



# BEVERLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB RULES

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013

1. The name of the Club shall be “**THE BEVERLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB**”
  - i. The objects of the Club shall be the playing and promotion of Rugby Union Football.
  - ii. The Club shall be affiliated to the Rugby Football Union and the Yorkshire Rugby Football Union.
  - iii. The Club Colours shall be: Green and White. Changed strip may vary dependant on league requirements.
  - iv. The preferred method of communication to all Members shall be email unless otherwise requested.

## 2. OFFICERS

- i. The Officers of the Club shall consist of:
  - 1) President
  - 2) Chairman of the General Committee
  - 3) Honorary General Secretary
  - 4) Vice Chairman
  - 5) Honorary Treasurer
  - 6) Honorary Fixture Secretary
  - 7) Honorary Team Secretary
  - 8) Honorary Registrar
  - 9) Sponsorship and Hospitality Manager
  - 10) Chairman of the Youth Section Committee
  - 11) Elected Members ( none Officers )
- ii. Nominations for the above should be sent by email to the Honorary General Secretary at least three days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

## 3. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- i. The selection of teams shall be responsibility of the Team Coaches and the Team Captains.
- ii. After selection, the teams shall be posted on the Club website. Any player unable to play should contact the Team Coach or Team Captain.

## 4. GENERAL COMMITTEE

- i. The management of the affairs, engagements and concerns of the Club shall be entrusted to a General Committee of Members which shall consist of the Officers of the Club and elected Members including representatives from the Youth Section elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting. Other Members may be co-opted on to the Committee if required.
- ii. The General Committee shall have full power to fill any vacancy which may arise.
- iii. The General Committee shall have power to co-opt.



# BEVERLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

## RULES

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013

- iv. The General Committee shall, wherever possible, delegate its duties to other Committees of the Club whilst retaining overall executive control of the Club.
  - v. The General Committee shall have the sole power to deal with the funds of the Club and to raise funds by sponsorship or by any other means.
  - vi. The General Committee shall have power to do all things that may be necessary to carry on the Club, including:
    - a. The expulsion of members if their conduct be injurious to the character or interests of the Club shall be at the sole discretion of the General Committee.
    - b. The convening of an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting - Seven days notice of the purpose of such a meeting shall be sent by email to each Club Member.
  - vii. A quorum for a General Committee shall be five Committee Members present and the quorum for any other Committee shall be three.
5. A General Meeting of the Members of the Club, called the Annual General Meeting, shall be held before 15<sup>th</sup> June each year to receive the report of the Committee and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 1<sup>st</sup> May and for the election of Officers for the ensuing year.
- i. Notice calling such Meeting, stating the business to be considered thereat, shall be sent by email to each Member at least seven days prior to the date fixed for the Meeting.
  - ii. Notice by email or in writing of any proposed alterations or additions to these Rules, shall be sent to the General Secretary at least 14 days before 1<sup>st</sup> May in any year and notice of the proposed alteration shall be given on the circular convening the next Annual General Meeting.
  - iii. The sanction of two-thirds of the Members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary General Meeting is required for the passing of any resolution to alter the Rules. Any resolution to alter the Rules shall be passed by a simple majority.
  - iv. If the Club has to be disbanded at any time, the funds and equipment so formed shall be transferred to the account of the Beverley R.U.F.C. Trust Ltd.
6. **MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**
- i. Subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> September and any Member whose subscription is not paid on or before 31<sup>st</sup> October may be excluded from the privileges of the Club until the same is paid.
  - ii. Membership shall consist of the following classes :
    - a) Honorary Life Members elected by The General Committee for distinguished services to the Club.
    - b) Vice-Presidents elected by invitation of the General Committee.
    - c) Members (male or female) making an annual subscription this includes parents of junior members.( all the above have full voting rights )
    - d) Spouses/partners of members as defined at a) to c) inclusive above become



# BEVERLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB RULES

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013

- Social Members but shall have no voting rights at General Meetings,  
e) Junior Members under 18 years old on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August prior to the start of the season making an annual subscription.

All the above categories shall have the right of admission to the Ground (except for cup-ties and other matches defined by the General Committee) and the use of the amenities of the Clubhouse, save for Junior Members to whom intoxicating liquor may not be supplied for their consumption on or off the premises. The minimum life and annual subscriptions to the Club for each member shall be fixed by the Members at the Annual General Meeting in each year.

