

SALE FOOTBALL CLUB

Affiliated to the Cheshire Rugby Football Union

RULES

Pending approval at the 2018 AGM



Sale Football Club
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RULES OF SALE FOOTBALL CLUB

(Note – Throughout the rules the male gender is used; this is for brevity only and except for captains of single gender teams, all persons mentioned in these rules may be either male or female)

1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be “Sale Football Club” (referred to in these Rules as “the Club”)

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the Club shall be:-

(i) The playing, support and promotion of Rugby Union Football under the rules of the Rugby Football Union and the RFUW.

(ii) To provide facilities suitable for the first objective and to provide suitable facilities for members of the Club to engage in social activity.

2.2 In carrying out the objects set out in clause 2.1, the Club shall have power to borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Club may think fit to secure the same or the repayment or performance of any debts, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Club in any way and to purchase, redeem, or pay off any such securities and in furtherance of these objects to give third party loans on such terms and upon such security as it shall think fit and also have power to secure and guarantee any such loan or loans. The Club shall also have the power to grant leases of, licences over and other interests in any real or personal property of the Club. For the purposes contained in this sub-clause the Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint up to four Trustees of the Club in whom all the property of the Club, other than cash at the bank, shall vest to be held on trust for the Club members, in accordance with the direction of the Executive Committee. They shall also have power on appointment to execute all deeds and other documents which may be required for those purposes and subject to revision by the Annual General Meeting or by a Special General Meeting the Trustees shall have to account only to the Executive Committee for their action.

2.3 In carrying out the objects set out in clause 2.1, above, the Club shall so far as possible make best use of the assets of the Club. In the event of a sale of any of the Clubs’ assets the monies so generated shall be used in furtherance of these objects and may not be distributed to members unless 95% of the eligible members of the Club vote in writing for distribution at a meeting of which due notice has been given in accordance with these Rules. At this meeting, a written vote shall be taken and postal votes may be accepted from members who are unable to attend.

2.4 In the event of dissolution or winding up, the property and assets of the Club after discharge of all liabilities and expenses shall be held in trust for the benefit of Sale Football Club for the future as decided by the Trustees and Executive Committee of the Club.

3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The Club shall be managed by the Members of the Club through an Executive Committee.
- 3.2 The Executive Committee of the Club (referred in these Rules as the Executive Committee) shall consist of the President, the Club Chairman, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Financial Controller, the Chairman of Rugby and the Chairman of Mini and Junior Rugby.
- 3.3 The Executive Committee may co-opt additional members to serve as needed, but such co-opted members shall have no vote at Executive Committee meetings.
- 3.4 If any member of the Executive Committee, whether elected or co-opted, has a direct or indirect financial interest in any matter discussed he shall declare that interest to the other committee members present.
- 3.5 The Executive Committee may establish, and delegate powers to, management sub committees to manage the activities and assets of the Club. The empowered sub committees shall comprise:- Rugby Committee & Mini and Junior Rugby Committee.
- 3.6 The Executive Committee may establish any other Sub Committees which may be deemed necessary to assist in fulfilling the stated objectives of the Club.
- 3.7 All Sub Committees shall report to the Executive Committee via their Chairmen as detailed in these Rules or as required by the Executive Committee.
- 3.8 The Executive Committee may delegate any part of its duties and responsibilities to individual Club Officers or Sub Committees established by or under these Rules, but in all circumstances the Executive Committee will retain accountability and will be accountable to the Members in General Meeting for its actions.

4. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- 4.1 The Club President shall be nominated for election by the Vice Presidents of the Club.
- 4.2 Acting on the instructions of the retiring President, the Secretary of the Club shall give fourteen days' notice to the Vice Presidents of a meeting to nominate the next President. At that meeting the retiring President shall take the Chair and the nomination of the next President shall proceed by secret ballot conducted by the Secretary. The successful nominee must receive more than half of the votes of those present. If in the first ballot no nominee received more than half the votes cast, further ballots will be held until this result is achieved.
- 4.3 The Club President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the members for a term of two years and the same President may not normally be elected for a second consecutive term.
- 4.4 The Club Chairman, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Financial Controller, the Chairman of Rugby and the Chairman of Mini and Junior Rugby shall be elected from the membership at an Annual General Meeting. Members shall be proposed, seconded and elected at an

Annual General Meeting held three years after their election when they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election for another term of office.

