

# **Dyce RFC Constitution**

## **1. NAME**

The Club will be called "The Dyce Rugby Football Club". The Registered Address will be C/o Ythanside, Riverside drive, Methlick AB41 7HN. Any second team of the clubs shall be entitled, at the discretion of the management committee, to use any name directly derived from the name of the club.

## **2. OBJECTS**

The objects of the Club will be to facilitate the practice and play of Rugby Football, for the development of players at all levels and for all sections of the community, either directly or through other organisations.

## **3. AFFILIATION**

The Club may also join with other Clubs to form an association, or hold shares in a limited company, where that association or limited company has been formed

- i. with the objective of representing and promoting the joint views of its participating Clubs or members in the management development and marketing of Rugby Union Football.
- ii. And to develop the business of Rugby Football on behalf of the Club, and where the Committee of the Club is of the view that joining such an association or limited company is in the best interests of the Club, its players, and its members.

## **4. MEMBERSHIP**

- i. 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 age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, political or other opinion.
- ii. Candidates for membership should complete the appropriate application form and their election, subject to payment of the relevant subscription, will be by the Management Committee who will have the power to reject any application but not on any of the grounds set forth in Clause 4(i) hereof. The Club will maintain an up-to-date register of members. Membership will be in the following classes:

- a. Life Members: -Life Membership will be accorded on the decision of the Management Committee to persons who have rendered outstanding service to the Club.
- b. Honorary Vice-Presidents.
- c. Ordinary Members: -Ordinary membership will be open to the following groups: Members, Playing Members, Senior Members, Student Members and Overseas Members. Senior Membership is restricted to persons who qualify by age for the state pension. Student membership is restricted to persons over seventeen years and under twenty-five years of age on 1st September in full time education. Overseas membership is restricted to persons whose normal place of residence is outside the UK.
- d. Junior Members: -Junior Membership is restricted to persons under eighteen years of age on 1st September, specifically including all members of the Club's mini section should it be formed.
- e. Temporary memberships.: -Guest players, players and officials of clubs/teams invited to play Rugby Football at Dyce and their members, will be awarded temporary membership restricted to the period of their visit.
- iii. Any member found guilty of improper conduct will be expelled by a majority at a Management Committee Meeting called for that purpose, of which the member will get special notice. Before a vote is taken, the member will be at liberty to give any explanation he/she may desire.

## **5. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- i. The Annual Subscriptions will be due on or before 1st September in each year, or immediately after election and any member who has not paid his/her subscription by 1st November that year, provided that member has received written warning from the Club, may at the discretion of the Management Committee, cease to be a member of the Club and forfeit all rights to a claim from the Club and its assets.
- iii. Annual Subscriptions may be altered from time to time at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- iv. Subscriptions will cover  
  
Representative matches, junior and semi-junior matches, Seven-a-Side sports, National Cup second team league and second cup and any other games as designated by the Management Committee.

## **6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS**

- i. These will be elected as after mentioned by ballot by the general body of members at the Annual General Meeting.
- ii. The affairs of the Club will be in the hands of a Management Committee consisting of: President, Vice-President, and the immediate Past President (for a minimum of one year, maximum of two years).
  - a Secretary, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary and Director of Rugby Development, each appointed for a one-year term but on the expiry of said term each office bearer herein referred to shall be eligible for re-election. Nominations for these positions by the outgoing Management Committee will be published on the notice calling the Annual General Meeting and it will be open to the membership of the Club to make other nominations of persons for appointment to these specific positions, properly nominated and seconded in writing to the club secretary at least three days before the meeting or on the day of the AGM.
  - b. Other members may be co-opted as required by the management committee.
- iii. At the Management Committee meetings, five will form a quorum, and the President or, in his absence, the Vice-President, will act as Chairman.
- iv. The Management Committee will hold regular meetings, and will have full powers to fill, by co-option, any vacancies which may occur in the Management Committee during the year. Such vacancies must be proposed and seconded by members of the Committee and the person appointed must have given his agreement beforehand and must be a member of the Club.
- v. The Management Committee will have the power to decide on the validity of a member at a meeting.
- vi. Any decision of the Management Committee or general meeting can only be reversed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting called for that purpose.

- vii. Any payments, which may be made to players, coaches, or officials, must be authorized by the Management Committee. No ordinary member of the Management Committee shall receive any remuneration for his services to the Club unless such remuneration has been approved by the said Committee.

## **7. GENERAL MEETINGS**

- i. The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on a date within the first two weeks of June in each year or another suitable date agreed by the management committee.
- ii. The President will submit a report on the activities of the Club during the previous year the Club's financial year will be from 1st June - 31st May and the correct accounts and books will be kept showing the financial affairs and intromissions of the Club. A financial report and financial statements for the previous year will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. The Bank Account will be kept in the name of the Club and every cheque drawn thereon will be signed by the president or any two persons drawn from those holding the office of Treasurer, Vice-President or others as designated in Clause 6(ii)(a) or (ii)(b).
- iii. A copy of the Club's financial statements will be available to members during the Annual General Meeting.
- iv. The members of the Club will have an opportunity of raising any business in connection with the Club, except that notice of motion to make grants from Club funds must be sent to the Secretary in writing not later than 1st June prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- v. A special General Meeting will be called by the Secretary on
  - a. The authority of the Management Committee, or
  - b. A requisition stating the object for which the meeting is desired and signed by not fewer than fifteen members.
- vi. Seven clear days' notice will be given of all general and special meetings. In the case of a special general meeting the notice will state the purpose for which the meeting is called, and no other business will be transacted at that meeting
- vii. Only Life Members, Honorary Vice-Presidents and Ordinary Members will be entitled to vote at the general meetings of the Club.

#### **8. RESTRICTIONS**

Except with the prior sanction of a Motion passed by nine-tenths majority of those present and entitled to vote at a properly convened general meeting of the Club, the Club shall not dispose of any of the fixed assets other than old playing kit and equipment of the Club, in whole or in part.

#### **9. DRESS OF THE CLUB**

The dress of the Club will be dark blue, sky blue and maroon for the first team. Any second team may wear any combination of the above. The Presidents select will wear any colours at the discretion of the President.

#### **10. VESTING OF CLUB PROPERTY**

The property of the Club shall be vested in the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the time being as Trustees ex officio of the Club. The Management Committee shall have power to borrow funds from the Club's Bank or other ending institution, but in the event that said Bank or institution requires heritable security for such a loan, the Trustees will have power to grant such heritable security over the Club's heritable assets, but only after the approval of the members present at a general meeting of the Club has been obtained for such a secured loan.

#### **11. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION**

No alteration or addition to the foregoing constitution will be made except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose of considering alteration or addition, and then only on receiving the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting. Notice of the proposed alteration or addition must be sent to the Hon. Secretary, in writing, not later than fourteen days before any such meeting. In every case the terms of the proposed alteration or addition will be printed on the notice calling the meeting.

#### **12. EQUALITY**

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, gender, disability, occupation, religion, sexual orientation or political persuasion or marital status or having or not having dependents. There is equality of opportunity in terms of the playing rights and the rights of the members to attend General Meetings, vote and hold office.

### **13. CHILD PROTECTION**

The Club is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care. It recognizes 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.

### **14. DISSOLUTION**

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 organization or organizations having objects (that is, aims and activities) similar to the objects of the Club, such organization or organizations 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 eg the Bill McLaren trust.