7. It shall be a condition of Membership of the Club that the annual subscription, when payable, shall be a debt due from the Member to the Honorary Treasurer for the time being.
8. Membership shall be open to all. The Club operates an equal opportunities policy and does not tolerate any form of discrimination. This extends to technical playing standards so that complete beginners shall be as welcome as experienced senior players. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

Any person wishing to join the Club may make themselves known to any Club Member.

The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to members as a whole with a simple majority to decide the issue.

9. Resignation from Club Membership shall be sent by email or in writing to the Honorary General Secretary.

## **10. EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

The Honorary General Secretary upon the emailed or written request of one-tenth in number of the Members, or of fifty Members (both having votes) whichever is less, shall call an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Club. Such written request (which may include alteration to Rules) shall specify in the form of proposed resolutions the matters to be considered. Such meeting shall be convened by notice by email or in writing, sent to each Member at least seven days before the date fixed for such meeting and shall specify business to be transacted thereat.

- i. An (E.G.M) may be called by the Chairman of the General Committee at any time with seven days' notice by email to all Members who have paid an annual subscription.

11. A copy of these Rules shall be permanently displayed in the Clubhouse.



# BEVERLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB RULES

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013

12. The Club Steward shall be appointed by the General Committee to purchase for the Club and for the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor. All matters and decisions regarding bar arrangements and licensing hours shall be the responsibility of the Club Steward.
13. The Club premises shall be open from 11.00am to 11.00pm every day except on Christmas Day and Good Friday when the hours shall be from 5.00pm to 11.00pm. Provided that the General Committee shall have power to extend or restrict these hours in their absolute discretion.
14. The hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied in the Clubhouse shall be within the permitted hours as allowed for in the licensing laws applied to the Club premises. A notice specifying these hours shall be displayed in the Clubhouse.

## 15. VISITORS AND GUESTS

- i. All visiting Players engaged in any game played at Beaver Park, Norwood, Beverley, any Referee of any such game, any Member of any Club which shall be playing at the said Ground, any International or County Member or Selector visiting the said Ground and any guest of any Member accompanied by such Member shall be regarded as temporary Members of the Club other than those of voting or introducing visitors or guests.
- ii. Any Full Member shall be entitled to introduce guests to the Club provided that no person whose application for Membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest. A Member introducing a guest shall enter the name and address of the guest, together with his own name, in a book which shall be kept at the Club premises. The Member introducing the guest shall be responsible for his/her guest observing the Club Rules and Regulations. The General Committee shall have the right to refuse admission to any guest without giving any reason and to close the Visitors' Book and prohibit the admission of guests for any such period at any time without notice. No guest shall be permitted to enter the Club premises during the time of any General Meeting.
- iii. Any Club Member may be permitted to hire the Club rooms and facilities for a fee at any time provided:
  - a) The Club Steward has notice of and accepts such a booking at least seven days before the function is to be held.
  - b) The name(s) and address(s) or the organiser(s) and of the guests who are not Members of the Club are written into the Private Function Book at least forty-eight hours before the function is to be held.
  - c) The function must be limited to the Club's licensed hours as may be amended by a Special Order of Exemption. Guests attending such private function(s) shall have full use of the Club's premises and facilities and intoxicating liquor may be sold to them on the premises, save for Junior Member(s) and guests under 18 years of age to whom intoxicating liquor may not be supplied for their consumption on or off the premises.



# BEVERLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB RULES

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013

- 16.** If at any time the Club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the General Committee to borrow money, the General Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amount of money at such rate of interest and in such manner as shall be specified in such a resolution provided that such a loan is not secured against the land and buildings owned by the Club and may by such debentures charge the funds but not any part of the land or buildings at Norwood, Beverley, of the Club with the payment of the amount so borrowed and interest thereon.

All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not and all persons becoming members of the Club after the passing of such resolutions, shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

## **17. PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP FUND**

Permanent Membership Subscriptions shall be paid into a Permanent Membership Fund which shall be used for capital purposes only except with consent of the Trustees for the time being of the Club and on such terms and conditions as they may appoint.

- 18.** The Club shall trade on a not for profit basis. Any annual surplus of income over expenditure must be re-invested in the Club. No distributions will be made to members save for expenses typically incurred by the Officers, or any payments made to players as authorised by the Committee for match day expenses eg for petrol.

- 19.** If upon winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property or funds whatsoever, the same shall be transferred to the accounts of The Beverley R.U.F.C Trust Ltd.

## **20. TRAVELLING EXPENSES**

Travel expenses or other expenses may be paid to any Player, Coach, or Member at the discretion of the General Committee. These expenses can be claimed after the match from the Treasurer of the Club.