

# CLUB RULES

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## 1. NAME AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Club shall be governed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Twickenham Rugby Football Club Limited (TRFC Limited).
- 1.2 The Club shall be managed by the Board of TRFC Ltd in accordance with Article 6 of its Articles of Association.
- 1.3 In all its rugby and related sporting activities the Club shall be known as the “Twickenham Rugby Football Club”.
- 1.4 The Club shall be affiliated to the Rugby Football Union, to the London Society of Rugby Union Referees and the Middlesex County Rugby Football Union
- 1.5 The principal purpose of the Club shall be to play and to promote the playing of the amateur sport of Rugby Union Football and community participation in the same, and to make available facilities to support this.
- 1.6 The Club shall be a registered Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) and shall adhere to the terms of such registration.

## 2. THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Club shall be managed by the Board in accordance with the Articles of Association of TRFC Ltd. In accordance with Article 6, the Board will delegate operational management of the club to members of the Operations Committee (the Committee) under the Chairmanship of the Chief Operating Officer whose members will include the following:

The Operations Committee

- The Club Captain
- The Communication Secretary
- The Secretary of Senior Rugby
- The Secretary of Junior Rugby
- The Secretary of Mini Rugby
- The Facilities Secretary
- The Income Secretary
- The Social & Community Secretary
- The Chairman of the Development Task Group
- The Club Volunteer Coordinator
- The Hon. Secretary

The Chief Operating Officer shall be responsible for calling meetings of the Operations Committee at such times and places as it shall from time to time determine;

The Chief Operating Officer shall call such a meeting to set annual budgets for the rugby playing sections of the Club and shall present the budgets to the Board for approval.

The Committee shall be entitled to appoint sub-committees and delegate to such sub- committees any of the powers of the Committee.

### **3. PLAYING ORGANISATION**

3.1 The Club colours shall be red and black irregular hooped jerseys and socks and black shorts.

3.2 Playing members shall be responsible for providing themselves with jerseys, shorts and socks in the Club colours and rugby boots and optional protective items.

3.3 The Club shall field such number of teams of players as the number of available playing members may dictate and as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

3.4 The Club shall play against such other teams and enter and promote such competitions both at home and away, as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

3.5 The senior teams shall be selected through a process defined by the Secretary of Senior Rugby and outlined at the start of the season.

3.6 During the course of or at the end of any season the Club Board may at its discretion award Honours Caps to not more than two eligible members. An eligible member shall be a member who:

- i) Was a fully paid up Full Playing Member for the whole or part of the previous season;
- ii) Is a fully paid up Full Playing Member during the season for which the Cap is awarded, and
- iii) Shall have played for the 1st XV of the Club throughout the season for which the Cap is awarded unless prevented from doing so by sickness or injury.

3.7 At the Annual Dinner the Club shall award Club colours to all eligible members. An eligible member shall be a member who:

- i) Has, since the last Annual Dinner, played his 250th Senior game for the Club;
- ii) Was a fully paid up Full Playing Member for the season in which the 250th game was played.

Club colours will take the form of a suitably engraved commemorative tankard.

3.8. In accordance with the requirements and regulations of the Rugby Football Union and the Middlesex County RFU, the Club shall appoint a Disciplinary Sub-Committee which will be responsible for implementation of the Club Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.

### **4. MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

4.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

4.2 Membership will be managed in accordance with Articles 30, 31 and 32 of the Articles of Association of TRFC Limited in a manner compliant with the requirements attached to the Club's CASC registration relating to non-participating members.

4.3 There shall be the following categories of membership:

a) Full Playing Membership: this Membership shall be for the purpose of playing rugby football and carries entitlement for the member to the use of all Club facilities, and for the member to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Club

b) Club Membership: this membership covers non-playing members. This membership carries entitlement to the use of all Club facilities and for the individual to be a Voting Member of the club.

c) Family Membership: this membership is available to families of players in the Mini and Junior sections and covers players and those siblings who participate in rugby; it also provides for one

parent or guardian per family to be a Voting Member of the club

c) Social Membership: this Membership carries the entitlement to the use of the social facilities of the Club and take part in Social Functions but excludes the use of all playing facilities and excludes the right to vote at any General Meeting of the Club.

## **5. ACCOUNTS**

Accounts will be kept by the Hon. Treasurer in accordance with the statutory requirements arising from the incorporation of TRFC Limited.

All monies received will be paid into an account at a bank approved by the Board of TRFC Limited.

All cheques drawn by the bank shall be signed by the Hon. Treasurer or one of the designated signatories to be appointed by the Board.

## **6. BAR**

The bar shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the terms of the License granted as the same may be varied from time to time.

## **7. OWNERSHIP OF ASSETS**

All assets in the club including freehold and leasehold property are to be vested in TRFC Limited

## **8. DISCIPLINE**

8.1 Matters of discipline on or around the field of play under the jurisdiction of the RFU are covered in 2.8 above.

8.2 In accordance with Article 32 of the Memorandum of Association of Twickenham Rugby Football Club Limited, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee established by the Board will review any case brought to the notice of the Club officers which is considered likely to endanger the welfare, reputation or good order of the club and take appropriate action in accordance with the Club Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.