4.5 If any Officer of the Executive Committee shall vacate his office by death or resignation or shall in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Committee become incapacitated or unfit for carrying on his Office the Executive Committee may appoint an Officer to act in his stead until the next Annual General Meeting, when an election shall take place to replace that Officer. In case of temporarily disability or incapacity to act of any Executive Officer the Executive Committee shall if they see fit depute some person to undertake the duties of such officer during such disability or incapacity.

5. **POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

5.1 The Executive Committee, in addition to the powers expressly conferred upon them by the Rules, shall have responsibility for managing the affairs of the Club and shall have full discretion in carrying into effect the objects of the Club as provided by the Rules.

5.2 The Executive Committee shall have full power to decide all disputes arising out of the Rules between Members, Officers of the Club or between Members and Officers of the Club and shall have such powers as may be necessary for carrying their decisions into effect. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be binding in all matters, subject only to a revision by a General Meeting of the Club hereinafter mentioned.

5.3 In particular, the Executive Committee shall have the following specific powers:-

- (i) To appoint such paid employees as it deems are required to administer the club premises and to further the objects of the Club.
- (ii) To give support as required by the Chairman of Rugby and coaches in the setting of the Club's policy on selection and coaching.
- (iii) To give support to the Chairman of Mini and Junior rugby and coaches in the setting of the Club's policy on the selection and coaching of players.
- (iv) To approve expenditure of Club revenue funds in pursuance of the objectives of the Club.
- (v) To appoint such other Officers of the Club or Sub-Committees from the Membership, with such powers as it shall from time to time decide.
- (vi) To co-opt members on to the Executive Committee, in accordance with these Rules or, as officers of the Club or its Sub-Committees as it shall from time to time decide. Such co-opted Member to hold office at the discretion of the Executive Committee or until the next Annual General meeting of the members.
- (vii) To ensure that suitable refreshment is available to members, guests and visitors when the Club premises are open for general use. To ensure that all requirements for the granting of licence(s) in relation to the sale of alcoholic liquor, refreshments and related matters, are satisfied.

5.4 The Club shall indemnify each Officer, Trustee and employee from time to time of the Club and each person who was or is from time to time a member of the Executive Committee shall (to the extent that such person is not entitled to recover under any policy of insurance) be entitled to be indemnified out of any and all funds available to the Club which may lawfully be applied against all costs, liens, charges, expenses and liabilities whatsoever incurred by such person in the execution of duties undertaken on behalf of the Club or in relation thereto or incurred in good faith in the purported discharge of such duties including any liability incurred in initiating, prosecuting or defending any civil proceedings which relate to anything done or submitted as an officer or employee or as a Member of the Executive Committee or any Sub-Committee as the case may be.

6. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

6.1 The President will be the senior officer and representative of the Club. He shall also act as Chairman of the Executive Committee on any occasion when the Club Chairman is absent. Together with any other members of the Club nominated by him, he will represent the Club for the purpose of welcoming and entertaining members of visiting Rugby union clubs. The President will similarly represent the Club at away games and any other functions connected with the playing of Rugby Union.

7. DUTIES OF THE CLUB CHAIRMAN

7.1 The Chairman shall take the chair at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee at which he is present. In the absence of the Chairman the President shall act as Chairman and if he is not available the Honorary Secretary shall do so. The Chairman or Acting Chairman, shall in all cases have one vote and in the case of a tie shall have the casting vote.

8. DUTIES OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY

8.1 The Honorary Secretary shall cause a minute to be kept of all meetings of the Club and the Executive Committee, and shall issue such notices and agenda as may be required by the Rules, and shall carry on such correspondence as The Executive Committee direct, or as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the objects of the Club.

9. DUTIES OF THE HONORARY FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

9.1 The Honorary Financial Controller shall be responsible for the financial activities of the Club, and shall be empowered to receive money on behalf of the Club and to give a good receipt for the same, and shall deal with the funds so received by him in such manner as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct.

