

Seapoint Rugby Club Rules

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Section A: The Club

- A1 The Club shall be called Seapoint Rugby Club and shall play according to the Rules of the Irish Rugby Football Union.
- A2 The colours shall be a jersey of Green and Blue stripes separated by a Black stripe, stockings to match the jersey and Black Shorts.

Section B: Membership

- B1 No person shall be allowed to become an honorary or temporary member of the Club or be relieved of the amount of the regular entrance fee or subscription, subject to the following exceptions.
- (a) A person may be conferred with honorary life membership of the Club by the Executive Committee, provided that the motion to do so is carried unanimously at a meeting of the Executive Committee at which no less than ten members are present and voting. A person gaining honorary life membership shall be exempted from payment of the annual subscription.
 - (b) The Adult membership subscription of a member reaching his/her 70th year on or before the 1st June shall be reduced to 50% of the subscription applying in subsequent years.
 - (c) The members and officials of visiting teams (including the match official(s)), shall be deemed to be temporary honorary members for the day on which they are playing/visiting and shall be entitled to enjoy the amenities of the Club
- B2 Candidates for membership must be proposed and seconded by members of the Executive Committee. Completed application forms together with the relevant subscription, should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary. New members will be elected by a 75% majority of the Executive Committee present and voting
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- (a) The categories of membership of Seapoint Rugby Club are as follows:
 - (i) Member - Adult (non-student over 18 up to 70+)
 - (ii) Member - Senior (70+)
 - (iii) Member - Family
 - (iv) Member - Life
 - (v) Member - Student Player (over 18 and up to 23 in full-time education)
 - (vi) Member - Junior Player (under 18)
 - (vii) Member - Seapoint Dragon
 - (viii) Member - Community/Corporate
 - (b) Membership Subscriptions for the forthcoming season will be set by way of a resolution proposed by the Executive Committee and discussed/passed at the Annual General Meeting
 - (c) The subscriptions from members become due and payable on the 1st June each year. Any member whose subscription remains unpaid after 1 November shall cease to be a member of the Club and their membership will lapse. However, the Executive Committee may re-admit a lapsed member by accepting the payment of the relevant subscription and a late payment fee. This late payment fee is to be set at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
 - (d) Members shall also pay a levy of such sum as the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting from time to time may direct
 - (e) The term 'Member' in these rules applies only to those persons who are eligible to be so deemed in accordance with Rule B2 and Clause (c) above
 - (f) Life Members may be appointed by the Executive Committee from amongst existing members at such capitalised subscription as the Executive Committee may consider appropriate having regard to each such member's past record of paid membership and irrespective of the provisions of Rule B1.
 - (g) A member may elect to pay the 'Family membership' subscription option which will apply to two adults and children up to 18 years of age and including any children over 18 in full time education in the same family unit. Full details of the members covered by this option must be supplied in writing to the Hon. Secretary

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when this option is exercised. Only the primary member, as detailed, is entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

- (h) Members - Student Player, Members - Junior Player and Members - Seapoint Dragon are not entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting
- (i) Sports Clubs, Companies or other legal entities may be admitted by the Executive Committee as Members – Community/Corporate. The members, officers and employees of such sports clubs, company or legal entity shall have the same rights as those of an Adult Member but will not be entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. In addition, they will not be entitled to apply for International Rugby Tickets. It will be responsibility of The Executive Committee to negotiate an appropriate subscription fee from the relevant Sports Club, Company or other legal entity. The benefits of such membership will be defined by the Executive Committee. In addition, the number and names of the individuals covered by Membership – Corporate must be ascertained by the Committee as part of the application process.

B4 Every member of the club shall be bound by the rules hereunder and all regulations made by the Executive Committee under Rule E5

B5 Pursuant to the provision of the Data Protection Act 1988-2003, members consent to the club obtaining, recording, holding and retaining their personal data (including sensitive personal data) solely for club purposes, either on its computer or its manual filing system, and consent to the use of all such data, including disclosure to third parties, for the proper and effective management of the club

Each member shall keep the Hon. Secretary informed of that member's private address or some other address, including electronic mailing and mobile phone details where possible, at which communications may be addressed to him/her.

