

# Mancunians RL



*Expression of interest to join the  
Co-operative Championships in 2015*

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Official Partners



# Our Offer

***"Whatever Manchester does today – the world does tomorrow" Benjamin Disraeli***

*Mancunians RL would like to submit an expression of interest to the Rugby Football League to join the Co-operative Championships in 2015.*

*The club is in a unique geographic position. Situated on the edge of rugby league's traditional heartlands, Manchester is widely regarded as the UK's second city and is a centre for world-class sport.*

*But even though the city is a short distance away from rugby league areas such as*

*Salford and Oldham, the development of rugby league is still in its infancy, but is bearing early fruit.*

*Through its close links with Manchester City Council, business partners and sponsors, Mancunians RL is able to call on support from the highest levels.*

*Executive members of Manchester City Council class themselves as supporters of Mancunians RL and take an active interest in the clubs development.*

## Who are we?

***MANCUNIANS RL*** was founded in 2009 and joined the Rugby League Merit League.

*In their inaugural season they were able to field two full teams on several occasions due to the sheer numbers of players interested in the club.*

*The club was awarded Merit League Club of the year in 2009.*

*The club joined the Co-operative Rugby League Conference in 2010 and were crowned regional champions at the first attempt and promoted to the North West Premier division of the Rugby League Conference for 2011*

*The club has made rapid strides in the two short years since its foundation. Mancunians RL now operates two adult teams, and will be adding women's & junior teams to its portfolio in 2011.*

## The Facility

*The Club plays at Broughton Park FC, home of Broughton Park Rugby Union Club. The venue is less than 3 miles from Manchester city centre and located close to the M60 orbital route giving access to the motorway network.*

*The venue recently was host to Argentina International rugby union team prior to their international game against England at Old Trafford.*

*The facility offers 6 dressing rooms, 2 first aid rooms, match officials room, disabled toilet, toilets for both genders and retail facility on the ground floor area. On the first floor there are offices, kitchen, bar and club room area with licence for 250 people and a grand stand which can accommodate 200 people standing.*

*The club is situated on Hough End, a large, council owned area measuring 2sq miles, containing 34 football pitches, 2 Gaelic Football pitches, 3 rugby pitches, nature trails and grassland.*

# The Club

*The Club is currently constituted using a standard Sport England constitution, but from October 1, 2011, the club will be remodelled to be an Independent Provident Society (IPS) similar in nature to that of Rochdale Hornets and Bramley Buffaloes.*

*We are currently working with Supporters Direct to adopt their model rules and we are also undertaking a consultation exercise with our members.*

*The current board consists of five members:*

*Chairman – Stefan Hopewell*

*Vice Chairman – Mark Davies*

*Secretary – John Price*

*Treasurer – Tom Haworth*

*Events Officer – Danny Chadwick*

## The Vision

*Following the end of the 2010 season, we carried out a review exercise with our members who overwhelmingly supported our vision to build a club that reflected the size and stature of the UK's second city.*

*With that vision in mind, we embarked on an ambitious plan to prepare the club for growth. Funding was secured to employ a full time community coach with our partners at The Manchester College, community development was started in the vicinity immediately surrounding the club and a consultant was engaged on a voluntary basis to reconstitute the club to an IPS to enable it to trade safely and efficiently.*

## Next Steps

*We would welcome a meeting with the RFL to discuss our plan to bring professional rugby to Manchester.*

*We have discussed our plans with all stakeholders who are all supportive of our ambitions.*

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