

**RULES**  
**OF**  
**KILKENNY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**(APPROVED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**  
**ON THE 7TH JULY 1997)**

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## SECTION 1

### Definitions

Rule 1 In these rules the following definitions and interpretations shall apply:

"AGM"	shall mean the Annual General Meeting of the Club
"Ballot"	shall mean a secret Ballot
"The Committee"	shall mean the Executive Committee
"The Club"	shall mean Kilkenny Rugby Football Club
"Club Officers"	shall mean the President, Secretary and Treasurer elected at the AGM
"Club Year"	shall mean from the AGM in any one year to the AGM in the following year.
"Financial Year"	shall mean the 12 month period ending the 31st March in any year.
"Membership Year"	shall mean the 12 month period ending on the 31st May in any year.
"Youth Members"	shall mean registered members of the Club Youth Section.

Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and vice versa.

Words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

### Rule 2 **Name, Objects and Registered Address**

The name of the Club shall be Kilkenny Rugby Football Club and shall consist of members of the different categories contained in the rules. The objects of the Club will be to play and promote the game of Rugby Football and the Club shall play according to the Rules of the Irish Rugby Football Union and Irish Womens Rugby Football Union. The registered address of the Club is Foulkstown, Kilkenny.

### Rule 3 **Club Colours**

The colours of the Club are black Jerseys with narrow white hoops, black shorts and black and white stockings.

### Rule 4 **Trustees**

- (a) The property of the Club shall be vested in five Trustees. The Trustees shall be subject to the limitations and duties defined in Special Rule 4 (b).
- (b) The Trustees may from time to time invest any funds of the Club in their names in suitable investments, not necessarily in Trustee securities, and hold such investments solely for the furtherance of Rugby Football in Kilkenny Rugby Football Club.

- (c) Subject to (d) of this Rule, any deed, document, act or thing signed, executed or done by the Trustees on behalf of the Club shall be binding on the Club which was authorised by a resolution of the Executive Committee of the Club.
- (d) The Trustees may from time to time, with the sanction of a resolution of the Executive Committee of the Club pass in manner hereinafter provided by this Rule, do all or any of the following acts or things, that is to say: sell, exchange, partition, lease, let, borrow, mortgage, charge or otherwise dispose or deal with any property of the Club (whether the same be real or personal) for the time being vested in the Trustees or purchase by way of lease or otherwise such property, real or personal, as may be necessary for the purpose of the Club. The Authority of the Trustees to borrow shall be given by the members in General Meeting. A certificate signed by the Chairman of the Meeting at which any resolution referred to in this Rule has been passed shall be conclusive evidence of the passing of such resolution in manner provided by this Rule and of the terms of such resolution, such Certificate to be completed by the Chairman before the conclusion of the Meeting.
- (e) The Trustees shall remain in office until death or resignation or until a meeting of the Executive Committee shall think it proper to remove them or any of them. No personal liability shall attach to any Trustee except to the extent of such funds of the Club as may actually be received by him, or over which he has personal control.
- (f) In case of a vacancy in the office of Trustee the Committee shall by resolution appoint a new Trustee to fill such vacancy. The surviving or continuing Trustees shall have power notwithstanding any vacancy in the number of Trustees.

#### Rule 5 Management of the Club

- (a) The business affairs of the Club and the management of its property shall be managed by the Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Club, namely the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and, not more than 7 (seven) full members. The officers and 7 (seven) members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or as soon as possible thereafter. In the case of an equality of votes for all or any of these places the final result shall be determined by lot. All officers and members of the Executive Committee shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election subject to the provisions of clause 6(a) and 6(b) hereof. The President or in the President's absence, the Captain of the First Fifteen shall preside as Chairman at the Executive Committee Meetings, and the AGM or any Special General Meeting. If none of these be present any member may be elected Chairman. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote. Six members shall form a quorum at Executive Committee meetings.

- (b) The Executive Committee will meet at least once every four weeks.
- (c) The Executive Committee has the power to co-opt members to fill any vacancies which arise during the year.

#### Rule 6 **Rotation of Committee Members**

- (a) At the AGM each year a list shall be presented of the outgoing Executive Committee who have served five or more consecutive years. From this list at least two persons must retire each year and shall be ineligible for re-election for a period of 12 months. Vice Presidents, Captain of First Fifteen and Chairman of Youths are not to be included on the list whilst acting as Ex Officio members of the Committee
- (b) The above minimum requirement of two persons who have served five or more consecutive years on the Executive Committee shall be determined in the following order:
  - (i) Those who voluntarily retire, and or
  - (ii) Those with the current longest consecutive service on the Executive Committee, and or
  - (iii) Where (ii) above cannot be determined because of identical periods of consecutive service it shall be determined by lot amongst those with equal service.

