

RULES

1. The name of the Club shall be Burnley Rugby Union Football Club.
2. The Club shall be affiliated to the Rugby Football Union and the Lancashire County Rugby Football Union.
3. The Club shall be a 'not for profit' organisation.
4. The objects of the Club shall be the promotion of Rugby Football in accordance with the Rules of the Rugby Football Union and such other games and pastimes as the Committee may in its discretion allow and to provide a place for social activities throughout the year.
5. The Club forms part of Belvedere & Calder Vale Sports Club and these rules shall only apply to the membership of the Rugby Section of the Sports Club.
6. The Officers of the Club shall consist of President, Senior Vice President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Fixture Secretary.
 - a) The Officers of the Club shall deal with any urgent matters connected with the running of the Club; four members shall form a quorum. They will be answerable to the General Committee.
 - b) The General Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club and should endeavour to meet every month.
 - c) All Officers and members of the General Committee are to be elected annually at the General Meeting. The President shall serve for a maximum of two years and may not be re-elected to that post for two years following his/her turn of office.
 - d) The Club Chairman shall act as Chairman of all meetings of the General Committee and in the event of a tie in any vote; the Chairman shall have the casting vote. In his or her absence, the officers present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting from amongst them.
 - e) Six days notice must be posted of any General Committee meeting.
 - f) The General Committee shall consist of the Officers and the following persons:
 - i Junior Committee Chairman or deputy
 - ii Playing Committee Chairman or deputy
 - iii Social Committee Chairman or deputy
 - iv Team Secretary
 - v County Representative
 - vi Representatives of the Club to the Belvedere & Calder Vale Executive Committee.
 - vii Three members elected at the AGM.
 - g) No Officer of the Club or General Committee shall be less than eighteen years of age at the date of election. The General Committee at its discretion shall have the power to co-opt any Club member to its number on a temporary basis. Any person so appointed shall retire at the next General Meeting, at the latest.
 - h) Eight members, (including at least three Officers), attending a properly convened meeting of the General Committee shall constitute a quorum.
 - i) The General Committee shall delegate the day to day running of the Club to three Subcommittees: Junior, Playing and Social
 - j) The composition, objectives and powers of the Sub-committees shall be determined, from time to time, by the General Committee. The Chairmen of the three Sub-committees shall be elected annually at the General Meeting.
7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year at the, close of the Rugby Football season and fifteen months shall not elapse without such an Annual General Meeting being held.
8. The General Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time when any question of urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so on receiving a requisition in writing signed by at least 20 'Voting' Members of the Club. At least fourteen days notice of any General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted and the day, place and hour of the meeting shall be posted to the known addresses of all Voting Members and displayed in a prominent position on the Notice Board in the Club foyer.
9. At General Meetings all Life Members, Playing Members & Vice Presidents shall be entitled to one vote on each and every proposal upon which a ballot is taken. In the case of a proposal receiving an equal number of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote only.
10. Subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee of the Sports Club and to the rules of the Sports Club

the General Committee shall be empowered to expel any Member who is guilty of conduct, which in the opinion of the Committee 'has reflected discredit on the Club, but before such expulsion the committee shall ask for his or her resignation.

11. Any member, who has not paid his subscription to the Sports Club for the current year by the date appointed by the Sports Club from time to time for the payment of subscriptions, shall not be eligible to play in any game. '
12. The club is required by the Rugby Football Union, to appoint a Disciplinary Committee charged with the responsibility of maintaining discipline within the, club (with particular reference to the' field of play'). The club shall comply with all requirements that the Rugby Football Union may, from time to time, stipulate with regards to discipline. A copy of the Clubs Disciplinary Code shall be annexed to these rules and kept by the Secretary with the Rules of the Club.
13. The Club colours shall be old gold and royal blue 'hooped' jerseys, navy blue shorts and royal blue stockings with 'hooped' tops (to complement the jerseys). Each member representing the Club shall wear the club colours.
14. No Rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered and no new Rules shall be made, save by a two third majority of the Members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting. Notice of a General Meeting or Special General Meeting at which there is a proposal to amend the Rules of the Club shall be given by displaying details of the Meeting and the business to be discussed in a prominent position on the Notice Board in the Club foyer and by posting the same, details to the known addresses of all Voting Members at least one calendar month before the Meeting.
15. Any proposed alteration to the Rules shall be given in writing and signed by at least 20 'Voting' Members of the Club to the Secretary. The notice convening a General Meeting shall be posted within one calendar month following receipt of such a proposal.
16. The Secretary, or deputy, shall keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings of meetings of the Officers & General Committee, which must be signed and dated by the Chairman or President of the Club upon adoption.
17. The membership status shall be: -
 - i **Life Member** - which shall entitle the holder to all the privileges of the Club for **life**.
 - ii **Playing Member** - which shall entitle the holder to all the privileges of the Club for **1 year**.
 - iii **Vice President** - which shall entitle the holder to all the privileges of the Club for **1 year**. but does not entitle them to the use of any of the sporting facilities of the Club
 - iv **Associate Member** - which shall entitle the holder to use such facilities of the Club for **1 year** upon such terms as the General Committee shall from time to time decide, but does not entitle them to vote at any General Meeting or apply to or through the Club for International Tickets.
 - v **Student Member** - which shall entitle the holder to use such facilities of the Club for **1 year** (during which that member shall be engaged in full time education) upon such terms as the General Committee shall from time to time decide, but does not entitle them to vote at any General Meeting or apply to or through the Club for International Tickets.
 - vi **Junior Member** - which shall entitle the holder to use such facilities of the Club for **1 year** (during which that member shall be under eighteen years of age) upon such terms as the General Committee shall from time to time decide, but does not entitle them to vote at any General Meeting or apply to or through the Club for International Tickets.
18. The General Committee of the Club shall decide the rate of Subscription for each class of member from time to time. All Subscriptions will be due on the first day of September.
19. If the General Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club it shall call a meeting of all members of the Club, of which not less than one calendar month's notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given.

If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting the General Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club as the members of the Club may determine, (eg. the RFU Charitable Trust, the Lancashire Youth Trust or another Rugby Union Club in the Burnley or Pendle area), or failing that shall be applied for some other charitable purpose.

A copy of the statement of accounts, or account and statement for the final accounting period of the Club must be made available to any interested party.

Burnley Rugby Union Football Club is a member of Belvedere and Calder Vale Sports Club which owns the grounds and associated equipment; the clubhouse and contents; and the changing rooms and contents. The property of the Sports Club is vested in a board of Trustees appointed by the Club.

20. The General Committee are empowered to make, repeal and amend any such bylaws as they from time to time consider necessary for the well being of the Club; which bylaws, repeals and amendments shall have effect until otherwise determined by the General Committee or a General Meeting,
21. The numerical membership, the election of members and all individual changes in membership shall be at the discretion of the General Committee.
22. Two Officers of the Club from the Chairman, President or Secretary shall sign and date a copy of the Rules of the Club. The Secretary shall keep them, copies of which will be made available to any member of the Club.

Ends.