



RULES of THE OLD IPSWICHIAN'S

Rule 1 - Name of the Club

The Club shall be called THE OLD IPSWICHIAN'S.

Rule 2 - Objects of the Club

The objects of the Club shall be to

- maintain the associations and traditions of Ipswich School, promote unity and friendship among Old Ipswichians,
- keep past members of the School in touch with one another and with the School,
- develop, maintain and expand links between the School and the Club, and generally further by every possible means the interests and prosperity of both the School and the Club.
- arrange and promote social gatherings, meetings, sporting fixtures and cultural activities for the benefit of Members of the Club,
- ensure that the Members are made aware of developments at the School and other matters of importance relating to or concerning it.

Rule 3 – Membership: Categories and Eligibility

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall consist of Life Members and Honorary Life Members (together referred to hereafter as “Members”).
- 3.2 Subject to paragraph 3.3, Life memberships are granted at the discretion of the Club Committee. Honorary Life Memberships must be approved by the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.3 Life Membership is granted to
 - (a) All past pupils over sixteen years of age of good standing with Ipswich School.
 - (b) Current teaching staff and former teaching Staff who have completed at least two years’ service at the School, and
 - (c) current and former members of the Governing Body of Ipswich School who have served as such for at least one year.
- 3.4 Honorary Life Membership is granted to persons deemed by the Club Committee to have rendered significant service to the School or the Club.

Rule 4 – Membership: Benefits and Conditions

Members are entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership as set out in these Rules and elsewhere from time to time by the Committee, and shall observe, perform and comply with all and any rules of the Club from time to time in force.

Rule 5 - Resignation of membership

- 5.1 Any Member may resign their membership by giving to the Secretary notice in writing to that effect.
- 5.2 Every such notice shall, unless otherwise expressed, be deemed to take immediate effect.

Rule 6 - Forfeiture of rights

Any person, upon ceasing to be a Member of the Club, shall forfeit all right to and claim upon the Club and its property and funds.

Rule 7 - Termination of membership

- 7.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15 if any Member shall be convicted on indictment of any criminal offence they shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club and thereupon the provisions of Rule 6 shall apply.
- 7.2 The Committee of the Club shall have power in its discretion to reinstate such a member.

Rule 8 – The OI Club Committee

- 8.1 The management of the Club (except as otherwise provided by these rules) shall be delegated to a Committee (“the OI Committee”).
- 8.2 The Committee will comprise at least 7 Officers including a Chairman, a President, a Secretary, a Senior Financial Trustee, and such others as the Committee shall decide are necessary for the smooth running of the Club.
- 8.3 Four Members of the Committee personally present shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 9 - Election of Officers

- 9.1 The Officers shall be proposed for election by the Committee of the Club.
- 9.2 The Chairman shall be elected to serve for a period of three years at the appropriate Annual General Meeting of the Club by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting.
- 9.3 The President shall be elected at the appropriate Annual General Meeting of the Club by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting. The person so elected shall serve for one year as President elect, then for one year as President and then one year as past President.
- 9.4 The other Officers of the Club, including those without portfolio, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting.

Rule 10 - Periods of Office of Officers

- 10.1 The Chairman of the Committee shall serve for a period of three years. During this term of office the Chairman shall not be eligible for election as President. Following

retirement as Chairman, the Member shall not be eligible for re-election to any office for a period of three years from the conclusion of the last year of office.

- 10.2 No Member of the Club shall be eligible for re-election as its President until after an interval of 2 years from the conclusion of their year in office as Past President.
- 10.4 All other Officers of the Club (including those without portfolio but excluding any member of the Committee serving on the School's Governing Body following nomination pursuant to Rule 16), will serve initially for a term of three years but will be eligible for re-election once. Thereafter they shall not be eligible for re-election to any office until after the passage of one year.
- 10.5 A member of the Committee nominated to sit on the School's Governing Body pursuant to Rule 16 shall remain a member of the Committee until his or her period of service on the Governing Body comes to an end.
- 10.6 On adoption of these rules, the Committee will devise transitional arrangements to bring into effect rule 10.4 in a manner that respects the spirit of that rule but ensures compliance with its letter within three years.

Rule 11 - Committee meetings

- 11.1 The Committee shall meet at least three times in every calendar year to arrange the affairs of the Club. Minutes shall be taken of all its proceedings which shall be open to inspection by any Member of the Club applying to the Secretary.
- 11.2 The Committee may from time to time at its absolute discretion invite any member of the Club or any other person to join all or part of a Committee meeting but any person so invited will have no voting rights.
- 11.3 Once a term, members of the Committee will meet representatives of the School to review budgets, spending and the planning and provision of events organised by the School on the Club's behalf.

Rule 13 - Annual General Meeting

- 12.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of January in each year, upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee.
- 12.2 A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be ten Members.
- 12.3 The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall include the following:
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 - To receive from the Officers of the Club or any of them reports of the activities of the Club;
 - To receive and approve balance sheets and accounts for the Club's preceding financial year. For the purposes of these Rules the financial year of the Club shall be the year ending the 31st July.
 - To fill vacancies on the Committee and appoint Officers of the Club.
 - To decide upon any resolution or matter which may have been duly submitted to the meeting.

- 12.4 Any Member desirous of moving a resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary not less than five weeks before the day of such meeting.

