

Club Management

Introduction

Linlithgow Rugby Club is both a Company Limited by Guarantee (and not having a Share Capital) and is registered with Companies House (SC 532598) and a registered Scottish Charity (SC050439). It is governed by Articles of Association, which defines the different membership categories of Club membership. The Club is a full member of the sports governing body (Scottish Rugby Union), which in turn is affiliated to World Rugby.

The Club has a Vision and Objectives (2020-2025) document, which is reviewed regularly, and a Club Development Plan, which is worked up and annually reviewed in conjunction with the Scottish Rugby Union.

The Club's financial year runs from 1st May to 30th April and the Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) is normally held either in late June or around the start of the rugby season in August.

The Club is overviewed by a Board of Trustees, some of whom have operational responsibilities (Operations Group), appointed each year by Club members at the AGM. The Board of Trustees meet on a quarterly basis, while the Operations Group meet on a more regular basis – at least fortnightly and often weekly during the season. In advance of each year, the Board prepares an outline Operating Plan and budget, the main elements of which are shared with members at the AGM.

A wholly-owned Trading Subsidiary (Mains Park Trading Ltd) has been set up to run all commercial areas of the Club's operations, mainly centred on the Bar. All profits from the trading subsidiary go to the charity and will be put to further the objects as defined in the Club's Articles of Association.

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Governance of Linlithgow Rugby Club is as follows:

Company Directors

Linlithgow Rugby Club Ltd

Executive Directors

- Jean McKeown
- Ian McLean
- Colin Watson
- Neil Lockhart
- Ken Richardson

Non-Executive Directors

- Gordon Muir
- Ross Martin
- Graham McCorkell

Mains Park Trading Ltd

Directors

- Jean McKeown
- · Colin Devlin
- Fraser Mochrie

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Club Policies

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Operational Policies

OPS 1: Club Management

OPS 2: Health and Safety Policy

OPS 3: Other Key Operational Policies

OPS 4: Financial Policy

OPS 5: Alcohol Licence Policy

OPS 6: Data Privacy Policy

OPS 7: 18th Birthday Party Policy

OPS 8: Personal Trainers' Policy

Rugby Policies

The Club adheres to the Minimum Operating Standards for the playing of Rugby Union in Scotland as set out by the Scotlish Rugby Union as part of our Full Membership of the Union. The following Club Policies build on these Minimum Operating Standards:

RUG 1: Child Protection Policy

RUG 2: Disciplinary Policy for Players

RUG 3: First Aid Policy RUG 4: Rugby Tours Policy RUG 5: Coaching Policy

Employee Policies

EMP 1: Employee Training Policy EMP 2: Employee Grievance Policy EMP 3: Employee Discipline Policy

Jean McKeown

Chair / President

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