

# Clondalkin Rugby Football Club

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Rules updated and revised as required by legislation. AGM 27th May 2015

Amendments to Rules 5 and 8 Adopted and Incorporated

1. The Club shall be called Clondalkin Rugby Football Club and shall play according to the rules of the Irish Rugby Football Union with premises at Baldonnell Farm, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, D22 Y9H9.
2. The Colours are amber jersey's with royal blue stripe on sky blue broad band around chest, navy nicks and navy socks.
3. Applicants may be admitted to membership of the Club at the discretion of the General Committee
4. The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Executive Vice President, Outgoing President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Team Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Juvenile Co-ordinator, and Club Captain.
5. The General Committee of the Club shall consist of the Chairman, President, Executive Vice President, Outgoing President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Chairs of each of the active Sub-Committees, Club P.R.O., Child Welfare Officer, Fixture Secretary and up to 4 other members to ensure the following rugby positions are included, Club representatives to the Nth Midlands Area, Leinster Branch, Disciplinary Officer, Liaison to the Leinster Branch and International Ticket Secretary, if they are not already a member of the General Committee.
  - a) Names for election of Officers and Committee of the Club must be submitted to the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting.
  - b) Names must be submitted in writing together with the signatures of the proposer and seconder
  - c) The acceptance of the person nominated must accompany each submission.
  - d) Only members in good standing shall be eligible for nomination as Officer or General Committee member.
  - e) Election of Captains and Vice Captains of the various teams shall be by playing members of the Club as prescribed in sections a), b), c) and d) above.
6. All General Committee members and the Captains and Vice Captains of the various teams shall retire each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
7. The subscription for all categories of members shall be as decided by the General Committee. Members subscriptions shall become due on the 1st September in each year. Adult members who have not paid subscriptions in full by 1st October or who have not made an approved arrangement

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for payment by the 1st October shall be deemed to be in arrears. Names of adult members in arrears shall be posted on a board in the Clubhouse for a period of 1 calendar month. Adult members who are still in arrears on the 1st of November shall cease to be a member and will not be eligible for team selection or use of the Club facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the President and the Honorary Treasurer together shall have the power to deem any subscription paid.

8. Payment of subscription shall entitle a member to the use and privilege of the Club in respect of the year for which the subscription is paid or for such other period as the General Committee shall decide.
9. The General Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to the General Committee and they shall have the power to form committees which will be answerable to the General Committee.
10. In the event of a member of the General Committee failing to attend regularly at meetings, the General Committee shall have the power to declare a vacancy.
11. It shall be the duty of the General Committee to see that the proper accounts and books showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the club be kept in a proper manner. A Club Register showing the names of all members shall also be kept.
12. All members shall be bound by the rules of the club and the General Committee shall have the power to make and/or vary such bye-laws and regulations as they deem necessary for the proper management of the club.
13. Minutes shall be made in proper books of all resolutions and proceedings of the club in all meetings held under the auspices of the club and every record of proceedings shall be signed by the Chairman who shall preside at the meetings at which such minutes are read.
14. The General Committee shall have the power to suspend temporarily or permanently membership of the club of any member. Members so suspended shall have the right to appeal at a Special General Meeting of the club to be convened in accordance with Rule 18 hereafter.
15. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the months of April or May of each year at which there shall be elected the Officers and other members of the General Committee. Reports of the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be submitted at this meeting and any other business relevant to the Annual General Meeting may be transacted. Twenty eight days previous notice in writing of the General Meeting and the agenda for such meeting shall be given to members. Any motion and/or nomination for consideration at such meeting must be received by the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen days prior to this meeting. An amendment or amendments to any

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motion and/or nominations brought before the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting shall be received by the Chairman of such meeting provided he is satisfied that such amendment/s is/are in order. At General Meetings or Special General Meetings the President for the time being shall be the Chairman or failing him the Executive Vice President or failing him such member as shall be elected by the members present and voting at the meeting. Any vote of a "no confidence" motion in the Chairman must be passed by a majority of two thirds of those members present.

16. The quorum for any General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be twenty members. Voting at all such meetings must be personal and not by proxy
17. A Special General Meeting may be convened by the General Committee by a requisition being received by the Honorary Secretary, signed by not less than fourteen members stating the object of the proposed meeting. Such meeting to be convened for a date not later than twenty eight days from receipt of requisition. Members shall receive not less than fourteen days notice of any Special General Meeting.
18. No rule of the Club shall be made nor any existing rule altered unless a two thirds majority of the members present and voting at the meeting is obtained.
19. The General Committee shall have the power to appoint Honorary Life Members for exceptional service rendered to the Club. The maximum number of such members shall be seven.
20. Members of visiting clubs playing at the Club grounds shall for that day of the match be honorary members of the Club.
21. The business or affairs of the Club are the responsibility of the management of the committee or governing body elected for not less than a year by the general body of members and no management group or person employed in the Club, shall have any personal interest in the sale of the Club for liquors or in the profits arising from such sales;
22. The committee or governing body shall hold periodical meetings as agreed.
23. No function will be held in the Club premises unless
  - a) It is for the benefit of the Club as a whole,
  - b) Related to the Clubs objectives,
  - c) Organised by the Club,
  - d) Only the members of the Club and their guests are present at it.

