

Mackie Academy Former Pupils Rugby Football Club Constitution

Name and objects of the Club

1. The name of the club shall be the MACKIE ACADEMY FORMER PUPILS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (hereinafter called “the Club”). The Club shall be situated in Stonehaven at such place as the majority of members shall from time to time determine.
2. The objects of the club shall be to carry on the business of a rugby club, and in so doing, to promote by all proper means the sport of rugby in and around Stonehaven, and encourage social intercourse amongst members.
3. The club is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. Staff and volunteers will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and young people.

Membership

4. The election of members shall be vested solely in the Clubs General Committee.
5. Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of gender, race, occupation or religious, political or other opinion.
6. Members may be honorary, life, playing, non-playing, associate, coach or youth members.
6. Where a person has been nominated for membership this will be brought up at the next committee meeting and either accepted or declined.
7. Any playing or non-playing member of not less than six months standing may propose or second a candidate for membership and shall be able, from personal knowledge, to vouch for his or her respectability and fitness to be a member and both of them shall sign the nomination form as shall the candidate, who by so doing, shall pledge himself to abide by the rules of the Club now or hereafter in force in the event of being elected a member.

Subscriptions

8. Members shall be liable to pay annual subscription. The subscription shall be payable in advance on admission and subsequently on the 1st September each year and shall be such sums as may be determined by the General Meeting of the Club.

Life membership is available to playing and non-playing members, at a Fee set by the members at the AGM, with the provision that their membership has been maintained continuously for a period of five years.

9. If any member fails to pay his or her subscription within fourteen days after the same has become due, he/she shall be considered in arrears and a notice of the default shall be sent to him/her by the Honorary Secretary; and if after such notice has been sent and four month grace period has lapsed, he/she shall cease to be a member and his/her name shall be removed from the register of members.
10. No members in arrears, out with the grace period, shall be permitted to make use of the club or take part in its affairs. Playing members in arrears, out with the grace period, shall not be permitted to play for the Club.
11. The subscriptions shall be reviewed by the General Committee annually and recommendations made to the Club.

General Committee

- 12a. The Club operates an Equal Opportunities Policy where no one is denied the right to equal access on the grounds of age, race, creed, colour, disability, occupation, religion, sexual orientation or political persuasion or marital status or having or not having dependants. Where there is equality of opportunity in terms of the playing rights and the rights of playing and non-playing members to attend General Meetings, vote and hold office.
- 12b. The Club shall elect a General Committee by voting at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer,
- 12c. The Club shall also make election to a playing Committee by voting at the Annual general meeting of the club. Under the Chairmanship of the Vice-President the following shall be elected: Club Captain and Vice-Captain. Only playing members shall be entitled to vote in the election of Captain and Vice-Captain.
13. The General and Playing Committees shall meet on a regular basis as may be decided from time to time.
14. The General Committee shall be empowered to make the following appointments and any such others as may be required from time to time:
 - a. General Committee – Social Convener, House and Grounds, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.
 - b. Playing Committee – Senior Coach, Three Selectors, Fixture Secretary.
 - c. Youth Committee – As required.
 - d. Junior Committee – As required

15. All elected members of said committees shall remain in office until their successors are elected and at the end of their term shall be eligible for re-election. They shall also be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Club. The president shall have the casting vote.
16. Honorary Vice-Presidents and Honorary members may be elected by the Club at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the General Committee. Honorary Vice-Presidents and Honorary members will enjoy the privileges of membership but shall not be entitled to vote at any general meetings of the Club. The Honorary Vice-Presidents and Honorary members shall be persons of distinction in the world of rugby or those who have rendered valuable services to Rugby or the Club.

Voting

17. Right to attend, speak and vote at a General Meeting of the Club shall be confined to current life, senior playing, non-playing and coach members only.

Accounts

18. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that correct accounts and books shall be kept showing the financial affairs and intromissions of the Club.
19. The financial year of the club shall end on 30th April each year and the Committee shall procure that audited accounts are prepared and presented at the annual general meeting of the club.
20. The general Committee are authorised to seek over-draft and loan facilities for the Club to be used for Club business as and when the Treasurer sees fit under the direction of the General Committee.
21. The Club may in General Meeting authorise the General Committee to offer the Club premises as Security for loans provided to the Club.

Premises

22. The Club may in General Meeting authorise, by a majority of two thirds of those present and entitled to vote, the purchase or lease of premises suitable for the Club.

Trustees

23. The President and Vice-President of the Club for the time being shall ex-officio be Trustees for the Club and shall hold any Club heritable / leasehold property in their names as Trustees upon trust for the Club and for furthering the objects of the club.
24. The Trustees shall be entitled to grant security over the club premises if so authorised by the General Committee.

General Meetings

25. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within one month of the final senior league/Cup fixture and in any event before the end of June on a date to be fixed by the Committee.
26. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the Club notice board for at least fourteen clear days before the date appointed for the meeting.
27. Notice of any motion for inclusion in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing within 10 days of the posting of the notice summoning the meeting.
28. The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the Club notice board at least 7 clear days before the date appointed for the meeting. No business other than that specified on the agenda shall be transacted at the meeting.
29. At the Annual General Meeting a statement of affairs, balance sheet, income and expenditure account, and report of the Auditors shall be presented.
30. The Honorary Secretary shall summon General meetings as follows:
 - a. Upon the General Committee requesting an Extra-Ordinary General meeting by giving seven days written notice posted on the Club Notice board.
 - b. Upon receipt of a notice in writing signed by no less than nine members stating the objects of such meeting. Meetings summoned in this way shall be held within 21 days of the date of receipt of the request by the Honorary Secretary.
 - c. The notice calling a General Meeting shall specify the business to be transacted. No business other than that for which it is called shall be transacted at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

Cessation of membership

31. Membership shall terminate:
 - a. On resignation.
 - b. On non-payment of subscription.
 - c. On expulsion.
 - d. On death.
 - e. On being found guilty by the General Committee of bad behaviour on or off the field of play; or being guilty of conduct which is likely to bring the Club in to disrepute.

Selection Committee

32. The Selection Committee shall consist of the Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Second XV Captain, One coach and three selectors. Under the Chairmanship of the Club Captain it shall be empowered to appoint a full time Second XV

Captain and such other captains as may be necessary from time to time. These other XV Captains shall be consulted about selection.

33. The Club shall wear a red shirt bearing a Mackie Academy FP RFC logo black shorts and black socks with red tops, or such other colours as the Club in General Meeting shall decide.

Change of Address

34. Any members changing his address shall, within fourteen days, give notice to the Honorary Secretary in writing of such address, and until such notice is given all communications and notices sent to his last address shall be deemed to have been served upon the member.

Amendment of Rules

35. The rules of the Club shall not be amended, suspended, or added to in any way except by a resolution at a General Meeting of the Club convened for that purpose. The consent of two thirds of those present at the meeting and entitled to vote in a General Meeting shall be required for any amendment or alteration.

Dissolution of Club

36. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all the Club's debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objectives (that is, aims and activities) similar to the objects of the Club, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of the dissolution, and in so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable objects.

Definitions

37. In these rules, including this rule, unless the subject matter or context are inconsistent therewith:
 - a. Words importing the singular or plural shall include the plural or singular respectively.
 - b. Unless the contrary intention appears, words denoting the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine.

*As approved by Club Membership at Extra-Ordinary General Meeting
Convened at Heugh Hotel, Stonehaven on Thursday 11th November 2010.
Signed*

*R. C. C. Richmond
Club President & Chair of EGM*

*L. G. Brown
Club Executive Honorary Secretary*