

**Rules
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1. General

1.1 Name.

The name of the Club shall be 'Wanderers Football Club'

1.2 Registered Address

The Club has its registered address at 65A Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

1.3 Main Objects

The Main Objects of the Club shall be the promotion, development and encouragement of the playing of Rugby Football, by men, women, boys and girls at all levels including senior, junior, youth and mini levels according to the Rules of World Rugby.

1.4 Colours and Logos.

The colours of the Club shall be Blue, Black and White, and the playing kit of the Club shall be Blue, Black and White striped Jerseys and Black Stockings with a Blue and White turn down and dark Blue shorts. The Executive Committee may approve alternative playing kit as they see fit from time to time.

The official crest of the Club is as represented on the cover page of these Rules. Only the official crest, or such variations approved from time to time by the Executive Committee may be used on playing kit, club merchandise or other items which aim to represent the Club.

2. *Trustees, Management Committee/Executive, Officers, Administration, Proceedings and Duties of the Executive*

2.1 Trustees.

There shall be either a minimum of one sole Corporate Trustee or a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) Club Trustees who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting and each shall hold office until he or it shall retire, cease to be a member of the Club (other than if a corporate trustee) or, for such other reason, be removed from Office by a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

No person, other than a corporate trustee, may be elected a Trustee of the Club unless they have been an Ordinary, Playing/Adult and/or Life Member of the Club for a continuous period of not less than twenty (20) years.

2.2 Officers.

The number of Executive Members (Officers) shall be not less than five (5) and unless and until determined by Members at an Annual General Meeting, not more than twelve (12).

The Executive shall at all times have the following Officers elected and in office:

- President of the Club
- Vice President of the Club 1
- Vice President of the Club 2
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer
- Up to two (2) Members from the floor, who shall be nominated 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting

The above elected Officers will, as documented in Rule 3.4, be elected to office annually by the Voting Members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

The elected Officers may appoint a maximum of seven other Officers of the Executive. Such appointments of non-elected Officers will be by majority vote of the elected Officers. Such non-elected Officers of the Executive may hold their position on the Executive for one (1) year, and must be reappointed to subsequent terms by the elected members of the Executive.

Non-elected Officers of the Executive may include, but not be limited to, a director of rugby, representatives from the various sections of the Club and a member responsible for the Clubhouse & Grounds.

2.3 Executive Committee

The elected Officers together with the non-elected Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

2.4 Vacancies on Committee/Officers

In the event of any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee during the season, the Executive Committee may co-opt an Ordinary, Adult Playing and/or Life Member to fill that vacancy. Where a vacancy occurs in the Officers of the Club, the Executive Committee shall nominate an Ordinary and/or Life member to be co-opted at a Meeting arranged for that purpose

Such co-opted Members shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting.

2.5 Powers of Trustees

The Trustees shall have the power, consistent with the Rules, and with the direction of the Executive Committee following a resolution of the Voting Members at a General Meeting to do all or any of the following on behalf of the Club.

2.5.1 to borrow money

2.5.2 to pledge or assign the assets and property of the Club as security for such borrowing

2.5.3 to sell, exchange, partition, lease, let, grant licenses, mortgage, guarantee or otherwise dispose of or deal with any property of the Club and any deed, document, act or instrument signed, executed or done by the Trustees on behalf of the Club if appropriately authorised.

Notwithstanding the foregoing the Trustees shall have the power to borrow money on behalf of the Club in an amount(s) not to exceed €25,000 at the direction of the Executive Committee.

The Trustees may meet as and when necessary but in any event shall meet not less than once per calendar year with the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary to review the status of Club assets and any other trust property.

The Trustees may delegate to a majority of their number the exercise of any powers under the Rules or the operation of any bank account in their names.

2.6 Power of the Executive Committee.

The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Executive Committee as defined in Rule 2.3 who may exercise all such powers as are not by these Rules required to be exercised by the Club in general meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of these Rules and to such directions as the Club in general meeting may give. No such direction given by the Club in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Executive Committee which would have been valid if that direction had not been given.

These powers shall be deemed to include the power to

2.6.1 appoint and remove all paid employees of the Club

2.6.2 appoint or dissolve such Sub-Committees as they see fit. Such Sub-Committees shall only operate with such authority as may be delegated to them by The Executive Committee. The Officers of the Club are Ex-Officio Members of all Sub-Committees.

2.6.3 appoint four representatives, at least one of whom must be an Executive Committee Member to the Council of the Leinster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union.

