

**CONSTITUTION
OF
THE DALLAS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

**ARTICLE I.
NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization is the Dallas Rugby Football Club, hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

**ARTICLE II.
PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION**

The Club is organized for the enjoyment of the amateur sport of Rugby football, in accordance with the laws of the International Rugby Board, the Western Union of the United States of America Rugby Football Union, and the Texas Rugby Football Union.

**ARTICLE III.
MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATION**

The Club shall maintain membership in the Texas Rugby Football Union and, thus, maintain affiliation with the Western Union of the United States of America Rugby Football Union.

**ARTICLE IV.
UNIFORM COLORS**

The Club's colors, as registered with the Texas Rugby Football Union, are black shorts, scarlet jersey with white collar, and black stockings with a scarlet top.

**ARTICLE V.
MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB**

A. Membership in the Club shall be granted to any person who is in sympathy with the purpose of the Club and willing to abide by both the rules and spirit of the sport of Rugby football and with the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

B. Membership in the Club shall be granted seasonally and is evidenced by the candidate paying his dues subscription in a timely manner.

C. Membership in the Club is of two classes:

1) Voting Membership

- a. A Playing Membership is granted to persons current in dues subscription and other obligations of the Club. A Playing Member is entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and at other Club meetings as called by the Executive Council, and is entitled to play on the Cup sides of the Club. A full dues subscription is required.
- b. A Life Membership is granted to persons paying a sum equal to or greater than twenty (20) times the subscription rate of the current season. All privileges and suffrage of Playing Membership are granted for the remainder of the lifetime of the Lifetime Member, provided the member is current in other obligations to the Club.
- c. An Honorary Membership may be granted to any person who has extended extraordinary service to the Club. Any candidate for Honorary Membership may be nominated, seconded, and elected for this membership by the voting members at the annual general meeting. A successful candidate is granted all privileges and suffrage of playing membership for the remainder of his lifetime.
- d. A Non-Playing Membership is granted to persons wishing full suffrage privileges but not wishing to play on the Club's Cup sides. A partial dues subscription, as determined by the Treasurer, is required.

2. Country Membership. Country Membership is granted to persons residing outside the Dallas – Fort Worth Metroplex area who wish to be kept current on affairs of the Club. A partial dues subscription, as determined by the Treasurer, is required. A Country Member is allowed to play a maximum of two (2) Cup matches per season. If a Country Member wishes to play or does play in more than two (2) Cup matches per season, a full dues subscription is required.

D. Membership in the Club may be denied, revoked, or suspended if the conduct of the candidate/member is considered objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club.

ARTICLE VI.
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council of the Club is composed of voting members who, by election to office, are responsible for the leadership and direction of the Club as well as being ultimately

responsible to the members for accomplishment of the various tasks necessary for maintenance of the Club.

A. Any voting member is eligible for nomination for election to office in the Executive Council. A voting membership is not in effect until all dues and accounts with the Club are brought current.

B. The offices of the Executive Council shall be composed of Club Officers and Club Committeemen.

1. The Officers

- a. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Club and shall direct and oversee the functions of all other officers and committee-men. He or his appointee shall represent the Club at all meetings of the Texas Rugby Union.
- b. The Secretary shall serve as second officer of the Club and is responsible for timely distribution of information to members. He is responsible for Club correspondence and for recording and filing the proceedings of all meetings. He shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform all duties of the President.
- c. The Treasurer shall serve as third officer of the Club and shall safely keep all Club funds and disburse same, as necessary. He shall keep an accurate balance sheet and cash flow record. He shall, with the consent of the Executive Council, set the level of dues for each season and shall be responsible for collection of same. He shall, in the absence or disability of both the President and the Secretary, perform all duties of the President.

2. The Committeemen

- a. The Pitch Chairman, working under the supervision of the President, shall cause pitch preparation and cleanup to be done. He shall oversee balls, jerseys, and other Club equipment and is responsible for the distribution, collection, and storage of same.
- b. The Social Chairman, working under the direction of the Treasurer, shall plan and arrange parties and social functions.
- c. The Match Secretary, working under the supervision of the President, shall arrange and confirm all matches with other Rugby football clubs.

C. The Executive Council shall have regular meetings, as determined by the President, to set policy for the Club and to take care of Club business.

1. At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Council, a quorum is not necessary.
2. Each elected member of the Executive Council has one vote. Proxy voting is not allowed.
3. The President shall, in the case of a tie vote, be allowed one additional vote to break the tie.

D. The Executive Council may have other members chosen by the President to serve on it, provided the other officers are in agreement. These appointed members are not voting members of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VII. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting (the "AGM") shall be held for the consideration of past, current, and future business of the Club and to elect officers and committeemen for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VIII. VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A. Should the office(s) of President, Treasurer, or Secretary fall vacant between the AGM and the date eleven months hence, the Executive Council shall call a Special General Meeting (an "SGM") of the Club for the purpose of filling the vacancies.

B. Should the office(s) of Pitch Chairman, Social Chairman, or Match Secretary fall vacant between the AGM and the date eleven months hence, the balance of the Executive Council shall appoint member(s) of the Club to fill the vacancy(ies). Such appointees shall have voting rights on the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IX. RELEASE OF MEMBERSHIP

No member who is in arrears with his dues or otherwise indebted to the Club shall be released to another Rugby football club.

ARTICLE X.
RULES OF THE CLUB

- A. The Rules of the Club are subordinate to this Constitution.
- B. The Rules of the Club are established coincidentally with this Constitution.

ARTICLE XI.
AMENDMENT

Amendment of this Constitution may be done at the AGM or at a Special General Meeting, as called by the Executive Council. An SGM may also be called by the voting members at large. The number of voting members required to call for an SGM is the greater of twenty (20) or one-third (1/3) of the voting members.

