

1. The name of the Club shall be "Congleton Rugby Union Football Club". Congleton Rugby Football Club is the Trading Company of Congleton Rugby Football Club Limited.
2. The Officers of the Club shall be the:

President	Chairman
Secretary	Treasurer
Chairman / Director of Senior Rugby	Chairman / Director of Junior Rugby
Bar Committee Chairman	Fixture Secretary

These Officers shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), in accordance with the terms detailed in the Articles of Association.

The above Officers form the Club's Executive Committee empowered to act on behalf of the Club between meetings of the General Purposes Committee, decisions being taken by simple majority with any spend limited to £5,000.

3. The Club shall be managed by a Committee of up to 24 members which shall be called the General Purposes Committee, hereinafter referred to as the GP Committee, and shall consist of

Officers of the Club	All Team Captains
House & Grounds Chairman	Match Secretary
Social Chairman	Club Safeguarding Officer

Cheshire RFU Representative plus other elected members up to the
GP Committee maximum of 24.

All members of the GP Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, or General Meeting of necessary, in accordance with the terms detailed in the Articles of Association.

Five such members shall form a quorum.

The GP Committee shall have the power to co-opt or appoint any Member to the GP Committee or to any office or position not filled.

4. Should the need arise for disciplinary action to be taken against a Member in reference to offences that are not covered in the Rugby Football Union Regulations a minimum of four members of the GP Committee shall form a disciplinary sub-committee.

This process is detailed in the Articles of Association.

5. The purchase of intoxicating liquor for and supply by the Club shall be in at the absolute discretion of a Bar Committee of not less than four members of the GP Committee and appointed by the GP Committee for that purpose.

In the event of any Member ceasing to be a member of the GP Committee he or she shall automatically cease to be a member of the Bar Committee and another member of the GP Committee shall be appointed in his or her place.

6. The GP Committee shall recommend the acceptance of a potential new member to the Board. Election to Membership shall be by a simple majority of the GP Committee.

Members are liable for £1 as defined in the Articles of Association #4

7. The Selection Committee shall consist of all team captains and vice captains, chaired by the Director of Senior Rugby. Others may be co-opted as required.
8. Members selected but unable to play must inform their captain or Director of Senior Rugby no later than the Thursday evening of that week.
9. Membership shall be divided into the following classes:
 - I. President, Vice Presidents, Honorary Vice Presidents (hereinafter referred to as HVPs) and Honorary Life Members (hereinafter referred to as HLMs).
 - II. Senior playing Members aged 18 or over on 1st Sept of the year of the AGM.
 - III. Student playing Members over 18 i.e. Members receiving full time education.

- IV. Junior playing Members i.e. Members yet to attain their eighteen birthday.
- V. Social Members i.e. non-playing Members.
- VI. Associate members i.e. Available to Members of other societies using the Club facilities.

Persons included in classes I and II above are defined as being Full Members of the Club.

Only Full Members and members of the GP Committee are entitled to vote at a General Meeting of Members, provided they have paid their annual subscription in accordance with Rule 12.

Upon the payment of a playing membership fee then that Member's immediate family automatically becomes Social Members of the Club. Membership of the 200+Club also provides Social Membership of the Club.

In the case of a playing Member other than in class VI this is taken to mean the Member's spouse or partner and their children. In the case of class VI, Junior playing Members, this means the Member's parents or guardians.

Where more than one member of a family is a playing Member of the Club then each such playing Member must pay the appropriate annual subscription.

Annual membership fees shall be decided at a General Meeting.

Weekly Match fees will be determined as required by the GP Committee.

Members are required to keep the Club informed of any changes to contact details including Addresses, Phone Numbers, Email Addresses.

- 10. A Member will be liable for the current season's subscription, other than in accordance with Rule 11, unless the Member resigns by notice in writing to the Secretary before the first day of September of the year of the General Meeting.
- 11. No Member, other than HVPs and HLMS, shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club whose subscription shall not have been paid on or before the 31st day of October of the year of the AGM.

The GP Committee may, at its discretion, by resolution to be recorded in the minutes, postpone or remit the payment of any subscription or any part thereof.

- 12. A Member of any class shall be at liberty to introduce as that Member's guest not more than two persons on any one day.

A guest or guests shall be accompanied by the Member by whom the guest or guests have been introduced and the names of all guests shall be entered in the Visitors' Book kept at the Club premises together with the signature of the Member introducing the guest or guests. All guests would be required to conform in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

The GP Committee members or duty bar staff may at any time determine the suitability of Member's guests and request that they leave the premises.

The GP Committee may at any time review the admittance of Members Guests and if deemed appropriate, request that regular Members Guests become Members of the Club.

- 13. No gambling, drunkenness, bad language or disorderly conduct shall be permitted on the Club premises. Any infringement of this Rule will render the person so offending liable to expulsion from the premises and membership of the Club if appropriate.
- 14. The Club premises shall be opened as directed by the GP Committee.
Intoxicating liquor shall be supplied on the Club premises to Members and their Guests in accordance with the permitted hours laid down in the Club Premises Certificate.
- 15. All monies shall be paid into the Club's bank accounts. All payments there from shall be authorised by two of the signatories determined by the GP Committee. Where standing orders or direct debits are required these will be authorised in the same way and recorded by the Treasurer.
- 16. Every Member shall be entitled to a copy of the Rules of the Club and shall be deemed to be conversant with and be bound by the Rules and Bye Laws in force for the time being. The decision of the Committees to the interpretation of any Rule or Bye-Law shall be final and conclusive.
- 17. The GP Committee may from time to time make bye-laws, not inconsistent with these Rules, for the conduct of Members and the governing of the affairs of the Club. A copy of the bye-laws must be

made available for inspection on request by any Member.

18. No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club or any Member thereof, any commission, percentage or similar payment of or with reference to purchase of intoxicating liquor by the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club for Members or guests apart 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.
19. The taking on of any financial liabilities that may present a risk to the continuance of the Club's operation shall be referred to a General Meeting.

Rus Williams
Chairman
August 22nd 2011