
- (iii) members who do not play rugby or other sports at the Club (“Non Playing Members”).

### **4. Rights and Privileges of members**

- 4.1 Voting Members are entitled (under the Articles of Association) to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings of the Club (either in person or through his proxy); propose and second candidates for election; receive all

Club publications; and to such other membership rights as the Club in general meeting shall from time to time determine.

- 4.2 Non-Voting Members are entitled to receive all Club publications and such other membership rights as the Club in general meeting shall from time to time determine. They are not entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings of the Club or propose and second candidates for election.

## **5. Entrance Fee**

There shall be such entrance fee for members as the Board may from time to time resolve in accordance with the Articles.

## **6. Subscriptions**

- 6.1 The annual subscription payable by members of the Club shall be set at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.2 Members admitted at any time during the year shall pay the full annual subscription.
- 6.3 In the event that a member's membership is terminated for any reason, no refund of a subscription or entrance fee shall be payable unless the Board decides otherwise.

## **7. Expulsion of Members**

The Board has power under the Articles to expel a member in accordance with Article 26.

## **8. General Committee**

- 8.1 The purpose of the General Committee is:
- (a) to represent the members in making recommendations to the Board;
  - (b) to represent particular aspects of the running and development of the Club;
  - (c) to uphold the Club policies, rules, ethos and values;
  - (d) to represent the Club in the community and the sport; and
  - (e) to support the Board.
- 8.2 The General Committee shall consist of:
- (a) the Board;
  - (b) the Chairs of the Youth, Mini and Ladies sections as elected by their sections;
  - (c) Captains of the 2, 3 and 4th XVs as elected by their teams and ratified by the AGM

- (d) the following representatives each voted into the position at the Club Annual General Meeting
- Club Captain (to be nominated by the 1st XV players and Head Coach)
  - Colts Manager
  - Vice Presidents' Secretary
  - Alicadoos Organiser
  - Club Coach Coordinator
  - Club Referee Coordinator
  - Fixtures Secretary
  - Membership Secretary
  - Schools Liaison Coordinator
  - First Aid and Medical Representative
  - Volunteer Coordinator

8.3 The President and other members of the Club may be invited to attend meetings of the General Committee but will not be entitled to vote.

8.4 The General Committee shall meet at least four times a year.

## **9. Rules concerning provision of alcohol on the Club Premises**

9.1 A Bar Committee shall be appointed by the General Committee which shall be chaired by the Director of Facilities and have two representatives of the General Committee

9.2 Purchase for the Club and supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor must be in the absolute discretion of the Bar Committee.

9.3 If any member of the Bar Committee for any reason ceases to be a Member, he automatically ceases to be a member of the Bar Committee, and another Member must be elected by the General Committee in his place.

9.4 The Bar Committee must not in any way be restricted in freedom of purchase.

9.5 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.

9.6 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.

## **10. Guests**

10.1 Any Member may introduce guests to the Club, 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. 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 General Committee.

- 10.2 A Member introducing a guest and any person introduced as a guest of the General Committee must enter the name and address of the guest together with the name of the introducer in a book which must be kept on the Club's premises. The exception to this shall be any player, coach, other team representative, match official or spectator attending the Club's premises for the purposes of playing or watching sport at the Club.

**11. Opening of Club premises**

The Club premises may be open as appropriate to serve the purposes of the Club..

**12. Permitted hours**

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor and provision of regulated entertainment shall be as permitted by the Club's Licence.

**13. Interpretation of the Rules**

The interpretation of the rules shall be the prerogative of the Board.