2.6.4 appoint one of the Executive Committee to be the Club's representative to the Executive Committee of the Leinster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union

prior to the Annual Council Meeting of the Leinster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union.

No remuneration shall be payable to any of the Officers in respect of their services as Officer or on any committee of the Executive Committee.

2.7 Records, Finance, Banking, Borrowing and Accounts

2.7.1 The Executive Committee shall keep accurate minutes of all Committee Meetings to include the reports of Sub-Committees. The Minutes of the previous meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of the Meeting after a vote by the Executive Committee.

2.7.2 The Executive Committee shall keep proper Books of Accounts in modern form and shall prepare annual accounts for presentation to the Auditor and following audit presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

2.7.3 Annual audited accounts showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners for inspection on request. The accounts and books must be kept in such a manner as is necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs and to explain its transactions.

2.7.4 All bank accounts shall be kept in the name of the Club in such Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine. Payments shall be jointly signed by any two of the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or a person nominated by the Executive Committee. All accounts and books shall be open to inspection by any member of the Executive Committee at all reasonable times.

2.8 Assets, Income & Property.

2.8.1 The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its Main Objects as set forth in these Rules. No portion of the Club's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Club. No Officer shall be appointed to any office of the Club paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club.

However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:

- (a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any member or servant of the Club (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the Club;
- (b) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any company of which an Officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company;

- (c) Interest at a rate not exceeding 1% above the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) per annum on money lent by Trustees, Officers or other members of the Club to the Club;
- (d) Reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Club (including any Officer) to the Club;
- (e) Reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Officer or Trustee in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club; the Honorary Treasurer will set guidelines, from time to time, on expenses which would be considered reasonable and proper.

2.8.2 The assets and/or property of the Club shall not be assigned or pledged to any individual, company or organisation except as security for any borrowings on the authority of a General Meeting and on foot of a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of the members, eligible to vote, present and voting at such a General Meeting.

2.9 Committee Meetings, Voting and Quorum

2.9.1 Five Executive Committee Members shall constitute a quorum.

2.9.2 The President (or such other member of the Executive Committee as may be nominated by the President in the event of his absence) shall be the Chairman of meetings of the Executive Committee

2.9.3 Decisions or resolutions by the Executive Committee or Sub-Committees shall, unless otherwise stated be by simple majority of those present and voting. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have the casting vote in addition to his own.

2.9.4 The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at intervals of at least one month from September to April inclusive, and at intervals of not more than two months from May to August inclusive.

3. *Meetings*

3.1 Annual General Meeting.

3.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in May or June each year or in special circumstances as soon as possible thereafter. Not less than ten days notice of the Meeting shall be issued to each Voting Member.

3.1.2 The President (or such other member of the Executive Committee as may be nominated by the President in the event of his absence) shall be the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting.

3.1.3 Any resolution or decision tabled at an Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to be passed by a two thirds majority of the Voting Members in attendance.

3.2 Extraordinary General Meetings

- 3.2.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee of the Club or on a requisition to the Honorary Secretary signed by at least forty Ordinary, Life or Playing Adult Members aged eighteen years or over and eligible to vote at such a meeting, stating the business or resolution to be brought forward. The business or resolution must be proposed and seconded by Members who have signed the requisition. Such a Meeting shall be held within six weeks of receipt by the Honorary Secretary of the requisition calling the meeting.
- 3.2.2 Not less than ten days notice stating the date and business of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be issued to each Voting Member.
- 3.2.3 All Rule Changes at Annual General Meetings or Extraordinary General Meetings require a two thirds majority of the Voting Members in attendance to be passed by the Meeting.
- 3.2.4 Any resolution or decision tabled at an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be deemed to be passed by a two thirds majority of the Voting Members in attendance.
- 3.2.5 The President (or such other member of the Executive Committee as may be nominated by the President in the event of his absence) shall be the Chairman of the Meeting.

3.3 Quorum.

The quorum for the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be thirty (30) Voting Members.

3.4 Voting Members

- 3.4.1 Voting Members at an Annual General Meeting shall consist of Ordinary Members, Life Members, Playing Adult Members, Fulltime Third Level Student Members and Country Members. With the exception of Life Members all other categories of member must have paid their second consecutive annual subscription, or all instalments then due of such subscription where an instalment facility is being offered and availed of, to be entitled to vote.
- 3.4.2 Voting Members at an Extraordinary General Meeting shall consist of Ordinary Members, Life Members, Playing Adult Members, Fulltime Third Level Student Members and Country Members. With the exception of Life Members all other categories of member must have paid their second consecutive annual subscription, or all instalments then due of such subscription where an instalment facility is being offered and availed of, to be entitled to vote.

