

Waterloo 1882 Limited (Firwood Waterloo FC)

Rules

These rules of Waterloo 1882 Limited (also known as Firwood Waterloo FC and hereafter referred to as the Club) are made pursuant to Article 49 of the Club's Articles of Association. The terms used shall have the same meaning as in the Articles of Association. Where there is any inconsistency between these Rules and the Articles of Association, the provisions of the Articles of Association shall prevail.

1. Membership

The Club consists of Voting Members and Non-Voting Members.

2. Voting Members

The Voting Members shall be all members of all membership classes who are over the age of 18:

- (i) people who participate in playing rugby union (whether competitively or not) for or at the Club ("Player Members", "Student/U21 Members");
- (ii) people who are supporters of the Club ("Full Members", "Joint Members", "Family Members", "Student/U21 Members");

who have chosen to apply to be a Voting Member and who are admitted to the Club by the Board upon application in accordance with the Articles; and

- (iii) individuals who have been elected as Life Members of the Club in accordance with Article 33.2.5.

3. Non-Voting Members

The Non-Voting Members shall be people who participate in playing rugby union (whether competitively or not) for or at the Club and who are under the age of 18 and who have chosen to apply to be a Non-Voting Member and who are admitted to the Club by the Board in accordance with the Articles ("Junior Members").

4. Rights and Privileges of members

- 4.1 Voting Members are entitled (under the Articles of Association) to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings of the Club (either in person or through his proxy); propose and second candidates for election; receive all Club publications; and to such other membership rights as the Club in general meeting shall from time to time determine.
- 4.2 Non-Voting Members are entitled to receive all Club publications and such other membership rights as the Club in general meeting shall from time to time determine. They are not entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings of the Club or propose and second candidates for election.

5. Subscriptions

- 5.1 The annual subscription payable by members of the Club, subject to alteration as provided later in this rule, shall be set by the Board from time to time in accordance with the Articles and ratified by the Club membership at the AGM.
- 5.2 The subscription year shall be from 1 September to 31 August inclusive in each year. Any change in subscription made by the Board will be notified to members by being included in any notice, newsletter, or similar document posted to the member by being addressed to him at his last known address, or by posting this information prominently on the Website, on or before 1 August next following after the decision to make the increase and will take effect on the first day of September following such notification.
- 5.3 Members admitted at any time during the year shall pay such proportion of the annual subscription as apportioned to represent the number of full months remaining in the subscription year.
- 5.4 In the event that a member's membership is terminated for any reason, no refund of a subscription or entrance fee shall be payable unless the Board decides otherwise.

6. Disciplinary Procedure

- 6.1 The Board delegates to the Disciplinary Panel its power under the Articles to expel a member in accordance with Article 30.

- 6.2 The Disciplinary Panel will investigate and deal with disciplinary matters in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedure as approved by the Board.

7. Rules concerning provision of alcohol on the Club Premises

- 7.1 Purchase for the Club and supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor must be in the absolute discretion of the Board, all of whom being members over the age of 18 years, in accordance with the provisions of the Premises Licence issued by Sefton MBC.
- 7.2 No one may at any time receive at the expense of the Club or any member any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.
- 7.3 No one may directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.

8. Guests

The Club shall hold a licence to permit the sales of intoxicating liquor such that any member of the public may purchase intoxicating liquor without the need to be signed in as a guest of a member.

9. Opening of Club premises

The Club will be open at such times as the Board shall decide.

10. Permitted hours

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor and provision of regulated entertainment shall be as permitted by the Club's Premises Licence.

11. Dress Code

The dress code for functions at the Club shall be as advertised for each function.

12. Interpretation of the Rules

The interpretation of the Rules shall be the prerogative of the Board.

13. President

The President shall be elected by vote at a meeting of surviving Past Presidents. Only those Past Presidents who are also paid-up Voting Members shall have a vote. A member so appointed shall hold office for a two year term but shall be eligible for re-election. The President shall be a director by virtue of their office and shall have such rights and privileges as the Board/Voting Members in general meeting shall from time to time prescribe. The President must be a Voting Member of 5 years' standing. In the event that no candidates of at least five years standing is available, a Voting Member of shorter membership may be elected President at the sole discretion of the Board.

14. Dissolution

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall be distributed equally between the RFU (for use in community rugby in Merseyside) and the Wooden Spoon charity ((Registered company in England (1847860). Registered Charity in England and Wales (326691) & Scotland (SC039247)) for use in projects on Merseyside).