

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF
SOUTHWARK RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1. NAME AND PREMISES

- 1.1. The club shall be called; Southwark Rugby Club.
- 1.2. The Headquarters shall be at 146 Seely Road, London, SW17 9QY
- 1.3. The Club play its home matches at Waite Street Pitches, Cobourg Road,
London, SE5 0JD

2. OBJECTIVES.

- 2.1. The objectives of the club are to establish, maintain and conduct a Club for the purpose of playing Rugby Union Football by adults, youths and children from the local community as well as maintaining social activities between members themselves and members of other clubs with similar objectives.

3. COLOURS

- 3.1. The Club colours shall be black and red jerseys, black shorts, and black stockings.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. Shall be open to all.
- 4.2. Application for membership must be submitted on the appropriate form and must be exhibited on the Club notice board for a period of at least 14 days before being considered by the Committee.
- 4.3. The Committee shall decide whether applications for membership are to be accepted or declined.
- 4.4. The Committee shall have the right to terminate the membership of a member if, in their opinion, a member is guilty of offensive conduct or has failed to comply with the rules of the club.
- 4.5. Non-playing members are subject to the same rules as other members except they have no voting rights and cannot be on the Committee.

5. MANAGEMENT

- 5.1. The general affairs of the club shall be the responsibility of the Committee.
- 5.2. The Committee shall consist of the officers of the club and three other members.
- 5.3. Four members shall form a quorum of the Committee.
- 5.4. The Committee may appoint any sub-committee and delegate to them such powers as it considers necessary.

6. OFFICERS.

- 6.1. The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary, Captain and Vice-Captain.

7. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

7.1. Officers and Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

7.2. All members of the Committee are eligible for re-election.

7.3. Any vacancy occurring during the year may be filled by the committee.

7.4. Nominations for the position of Vice-President, which is an honorary position, must be approved at the Annual General Meeting.

8. FINANCE

8.1. The Club accounts for the previous financial year, duly audited, shall be presented for approval at the Annual general meeting.

8.2. The Auditor of the club accounts shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and cannot be a member of the Committee.

9. MEETINGS.

9.1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held prior to 31st March of each year.

9.2. A Special General meeting of the Club may be convened at any time by the Committee or on receipt by the Club secretary of a requisition, signed by not less than fifteen members, specifying the nature of the business they wish to discuss.

9.3. The date of the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting must be notified in writing at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

9.4. One third of the paid up membership shall form a quorum.

9.5. Propositions shall be decided by a show of hands or by a ballot if requested by one third of those present.

10. RULES OF THE GAME.

10.1. All current and future legislation as stated by The Rugby Football Union will be adhered to.

11. RULES OF THE CLUB.

11.1. The interpretation of the Rules shall rest with the Committee who shall have the power to deal with any matter not covered by the rules.

11.2. A rule may only be amended or rescinded by a resolution passed by the majority of members present, who are entitled to vote, at a Special or Annual General Meeting.

11.3. Recommendations for alterations etc. must be put in writing to the Club Secretary at least twenty eight days prior to the meeting.

11.4. Members must be informed of any proposed changes to the Constitution and Rules of the club at least fourteen days prior to any Special or General meeting.

11.5. These Rules are binding on all Members.

11.6. Members can be provided with a copy upon request and a copy shall be available on the Club premises.

12. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

- 12.1. Subscriptions shall be set by the Committee.
- 12.2. The annual membership subscription shall be paid by the 31st October.
- 12.3. Any member whose subscription is unpaid by the 30th November shall be deemed to have forfeited their membership.
- 12.4. Any member wishing to resign shall give notice in writing to the Club Secretary.

13. MATCHES.

- 13.1. Matches will be arranged by the Fixture Secretary in conjunction with the Committee.
- 13.2. Invitations to special matches shall be accepted or declined by the Committee.
- 13.3. Teams shall be selected by the Captain and/or Vice Captain.
- 13.4. Players selected for matches must be at the venue thirty minutes before the commencement time. Failure to do so may result in a reserve taking the position.

14. DRESS

- 14.1. Every player when playing for the club must wear a club shirt and socks plus black shorts.

15. COMPLAINTS.

- 15.1. If a complaint is made to the General Committee that any Member has not conformed to, or has transgressed any of the Rules of the Club, or has behaved against the best interests of the Club, then that Committee shall investigate the case.
- 15.2. Any complaint shall be sent in writing to the Secretary, who will forward a copy of the complaint to the Member concerned. The General Committee will not entertain a complaint where this provision has not been strictly observed.
- 15.3. The General Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee to deal with the matters relating to the infringement by the Member of the Club.
- 15.4. The Disciplinary Committee shall comprise not less than three Members of the General Committee, including the Club Chairman.
- 15.5. Any Member wilfully damaging Club property shall make good the damage at their personal cost.
- 15.6. Any Member so expelled shall have the right of appeal to the General Committee in writing within seven days of the disciplinary decision.

16. DISSOLUTION.

- 16.1. If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than one month thereafter and vote on the resolution.

16.2. If, at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the full members present at the meeting. The Committee shall thereupon, or at such a date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

16.3. After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other club having objects similar to those of the Club.

**THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE CLUB AGREE THIS IS A TRUE
CONSTITUTIONAL RECORD OF THE CLUB AS VOTED FOR BY THE
MEMBERS AS AT 10 August 2008.**

C CALLAWAY
CHAIRMAN

C BUCKLE
SECRETARY

V NEVE_DUNN
PRESIDENT

T Adeniji
Treasurer

Fixture Secretary
R Thebridge

Captain
N Bull

Vice Captain
D April