3.5 Reports

The following reports shall be submitted to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

3.5.1 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and Minutes of any Extraordinary General that took place since the previous Annual General Meeting.

3.5.2 Honorary Secretary's Report

3.5.3 Honorary Treasurer's Report

3.5.4 Presidents Report

3.6 Elections

The following shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting

3.6.1 President

3.6.2 Two Vice-Presidents

3.6.3 Honorary Secretary

3.6.4 Honorary Treasurer

3.6.5 Auditor

3.6.6 If necessary, a Trustee or Trustees in accordance with Rule 2.1 All election votes are by simple majority of Voting Members. In the event of a tie the Chairman of the Meeting has a casting vote in addition to his own. Any nomination for a position as an Officer of the Club (including current Officers) must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary a minimum of fourteen days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Such a nomination must be proposed and seconded by members who are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting. However the Executive Committee may exercise its discretion to accept a shorter nomination period.

4. ***Membership***

4.1 Categories

The following are the Categories of Membership.

4.1.1 Ordinary Members

4.1.2 Life Members

4.1.3 Playing Adult Members over 18 years

- 4.1.4 Fulltime Third Level Student Members
- 4.1.5 Country Members (Over 80 kilometres from Dublin)
- 4.1.6 School/Youth Members under 18 years. No voting rights.
- 4.1.7 Family Membership (two adults & two children under eighteen years). One vote only is allowed.
- 4.1.8 Honorary Members No voting rights
- 4.1.9 Associate Members. No voting rights.
- 4.1.10 Visiting Members No voting rights.

4.2 Membership Application

Any person wishing to join the Club must be proposed and seconded by current Life, Ordinary or Playing Adult Members of at least three years standing. The name, address and occupation of any candidate for membership and in the case of playing members previous Club or School shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary.

The name and those of the proposer and seconder shall be posted on the Club Notice Board, Website or Newsletter for a period of 10 days after which the Executive Committee shall elect or reject the candidate.

4.3 The Wanderers Football Clubhouse Club

Members who wish to become members of The Wanderers Football Clubhouse Club and who are accepted for membership by it are entitled to have their membership subscription for The Wanderers Football Clubhouse Club paid out of their subscription to The Wanderers Football Club.

4.4 IRFU Personal Accident Scheme

The Playing Membership subscription shall include the premium for the IRFU Personal Accident Scheme.

4.5 Life Membership (Players)

Playing Members who are or become Life Members must pay annually the premium for the IRFU Personal Accident Scheme.

4.6 Life Membership.

The Executive shall have the power to grant Life Membership without charge to Members who are fully paid-up Ordinary and/or Adult Playing Members for a continuous period of 50 years.

4.7 Honorary Life Members

The Executive Committee shall have the power to elect Honorary Life Members and Honorary Members from time to time as they see fit.

4.8 Level of Subscription

The level of subscription applicable to each Category of Membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee, and notified to the Members, by no later than the 1st September each year.

The Executive Committee shall have the power without requirement for further sanction to raise subscriptions in any category by up to 10% in any year without the necessity of approval at a General Meeting.

4.9 Levy

The Executive Committee shall have the power without requirement for further sanction to impose a Bar Levy on any Category of Membership except Categories 4.1.4 to 4.1.8 above. This shall not exceed 75% of the Subscription in any one season.

4.10 Payment of Subscriptions

The levels of Subscription, for the several categories of Membership determined from time to time by the Executive Committee and agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting; shall take effect from 1st September each year.

All subscriptions shall be due in full on 1st September each year, unless valid election has been made for instalment payments on terms fixed by the Executive Committee and agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting.

On 1st November in each year, the Honorary Secretary shall submit to the Executive Committee a list of Members whose subscriptions for the current year remain unpaid. Any member whose subscription remains unpaid on 1st November shall (at the discretion of the Executive Committee) cease to be a Member of the Club. The Executive Committee may re-elect such former member without re-nomination or reposting, within twelve months from the date when such former member's subscription was due.

Only Members of the Club will be eligible to represent the Club on the rugby field or as an Officer of the Club.

