

The Ospreys Supporters Club Constitution

Name

The name of the club is Ospreys Supporters Club (hereinafter called “the club”)

Objectives

The Objectives of the club shall be.

To provide activities and services for the benefit of those who support Ospreys Rugby and specifically.

To assist supporters wishing to travel to away games through the provision of transport and/or electronic guides

To organise and promote social facilities and/or activities

To engage in fund-raising for the benefit of Ospreys Rugby and/or nominated charities

To undertake other appropriate activities.

To promote the interests of supporters and Ospreys Rugby and to aid in relations and mutual understanding between the parties and other relevant bodies.

To support the teams and players representing Ospreys Rugby both on and off the field

To foster good relations with rugby supporters from other clubs and at all times act as ambassadors for Ospreys Rugby

To work to increase match-day attendance at the Liberty Stadium

To help maintain the Ospreys brand by promoting the age-grade and development sections, as well as the grass roots game in the region

Membership

Membership shall be open to such persons as shall support and seek to further objectives of the club. Membership shall commence on the completion of a membership application and payment of annual subscription (or satisfying any promotional terms and conditions if they exist). The membership shall run from the 1st of June to the 31st of May. Membership will be open to all ages (as part of a family package) however full members must be over the age of 18 years of age. You must be a full member to attend meetings and be entitled to vote.

Members may resign their membership at any time by giving written notification to the Membership Secretary. No monies received by the club with respect to membership will be returned if a member resigns.

Membership can be secured either through opting to join when purchasing a season-ticket or through standalone membership

The Committee reserve the right to refuse membership of any person whom has had membership previously terminated under the club disciplinary procedures.

A register of the club membership shall be kept by Ospreys Rugby

Committee and District Representatives

a. The affairs of the club shall be managed by the Officers and Executive Committee. The Officers of the club shall be the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Membership Secretary and the President. The Committee shall consist of no more than fourteen elected members. In addition to this, an advisor from Ospreys Rugby may attend on a monthly basis.

b. The business of the Committee shall not be transacted unless it is a quorum and a meeting of the Committee shall only be a quorum if greater than 50% of the current committee are in attendance.

c. Notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be given by the Secretary to all Members of the Committee at least seven days before the date of the meeting. The Committee shall meet at least 6 times a year.

d. In the event that one of the Officers shall resign or otherwise become permanently unavailable to continue, the Committee shall elect one of their members to perform the role. However no Officer shall hold more than one Official role in the club at any one time.

e. From time to time, the Committee may ask individual Members of the club to take specific roles in organising or helping to organise events, activities, etc. The Committee shall be empowered to invite such people to Committee meetings to participate in discussions on the activity but they shall not have decision making power at Committee.

f. The secretary (or someone acting as secretary for the meetings if the secretary is not present) will record the minutes of all meetings of the club including, but not limited to, General, Special and Committee Meetings.

g. District representatives will be appointed as follows:

Swansea UA (2) Neath (2) Port Talbot UA (1) Bridgend UA (2) South Powys (1) Heads of Valley (1)

with the aim of taking responsibility to promote the Ospreys, and the work of the club, across the region. District Representatives will report directly to the Committee

h. Committee members are required to attend 75% of all committee meetings in any given 3 month period. Mitigating circumstances, such as ill-health will be taken into consideration if a committee member is unable to fulfil this obligation.

Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held after the end of the rugby season and before 30th of September each year. At least twenty-eight clear days' notice shall be given to all members of the club of the date, time and place of such meeting. This notice will be made by E-mail and posted on the official website. Proposed and seconded motions must be made in writing at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting signed by both the proposer and seconder.

Notification of these motions will be given at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting via the official website. The purpose of the meeting shall be to transact the business of the club including the approval of the Accounts for the preceding year

Finances

The authorised cheque signatories should consist of at least three members of the Committee. Cheques must be signed by any one of the authorised signatories plus an Ospreys appointed signatory.

The clubs financial year is from 1st of June to the 31st of May

Vacancies

When vacancies appear within the committee, the committee will advertise for replacements via the Ospreys website and match day programme. Any applicants for a vacant position must make it in writing (or via e-mail) to the club secretary no later than the date posted for applications. Each application must be seconded and provide contact details for both the applicant and the seconder. The committee in conjunction with the Ospreys will then chose the most suitable candidate based on the skills required for the role and the skill the applicant possesses.

Subscriptions

The Committee shall from time to time fix the amount of an annual subscription payable for membership of the club. The subscription shall become due and payable on the 1st of June in each year for membership year then ensuing. Any membership that remains unpaid on the 1st October may be removed from membership.

Membership shall cost £10 for adults. Only full members, aged 18 years at the time of membership renewal, and over shall receive voting rights

Special General Meeting

The Committee, at any time, on its own authority or upon receipt of a written application signed by not less than 25 per cent of members, setting out reason for such meeting, shall call a Special General Meeting and must, within 14 days of receipt of the application, serve notice of such meeting giving the date, time and place thereof together with a copy of the agenda. This notice will be made by E-mail and posted on the official website.

Quorum

At any Special General Meeting 25 per cent of members and 75 per cent of the Officers shall form a quorum.

Quarterly Reviews

Quarterly reviews are to be held with Ospreys rugby. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss progress made and address any barriers preventing progress from being made.

Voting

Only full members (aged 18 and over at the time of membership renewal) whose current subscription has been paid may vote at any general meeting. Members can vote by signed proxy on any resolutions. Save as provided by paragraphs 12 hereof the result of a vote at a General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes given, either by a show of hands or on a secret ballot. The chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in the event of a tied result.

Discipline

If any member be alleged to have brought the club into disrepute or to have behaved in a manner unbecoming to a member of the club or has been found guilty of any criminal behaviour then the Committee shall have the power to suspend the membership of such a member. At least 14 days prior to any meeting of the Committee at which any action in relation to such allegation is to be determined, notice of the allegation and the meeting shall be given to the member and he/she shall be given opportunity to make representation in writing and in person before any determination by the Committee. Any decision shall be effected only by a resolution passed by the votes of two-thirds of the membership of the Committee present and voting and such decision shall be binding on that member. Members suspended may subsequently have their membership terminated only at the next General Meeting by a majority vote of all members present and voting.

Constitutional Disputes

In the event of a dispute over interpretation over the rules of the constitution the chairman will determine the intended meaning. This decision is final.

Ospreys Rugby maintains the right of veto at all times in order to protect the integrity of the business.

Alterations to the Constitution

These rules may only be amended, altered or rescinded by a Special Resolution at a General Meeting passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. Notice of the proposed alterations to these Rules must be given in the Notice of Meeting.

Dissolution

The club may only be wound up by the passing of a Special Resolution at a General Meeting called for that purpose and by a resolution supported by at least 75 per cent of the Members of the club. In the event of such dissolution the remaining funds and assets of the club shall be distributed to any charity connected with the game of Rugby Union selected by the Committee.