- A. All proposed amendments to the Constitution must be made and seconded by voting members and are to be presented to the Executive Council at least fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM or SGM so that they might be prepared for printing and distribution.
- B. Successful amendments must receive approval by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total electorate of the Club. Voting by postal reply cards is acceptable.

ARTICLE XII.
RATIFICATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

At least two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voting members, as determined by the Treasurer, must participate in the ratification vote of this Constitution and, of those participating, at least four-fifths (4/5) must approve this Constitution. Voting by postal reply cards is acceptable.

ARTICLE XIII.
DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

- A. A vote to dissolve the Club can be proposed in the same manner that an amendment to the Constitution is proposed.
- B. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voting members, as determined by the Treasurer, must participate in person at the voting meeting and, of those participating, at least four-fifths (4/5) must approve the proposal to dissolve the Club .
- C. Immediately following a successful dissolution vote, the voters shall decide on the means for disposal of all Club properties and the distribution of the proceeds from same.

**RULES
OF
THE DALLAS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Reference is made in these Rules to the corresponding section, when appropriate, in the Club Constitution.

RULE 1. (Art. V., Part B)

A. The seasons are divided as follows:

1. The Fall season begins on Labor Day and runs through December 31.
2. The Spring season begins January 1 and runs through Memorial Day.
3. The Summer season is composed of the time between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

B. The Treasurer is responsible for the setting of the various due dates for subscriptions for the respective seasons.

1. The Treasurer is responsible for ascertaining the eligibility of voting members at all Club meetings, including the Annual General Meeting.
2. The Treasurer may deny playing status to any person not current with his dues subscription, or who has not made satisfactory arrangements to meet this obligation.

RULE 2. (Art. V., Part D)

A. Only the Executive Council may deny, revoke, or suspend membership. It can do so only at a regular meeting of the council and with two-thirds (2/3) of the council present and on a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the council members.

B. Any excluded/suspended candidate/member has the right to appear in person at the next regular meeting of the Executive Council to present his case. After his presentation before at least two-thirds (2/3) of the council, his exclusion/suspension can be upheld on a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the council members.

RULE 3. (Art. VII.)

A. The Annual General Meeting shall be held each June at a venue determined by the Executive Council.

B. Because the AGM is held the same month each year, written notice to the voting members of the Club is not necessary.

1. Venue of the AGM will be posted at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at the Club's regular meeting place.
2. Venue of the AGM will be announced on the Club's telephone announcement machine every day for at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

C. No prescribed quorum of voting members need be present at the AGM to constitute a valid AGM.

D. The agenda for the AGM is to be determined by the President and will include at least the following business:

1. To consider and approve (with or without amendment) the minutes of the previous AGM.
2. To receive the Treasurer's annual report and to make any appropriate orders in respect thereof.
3. To receive the Captain's report on the previous year and to make any appropriate orders in respect thereof.
4. To elect officers and committeemen for the ensuing year.
 - a. All voting members are qualified to make and receive nominations for office. Nominations must be seconded by voting members.
 - b. Nominations for President, Secretary, and Treasurer can only be made with the nominee present, or represented by proxy approved in writing.
 - c. Electees are decided by majority vote. Pluralities will require a second vote.
5. To consider and accept or reject any proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Club, as provided in Article XII. of the Constitution.
6. To consider any additions, deletions, or alterations to the Rules of the Club, as provided by Rule 12.

RULE 4. (Art. VII.)

Members of the Executive Council take office immediately after the Annual General Meeting, or the Special General Meeting, as appropriate.

RULE 5. (Art. VII., Part B(1))

A. The President is responsible for nomination of a committee to procure and maintain a coaching staff for the Club. The term of office for the President is one year.

B. The term of office for the Secretary is two years, beginning with the 1988 election.

C. The term of office for the Treasurer is two years, retroactive to the 1987 election.

RULE 6. (Art. VII., Part B(2))

The Pitch Chairman shall make, at the beginning of each season, a schedule of members assigned to pitch duties. Should the member not show up for his assignment, he will be reported to the Treasurer and fined \$10.00 for each absence.

RULE 7. (Art. VII., Part B(4))

The Match Secretary must have and maintain regular daytime and nighttime telephone numbers that will be made available to members clubs of the Texas Rugby Union.

RULE 8. (Art. VII., Part C)

Regular meetings of the Executive Council shall take place the second Wednesday of each month at a place chosen by the President. Dates are subject to alteration due to holidays.

RULE 9. THE CAPTAINS.

A. A Captain for the first side and Captains for the respective lesser sides of the Club shall be nominated by the coach(es).

B. The Executive Council shall receive all nominations prior to its regular September meeting and at that meeting each candidate shall be approved or disapproved by a vote of the Executive Council.

C. Terms of the Captains

1. The full term of the First Side Captain is one year.

2. The full term of the second and lower side captains is through Memorial Day of the following year.

D. Every captain is subject to recall by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Council at its regular monthly meeting. The Executive Council shall immediately request from the coach(es) a nomination for his replacement. The Executive Council shall approve or disapprove the new candidate within one week. This procedure shall also be used in the event that any of the captaincies fall vacant.

RULE 10.

The Selection Committee is composed of the coach(es) and the captain(s). A captain can select down, but not up. E.g., a second side captain can have no authority in selections for the first side.

RULE 11.

Full kit, as described in Article IV. of the Constitution, is required of all players in Cup matches.

RULE 12.

These Rules can be amended in a manner identical to that prescribed for amendment of the Constitution in Article XII thereof.

RULE 13.

The fiscal year of the Club is July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year.