

RUGBY CLUB ZURICH

CONSTITUTION

I. Name and Domicile

1. Under the name of Rugby Club Zurich (RCZ), hereinafter called the Club, an association is formed in accordance with articles 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.
2. The Club is domiciled in Zurich. Its present home ground is on Allmend Brunau in Zurich or at such other place as the Committee may decide if the present home ground should no longer be available or suitable.
3. The Club shall be neutral in all matters regarding religion, politics and nationality.

II. Purpose and Aims

4. The aims of the Club are the furtherance and the playing of the game of Rugby Football in Zurich and the surrounding areas. To this end the Club will accept as members both individuals and legal entities (corporations) interested in the promotion of the game.
5. The Club may participate in Championship and Cup matches of the "Fédération Suisse de Rugby" (FSR). It may also take part in friendly matches and tours and enter competitions other than those organised by the FSR.
6. The Club is a member of the FSR and as such has knowledge of the statutory provisions of this association.

III. Membership

7. Membership is open to individuals as well as legal entities (viz. art. 4).
There are the-following forms of Club membership:
 - a) Active members, which may be divided into different categories
 - b) passive members
 - c) sponsor members
 - d) honorary members

8. Members are admitted by Resolution of the Committee. The Committee has the right to refuse membership if, by majority decision, they have good reason to consider that the membership of an applicant may be detrimental to the purposes and aims of the Club. Any applicant whose membership has been refused may appeal to the general meeting.

9. Honorary membership is conferred only by Resolution of the general meeting to Club members of merit and/or long standing.

10. All members with the exception of honorary members pay an annual Club subscription to be determined by the ordinary annual general meeting. Payment of the annual club subscription has to be done until 31. December of the current year. The committee may sanction members which fail to pay their subscriptions.

11. The Committee may exclude a member who is in arrear with his subscription by more than one year. The Committee may also pronounce an exclusion of a member if they feel that his conduct has been or may be detrimental to the reputation of the Club. In the latter case the member concerned has the right to appeal to the general meeting.

IV. Finances

12. The financial commitments of the Club shall be met out of the Club funds to be fed from the following sources:
- a. contributions of members (active, passive and sponsor)
 - b. voluntary contributions
 - c. any other form of contribution levied by special resolution of the general meeting
 - d. interest accruing on the Club funds invested
 - e. fund raising functions

V. Organisational Bodies of the Club

13. The organisational bodies of the Club shall be:
- a) the General Meeting
 - b) the Committee
 - c) the Auditor

14. The General Meeting

The ordinary annual general meeting shall be held within six months of the end of the Club's financial year. It is called by written invitation, sent to all members together with an agenda at least 3 weeks prior to the meeting.

It may validly decide on the following matters:

- a) to approve the minutes of any previous meeting
- b) to receive and approve the report of the Committee
- c) to receive and approve the Club's accounts and the report of the auditor
- d) to approve the budget for the following Club year
- e) to elect the President and the members of the Committee
- f) to elect the auditor
- g) to fix the contributions for the current Club year
- h) to revise the Constitution
- i) to take a final decision on the admission of a new member or the exclusion of a member in case of an appeal against a decision of the Committee (articles 8 and 11)
- j) to take resolutions on all other matters that may be brought before the meeting by the Committee, or submitted to the Committee by a member in writing for discussion at the general meeting at least 2 weeks prior to such meeting provided the Committee may not decide on such matter on its own right

Decisions in general meetings are taken by simple majority vote of those members present, who have paid their annual subscription. Votes are taken by show of hands except for elections which may be taken by secret ballot. Each category of membership confers one vote. Any revision of the Constitution will however require a 2/3 majority of the votes cast which will include postal votes from members unable to attend. Written notice of any proposal to amend the Constitution must be sent to members three weeks in advance of a meeting.

Extraordinary general meetings may be held whenever the Committee considers it appropriate to call such a meeting or at the request of one fifth of the members. Invitations for an extraordinary general meeting shall be sent to members together with an agenda.

15. The Committee

The Committee shall consist of:

- a) the President
- b) the Secretary
- c) the Treasurer
- d) the Captain of the First Team
- e) other members (maximum 6)

The President is ex officio chairman of the Committee. In his absence the Secretary shall take the chair. The Committee takes its resolutions by simple majority vote of members present. Five Committee members shall constitute a valid quorum. in case of a tie the President has the casting vote.

The Committee shall represent the Club in all matters vis-à-vis third parties and shall carry out any transactions which, according to this Constitution, are not reserved to the general meeting or any other organisational body.

The term of office of each Committee member shall be for one year. All Committee members are eligible for re-election. Any member resigning during the Club year may be replaced by co-option with exception of the President who has to be elected by the general meeting.

16. The Auditor

One auditor shall be appointed by the general meeting and shall remain in office form a period of one year. He may inspect at any time the books of account and vouchers, the cash held in the Club treasury, postal cheque accounts or bank accounts and statements. Ire has to submit an audit report on the annual Club accounts at each annual general meeting.

VI. Club Accounts

17. The books of account of the Club shall be kept by the treasurer and closed as at 30th April of each year. A Statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet must be drawn up for each financial year (1st May – 30th April) to be submitted to the auditor and approved by the ordinary annual general meeting.

VII. Final Provisions

18. In case of a dissolution of the Club the funds shall be distributed among the members in a manner to be determined by the Committee.
19. All matters not specifically covered by the present Constitution shall be determined by the Provision of the Swiss Civil Code, in particular articles 60 to 79.
20. This Constitution was approved and accepted by the General meeting of May 30, 1974, as amended by the general meetings of May, 1977, June 6, 1986 and June 5, 1998.

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The President:

The Secretary: