



MASTERS RUGBY LEAGUE TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. PURPOSE OF MASTERS RUGBY LEAGUE

- 1.1 The purpose of Masters Rugby League ("Masters") is to provide opportunities for people to play rugby league by organising and administering matches and festivals on behalf of the clubs.
- 1.2 All Masters matches, festivals and tours organised and administered by the Management Group shall be governed by the RFL Tiers 4 – 6 Operational Rules.

2. MANAGEMENT OF MASTERS RUGBY LEAGUE

- 2.1 Masters Rugby League shall be managed by a Management Group consisting of the following members:
 - Independent Chair to be appointed by the RFL in accordance with the Code of Sports Governance.
 - Fixture and Discipline Secretary,
 - Regional Representatives as determined by the RFL
 - Women's Representative
 - RFL representative
- 2.2 The Chairman will be appointed by the RFL based on the skills and expertise they have and following a fair and transparent recruitment process. Such appointment will be for a period of 3 years with an option to extend that term for a further period of 3 years should the RFL deem it appropriate.
- 2.3 The Regional, Women's and Match Officials representatives, will be appointed for a two-year period following a fair and transparent recruitment process.
- 2.4 All members of the Management Group agree to sign and abide by a Volunteer Agreement.
- 2.5 The RFL and the Management Group shall have the right to co-opt other persons onto the Management Group as and when necessary, but recruitment will be completed based on skills and expertise that are required at that time.
- 2.6 Management Group decisions shall, if required, be voted upon and decided by a simple majority of those in attendance and eligible to vote with the Chair having a second and casting vote in the event of a tie. In the event of the unavailability of the Management Group they shall be entitled to cast a vote via email or telephone.
- 2.7 The Management Group shall meet at least two times in a year or as and when necessary.



2.8 The MRL Management Group shall be responsible for the following:

- Vetting and approving applicants to MRL each season
- Maintaining a list of fixtures.
- Setting and monitoring the Annual Entry Criteria for membership of the MRL
- Matters of discipline and misconduct by clubs, players and officials of the MRL
- Promotion of the MRL
- Reporting on an annual basis to the RFL.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 A club shall be considered to be a member of Masters Rugby League ("Member Club") if it has submitted a completed Club Registration Form, circulated by the RFL, and paid their annual membership fee which will be set by the Management Group at the start of each year..

3.2 The Management Group, at their discretion, shall have the right to refuse membership to any club or player.

3.3 The Management Group may expel from the MRL any member whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Management Group, render that club as unfit to be a member or otherwise demonstrates an unwillingness/inability to meet the ethos of MRL.

4. MEETINGS

4.1 Club meetings of MRL shall be held at least twice a year, one of which will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

4.2 The AGM shall be held in February (or such times as the Management Group shall decide). The purpose of which shall be:

- (a) to receive the annual report by the RFL.
- (b) to receive and approve the audited accounts.

4.3 Clubs shall be given at least 28 days' notice of the time, date and venue for the AGM.

4.4 Irrespective of the number of representatives from each club at the Masters AGM, only one vote per club is allowed. Clubs with fines not paid within 30 days of issue or not having paid their league membership fee will not be entitled to a vote. In the event of a tie the Chair shall hold the casting vote.