#### Rule 7 **Sub Committees**

- (a) The Executive Committee must appoint the following Sub-Committees:
  - Rugby
  - Finance
  - House
  - Grounds
  - Social
  - Bar
- (b) The Executive Committee may appoint a Chairman on each of the above Sub-Committees. It is the duty of the Chairman to organise the activities of the Sub-Committee. The Chairmen of the above Sub-Committees must be members of the Executive Committee. The Sub-Committees must elect a Vice Chairman to act in the absence of the Chairman. The Executive Committee has power to alter decisions of all Sub-Committees. The Chairman of the Youth Section is also automatically an Ex Officio member of the Executive Committee.

#### Rule 8 **Committee Membership Conditions**

Paid up members at the date of the last Annual General Meeting may only become a member of any of the above Committees.

### Rule 9 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the end of May in each year on a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee. Each member must receive fourteen days notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting and/or by notice appearing in a newspaper circulating in the locality. Fifteen members shall form a quorum at an Annual General Meeting.

### Rule 10 Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Honorary Secretary when so requested by the Executive Committee or upon a requisition (in writing) setting out the reasons why such a meeting is required signed by at least ten members of the Club. At least seven days notice in writing and/or by notice appearing in a newspaper circulating in the locality shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to each member setting out the business of such meeting at which ten members shall form a quorum.

### Rule 11 Subscriptions

- (a) All subscriptions shall be payable on or before the 31st December of each season. Any person whose subscription is in arrears on the 31st May in each season will automatically cease to be a member of the Club. The amount of each subscription shall be:

Playing Members	IR£5.00
Pavilion Members	IR£5.00
Youth Coach	IR£5.00
Youth Members	IR£2.00
Social Members	IR£1.00

- (b) The Executive Committee shall have power to add an Administration Fee to the above subscription to be paid by Playing Members, Pavilion Members and Social Members. The Youth Section shall have the power to add an Administration Fee to the Youth Coach and Members subscription

### Rule 12 Admission of Members

- (a) The Club shall consist of Honorary Life Members, paid up Life Members, Playing Members, Pavilion Members, Youth Coach, Youth Members and Social Members.

Youth Members and Social Members shall not be entitled to vote or attend all Meetings or otherwise take part in the management of the Club or sign a requisition under Rule 10.

- (b) Honorary Life Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by ballot with a two thirds majority and shall be persons who, in the opinion of the members, have rendered special service to the Club. Written notice of such proposed election must be given to the Honorary Secretary at least seven days before the AGM.
- (c) The mode of election of Playing, Pavilion and new Life Members shall be by way of notice or list to the Executive Committee by the Treasurer that the appropriate subscription has been paid, and, be read into the minutes of an Executive Committee meeting or meetings.
- (d) A person shall be elected as a Social Member on the payment of the appropriate subscription, and, signing the Register at the entrance to the Club premises on designated social occasions, i.e. discos.
- (e) Social Members shall be entitled to use the facilities of the Club on designated social occasions subject to the provisions of these rules.

#### **Rule 13 Financial Accounts**

- (a) Accounts of the Club shall be made up to the 31st March of each year. These accounts shall be audited by the Auditor elected at the Annual General Meeting. The audited accounts shall be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting each year.
- (b) All cheques must carry two signatures of nominated members of the Executive Committee, one of whom must be the Honorary Treasurer.
- (c) The Honorary Treasurer shall be an Ex-Officio member of any Sub-Committee involving the Club in any expenditure or revenue.

#### **Rule 14 Vice Presidents/Captain of the First Fifteen/Previous Year President**

Vice Presidents/Captain of the First Fifteen shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting by ballot of the members. Persons elected as Vice President/Captain of the First Fifteen shall become Ex-Officio members of the Executive Committee. The outgoing President for the year prior to the last AGM shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Committee for the period up to the next AGM.

#### **Rule 15 Resignation of Members**

Any member wishing to resign from the Club shall inform the Honorary Secretary of his intention to do so in writing.

#### **Rule 16 Liability of Members**

The liability of members shall be limited to the amount of the subscription.

### **Rule 17 Expulsion/Suspension of Members**

The Executive Committee shall have power to expel or suspend any member whose conduct they consider to be detrimental to the interests of the Club. Any member who is expelled has the right to appeal to the Executive Committee and to a Extraordinary General Meeting (reference Rule 10).

