

Regulation 7

VALUING THE VOLUNTEER AND COUNTY AWARDS

Sponsor Management Committee

0701 Vice President

- 1 The honour of the position of Vice President shall be an award for services rendered to the Union.
- 2 Vice Presidents shall be nominated by the Management Committee on the sole recommendation of the Officers and must be elected at an Annual General Meeting.
- 3 Once elected, a Vice President will normally remain in the position for life, subject only to a majority decision at a General Meeting that the honour be withdrawn.
- 4 It is unlikely that a President will be selected without having previously been elected as a Vice President.

0702 County Badge

- 1 The County Badge shall be awarded for services to this Union by the Management Committee on the sole recommendation of the Officers of the Union.
- 2 The County Badge shall be a hand embroidered wire badge of the Queen's Crown and Hampshire Rose on a navy blue background with the lettering "HAMPSHIRE RFU" worked underneath.

0703 County Tie

- 1 Members of the Management Committee shall be entitled to wear a County Tie following their election to the Management Committee.
- 2 The County Tie shall be multiple alternate motifs of the Queen's Crown and the Hampshire Rose in red on a navy blue background.

0704 Associates' Tie

- 1 Life and Individual Associates and members of Committees, Sub Committees, Steering or Working Groups shall be entitled to purchase an Associates' Tie.
- 2 The tie shall be multiple motifs of the Queen's Crown over the Hampshire Rose in red on a navy blue background. The motifs shall be interspersed by a thin diagonal red line with the lettering "Hampshire RFU" on the blade.

0705 Annual Club Awards

- 1 Introduced to mark the Millennium, the Hampshire Club Awards are specifically for amateur volunteer administrators who have not previously been honoured by the Union.
- 2 The Awards are intended to recognize those who stand out as being quite exceptional in their contribution to their Club's success. Clubs should look for those whose talents are probably unrecognized in the wider world of Hampshire Rugby yet whose influence may extend beyond that of the Club and helps raise standards and promote best practice. It is a unique chance for a Club and Hampshire Rugby to recognize these administrators in a positive way.
- 3 Clubs are asked annually to submit their nominations, in the various categories specified from time to time, to the Executive Director together with a short rugby cv showing the contributions made to the Club and reasons for nomination. The cv should show the date on which he/she joined the Club and took over the position and any previous positions held. Any information which will help the Review Panel is welcome.

- 4 Each nominee receives a Certificate from HRFU and an RFU Valuing the Volunteer tie or neck-scarf. The Award winners are selected from the written recommendations by a Review Panel which will normally include the President, the RFU Representative and the Executive Director. Each winner will receive an engraved cut-glass decanter.
- 5 Awards are presented at the Annual Awards Dinner which usually will be held at a Club which has volunteered to host the event. Representatives, and their partners, from every Club are invited to attend the Dinner.

0706 Rugby Football Union Recognition

An RFU Valuing the Volunteer certificate may be presented at any time to persons nominated by their Clubs for recognition outside the Annual Club Awards Scheme; similarly a tie or neck-scarf can be obtained for presentation at a suitable event if a Club submits a written citation to the Executive Director.

0707 Rugby Football Union Functions

It is a custom of the Union that the RFU Representative invites two individuals from among the Union's Committees and Clubs to accompany him, when he has the option so to do, to either lunch before the game and/or the dinner given by the RFU after each home International played against touring teams or in the Six Nations Championship. These guests are selected by the RFU Representative with the assistance of the Management Committee and the invitation may be repeated on more than one occasion throughout an individual's involvement in Hampshire Rugby. The cost of match tickets and lunch and/or dinner will be met by the Union

0708 Rugby Football Union Presidential Guests

It is a much newer custom for the RFU President to invite one individual from each Constituent Body each season to a home match in the Six Nations Championship. This invitation covers travel expenses, lunch, a match ticket, the Players' Dinner and, if required, overnight accommodation. The RFU President asks the Management Committee propose two candidates each season and it decided that nominations will be taken from those proposed by the Clubs for the Annual Club Awards. The nominations are not necessarily those who may have been selected as a Category Winner. The person selected by the RFU President will normally attend the same match as that to which the County President is invited; both will usually join up with the RFU Representative and his guests.