9.2 The Honorary Financial Controller shall cause to be kept an account of all the monies received or expended by him on behalf of the Club and shall annually prepare a Balance Sheet and an Income and Expenditure Account showing the financial position of the Club and shall present the same at either the Annual General Meeting or a meeting held for this purpose.

10. DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF RUGBY

- 10.1 The Chairman of Rugby is responsible to the Executive Committee for all matters concerning rugby, to include Senior Rugby and Colts Rugby, and the activities of the Rugby Committee. He shall co-ordinate the various aspects of rugby via meetings which he shall call and chair in accordance with these Rules and will report directly to the Executive Committee.
- 10.2 In relation to rugby matches the Chairman of Rugby will ensure that appropriate hospitality is shown to visiting players and officials.
- 10.3 It is the responsibility of the Chairman of Rugby to attend, or delegate an attendee, all external Rugby related meetings as required and communicate back to the Club and relevant information to ensure the club is compliant with all rules and regulations.
- 10.4 The Chairman of Rugby shall attend meetings of the Mini & Junior Committee, as required, to communicate such rugby matters, including those relating to section 10.3, to ensure that the M&J section is informed of rugby matters within the Club.
- 10.5 In conjunction with the Director of Rugby and the Chairman of the Mini & Junior section, the Chairman of Rugby will create a rugby structure that will facilitate a Rugby Strategy and Objectives policy to include, Senior, Colts and M&J rugby. This policy should be reviewed periodically and communicated to all rugby sections.

11. DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF MINI & JUNIOR RUGBY

- 11.1 The Chairman of Mini & Junior Rugby is responsible to the Executive Committee for all matters concerning Mini & Junior Rugby and the activities of the M & J Committee. Under the guidance of the Chairman of Rugby, he shall co-ordinate all aspects of M & J Rugby section via meetings which he shall call and chair in accordance with these Club Rules and will report directly to the Executive Committee.
- 11.2 In relation to M & J matches, the Chairman of Mini & Junior Rugby will ensure that appropriate hospitality is shown to visiting players and officials.

12. THE RUGBY COMMITTEE

- 12.1 The Rugby Committee shall comprise a Chairman, and a maximum of 5 appointed members (who shall include team captains and coaches where available). The Chairman of Rugby, under guidance from the Executive Committee, is empowered to appoint the members of this Committee according to the skills and qualifications that may be necessary. The Rugby Committee is authorised to co-opt such additional non-voting members as it deems necessary to assist in carrying out its functions.
- 12.2 In particular, the Rugby Committee shall be responsible for:-
- (i) Ensuring that all rugby playing members are aware of the policies, rules and codes of the Club.

(ii) Ensuring that all player registrations are received and processed and that the relevant paperwork is passed to the appropriate person within the Club.

(iii) The coaching of players and the selection of teams.

(iv) The organisation and arrangements for the playing of all games.

(v) The determination of any fees payable by those participating in matches.

(vi) Appointing from its members a person to act as secretary.

This Committee shall report to the Executive Committee through its Chairman.

13. THE MINI & JUNIOR RUGBY COMMITTEE

13.1 The Mini & Junior Rugby Committee shall comprise a Chairman, and a maximum of 5 appointed members (who shall include coaches where available). The Chairman of Mini & Junior Rugby, under guidance from the Executive Committee, is empowered to appoint the members of this Committee according to the skills and qualifications that may be necessary. The Mini & Junior Rugby Committee is authorised to co-opt such additional non-voting members as it deems necessary to assist in carrying out its functions.

13.2 In particular, the Mini & Junior Rugby Committee shall be responsible for:

(i) Ensure that all rugby playing members and parents are aware of the policies, rules and codes of the Club

(ii) Ensuring that all player registrations are received & processed and that the relevant paperwork is passed to the appropriate person within the Club.

(iii) The coaching of players and the selection of teams

(iv) The organisation and arrangements for the playing of all games

(v) The determination of any fees payable by those participating in matches

(vi) Appointing from its members a person to act as Secretary

This committee shall report to the Executive Committee through its Chairman.

14. SPECIAL SUB COMMITTEES

Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint special sub-committees. The powers of such special sub-committees shall be strictly limited to the terms of reference laid down by the Executive Committee and in particular such special sub-committees shall not expend Club funds, or in any way pledge the credit of the Club, without the express sanction of the Executive Committee.