B6 Neither the Club or any Officer thereof or any Member thereof shall be liable to any Member or Guest of a Member or the personal representatives of any Member or Guest of a Member for any loss or damage to any property occurring from whatever cause in or about the Club premises or any injury by any Member or Guest of a Member whilst on or entering or leaving the Club premises from any cause whatever save to the extent that such liability is covered by a valid and effective insurance policy.

All personal belongings of members, visitors and others brought to or kept at or left at the premises of the Club (either in the Clubhouse or outside) shall be at the sole risk of the owners and the Club or its Officers or employees shall not be responsible for any loss or damage thereto however arising save to the extent that such liability is covered by a valid and effective insurance policy.

B7 The Rules of the Club and a list of the names of the members of the Club will be displayed in the Clubhouse at all times

Section C: Discipline

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- (a) Should the conduct of a member in any category of membership either in the Club or elsewhere be deemed to be injurious to the good name, character or interest of the Club, a Disciplinary Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee shall, having first made known in writing the nature of the allegations to the offending member, call upon such member to give an explanation in writing within seven days of such conduct. If any such member, having being called upon, fails to give such explanation or if the explanation given shall be deemed to be unsatisfactory, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee may suspend such member for a definite period from the use of the Club facilities and privileges of the Club or request such a member to resign subject to Rule D10 and on resignation the unexpired portion of his/her annual subscription shall be refunded. Should a member fail to resign, he/she shall stand suspended sine die. In that event, the member will not be entitled to a refund of the unexpired portion of his/her annual subscription.
 - (b) An appeal against the decision or ruling of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee under Rule C1 (a) may be taken by the member concerned to a special meeting of the Disciplinary Appeals Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee which shall be called by the Hon. Secretary for a date not more than one calendar month after receipt of such appeal. The appeal must be made by way of a request, in writing, by the member to the Hon. Secretary within one week of the decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee. The Disciplinary Appeals Sub-Committee shall comprise of at least three Executive Committee members. A member of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee cannot sit as a member of the Disciplinary Appeals

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Sub-Committee. A member who appeals a decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee can request an oral hearing before the Disciplinary Appeals Sub-Committee.

Section D: General Meetings

- D1 The Hon. Secretary shall convene one General Meeting of the Club in May, hereinafter referred to as the Annual General Meeting.
- D2 The officers of the club shall be the President, Senior Vice -President, Junior Vice-President, Executive Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and the Club Welfare Officer. At the Annual General Meeting the following will be elected and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting:

(i) President; (ii) Senior Vice-President; (iii) Junior Vice-President, (iv) Hon. Secretary; (v) Hon Treasurer, (vi) Club Welfare Officer, (vii) Hon. Auditor.

The Executive Vice-President will be elected at an Annual General Meeting and will hold office for a period of two years. The Executive Vice-President can hold office for a maximum period of four consecutive years and must stand for re-election at an Annual General Meeting on completion of the initial term of two years.

In the event that any of the officer posts remains vacant at the Annual General Meeting or becomes vacant between Annual General Meetings, the Executive shall be empowered to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

- D3 The President, immediate Past-President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Executive Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and the Club Welfare Officer shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.
- D4 In addition to the foregoing officers, the Executive Committee may co-opt an additional seven members, at least one of which must be the Youth Rugby Co-ordinator. The Executive Committee will consist of a maximum of 15 members.
- D5 The accounts of the Club shall be prepared and submitted, duly audited, to the Annual General Meeting in each year. The accounts shall be made up to 31 March of each year. Correct accounts and books should be kept showing the financial affairs and records and disbursements of the Club.
- D6 The Hon. Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club whenever required to do so by the Executive Committee or on the requisition of not less than 50 members referred to in Rule B3 Clause (a) (i) to (v) above.
- D7 Notice of the Annual General Meeting under Rule D1 or an Extraordinary General Meeting under Rule D6 shall be issued to members not less than ten days prior to the date fixed for the holding thereof, together with an agenda for the business thereof. The quorum for a General Meeting called under Rule D1 or Rule D6 shall be 20.

