

Regulation 3

MEMBER CLUBS - CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

Sponsor Management Committee

0301 The criteria and conditions applicable, for admittance to, and for continuation as, a Member Club of the Hampshire Rugby Football Union Limited, have been agreed by the Management Committee to be as follows.

- 1 The Club must be located, and must play its "home" matches, within Hampshire, the Isle of Wight or the Channel Islands ("the County") and must not be allocated by the Rugby Football Union to another County Constituent Body. A Club in membership of the RFU and allocated to a Constituent Body other than another County may be a Member Club and will be classified as a Section 2 Club by the RFU. A Club located outside the County, or unable to fulfill all these criteria, may be an Associate Club only.
- 2 The main object of the Club must be the playing of Rugby Union Football.
- 3 The Club must field at least one male adult team.
- 4 The Club's first fifteen, must have a fixture list of not less than eight matches for the whole season.
- 5 The Club must have access to a home pitch and adequate changing facilities over which it enjoys or can expect to enjoy a reasonable guarantee from the owners for regular use. A Club that is required to move from its home ground through reasons beyond its control must contact the Community Rugby Chairman as soon as it becomes aware of any potential problem. Any Club seeking to permanently change the location of where it plays its home games to a venue located outside the County must inform the Executive Director.
- 6 The Club must have at least three different people to manage the club and undertake the tasks of President and/or Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer all of whom are jointly accept responsibility for the management and conduct of the club. In addition the Club must appoint a Disciplinary Chairman, who could be, but need not be, the Club Secretary. If there are any teams playing age grade rugby with playing members under the age of 18 then the Club must also appoint a Youth Chairman and a Welfare Officer.
- 7 The Club must produce a copy of its constitution (including a code of conduct which meets the requirement of Regulation 13) by the end of the first full season in membership.
- 8 Clubs must ensure that all details required by RugbyFirst are entered on-line on the RFU Website.

0302 Any Club seeking to add to or change its name or merge with another Club must inform the Executive Director.

0303 Any prospective Member Club must be proposed and seconded by two Member Clubs located within an approximately twenty-mile radius of the playing address of the prospective Club. The application form is to be signed by the Secretary of each of these two clubs.

0304 Upon receipt of a properly completed and fully supported application form, the Executive Director will:

- 1 Invite any other Member Club within that twenty-mile radius to state, within a fourteen-day period, whether they have any objections to the admittance of the prospective Club.
- 2 Refer the application, and any objections received, to the Governance Committee for their recommendation prior to reference to the Management Committee.
- 3 Advise the Club of the decision of the Management Committee and, if accepted, of the initial subscription due. One pound of that initial subscription will be allocated to the Share Capital of the Union as specified in Rule 6.5.

- 0305 On receipt of the initial subscription the HRURS will be advised of the Club's entitlement to apply to the Society for the services of a referee.
- 0306 Membership of HRFU Limited does not convey membership of the Rugby Football Union. The RFU's current requirements are that this can only be applied for after not less than two years' fully paid-up membership of Hampshire RFU Limited. Application Forms may be obtained only from the Chief Executive of the RFU.
- 0307 A Member Club shall be liable to monetary fine, suspension or termination of its membership or privileges if
- 1 It has not paid its annual charges by 1st December each year.
 - 2 It ceases to satisfy the criteria and conditions for membership as determined by the Committee.
 - 3 It does not conform to any reasonable directive by the Committee as to its standards of play, administration or general behaviour.
 - 4 It commits any willful breach or transgression of the Rules, Regulations, Bye Laws or Laws of the Game, the IRB, the RFU or this Union.