5. *Limitation of Liability*

5.1 Members

The Members waive all rights and /or legal entitlement to claim against a fellow Member, Officer, Executive Committee and/or Trustee for damages or compensation arising from personal injury, loss or damage incurred in the pursuit of the main objects of the Club.

Members' liability will be limited to the level of their subscriptions unless they have separately and in their own name contracted a debt without express authority of the Club.

5.2 Trustees/Officers

Every Trustee and Officer of the Club shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Club against all present and future losses, liabilities, actions, proceedings, claims, demand, duties and/or taxes he or she may incur or sustain in or about the execution of the duties of trusteeship, office or otherwise in relation thereto. No Trustee or Officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Club in the execution of duties in their trusteeship or office, or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen through their own wilful fault or dishonesty.

6. *Disciplinary Matters*

6.1 Conduct

All Members of the Club, irrespective of category of membership, are expected to adhere to the Rules of the Club, and shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that will ensure that they do not bring the Club into disrepute or be injurious to the interests of the Club. If any Member is alleged to have infringed the Rules of the Club or to have conducted himself in a manner unbecoming a Member of the Club or in a manner likely to bring the Club into disrepute the Executive Committee shall after due care and consideration

- 6.1.1 Instruct the Honorary Secretary to convene a Disciplinary Committee Meeting to investigate the allegation.
- 6.1.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of one Executive Committee Member, two other Members of the Club over eighteen years of age, and where appropriate a representative from the Rugby Committee
- 6.1.3 The Disciplinary Committee shall fully investigate the allegation and request the attendance of the Member/s concerned at a meeting called for that purpose. The Member concerned shall be entitled to bring a fellow Club Member to speak on their behalf.
- 6.1.4 When the Member concerned is under eighteen years of age the Club's Children's Liaison Officer must also be informed and attend in an independent capacity. The Child's parent/s or guardian/s must also be informed and invited to attend the hearing.
- 6.1.5 The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to impose an appropriate sanction. Such sanction may include, but not be limited to, a suspension from utilising Club facilities, a suspension from playing for the Club and ultimately expulsion from the Club. Where a sanction is imposed the Member has a right

to appeal to the Executive Committee. Any appeal must be lodged within seven days of the hearing.

- 6.1.6 The Executive Committee shall have the power to reduce or increase the sanction after an appeal. Any member of the Executive Committee who was a member of the Disciplinary Committee that issued a sanction shall not be eligible to vote on the appeal or sanction at the Executive Committee.

Any member, irrespective of category of membership, may be the subject of disciplinary proceedings in the event of an alleged breach of the Rules or the Bye Laws of the Club, or alleged misconduct, in or out of the Club, likely to bring the Club into disrepute or likely to be injurious to the interests of the Club.

If any Member, by conduct or otherwise, shall in the opinion of the Executive bring or cause discredit upon or to the Club or endanger the welfare or good order of the Club, its Members, or its property, such conduct or other matter shall be enquired into by the Executive. Written notice of the date on which such an enquiry is to be held and of the nature of the alleged offence shall be given to the Member concerned at least two weeks prior to the enquiry. Such misconduct, if proven following an investigation undertaken by the Executive, may lead to sanctions being imposed, including suspension and expulsion from membership.

A Member expelled by the Executive shall have the right to appeal to the next Annual General Meeting of the Club, but until such meeting takes place, all rights and privileges of the Club shall be withdrawn. An expelled Member may be readmitted to the Club if a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting vote to readmit the former Member. Voting in such instance shall be by secret ballot.

The Club has adopted and will implement the disciplinary rules and procedures, as amended and updated from time to time, of the IRFU and the Leinster Branch as an integral part of club policy. All rugby playing members of the Club shall adhere to the disciplinary rules and procedures of the IRFU and the Leinster Branch that relate to the playing of the game of rugby union.

6.2 Acquiescence

As payment of their Subscription entitles each Member to enjoy the benefits of the Club, so it is to be considered as distinctly implying the members acquiescence to the Rules of the Club to which they have voluntarily attached themselves, as well as their submission to the restrictions they enjoin and the penalties they exact. The Rules of the Club are binding on the Members of the Club.

7. *Licensing Matters*

7.1 Excisable Liquor

- 7.1.1 A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member over eighteen years, and such member shall, upon admission of the visitor to the Club premises enter his name,

the name and address of the visitor and the date of the visit in a book which shall be kept for the purpose.

7.1.2 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under eighteen years of age and no excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club.

7.1.3 No excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises except in accordance with the Intoxicating Liquor Acts and the Registration of Clubs Act.

