








THE RULES OF THE SOCIETY

1. The name of the Society shall be "The Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees".
 2. The Society shall be affiliated to the Leicestershire Rugby Union and the Society's rules, regulations and procedure shall be subject to rules and bye-laws of the Rugby Football Union.
 3. The objects of the Society are:-
 - (a) To provide Referees for all Clubs affiliated to the Leicestershire Rugby Union who shall ask for the service of the Society's Members.
 - (b) To provide Referees for other Rugby Union games upon application to the Society.
 - (c) To discuss, deliberate upon and interpret points of law, procedure and interests that arise in the playing and administration of Rugby Union Football.
 4. (1) To be eligible for Full Membership of the Society an applicant must fulfil the following conditions:-
 - (a) A formal application must be approved by the Committee and
 - (b) The applicant must
 - (i) serve a probationary period which will include an explanation of the safety aspects of the game, given by the Training Officer or a Committee nominated representative, and to referee 10 games for the Society or
 - (ii) Transfer from another Referees Society with a grade recognised by the Rugby Football Union.
 - (2) Full Members as defined herein shall be the only Members of the Society entitled to vote at any AGM or EGM of the Society.
 - (3) At the first meeting of each season the Honorary Secretary shall report to the Members present the names of any active Members who, during the previous season, have either not accepted through the Society at least ten games, or not attended at least five meetings of the Society, and the Membership of such Members shall at the discretion of the Committee be deemed to have lapsed. Such Members shall have the right to apply for re-admission to the Society on the same basis as any new Member.
 5. The Officers of the Society shall consist of:-
 - (a) A President who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting and who shall hold office for one year. Any Member who has served as President for three years is ineligible for nomination.
 - (b) A Chairman, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer all of whom shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting and all of whom shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-election.
 6. (a) The Management of the Society shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Officers of the Society together with
 - (i) An Honorary Appointment Secretary
 - (ii) An Honorary Re-Appointment Secretary
 - (iii) An Honorary Mid-Week Appointment Secretary
 - (iv) An Honorary Sunday Appointment Secretary
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- (v) An Honorary Exchange Secretary
 - (vi) An Honorary Recruitment & Retention Secretary
 - (vii) An Honorary Promotions Secretary
 - (viii) An Honorary Training Officer
 - (ix) A Society Assessor Development Officer

Each of the positions listed (i) to (ix) inclusive shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-election.

- (b) Five Members of the Committee at least two of whom must be Officers shall constitute a quorum.
 - (c) The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy in the Committee for the remainder of the year in which the vacancy falls and that the vacancy then shall be filled by election at the next Annual General Meeting.
 - (d) Members of the Society may attend Committee meetings by invitation from the Committee, but any Member so attending shall have no vote.
 - (e) The Committee is empowered to delegate to a Sub-Committee consisting of one or more of its Members any task with which the Committee itself is empowered to deal, such Sub-Committee itself shall have the power to co-opt one or more Members of the Society.
7. (a) Subject to Clause (b) hereof, the Full Members of the Society may, at an Annual General Meeting, elect Vice Presidents from those Members who have served the Society with distinction, and who shall hold the Honorary position until elected as President or removed by resolution at a General Meeting.
- (b) To be eligible for election as Vice President, 21 clear days notice in writing of nomination of the candidate shall be given by a Full Member of the Society, other than the candidate, to the Honorary Secretary, and such nomination shall be served by the Honorary Secretary upon the Members of the Society with the notice of the A.G.M.
8. (a) All Members shall receive ten clear days notice of the place and time of the AGM which shall be held in May. Only at the Annual General Meeting shall the rules of the Society be altered, rescinded or added to by the consent of a majority of Members present.
- (b) Twenty one clear days' notice must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary of any proposals to alter, rescind or add to the Rules of the Society. No less than ten days' notice of any such proposals shall be given in writing to all Members.
- (c) Nomination of Officers and Members of the Committee shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than twenty-one days prior to the time at which the Meeting is convened. The nomination must state the Committee post being nominated for, the names of the nominee, his proposer and seconder and the signatures of these three. Canvassing material supporting nominations for Committee posts may accompany the nomination and will be distributed by the Honorary Secretary. All such material must be acknowledged by the nominee and limited to one sheet of A4 paper. No other canvassing material is allowed. No one will address the meeting in support of a particular candidate. In the event of a Committee post becoming vacant within twenty-one days of the AGM, this should be announced at the AGM and verbal nominations with a proposer and seconder accepted.
- (d) The membership shall be informed in the month of April of Committee posts which will become vacant at the next AGM.
- (e) Thirty Members or more shall constitute a quorum.
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9. An Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called by five or more Members upon giving to all Members of the Society fourteen clear days notice of the E.G.M. The notice shall:
- (i) Be in writing
 - (ii) Be signed by the Members calling the E.G.M.
 - (iii) Detail the date, time and venue of the E.G.M.
 - (iv) Expressly state the resolution to be placed before the Members at the E.G.M.
- Thirty Members or more shall constitute a quorum.
10. To be eligible for Associate Membership of the Society an applicant must fulfil the following conditions:-
- (a) a formal application must be approved by the Committee and
 - (b) the applicant must either be
 - (i) a junior Referee wishing to Referee mini, midi or junior rugby in Leicestershire or
 - (ii) a Member of a rugby Club affiliated to the Leicestershire Rugby Union and be willing to referee games on an occasional basis or
 - (iii) a rugby Club affiliated to the Leicestershire Rugby Union or
 - (iv) the Leicestershire Rugby Union or
 - (v) a Society of Rugby Union Referees
11. The funds of the Society shall be obtained from:
- (a) A subscription as agreed at the Annual General Meeting from Full Members and Associate Members.
 - (b) Payments will be collected from those Clubs and Schools requiring the services of the Society's Members. The amount and method of collection of such payment shall be determined by the Committee.
 - (c) The services of the Society's Members may be withdrawn from any Club or School that fails to make the payment referred to in Clause (b) hereof.
12. An account of the income and expenditure of the Society and a balance sheet shall be prepared by the Honorary Treasurer at the end of each season. Auditors appointed by the Committee shall audit the account and balance sheet. The audited account and balance sheet will be presented to the Members at the first Members meeting of the next season for approval by the Members. Ten clear days notice of the presentation of the account and balance sheet shall be given to all Members.
13. All applications for the appointments of the Referees must be made in writing and must state the name of the opposing Club, the date, time, place and address of the Dressing Room. Unless a fixture card has previously been supplied, seven clear days' notice of the game shall be given to the Honorary Appointments Secretary.
14. All Members shall referee the games allocated to them by the Committee and no Member shall (except in emergency) referee a game without such an appointment. No Member shall seek to be nominated as Referee for any particular game.
15. All full Members shall be entitled to wear the Society's official colours.
16. Upon satisfactory proof of any breach of the Rules or other undesirable conduct, the Committee may erase the name of the offending Member from the list of Members and thereupon their Membership of the Society shall cease.
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17. The Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees is a Mutual Society.
18. Upon winding up of the Society by its Members any surplus funds of the Society shall be collected in by the Committee and shall be given to the Rugby Football Union to be used to promote the training of Referees and the receipt for such funds given by the Treasurer of the Rugby Football Union shall be a good discharge to the Committee.

