NEWARK RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED ("THE CLUB")

RULES and PROCEDURES

These 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.

1. Membership

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

2. Voting Members

The Voting Members shall be:

- (i) people who participate in playing rugby union (whether competitively or not) for or at the Club and who are over 18 years old ("Playing Members");
 - (ii) coaches and/or officials who represent the Club in that capacity,
- (iii) administrators and volunteers who have qualities to promote the objects of the Club, and

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

(v) people who have been elected as Honorary Life Members and Vice Presidents of the Club in accordance with Article 32.

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"); (A young person under the age of 18 may join the club as a member of the Mini Rugby Section or the Youth Rugby Section).
- (ii) people who are supporters of the Club ("Social Members"); (A person may join the Social Member for an annual subscription which shall be levied in accordance with a sum agreed by the Board.)

4. Rights and Privileges of members

- (i) Voting Members are entitled (under the Articles of Association) to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings of the Club; 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.
- (ii) 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.** Club Colours. The colours of the Club shall be navy blue shirts, white hoops, white collars, navy blue shorts and navy blue socks.

6. Subscriptions

- (a) The annual subscription payable by members of the Club, subject to alteration as provided later in this rule, shall be levied in accordance with a sum by resolution at the AGM in accordance with the Articles. The Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members shall not be required to pay an annual subscription but they will be invited to make an annual donation to the Club.
- (b) The subscription year shall be from 1st August to 31st July inclusive in each year. Any change in subscription will be notified to members by being included in any notice, newsletter, or similar document posted to the member by being addressed to him at his last known address, or by posting this information prominently on the Website, on or before 31st July next following after the decision to make the increase and will take effect on the 1st August following such notification.
- (c) Members admitted at any time during the year shall pay such proportion of the annual subscription as apportioned to represent the number of full months remaining in the subscription year.
- (d) 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
- (e) Arrears of Subscription:
- (i) A playing member shall not be selected to play in any match if his annual subscription is not paid before the 1st October of the current season.
- (ii) A playing member who owes any subscriptions to the Club shall not play in any game or match until such subscription has been completely paid.
- **7. Match fees.** A member playing in a match for the Club shall pay a match fee which is levied at the Board's recommendation.
- **8. Expulsion of Members** The Board has power under the Articles to expel a member in accordance with Article 31. The Board shall have the power to expel any member who shall offend against the Rules of the Club or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Board render him unfit for membership of the Club. Before any such Member is expelled the Secretary shall give him seven days notice to attend a Meeting of the Board which shall contain particulars of

the complaints made against him. No member shall be expelled without first having an opportunity to appear before the Board and answering the complaints made against him nor unless at least two-thirds of the Board then present vote in favor of the expulsion.

9. Rules concerning provision of alcohol on the Club Premises

- (a) Purchase for the Club and supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor must be in the absolute discretion of a sub-committee of not less than four. Members being, Members over the age of 18 elected for that purpose by the Members.
- (i) If any member of the sub-committee for any reason ceases to be a Member, he automatically ceases to be a member of the sub-committee, and another Member must be elected by the Members in his place.
 - (ii) The sub-committee must not in any way be restricted in freedom of purchase.

(b) Commission

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.

(c) Opening of Club premises .

The Club is open between 9a.m and 4.30 on each day or at such other times or for such other periods as the Management Committee shall decide.

(d) Permitted hours

- (i) The club premises may be open for the supply of intoxicating liquors from 9am until 2am every day. Alcohol is not to be supplied to members on the premises otherwise by or on behalf of the Club.
- (ii) Non-standard times. Supply of alcohol only. The premises may supply alcohol from 8 am on the broadcast of televised national or international rugby matches. This shall apply on no more than 12 occasions per calendar year, with at least 14 days notice to the police and licensing authority.
- (e) Use of Clubhouse. Members may use the Clubhouse for family occasions on application to the lettings sub-committee and on payment of a fee to be set by the Board from time to time.
- **10.** The Board shall elect a Finance Director who shall be responsible for the production of management accounts to the Board and Members.
- **11 Interpretation of the Rules.** The interpretation of the rules shall be the prerogative of the Board.