



LEIGH RAMBLERS F.C.

Belfairs Sports and Social Club, Eastwood Road North, Leigh on Sea, Essex. SS9 4LR



ACCREDITED
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

RULES OF LEIGH RAMBLERS FOOTBALL CLUB

1. **THE CLUB** shall be called Leigh Ramblers Football Club and shall be affiliated to the Essex County Football Association. The club colours shall be blue and black.
2. **THE OBJECTS OF THE CLUB** are the encouragement, promotion of and provision of opportunities for the playing of association football and such social and recreational pursuits at such place or places as shall from time-to-time be determined by the General Committee. The interest is for the good of the CLUB and not individuals.
3. **MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB** shall be vested in:-
 - (a) **The General Committee** – which is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Club and shall consist of OFFICERS of the CLUB namely, President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Club Captain and Welfare Officer together with THREE other members of the CLUB. The Committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and shall retire annually. Retiring members of the Committee may be re-elected. In the case of any vacancy on the Committee arising, the remaining members shall have the power to fill such a vacancy or co-opt such further members to the General Committee as may be deemed necessary. The Committee shall meet at quarterly intervals and/or as necessary and shall have the power to summon a General Meeting of the members of the CLUB at any time giving reasonable notice. FOUR General Committee members will form a quorum.
 - (b) **Other Committees** – The General Committee shall have the power to appoint such Sub-Committees as may from time-to-time be deemed necessary and shall receive reports from such Sub-Committees of its meetings. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all such Committees. Minutes of all Committees shall be kept.
4. **CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP.** – Subject to the provisions of rules 5 and 9 hereof the membership of the CLUB shall consist of:-
 - (a) Officers of the CLUB
 - (b) Playing Members – Those registered as playing members with the competitions entered.
 - (c) Social Members – Affiliated as non-playing by paying their annual Social Membership fee
 - (d) Life Members – Who may be elected for outstanding services to the CLUB by members present at the Annual General Meeting
 - (e) Vice-Presidents – Who have contributed to the CLUB under the conditions of the Vice President Scheme.
 - (f) 100 Club – Current members of the 100 Club to be afforded social membership



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- (g) Honorary Special Members – Persons elected in positions of responsibility and not holding one of the categories of membership are to awarded Honorary Special Membership.
5. **ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP.** – provisions of this rule should apply to all categories of Membership and:-
- (a) A player becomes a member of the Club when he signs-on and pays his/her annual subscription fee. The Committee has the right to deny membership to those it deems unsuitable to be a member of the club and to withdraw membership from any member whose conduct brings the name of the Club into disrepute.
 - (b) Any member who objects to the application of any candidate for membership may make their objections in writing (stating the grounds thereof) addressed to the Secretary, who shall communicate the same to the General Committee, but no other person
 - (c) Every member of the club is directed to the Club Rules and the Code of Conduct located on the Club Website and by consenting to membership, agrees adherence.
 - (d) When an elected member has paid their first annual subscription they shall be deemed a member of the CLUB and entitled to the privileges of the membership and shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Rules and all bylaws made in accordance herewith.
 - (e) Playing members must pay their annual subscription in accordance with the rules laid down by the Club. Any player not paying his annual subscription shall be deemed unavailable for selection until such a time as it is paid. Any player not having paid their annual subscription by the end of the season will be placed on the League debtors list.
 - (f) The election of members in the categories (b) and (c) of Rule 4 shall be vested in the General Committee. The election of Life Members in category (d) of Rule 4 shall be as for categories (b), (c) and (e) of Rule 4 except that the election must be confirmed by the majority of members present at the next Annual General Meeting of the CLUB and in the case of Vice-Presidents each term of office will be determined by the Vice President Scheme.
 - (g) A list of members of the CLUB shall be maintained by the CLUB Secretary which shall be available for inspection by any member on request, provided there is legitimate interest and in line with the Club Privacy Notice.
6. **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.** The annual subscription for playing members shall be such amounts as may be agreed by the General Committee from time-to-time. Payable within the time frame laid down by the Committee. Any playing member whose subscription is unpaid within it becoming due, may, subject to the absence of a satisfactory explanation, be denied the privileges of the CLUB. In addition, playing members shall pay a match fee, the amount of which shall be determined from time-to-time by the General Committee. For other categories of membership including Social Membership, subscriptions are to be paid by a date decided by the General Committee.



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- CONDUCT OF MEMBERS.** The General Committee shall have the power to censure, suspend, expel and/or fine any member guilty of conduct prejudicial to the good name of the CLUB. The disciplinary action shall be determined by the majority of votes recorded at a General Committee called for that purpose and such suspended or expelled members shall forfeit ipso facto all rights to or claim upon the property of the CLUB. For the purpose of this Rule, six General Committee members will form a quorum. Any member expelled or who resigns their membership will be liable to discharge his reasonable financial responsibilities before a clearance to play for another club will be given.
8. **TEAM SELECTION.** The Manager of each team is to select the strongest side available bearing in mind all the circumstances. The Manager of the higher team will have prior call on those players available on any particular date, having due consideration to the rules of the competition.
9. **GUESTS AND VISITORS.** Every member of the CLUB shall be allowed to introduce visitors to the CLUB functions and premises, subject to the regulations that may be made from time-to-time by the General Committee and every such visitor shall be considered the guest of and be accompanied by the member introducing them. Provided that no person shall be introduced as a visitor to the CLUB who has been expelled from membership or whose conduct or presence in any CLUB premises shall be considered by the Committee objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the CLUB.
- Those people using the CLUB who are not associated with the Belfairs Sports & Social Club nor being introduced as a member's guest shall only be admitted to the Clubhouse at the discretion of the General Committee, and then be charged the appropriate Social Membership fee as determined from time-to-time by the General Committee.
10. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** The Annual General Meeting of the CLUB shall be held not later than 5th July, in each year for the purpose of passing the account, election of officers and for the transaction of other business. The Secretary shall give members 14 days clear notice of such a meeting. All members under Rule 4 are eligible to vote at a General meeting, with the exception of those in sub-paragraph (c) and (f).
11. **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.** Two members, one of whom shall not be a member of the General Committee or any other Committee shall be appointed annually to audit the accounts of the CLUB. The financial year shall end on the 31st May.
12. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.** The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting upon receiving a requisition signed by six members and shall give each CLUB member at least seven days clear notice of such a meeting at which the question at issue shall be decided by the majority of the votes recorded.
13. **ALTERATION OF RULES.** Any proposed alteration to these Rules shall be sent in writing with the names of the proposer and seconder to the Secretary by the 31st May each year. Notice of such proposed alteration shall be embodied in the notice convening the General Meeting.
14. **INSURANCE.** The CLUB absolves itself from any responsibility for personal loss or injury.
15. **OTHER BUSINESS.** All matters not governed by the foregoing Rules shall be dealt with by the General Committee, the decision of which shall be final and binding on ALL members.