A notice shall be sent by the Hon. Secretary to each member of the Club of any matter to be submitted to a General Meeting (save for an amendment to a proposal to be submitted to any such meeting). In addition, all notices shall be posted in a prominent position in the club premises.

It shall be the duty of the Hon. Secretary to ensure that any such notice remains so exhibited throughout any period required in that behalf or under the Rules. The accidental omission to send a notice to any Member shall not invalidate a meeting or any resolution passed at any meeting of the Club or Committee of the Club. No proxy shall be permitted at any meeting of the Club or Committee of the Club

- D8 At any General Meeting of the Club only members who have paid their subscription (subject to Rule B3 Clause (g) & (h)) shall be entitled to attend and to vote. All Resolutions submitted to the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands. Any member may however call for a ballot in which case a ballot shall be taken. Unless otherwise provided in these Rules, no Resolution shall be carried except by a simple majority of those present and voting.

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- D9 No new Rules and no alteration of Rules save for the purpose of complying with the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Acts 1904 to 1999 or the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1960 or Acts amending the same shall be made except at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club summoned for that purpose and such purpose shall always be stated in the notice of meetings required by these Rules. Such notice shall contain the terms of the new Rule or Rules or the alterations sought to be made. No Rules shall be made or altered at any of the said meetings without a 2/3rds majority of those present and voting.
- D10 No officer or elected member of the Executive Committee shall be removed from office save with the consent of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting.

Section E: Executive Committee

- E1 The business affairs of the Club shall be under the management of the Executive Committee who shall be elected for not less than one year by the general body of the Members of the Club who shall be subject to re-election. No member of the Executive Committee or manager or servant of the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors in the Club or in the profits arising from such sale. The Executive Committee shall hold meetings, at least monthly, during the Rugby season and periodically during the closed season. The quorum of Executive Committee meetings shall be six. The Executive Committee may establish such sub-Committees and special committees, as it deems necessary for the running of the Club
- (a) Subject to the limitation set out in clause (c) of this rule, the Executive Committee shall have the power and authority, from time to time at their discretion, to borrow, or raise, or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Executive Committee shall think fit and shall operate Bank Accounts and may procure such overdraft facilities as the Executive Committee shall deem fit.
 - (b) Subject to the limitation set out in clause (c) of this rule, the Executive Committee shall have the power to charge and secure the payment of monies against any asset of the Club both present and future and shall have the power to operate set-off arrangements with its Bankers as may be required from time to time.
 - (c) The power and authority hereinbefore granted to The Executive Committee by the clauses (a) and (b) of this rule shall be limited to the extent that the maximum additional amount of money that can be raised, borrowed or secured by the Executive Committee, between any one Annual General Meeting and the next Annual General Meeting, on the combination of any account or accounts, whether by way of overdraft, mortgage, loan or set-off, shall be limited to €25,000 (twenty five thousand euro) or such greater sum as may be agreed by the Trustees of the Club, in writing, and by a decision of the Members of the Club in General Meeting.
- E2 The President, or his/her nominee shall be chairperson of all meetings and in the absence of the President or his/her nominee, a chairperson may be appointed by those present and entitled to vote. Only the President, or in his/her absence the Senior Vice President, has a casting vote in the event of tie in a vote at an Executive Committee Meeting or General Meeting.
- E3 Minutes shall be made by the Hon. Secretary of all resolutions and proceedings of the Executive Committee and General Meetings and every minute signed by the Chairman of the Meeting at which the minutes are read shall be sufficient evidence of matters contained therein
- E4 The Hon. Treasurer shall collect and take charge of the funds of the Club, keep regular accounts of the income and expenditure and report on the state of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting. The Hon. Treasurer shall also submit financial statements at each Executive Committee Meeting.

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- E5 The Committee shall have the power from time to time to make, vary and revoke bye laws (not inconsistent with these Rules) in relation to all matters affecting the Club including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing for governing the business and procedures and the dates and times of meetings of itself or of its sub-committees for the proper conduct of the Club, the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club, the charges payable by members, the rights privileges and obligations of each or any category of member, and in particular for the use of the Members and Visitors of the Club premises and such bye laws shall be binding on all Members unless or until they are rescinded or varied by Resolution of a General Meeting at which due notice shall have been given in accordance with these Rules.