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This does not apply to a function – i. where the whole proceeds, after deducting the expenses of the function, are devoted to community, charitable or benevolent purposes, or ii. which is organised by the club for a member (or a member of his or her family) and at which only the member and his or her guests are present c. That no excisable liquors shall be sold or supplies in the club premises to any person under the age of 18 years; d. Re: Section 14 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, people between the ages of 15 and 18 are allowed in the bar area until 9pm e. Re: Section 14 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, Children under the age of 15 are allowed in the bar area until 9pm only if accompanied by their parent or guardian.

There are exceptions: i. If on the occasion of a private function where a substantial meal is being served. ii. The child resides on the premises. iii. Is passing through to get entry or leave the premises iv. Is an employee (must be over 16). Children under the age of 15 are not allowed at any time if it could reasonably be regarded as injurious to their health or safety. A NOTICE must be displayed in the Clubhouse that children are not allowed on the premises f. Re: Section 15 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, people between the ages of 18 and 21 must have on them an aged document i.e. passport, Garda ID, Driving Licence or EU card. The Club is liable to a fine of up to €1,500 for a first offence. g. Bar, referred to in this document is defined as the area used exclusively or mainly for the sale of intoxicating liquor. h. Re: Section 12 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, no entertainment i.e. music or dancing is permitted during the half hour drinking up time.

24. An exception shall apply to the supply on the Club premises of excisable liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable liquor on those premises by any person – a. On Christmas Day, between 12.00midday and 10pm, or b. On any other day for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of the day during which it is lawful for the Club, by virtue of subsection (1) (b) Intoxicating Liquor Act, 2000, to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the Club premises. If in the case the excisable liquor is – i) Ordered by or on behalf of that person at the same time as a substantial meal is so ordered, and ii) Consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended.
25. No excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person (other than a member of the Cub lodging in the club premises) or be consumed on the Club premises by any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club premises), or to be consumed on the Cub premises by any person other than such a member – a) At any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday, or b) On any other day, as specified hereunder, outside the times so specified in respect of it – i. Saint Patricks Day between 12.30pm and 12.30am on the following day ii. The 23rd December if it falls on a Sunday, between 10.30am and 11.30pm iii. Christmas Eve and the eve of Good Friday: between 10.30am and 11.30pm iv. The eve of any public holiday (other than Christmas Eve) I) If the eve falls on a weekday, between the 10.30am and 12.30am on the following day; II)

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If it falls on a Sunday, between 12.30pm and 12.30am on the following day. or v. Any other Sunday (except a Saint Patricks Day, which falls on a Sunday): between 12.30pm and 11.00pm vi. Any other Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Re: Section 10 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, Thursday between 10.30am and 11.30pm; and vii. Any other Friday or Saturday between 10.30am and 12.30am the following day.

26. Re: Section 4 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, the Club cannot supply drink, or allow a drunken person onto their person onto their premises. A person who leaves the Club drunk is presumed to have obtained the drink on the Club premises. A drunken person is defined as someone who is a danger to themselves or others due to drink.
27. A closure under Section 4 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 2003 can be instigated by Garda due to a disorder that occurs on or within 100 metres of the Club premises.
28. Re: Section 7 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, the Club is not allowed to permit disorderly conduct on the premises. Disorderly conduct is defined as unreasonable behaviour likely to cause injury or fear to others, including violent, threatening, abusive, quarrelsome or insulting behaviour. If the Club is found to contravene these Sections the Club Secretary is liable to a fine of up to 1,500 euro and the Club must be closed for up to 7 days for a first offence.
29. Re: Section 10 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, see rule 24 (1) vi above
30. Re: Section 11 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, A Local Authority may make an Order that late night drinking (up to 2.30am for Club Authorisations) can be restricted to an earlier time. This should be advertised and views submitted before such an Order is made. The Club is advised then applying for late licenses, to ascertain if the Local Authority intend making such an Order.
31. Re: Section 12 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, see rule 23 (h) above.
32. Re: Section 14 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, see rule 23 (c), (d) and (e) above.
33. Re: Section 15 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003, see rule 23 (f) above
34. The Secretary of the Club shall display in a conspicuous place in the Club premises and in a form or forms prescribed by regulations made by the Minister, a notice containing a statement of the offences provided for under the Intoxicating liquor Acts in particular for contravention of subsection (1).
35. Members are bound by the articles of association of the Clondalkin Rugby Football Club.