



Constitution

1. That the club shall be called Newquay Hornets Rugby Football Club.
2. That the function of the club shall be the promotion and the furtherance of the interest and playing of Rugby Union Football.
 - (a) The object of the club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of Rugby.
 - (b) Also to promote the principles of sport equity to all its members in line with the RFU equal opportunity and Sports equity policy and to enforce the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy as adopted by the club.
3. That the club shall be affiliated to the R.F.U. and C.R.F.U.
4. That the officers shall consist of a President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer.
5. That the President shall be invited to serve by the General Committee prior to the A.G.M. and shall be ex-officio a member of the General Committee and all sub committees of the club.
6. That the affairs of the club shall be managed by a General Committee which comprises of the officers, with the exception of the President shall form part, the remaining members of the committee shall be a Vice Chairman, Hon. Asst Secretary, Hon. Asst. Treasurer, Hon. Fixture Secretary, Team Managers, Chairman of Social & Fundraising, Youth Representative, Representative to the C.R.F.U., Players Representative and Ground Overseer. All members of the General Committee accept the C.R.F.U. Rep. and Youth Rep. shall be elected at the A.G.M. the Chairman being eligible for re-election for a maximum of three consecutive years. The General Committee shall have the right to replace a member on any of its committees who, without good reason, fails to attend three consecutive meetings. The Chairman of The General Committee and of any sub committee shall have a second or casting vote.
7. That the General Committee may nominate for election as a Life Member any person who is deemed to have rendered exceptional service to the club over a long term of years. Any member wishing to nominate a person for Life Membership may do so in writing to the General Committee. Should the committee support the nomination it shall go to the AGM as a recommendation for approval.
8. That the General Committee is empowered to appoint:
 - (a) One or more Past Presidents
 - (b) A Coaching Coordinator
 - (c) Sponsorship Secretaries
 - (d) The CRFU Representative
 - (e) A Club Referee Coordinator
 - (f) A Volunteer Coordinator
 - (g) Ground Overseer
 - (h) Memorabilia Organiser
 - (i) Kit Secretary
 - (j) Press Representative
 - (k) Hon Archivist
 - (l) Team Managers
 - (m) Web Editor
9. That the Coaching Coordinator nominate coaches who will be responsible for coaching club teams at Senior and Youth levels and that such nominations be approved by the General Committee prior to the A.G.M.
10. That no business of the General Committee or any Sub Committee be transacted without a quorum being present. A quorum shall consist of one third of the constituted members providing the minimum members are three.

11. That there shall be a Finance sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Asst. Secretary, Chairman of Social and Fund Raising, Sponsorship Secretary, Tour Organiser and Players Rep.

12. That there shall be a Youth Sub Committee which shall elect its own Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Committee. A report detailing these elections with an annual report from the Chairman and Treasurer shall be presented to the Whole Club AGM for ratification.

13. That there shall be a Social and Fundraising sub committee consisting of a chairman and 3 or 4 members who shall be elected at the AGM.

14. That the General committee shall invite persons to become Captains of relevant teams, having previously consulted with the selection sub-committee and players.

15. That the selection of the senior teams shall be made by the coaching co-ordinator or his deputy together with the manager and captain of that team. The above members shall compose the selection sub-committee and shall elect their own chairman. The selection committee has the powers to co-opt.

16. That the Youth XV selection be made by the Coach/ Manager.

17. That there be an Awards Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary, or Asst. Secretary, Archivist & two members of the General Committee, which shall be responsible for the overseeing & recommending the awards of all trophies, tankards, ties & badges. That in the lack of definite proof of any of the qualifying conditions, the General Committee shall have absolute and sole right to arbitrate the award.

18. That there shall be a Discipline Sub-Committee consisting of the Officers who shall be responsible for dealing with discipline problems on and off the field. The Sub-Committee shall have the powers to co-opt for specific purposes.

19. That the General Committee and each of the Sub-Committees shall have the power to co-opt for specific purposes, but such co-opted persons shall have no voting right.

20. That the following persons be members of the club:

- (a) Vice Presidents
- (b) Playing Members
- (c) Non Playing Members
- (d) Youth Members
- (e) Mini / Junior Members
- (f) Life Members

21. Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Rugby as a particular sport.

The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority vote.

21 (a) A person becomes a member or retains membership of the club when he/she has paid his/her annual membership which falls due on the 1st September or when he/she has paid their first match subscription.

22. That no person shall hold a position of responsibility within the club unless he/she is a member of the club.

23. That the amount of annual subscription shall be fixed at the first General Meeting after the A.G.M.

24. That the match fees, if any, for both home and away matches be fixed annually by the General Committee and be payable by players taking part and that the General Committee be empowered to meet, in whole *or* part, the expenses of members providing transport for away matches.

25. That the General Committee shall be empowered to pay the non-playing membership of any qualified coaches or Asst. Coaches, First Aiders and Team Manager it has approved.

26. That the club colours be green and white jerseys and black shorts that the club tie be a design of gold hornets on a green ground. That the club blazer badge be a raised gold wire

hornet with the letters N H.R.F.C. underneath. That the right to wear the above shall be as follows: -

- (a) Club Tie—Any member of the club
- (b) Blazer Badge—Any member of the club
- (c) 250 game tie- Any member who has played 250 games for the club this tie shall be presented by the club.
- (d) 25-Year Tie--Any member who has completed 25 years service to the club. This tie shall be presented by the club.
- (e) 500 Game Tie—Any member who has played 500 games for the club. This tie shall be presented by the club.
- (f) 50 Year Blazer Badge—Any member who completed 50 years' membership of the club. This badge shall be presented by the club.

27. That no rule of the club be altered rescinded or added to except by a two-thirds majority of votes at a fully constitutional A.G.M. and notice of any proposed alterations be given to the Hon. Secretary in writing by 30th April. Notice of intention to propose such alterations to be included on the notice of the meeting at which the same is to be considered.

28. That on the receipt of a requisition of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be signed by not less than 5% of the Vice Presidents, Playing Members and Non Playing Members of the club, The Hon. Secretary shall issue notice of such a meeting together with the agenda to all members of the club. Fourteen Days notice to be given.

29. That the Annual General Meeting of the club be held as soon as possible after the end of the season, not later than 30th June.

30. Any surplus income or gains will be reinvested into Newquay Hornets RFC; no assets shall be distributed to members or third parties excepting donations by NHRFC to charities or to other clubs that are registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs.

31. That the winding up of the club shall only be approved following a properly constituted General Meeting. After appropriate settlement of all outstanding dues, all remaining monies and stock will be handed over to the Cornwall R.F.U., for use by them in community related sports.