15. MEETINGS AND QUORUM OF CLUB COMMITTEES

- 15.1 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held, as far as practicable, no fewer than ten times in any twelve month period and each meeting shall take place no later than 6 weeks after the previous meeting.
- 15.2 Meetings of any Sub Committees of the Club shall take place at such intervals as directed by the Executive Committee and shall be sufficiently frequent to undertake their responsibilities in an effective manner.
- 15.3 The Honorary Secretary of the Executive Committee may, at his discretion, and shall at the request of not less than two of the members of that Committee summon an Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall give at least three days' notice of all meetings to the committee members.
- 15.4 Four elected members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum. Three members shall form a quorum for all Sub Committees established by these Rules. Where any other Sub Committee is set up by the Executive Committee under Rule 14, its quorum shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

16. DUTIES OF RUGBY TEAM CAPTAINS

The Captains of the respective teams shall have full charge of and control over their respective teams whilst a match is in progress. In the absence of the team Captain, the Captain appointed for the match shall have these responsibilities.

17. DUTIES OF OFFICERS GENERALLY

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Officers and of other members appointed on any permanent or special sub-committee shall be those laid down by the Rules, and such further or other duties as may from time to time be allotted by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may inquire into the conduct of any Officer or Official in relation to carrying out of his duties, and may, if they see fit remove or suspend any Officer or Official from his office. Any Officer or official so removed shall be deemed to be incapacitated within the meaning of Rule 4.5.

18. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

Vice Presidents will be members who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the Club. Vice Presidents may be requested by the President to represent the Club on his behalf. Nominations for Vice Presidents shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary twenty-eight days prior to the Annual General

Meeting, and shall be approved both by the Executive Committee prior to election and by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting.

19. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

At any General Meeting of the members of the Club, Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on any member for outstanding services to the Club or to the game of Rugby Union Football provided due notice of intention so to do is given in the notice convening such General Meeting and the resolution conferring such Honorary Life Membership is carried by a majority of three-fourths of the members present at the meeting. Life Members shall not pay any annual subscriptions.

20. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (the AGM)

- 20.1 An Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club shall be held on such a date as the Executive Committee shall determine not more than 3 months after the close of the Rugby Football season and 15 months shall not elapse without an AGM. A notice calling the Meeting shall be sent to each member of the Club at least fourteen days prior to the date of such Meeting.
- 20.2 All nominations for Officers to be elected at the AGM shall be in the hands of the Secretary of the Club twenty one days before the date of the AGM. All persons nominated shall be proposed and seconded by members and shall confirm their availability to the Secretary. The Secretary shall display a nominations sheet at least thirty five days prior to the AGM which shall be removed twenty one days before the AGM.
- 20.3 At the AGM the following business shall be conducted: -
- (i) To elect the officers of the Executive Committee.
 - (ii) To fix the annual subscriptions payable for the ensuing year.
 - (iii) To receive reports from or on behalf of the Club Chairman, the Chairman of Rugby and, the Chairman of Mini and Junior Rugby.
 - (iv) To receive notification of the appointment of auditors.
 - (v) To receive from the Executive Committee a financial report, audited balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year.
 - (vi) Such business as shall be notified to the Honorary Secretary by Executive Officers of the Club for inclusion in the agenda.
 - (vii) Such other business as shall have been notified to the Honorary Secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM and included by him in the notice of meeting sent by him to members. Such notification shall be in writing and signed by not less than 2 members.
- 20.4 No business other than that of which notice has been given shall be brought forward at the meeting, unless the Chairman of the meeting determines that unusual circumstances require the item to be raised.

21. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 21.1 The Honorary Secretary shall, at the request of the Executive Committee, or upon a requisition signed by fifteen members of the Club, or at his own discretion, summon a Special General Meeting of the members of the Club. At least fourteen days' notice in writing of such meeting shall be sent to each member of the Club, and such notice shall state the business to be laid before the meeting. At least 14 days before any Special General Meeting, the Honorary Secretary shall send to every member and advertise at the Club House notice of the meeting and of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that of which notice has been given shall be brought forward at the meeting.
- 21.2 A Special General Meeting shall have full power to deal with any matter of which due notice has been given as provided by the last preceding rule.

22. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDING SPECIAL AND ANNUAL MEETINGS)

- 22.1 All Members aged over eighteen shall be entitled to attend and to vote at General Meetings of the Club, except that only those members aged over eighteen with three years continuous membership shall be entitled to vote on any matter directly relating to land issues, Investment Management and strategy.
- 22.2 Each Member entitled to vote shall have one vote.
- 22.3 Unless the Rules require otherwise, each motion shall be deemed to be carried if passed by a simple majority. In the event of the vote being tied, the presiding Chairman of the Meeting shall be entitled to a second and casting vote.
- 22.4 Any candidate for any office who shall have been properly proposed and seconded and who is unopposed shall be elected by a show of hands.
- 22.5 Any ballot for any office of the Club for which more than one nomination has been received shall be conducted at the meeting by those Members present and the voting shall be by a secret ballot.
- 22.6 All other resolutions or motions shall be voted on at the meeting by those members present voting by a show of hands, unless those members present and voting shall decide by a simple majority that a vote for the resolution or motion shall be by secret ballot.
- 22.7 In the event of a secret ballot, the presiding chairman shall appoint two scrutineers. They shall give to each member entitled to vote a ballot paper. Each Member entitled to vote shall mark his ballot paper to indicate clearly, either for which candidate he is voting, or whether he is for or against the motion put to the meeting, as the case may be. The scrutineers shall collect the ballot papers and shall count them in the meeting room giving the result to the presiding chairman who shall announce immediately the result of the ballot. In the event of a tied vote, the presiding chairman shall have a second and casting vote.

23. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 23.1 There shall be two categories of membership: life membership in accordance with Rule 21 and general membership.
- 23.2 The use of some Club facilities or the entitlement to participate in some Club activities will be dependent upon paying a subscription in addition to the subscription for general membership.

24. APPLICATION FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 24.1 An applicant for membership of the Club shall apply on a form approved from time to time by the Executive Committee. Every person wishing to become a member of the Club shall be proposed and seconded by a current member of the Club. Applicants' names will be displayed on the notice board in the Club House for not less than 7 days. Any member wishing to oppose a Candidate's application must inform the Executive Committee in writing within the 7 day period. Applications for membership shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee in its absolute discretion. The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant accordingly. In case of rejection, the Club shall be under no obligation to give any reason or reasons for such rejection and the subscription for the current year shall be returned to the applicant by post at the applicants risk. Upon acceptance the Member's full name, date of birth, address, occupation and contact telephone numbers shall be entered on a membership record which is overseen by the Honorary Secretary.
- 24.2 Membership records will be treated in accordance with the principles of Data Protection Act (GDPR as from May 25th 2018) and will be used solely for the purposes of the Club.

25. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 25.1 The Annual Subscriptions for membership shall be at the rate determined from time to time by the Club in Annual General Meeting.
- 25.2 The annual subscriptions to be paid in addition to the membership subscription to participate in certain Club activities, for example playing rugby, or to make use of some Club facilities, shall be at the rate for such activities and facilities as determined from time to time by the Club in Annual General Meeting.
- 25.3 The Members at the AGM may determine to make concessions, based on age or status, in relation to any or all subscriptions payable by Members.

26. CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 26.1 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 Financial Controller of the Club for the time being". The payment by a member of his first annual subscription shall be held to imply his acquiescence in the Rules and Regulations of the Club for the time being, and in all alterations thereof regularly made at any time thereafter, as well as his submission

to the restrictions they enjoin and the penalties they enact. New members shall be required to pay their subscription before being entitled to the privileges of membership of the Club.

