



FARNHAM RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED (the "Club")

CLUB RULES

These rules of the Club are made pursuant to 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 Rules shall prevail.

1. COLOURS

In support of the One Club philosophy, all teams representing the Club will play in the designated club strip. This strip may change from time to time as determined by the membership of the Club at a General Meeting. Whilst there should only ever be one official strip at any one time, variations may be adopted in the event of colour clashes with opposition teams or for special occasions such as club tours.

2. THE BOARD

In accordance with the Articles, the Board shall consist of the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two other nominated individuals as may be elected from time to time.

Deputy-Chairman

There shall be a Deputy-Chairman whose specific role shall be to ensure the Club achieves its 'One Club philosophy'. To help facilitate this aim the Deputy-Chairman shall be nominated from the mini/junior section of the Club. It is noted that in the event that the Chairman has been nominated from the mini/junior section of the Club then the Deputy-Chairman shall be nominated from the senior section of the Club.

President

The Voting Members at the Annual General Meeting shall nominate the Club's President who shall operate in an *ex officio* capacity as the figurehead of the Club.

3. ELECTIVE COMMITTEES

a) "General Committee"

The general management and control of the Club shall be undertaken by the General Committee which shall comprise the Board plus the Chairman of the mini/juniors, the Deputy Chairman, the Club Captain, the Chairman of the Rugby Committee and the Chairman of the Communications and Social Committee.

The General Committee shall meet from time to time (but with at least 48 hours notice from the Secretary) and shall be empowered to deal with all matters relating to the Club except those expressly shown in the Rules to be dealt with at a general meeting. A quorum shall consist of 5 General Committee members.

SUB COMMITTEES

b) "Rugby Committee"

Subject to the overall control of the General Committee, the Rugby Committee shall

- ensure strong links between the minis, juniors and seniors to provide a clear route for player development and progression.



- provide a focus for player attraction and retention.
- act as a point of contact with RFU on courses.
- encourage, development and organise training for all club coaches.
- convene as required disciplinary hearings for playing related incidents.
- encourages, recruits, develops and organises training for all club referees.

The Chairman of the Rugby Committee shall be the Rugby coordinator who shall also be a member of the General Committee.

In addition to the Chairman of the Rugby Committee, Chairman of the Senior Playing Committee and the Chairman of the Mini/Junior Committee being represented on the Rugby Committee, further committee members can be co-opted as required to this Rugby Committee subject to approval by the General Committee.

c) "Senior Playing Committee"

Subject to the overall control of the General Committee, all senior playing and team matters shall be dealt with by the Senior Playing Committee under the Chairmanship of the Club Captain and include the following committee members: team captains, nominated vice captains, senior fixture secretary and Club coaches.

Further committee members can be co-opted as required to the Senior Playing Committee subject to approval by the General Committee.

d) "Mini/Junior Committee"

The Club will organise mini/junior rugby according to the mini/junior constitution. Membership of the section will be available to boys and girls on payment of a subscription and on completion of an enrolment form signed by the parent or guardian. The organisation and administration of mini/junior rugby will be under the control of the Chairman of Mini/Junior Committee who will be assisted by a Deputy-Chairman of Mini/Junior Committee. Members of this section will not be eligible to vote at a General Meeting unless they are also Voting Members.

e) "Club Facilities Committee"

Subject to the overall control of the General Committee, matters relating to the management of the clubhouse and grounds shall be dealt with by the Club Facilities Committee under the Chairmanship of the Secretary and shall include the following committee members: Development Secretary, Ground Management Secretary and Club Facilities Manager as appointed from time to time.

Further committee members can be co-opted as required to the Club Facilities Committee subject to approval by the General Committee.



f) "Finance and Fund Raising Committee"

Subject to the overall control of the General Committee, matters relating to the financial management of the Club shall be dealt with by the Finance and Fund Raising Committee under the Chairmanship of the Treasurer and shall include the following committee members: Fund Raising Secretary, Membership Secretary, Sponsorship Secretary and a Bar Secretary as appointed from time to time.

