

Constitution

Rugby Manitoba Constitution

(as adopted by Membership at January 29, 2012 AGM)

1.0 The name of the Union shall be Rugby Manitoba. It shall incorporate a non-share capital, non-profit corporation under the laws of Manitoba under the name Rugby Manitoba Inc. Rugby Manitoba shall be governed according to this Constitution.

2.0 The purposes of Rugby Manitoba are:

a). To promote and govern the game of Rugby Union Football in the Province of Manitoba in accordance with:

The by-laws and regulations of Rugby Canada

The Laws of the game of Rugby Football

The regulations and requirements of Sport Manitoba

b). To plan, organize and coordinate the development and administration of the sport among all its members

c). To develop and administer coaching and refereeing standards within the Province.

d). To promote and administer Provincial Representative teams.

e). To liaise and cooperate with Rugby Canada and other Provincial Rugby organizations and societies.

f). To represent the sport of Rugby Union Football in relationships with the Province of Manitoba and active or potential sponsors.

3.0 **Categories of Membership** – There shall be 3 categories of membership: Member Clubs, Member Associations, and Individual Members.

Member Clubs are any Rugby Football Club based and operating in Manitoba which participates regularly in sanctioned Rugby Manitoba Leagues or Competitions. Such Clubs must be approved for membership according to the Rules established by the Board of Directors of Rugby Manitoba.

Member Associations are associations, such as the Manitoba Association of Rugby Referees (MARR), Manitoba High School Rugby Association(MHSR), which are accepted for membership by the Board of Directors of Rugby Manitoba.

Individual members are any individuals who are members of Member Clubs, of Member Associations or who have been specifically admitted by the Board of Directors of Rugby Manitoba as such. All individual members who participate actively in the game of Rugby Football as a player, coach, referee, or as a member of the Board of Directors of Rugby Manitoba must be registered through the National Rugby Registration program. Individual Members shall not be entitled to notice of meetings as such.

Any question of membership status shall be referred to the Board of Directors of Rugby Manitoba. Any question as to whether an individual is a member of a club or association shall be determined solely by such club or association.

3.1 **Voting Rights** – Only Member Clubs and Member Associations shall be entitled to vote. Such Members shall be dis-entitled to vote if they are not in good financial standing or are operating otherwise than in accordance with the requirements of Rugby Manitoba at the time a vote is taken. Each Member Club shall be entitled to have 3 votes per senior team registered for competition and in good standing and 3 further votes if they operated a Colts team in compliance with the requirements of Rugby Manitoba. Each Member Association shall be entitled to 3 votes.

There shall be no proxies and each Member Club and Association shall designate the individual members entitled to vote on their behalf, such designation being made by an authorized representative of each such Member Club or Association.

3.2 **Membership Fees and Termination of Membership**

Membership fees for all categories of members shall be determined by ordinary resolution of the membership at the Annual General Meeting, to be in effect for that year. The date by which payment is required shall be set by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise set by the Membership. Member Clubs and Association shall cease to be members upon their dissolution or winding –up or upon expulsion for cause by the general membership at a meeting convened for such purpose and with 21 days notice to all voting members.

An individual member may resign from membership or be expelled for failure to register as required hereunder but such resignation or expulsion shall not in any way suspend or prohibit any pending or future disciplinary action against such individual for any actions committed prior to such resignation or expulsion. Rugby Manitoba maintains jurisdiction to pursue any and all disciplinary and other remedies against any individual member for actions during such membership.

4.0 Any Changes to this Constitution shall be decided by ordinary resolution at a general meeting, if called by Member Clubs and Member Associations representing 20 votes, or at the Annual general Meeting, upon 21 days notice to all voting Members.

5.0 The activities of Rugby Manitoba shall be carried out without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits earned by Rugby Manitoba shall be used for promoting its purposes.

6.0 In the event of the dissolution or winding up of Rugby Manitoba, the assets of Rugby Manitoba shall be placed in a trust with the Member Clubs, Sport Manitoba and Rugby Canada, for the purpose of the development of Rugby Football in Manitoba.

7.0 Any decisions of the Board of Directors of Rugby Manitoba as to membership, voting rights, termination of membership, and fees may be appealed by voting members representing 20 or more votes to a general meeting called for that purpose upon 21 days notice.