### **Rule 18 Alteration to Rules**

These rules shall not be altered in any way except at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose and then two thirds majority vote of the members present and entitled to vote. A notice convening such meeting shall set out details of the proposed additions or amendments to the Rules of the Kilkenny Rugby Football Club. The Executive Committee, however, may alter or add to the Rules for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 to 1962, or of any Act which may be passed amending same. Notice of Amendment or alteration of any of these Rules or any proposal touching the general management of the Club shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days before the Extraordinary General Meeting at which such amendment alterations or proposal is intended to be brought forward.

### **Rule 19 Duty of Playing Members**

Any member selected to play in a Club Match who is unable to do so must, as far as possible, endeavour to give the Coach or Manager at least three days notice so that he may be able to appoint a substitute.

### **Rule 20 Registration of Clubs Acts Excisable Hours**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 56 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1927, as amended by Section 6 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1960 and as further amended by Section 6 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1962 not excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on Club premises to any person (other than a member of the Club, lodging in the Club premises) or be consumed on the Club premises by any person other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club premises.

- (a) On any weekday before the 10.30am or
  - during a period of Summertime after 11.30pm or
  - during a period which is not a period of Summertime after 11.00pm.
- (b) On Saint Patrick's day or any Sunday before the hour of 12.30pm or between the hours of 2.00pm and 4.00pm or after 11.00pm.

- (c) At any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Rule excisable liquor may be supplied for consumption on the premises to any person or may be consumed on the Club premises by any person.
- (d) On any weekday during the period of Summertime between the hours of 11.30pm and 12.30pm on the following day
- (e) Or during a period which is not a period of Summertime between the hours of 11.00pm on any weekday and 12.30pm on the following day.
- (f) On Saint Patrick's day or any Sunday between the hours of 2.00pm and 3.00pm or between the hours of 10.00pm and 11.00pm or
- (g) On Christmas Day between the hours of 1.00pm and 3.00pm and the hours of 7.00pm and 10.00pm if in each case excisable liquor is:
- Ordered by the person at the same time as a substantial meal as defined in Section 9 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1962, is ordered by him.
  - Consumed at the same time as and with the meal.
  - Supplied and consumed in the portion of the Club premises usually set aside for the supplying of meals and
  - Paid for at the time as the meal is paid for.
- (h) PROVIDED ALWAYS these Rules shall not preclude the Club from serving excisable liquor at other hours for which an exemption order has been granted by the District Justice.
- (i) No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the Club premises to any members except during the hours of opening of the Club premises specified in this Rule and no excisable liquors shall be sold on the Club premises to any person under the age of 18 years.

Rule 21 No member of the Executive Committee and no Manager or Servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or in profits arising from such sale.

Rule 22 Visitors shall not be supplied with excisable liquor on the Club premises unless on the invitation of and in the company of a member and the member shall upon the admission of the visitor to the Club premises or immediately upon such member being supplied with such liquor enter his own name and the name of the visitor and his address in the book which shall be kept of the purpose of which shall show the date of his visit.



- Rule 23 Referees and Members and supporters and Officers of Visiting Clubs who participate in sporting events against the Club, or at the Clubs invitation, or in tournaments organised by the Club shall be deemed to be members of the Club for the duration of their visit without payment of subscription.
- Rule 24 No person shall be elected a temporary member of the Club save in accordance with these rules.
- Rule 25 Save as provided by the Rules no person shall be allowed to become temporary members of the Club or be relieved of the payment of the regular subscription.
- Rule 26 Minutes shall be made in proper books of all Executive Committee, Sub-Committee meetings, and, Annual General Meetings and be signed by the Chairman.
- Rule 27 The Executive Committee will elect delegates to represent the Club on regional Committees of the Leinster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union and Irish Womens Rugby Football Union.
- Rule 28 The Club shall be authorised to hold dances, card drives and other social functions in the Club Pavilion at the discretion of the Committee. Attendance of persons other than Club members to such functions shall be by invitation of the Members. The Committee shall fix admission charges etc. Such invited person paying admission charges must comply with the regulations laid down in Rule 14 regarding the signing of the Visitors Book.
- Rule 29 (a) The Committee may alter or add to the Rules for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act 1904, or of any Act which may be passed amending same.
- (b) But (except for the purpose aforesaid) no Rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered or new rules made, except at a General Meeting.
- Rule 30 In case any question should arise as to the interpretation of these Rules and Regulations the same shall be decided by the Committee.

**Rule 31 Deemed Notice**

No member shall be absolved from the effect of these Rules, or any bye-laws or regulations of the Club on the ground that he was not supplied with a copy of had no notice of same.