Rule 13 - Extraordinary General Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the Committee at any time, and must be called within twenty-eight days after a written request by not fewer than ten Life Members has been received by the Secretary.

Rule 14 - Notice of Annual and Extraordinary Meetings

At least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting, notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to the Members of the Club, and no business other than that of which notice has been given shall be brought forward at such meeting.

Rule 15 - Expulsion of a Member

- 15.1 It shall be the duty of the Committee, if at any time it shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, by letter to invite any Member to withdraw from the Club within a period of time specified in such letter, and if such Member declines to withdraw, the Committee shall arrange to submit the question of their expulsion to the Annual General Meeting next following.
- 15.2 At such Annual General Meeting the Member shall be allowed to offer an explanation of their conduct verbally or in writing. If thereupon two-thirds of the Members present shall vote for their expulsion they shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club.
- 15.3 It shall be in the power of the Committee to exclude such Member from any function or activity of the Club until such Annual General Meeting shall be held.
- 15.4 The provisions of Rule 6 shall apply to the expelled Member.

Rule 16 - The Board of Governors

The Committee, when so requested by the Governing Body of the School, may nominate a Member of the Club to serve on the Governing Body. (The decision whether the nominee is appointed to the Governing body will be one for the Governing body.)

Rule 17 - Club colours

- 17.1 The Club colours shall be maroon, old gold and navy blue.
- 17.2 Club ties shall be either maroon and old gold stripes on a navy blue background or a navy blue background with silver greyhound and dragon motifs.

Rule 18 - Introduction of visitors

- 18.1 Subject to Rule 18.2, every Member shall be entitled to introduce visitors to sporting, social and other events of the Club, but such Members and visitors shall be subject to

any regulations as shall be made from time to time by the Committee in respect of such function.

- 18.2 No person shall be introduced as a visitor who has been expelled from membership, or whose conduct or presence has been determined by the Committee to be objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club.
- 18.3 Every visitor shall be considered the guest of and be accompanied by the Member introducing him.

Rule 19 - Licensing Laws

- 19.1 All present and future licensing laws and any regulations for the time being in force thereunder shall be strictly observed by all Members, each of whom shall be personally responsible for the conduct of his or her guest or visitor.
- 19.2 No intoxicating liquor shall be served after five minutes before the time at which such sale is illegal by the general law or by reason of the terms and/or conditions of any licence granted to or for the benefit of the Club.
- 19.3 The terms and conditions for the purchase of intoxicating liquor or the sale thereof shall be subject to licensing laws and regulations and the general law and within the absolute discretion of the Committee.

Rule 20 - Officers' expenses

- 20.1 The Chairman shall be entitled to an annual honorarium of £800, which sum he or she may accept or decline as they chose.
- 20.2 All expenses of other Officers and Committee members reasonably incurred on behalf of the Club, including the cost of stationery, printing, postages, travel and other items shall be paid out of the funds of the Club, upon request being made to the Financial Trustee, provided that the Financial Trustee is satisfied that such expenditure has properly been incurred.
- 20.3 If any expenses properly incurred have not previously been authorised by the Committee details of such expenditure shall be placed before it by the Financial Trustee at the Committee meeting next following for approval.
- 20.4 Details of all expenditure shall be included in the Annual Financial Statements and Accounts of the Club presented to the Annual General Meeting.

Rule 21 - Creation of branches in the United Kingdom and overseas

- 21.1 The Committee shall have power to authorise the creation within or outside the United Kingdom of a Branch of the Club, for the benefit of its Members residing or being within the area of such Branch.
- 21.2 The Members of such Branch shall be subject to the Rules of the Club from time to time, and if such Branch is outside the United Kingdom, in the same manner as if they were resident in the United Kingdom.
- 21.3 The Committee shall have power from time to time to make regulations relating to and concerning the conduct and management of such Branch, including power to cause it to be disbanded, if the Committee in its discretion thinks fit.

Rule 22 - Creation of Clubs and societies

- 22.1 The Committee shall have power to authorise the creation of Clubs and societies for the benefit of its Members.
- 22.2 The rules of such Clubs and societies shall be approved by the Old Ipswichian Club Committee, which shall have power from time to time to make regulations relating to and concerning the conduct and management of such Clubs and societies, including power to cause them to be disbanded, if the Committee in its discretion thinks fit.

Rule 23 - Issue of Notices

- 23.1 All notices required to be given to a Member of the Club by these Rules may be given by pre-paid letter addressed to such Member at the last address which he or she has furnished to the Secretary, and such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the day when such letter was posted.
- 23.2 Alternatively, such notices may be sent to a Member by e-mail or such other form of electronic communication as the Committee has authorised.

Rule 24 – Disputes relating to the Rules

Any dispute or difference which may arise as to the meaning or interpretation of these Rules or any regulations made under them or as to the powers of the Officers of the Committee or the validity of any election or proceedings of any Committee shall be determined by the President of the Club in conjunction with the Chairman, and their decision shall be final and binding upon all Members.

Rule 25 - Power to amend these Rules

No alteration or addition to any of these Rules (including this one) shall be made except by a resolution of the Committee, which has been approved at the next following Annual General Meeting of the Club by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting.

Rule 26 - Meaning of terms

Where the context so admits for the purposes of these Rules the singular shall include the plural and the masculine the feminine and vice versa.