



## **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 for participating 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,
  - Men's Regional Representatives as determined by the RFL
  - Women's Representative
  - RFL representative
- 2.2 The Chair 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 the term for a further period of 3 years should the RFL deem it appropriate.
- 2.3 The Regional and the Women's representatives, will also be appointed for a period of three years with an option to extend the term for an additional 3 years as deemed appropriate by the RFL. All representatives will be appointed following a fair and transparent recruitment process.
- 2.4 All members of the Management Group agree to sign and abide by a Volunteer Agreement. No individual will be accepted onto the Management Group without signing 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. Unavailable Management Group members may cast their vote via email or telephone.
- 2.7 The Management Group shall meet at least two times a year or as and when necessary. Meetings may be online or in person.



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

- Vetting and approving applicants to MRL each season
- Maintaining an up-to-date list of fixtures.
- Establishing and monitoring the annual entry criteria for MRL membership
- Addressing matters of discipline and misconduct involving MRL clubs, players and officials.
- Agreeing and managing international fixtures.
- Promotion of the MRL to ensure its visibility and profile
- Reporting annually to the RFL.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 A club becomes a Member Club of Masters Rugby League (MRL) by submitting a completed Club Application Form provided by the RFL and paying an annual membership fee which is set annually by the Management Group.

3.2 All clubs agree to uphold the spirit of Masters Rugby League which emphasises.

- Non-competitive play.
- A focus on enjoyment and camaraderie, both on and off the pitch.
- Prohibiting rough or over-vigorous play.
- No winners, champions, leagues, or cup finals – all games end in a 0-0 draw.

3.3 The Management Group is responsible for reviewing all applications from existing and new clubs annually. They reserve the right to refuse or revoke membership for any clubs or players who do not uphold the spirit 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, which may be online or in person, shall be held in February (or at 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 Regardless of how many representatives a club has at the Masters AGM, each club is entitled to only one vote. In the event of a tie, the Chair will have the casting vote.

4.5 Clubs that have unpaid fines (over 30 days) or outstanding league membership fees are not eligible to vote