## **EFFINGHAM & LEATHERHEAD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED (Club)**

#### **RULES**

These rules of the Club are made pursuant to Article 17 and Article 47 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. Name

The Club will be called Effingham & Leatherhead Rugby Football Club Limited, which may be abbreviated to Effingham & Leatherhead RFC.

### 2. Membership

- 2.1 For the avoidance of doubt membership is open to all without discrimination and may only be refused where admission to membership would be contrary to the best interests of the sport or the good conduct and interests of the Club and no person shall be denied membership of the Club on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, age, disability, sex, occupation, sexual orientation, religion, political or other beliefs.
- 2.2 Should membership be refused the potential member may appeal against such decision by notifying the Board who shall put the matter to a general meeting for it to be decided by a majority vote of the Members present and voting at such meeting.

### 3. Rights and Privileges of Members

- 3.1 Members over 18 years of age 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.
- 3.2 any twenty Members may request, in writing to the Secretary, that a general meeting be convened, stating the reason for which the meeting is to be called and submitting the resolution to be considered at the general meeting.

# 4. Colours

- 4.1 The Club's standard playing colours shall consist of predominantly green and gold shirts, green and gold socks, and black shorts ("the Club colours").
- 4.2 Except where otherwise directed, all Members when playing for the Club shall wear the Club colours.
- 4.3 All Juniors and Seniors playing kit provided by the Club remains the property of the Club.

### 5. Entrance Fee

There shall be such entrance fee for members as the Board may from time to time resolve in accordance with the Articles.

#### 6. Subscriptions

6.1 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.

- 6.2 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, following the decision to make the increase and will take effect on the first day of September following such notification.
- 6.3 Members admitted at any time during the year shall pay the full annual subscription unless determined otherwise by the Board.
- 6.4 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.

### 7. Expulsion of Members

The Board has power under the Articles to expel a member in accordance with Article 32.

# 8. Rules Concerning Provision of Alcohol on the Club Premises

- 8.1 Purchase for the Club and supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor must be in the absolute discretion of the Management Committee.
- 8.2 No one may at any time receive at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.
- 8.3 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.

### 9. Guests

- 9.1 Any member may introduce guests to the Club, and any player, coach, other team representative, match official or spectator attending the Club's premises (by invitation of the Club) who is not a member shall be a guest of the Management Committee, provided that no one whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club may be introduced as a guest.
- 9.2 A member introducing a guest and any person introduced as a guest of the Management Committee must enter the name and address of the guest together with the name of the introducer in a book which must be kept on the Club's premises.
- 9.3 No one may be admitted as a guest on more than six occasions in any calendar year.

# 10. Opening of Club premises

The Club is open between at such times as the Management Committee shall decide.

### 11. Permitted Hours

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

## 12. Interpretation of the Rules

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