- 26.2 If a Member's subscription for the ensuing year is not paid by the 31st day of December in such year, the Executive Committee without prejudice to the right of the Honorary Financial Controller to proceed to recover such subscription by process of Law, shall cancel the membership of such members. The Executive Committee, may, before the end of the Club's financial year on good cause being shown and full payment of the subscription, re-instate such cancelled membership without prejudice to the period of continuous membership.
- 26.3 Members may be required to produce their membership cards on entering the Members' Bar or any other Members' facility. Membership cards shall not be transferable and any member allowing another person to make use of his membership card to gain access to club facilities or for any other dishonest purpose may be subject to disciplinary process by the Executive Committee.
- 26.4 Membership for a Club year shall commence from the 1st August. Any member not having sent in his resignation in writing to the Honorary Secretary prior to such date shall be liable, on request, to pay his subscription for the ensuing year.

27. USE OF MEMBERSHIP FACILITIES

Members may use the Club facilities, in accordance with subscription paid, and the Members Bar at all times during designated opening hours, provided always that at least one Officer or employee of the Club shall be present during the time the Clubhouse is in use.

28. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

All members of the Club shall have the privilege of introducing guests to the Club. Any member who introduces a guest to the Clubhouse who in the opinion of the Executive Committee has behaved in a manner detrimental to the best interests of the Club, shall render himself liable to action under Rule 32.

29. THE MEMBERS BAR

The opening hours of the Members Bar shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee and shall be published on the premises. All members and guests of members must abide by the conditions attached to the Club's licence to sell intoxicating liquor.

30. MEMBERS OF VISITING CLUBS

Members of visiting clubs shall on the day or days on which their respective clubs play on the Club rugby ground, be entitled to free use of the Club House and playing facilities as the case may be, at any Club site.

31. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

- 31.1 All Members of the Club are expected to play or support the playing of the game of rugby football in accordance with the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play.

- 31.2 Members will ensure that in their playing of their game and also in their general support of the Club and its teams, and when on Club premises, they do not indulge at any time in any unsporting or anti-social behaviour or activities which could blemish the good name of the Club or bring the reputation of the game into disrepute. They shall also conduct themselves in accordance with any published codes of conduct issued by the Club, the RFU and, the RFUW.
- 31.3 If any member shall have a complaint against the Club he shall provide details in writing to the Honorary Secretary who shall bring it to the attention of the Executive Committee on the next meeting date. The Executive Committee shall consider each complaint on its merits and take such action (if any) as it sees fit. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

32. MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE

- 32.1 The Executive Committee is responsible for club discipline on and off the field of play. The Executive Committee shall take into account the evidence and circumstances pertaining to any such incident before deciding if such person should be disciplined by the Club.
- 32.2 The Executive Committee shall have the power to:-
- (a) caution,
 - (b) or, for up to 6 months suspend the membership of,
 - (c) or prohibit the use of any or all Club facilities for up to 6 months by,
 - (d) or expel any member of the Club who has been found to have used conduct which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, is detrimental to the best interests of the Club or to the Rugby Football Union and/or is found to be in breach of these Rules. Not less than seven clear days' notice in writing shall be given to any member charged under this Rule, of the intention of the Executive Committee to investigate his conduct. The notice shall specify the offence with which he is charged, and he shall be entitled to attend at the meeting of which such notice is given, and to hear the charges laid against him, and to reply thereto. Subject to rule 34.3, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.
- 32.3 The Executive Committee may temporarily suspend any member and bar them from Club premises, or temporarily bar any member from any part of the Club premises without suspension, pending enquiry into his conduct. Such temporary suspension or temporary bar shall not exceed 3 months.
- 32.4 A Special General Meeting, held in accordance with the Club Rules, shall have power to review any decisions of the Executive Committee to expel or suspend any member, or to suspension or remove any Officer or member of any Committee, arrived at within fifty days before the date of such meeting.

33. RE-ELECTION OF EXPELLED MEMBERS

No member expelled as a result of the procedure in Rule 33, shall be entitled to re-election until 12 months have elapsed from the date of his expulsion. Notice of the proposed re-

election of any such expelled member shall be given to every member of the Executive Committee.

34. AUDITORS

The Club accounts shall be audited once a year, or more often at the discretion of the Executive Committee, by such persons as the Executive Committee may appoint for such purpose.

35. CHANGE OF RULES

No alteration shall be made in the Rules of the Club except at a General Meeting of the Club. Notice of the proposed alterations shall in every case be given in the notice convening such a General Meeting

36. CLUB COLOURS

The Club colours shall be Royal Blue and White.