

Regulation 4

ASSOCIATE CLUBS - CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

Sponsor Management Committee

- 0401 Usually a “new” Club shall be required to initially join the Union as an Associate Club prior to acceptance as a Member Club after a period of at least one satisfactory season of Associate membership. The criteria and conditions, applicable both for the approval of admittance to and for continuation as an Associate Club, have been agreed by the Management Committee to be one of the following.
- 1 The Club, although located and playing its home matches within the County, does not meet the criteria listed in 0301 to qualify as a Member Club. This may include a Club which provides rugby for junior players only or women players only (an “In-County” Associate).
 - 2 A Club located or playing its home matches outside the County which is already in membership of another County Constituent Body. (an “Out-of-County” Associate)
- 0402 Other “associations of persons” as provided for at Rule 5.5 shall be considered under the general terms of this Regulation and may include but will not be restricted to the Hampshire Rugby Union Referees Society, the Hampshire Schools Rugby Football Union, the Hampshire Rugby Football Union for Women, the Jersey Rugby Football Association and the Guernsey Rugby Association. These “associations” are not required to pay a subscription.
- 0403 Associate Clubs do not have voting rights at General Meetings. Representatives of those listed in 0402 however are eligible to vote in the Committees on which they sit.
- 0404 A prospective “In-County” Associate Club must be proposed by a Member Club located within a twenty-mile radius of the playing address of the prospective Club. A prospective “Out-of-County” Associate Club must be authorised by the Secretary of its parent Constituent Body.
- 0405 Upon receipt of a properly completed “In-County” 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. None of that initial subscription will be allocated to the Share Capital of the Union.
- 0406 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.
- 0407 An Associate Club shall be liable to monetary fine, suspension or termination of 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.
- 0408 Certain parts of this Regulation shall not apply those listed in 0402.