8. *Communications and Notices*

8.1 Communications

The Club will generally communicate with the Member by way of electronic means (including but not limited to e-mail, text message or other form of reasonably acceptable electronic communication that may exist from time to time).

8.2 Notices All notices convening an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be sent to the Voting Members by electronic means as referred to in Clause 8.1. Any such notice will also be posted up on the Club Notice Board. No other form of notice convening any meetings of the Club shall be required.

9. *Assets, Mergers and Status*

9.1 Subject to Clause 11.1 should the Club decide to merge with another Club the assets of The Wanderers Football Club would remain vested in the Life and Ordinary Membership of The Club at the date of the merger for a period of ten years after which time the assets would become the property of the new or merged entity.

9.2 The Executive Committee shall not be empowered to require the Trustees to sell or deal with the Club's assets, save in accordance with a resolution of the Members, passed by a two thirds majority of the Voting Members in attendance at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club, provided for at Rule 3.1 and 3.2.

10. *Dissolution*

10.1 A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed by the Voting Members at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting through a two third majority of those in attendance. In the event that a resolution to dissolve the Club is passed the following shall be applicable to the dissolution process.

10.2 The Trustees of the Club shall be empowered to realise and distribute the assets of the Club in satisfaction of all of the Club's debts and liabilities. The Trustees at their absolute discretion may retain an experienced insolvency/liquidation practitioner on

behalf of the Club to carry out the function of realising and distributing the assets of the Club as above. Any such insolvency/liquidation practitioner shall be entitled to be paid his/her reasonable fees, costs and expenses directly relating to the winding-up of the Club (whose reasonable fees, costs and expenses shall be agreed in advance by the Trustees acting at all times in the best interests of the Club) out of the assets of the Club.

- 10.3 In the event there is a surplus of assets after winding up of the Club any such surplus shall be applied in accordance with the sporting status of the Club as set out in [Clause 11] below.
- 10.4 In the event that the dissolution of the Club is on an insolvent basis, the assets of the Club shall be applied against the debts and liabilities of the Club by reference to the rules as are in force for the time being under the law of bankruptcy relating to estates of persons adjudicated bankrupt. In the event of an insolvent dissolution the Trustees shall have the discretion to appoint an insolvency practitioner for the purposes of conducting the insolvent dissolution in the same manner as that set out at Clause 10.2 above. Clause 10.2 shall also apply to the insolvency practitioner's reasonable fees, costs and expenses.
- 10.5 In the event it becomes necessary any resolution passed to dissolve the Club shall be deemed to include a resolution authorising the Trustees (and/or any insolvency/liquidation practitioner duly appointed by them) to apply on behalf of the Club to the High Court (exercising its inherent jurisdiction) for any directions as may be necessary on any matters arising in the course of the dissolution.

11. *Sporting status*

11.1 Winding – Up.

If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having Main Objects similar to the Main Objects of the Club. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club under or by virtue of Rule 2.8.1 hereof. Members of the Club shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object. Final accounts will be prepared and submitted that will include a section that identifies and values any assets transferred along with the details of the recipients and the terms of the transfer.

11.2 Additions, Alterations or Amendments.

No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the provisions of Clause 1.3 (the Main Objects), Clause 2.7.3 (accounts), Clause 2.8 (Income and Property) and

Clause 11.1 (Winding-Up) in this Constitution for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners.

12. Interpretation

12.1 Interpretation.

12.1.1 In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these Rules the decision of the Executive Committee shall be deemed final

- (i) 12.1.2 Gender. Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and vice versa.

13. Data Protection.

The Members recognise that the Club will have certain obligations and duties under Data Protection law with regard to personal data and that the Executive Committee will be required to comply with the relevant Data Protection legislation in force at any time. The Executive may delegate to, or instruct, suitably qualified advisors to assist them in complying with such obligations and duties as may be necessary from time to time.

14. Bye Laws

The Executive Committee shall have the power to make Bye-Laws and from time to time alter such Bye-Laws for the management of the Club as they consider necessary. All Members and visitors using the Club premises and grounds are subject to and must comply with all Bye-Laws then in force.

15. Display of Rules and Bye-Laws

- 15.1 The Club's Rules and any Bye-Laws made by the Executive Committee shall be displayed on the Club's website and are available in hard copy form on application in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Every Member has access to the Rules and ByeLaws and ignorance of the Rules and Bye-Laws will not be a defence to any matters arising under the Rules and Bye-Laws.