The Hon. Secretary shall maintain full details of all Bye Laws made by the Committee, including dates passed/rescinded and this shall be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting.

- E6 Vice-Presidents may be appointed by the Executive Committee on an annual basis at the Executive Committee meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Section F: Club Licence/Registration

- F1 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied by the Club to any person under the age of 18 years. No person under the age of 18 years will be allowed into the licenced area of the Club after 9 p.m. However, a child who is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian may be allowed into the licenced area between the hours of 10 a.m. (12 p.m. on Sunday) and 9.p.m. A child who is aged at least 15 years but under the age of 18 years and who is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian may be allowed into the licenced area of the Club on the occasion of a private function at which a substantial meal is served to persons attending the function.
- F2 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to members of the Club between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock at night.
- F3 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person (other than a member of the Club 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);
at any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday;
(a) on any other day, as specified hereunder, outside the times so specified in respect of it –
(i) St. Patrick's Day between 12.30p.m. and 2.30p.m. on the following day;
(ii) 23 December if it falls on a Sunday between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30p.m.;
(iii) Christmas Eve and the eve of Good Friday between 10.30a.m. and 11.30p.m.;
(iv) the eve of any public holiday (other than Christmas Eve) –
(I) if the eve falls on a weekday between 10.30 am and 12.30a.m. on the following day or
(II) if it falls on a Sunday between 12.30 pm and 12.30a.m. on the following day;
(v) any other Sunday (except a St. Patrick's Day which falls on a Sunday) between 12.30p.m. and 11.00p.m.
(vi) any other Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10.30a.m. and 11.30p.m. and any other Friday or Saturday between 10.30a.m. and 12.30 am on the following day

Nothing in the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 to 1986, or contained, by virtue only of the operation of subsection (1) of this section, in the rules of a Club registered under those Acts shall operate to prohibit the supplying for consumption 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 12.00 midday and 10.00p.m. or
(b) on any other day, for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of that day during which it is lawful for the Club, by virtue of subsection(1)(b), to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the Club premises, if, in each 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

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- F4 A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member and the member shall on the admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately on his or her being supplied with such liquor enter his or her name and the name of the visitor in the book that shall be kept for the purpose and shall show the date of each visit.
- F5 No rule contrary to the requirements of the Registration of Clubs Acts shall have any validity and any modification amendment or alteration in the Registration of Clubs Acts so far as the same relates to Club Rules shall have effect as if same were incorporated in and shall be deemed to be part of the Rules of the Club.

Section G: Club Trustees

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- (a) All property of the Club shall be vested in six Trustees appointed by the Executive Committee of the Club (herein after referred to as the 'Committee') provided always that no personal liability shall attach to any Trustee except to the extent of such property as shall actually been received by him.
 - (b) The Trustees with the sanction of a resolution of the Committee duly passed may act on behalf of and bind the Club and any deed, document, matter, act of thing signed, executed or done by the Trustees on behalf of the Club if authorised or confirmed by a resolution of the Committee duly passed. Provided always that the Trustees may only do all or any of the following acts or things that is to say, invest the funds of the Club and vary or transpose investments, or acquire by purchase or otherwise lands for the Club or sell, exchange, partition, lease, let, mortgage, charge or otherwise lands for the Club or sell, exchange, partition, lease, let, mortgage, charge or otherwise dispose of or deal with any property of the Club (whether the same be real or personal) for the time being vested in the Trustees with the authority of a resolution of the Committee passed by at least 75% of those entitled to vote, whether present or not, voting in favour thereof.
 - (c) A certificate signed by the Chairman of a Meeting at which any resolution referred to in this Rule has been passed shall be conclusive evidence of the passing of such resolution.
 - (d) A Trustee shall remain in office until death or resignation or until the Committee shall by resolution duly passed remove him from office.
 - (e) In the case of a vacancy in the office of Trustee, the Committee shall by resolution appoint a new Trustee to fill such vacancy. The surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees shall have the power to act notwithstanding any casual vacancy in the number of Trustees.