Further committee members can be co-opted as required to the Finance and Fund Raising Committee subject to approval by the General Committee.

g) "Communications and Social Committee"

Subject to the overall control of the General Committee, matters relating to communications both internal and external shall be dealt with by the Communications and Social Committee. The Communications and Social Committee shall also be responsible for organising Club social events, volunteering and liaising with the local community and shall be under the Chairmanship of the Communications and Social Secretary. The Communications and Social Committee shall include the following members: Social Secretary, Press Officer, Publicity Secretary and Volunteering Co-ordinator as appointed from time to time.

The Chairman of the Communications and Social Committee shall also be a member of the General Committee.

Further committee members can be co-opted as required to the Communications and Social Committee subject to approval by the General Committee.

Elections

The Board and all other members of the General Committee and sub-committees shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election.

4. GENERAL MEETINGS

a) General Meeting

When desired by the General Committee, or requested by 12 or 1/5th of the members of the Club, whichever shall be the lesser number, in writing, the Secretary shall convene a general meeting for the consideration of such business only as shall be mentioned in such a request and such matters shall be decided by a majority of members present, subject to the provisions in Rule 5(a).

b) Notice of General Meetings

Fourteen clear days notice of every Annual General Meeting or general meeting shall be given.

5. RULES

a) Alterations

The Rules of the Club may be altered at an Annual General Meeting or general meeting of the Club convened for this purpose, and any such proposed alterations or additions shall be notified in the circular covering the meeting. A majority of 2/3rds of the members present shall be required to effect any alteration or addition.



- b) Notice
In the case of any proposal to alter the Rules at an Annual General Meeting, the proposer and seconder shall give notice in writing indicating the proposed alteration to the Honorary Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the meeting.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to everyone.

- a) The Club shall consist of Voting Members comprising:
- i) Members (playing, non-playing and parents or guardians of mini/junior members) over the age of 18 years;
 - ii) Life Members, Honorary Life Members, Life Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Vice Presidents.
- b) Members with restricted rights comprising mini and junior members up to 18 years of age and social members.
- c) Candidates
Every candidate for membership shall be admitted in accordance with the Club's Articles.
- d) Guests
Any member introducing friends shall, on every occasion, enter their names and addresses in a book (provided for that purpose) and shall be responsible for their conduct whilst on the Club's premises.
- e) Visiting Clubs
All members of other clubs invited to take part in any cultural, physical or recreational activity organised by the Club, other than activities in which the general public partake may, at the discretion of the General Committee, be admitted to the Club premises and may, on the day of such activity, purchase intoxicating liquors sold to them by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the Club's premises.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) The annual subscription payable by members of the Club, subject to alteration as provided later in this rule, shall be set by the Board from time to time. The annual subscription is currently as set out on the Club's website at: <http://www.farnhamrugby.org/>
- (b) The subscription year shall be from 1 June to 31 May inclusive in each year. Any change in subscription made by the Board 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 Club's website, on or before [31 August] next following after the decision to make the increase and will take effect on the [first day of June] following such notification.



- (c) Members admitted at any time during the year shall pay the full annual subscription or such other agreed upon amount.
- (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 otherwise.

8. LICENCING

a) General

The purchase, care and control of all alcoholic liquor shall be the responsibility of the General Committee who shall arrange for the purchase thereof on behalf of the club and the supply thereof to members at such prices as they shall determine from time to time.

No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases 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 to members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

b) Opening Hours

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquors shall be in accord with the licensing hours permitted by the Magistrates.

9. FINANCE

If at any time the Club in a general meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the General Committee to borrow money, the General Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amounts of money at such a rate of interest and in such a manner as shall be specified in such resolution and the General Committee may contract to issue mortgages or charges and may therefore charge all or any of the property and funds of the Club with payment of the amount so borrowed and interest thereon. All members of the club whether voting on such a Resolution or not shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such a Resolution.