

# OLD ALBANIAN RFC CONSTITUTION

[This updated version of the OA Rugby Constitution was ratified by the Membership at the club's AGM, held on Thursday 27 July 2017]

1. The Club shall be called the "Old Albanian Rugby Football Club" (known as OA Rugby).
2. The Club shall be affiliated to the Rugby Football Union and shall play under the laws of the same. The Saints shall be affiliated to the RFUW and shall play under the laws of the same.
3. The colours shall be those of the Old Albanian Club and are currently maroon, navy and gold.
4. Membership shall be open to all, and will fall into four categories:
  - Vice Presidents
  - Players
  - Club Member
  - Mini & Junior Parent
5. (a) The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Executive Committee, which will be elected annually, at the AGM. It will consist of:

President Chairman

Honorary Secretary Vice Chairman

Honorary Treasurer Sponsorship Secretary

Director of Rugby Membership Secretary (Players)

Membership Secretary (VPs) Marketing Secretary

Immediate Past President Immediate Past Chairman

On the committee will also sit:

- Chairperson of Mini and Juniors
- Chairperson of OA Saints (who shall be elected at the Saints AGM)
- Other appointed club officials approved at the AGM.

(b) Team Captains/Managers (excluding 1st XV), will be appointed by the Director of Rugby.

(c) The first team Captain will be appointed by the Director of Rugby and the Director of Coaching and be ratified by the committee prior to the first match of the season.

(d) Following the election of the committee members at the AGM, it will be the responsibility of each committee member to assemble and appoint fellow members to their teams to assist them in their duties. Ordinary members who wish to offer

their services in support of a committee member are invited to make themselves known to the committee.

(e) The Mini and Junior section shall elect their own committee. Their elected Chairperson will act as their representative on the main OA Rugby Executive Committee.

(f) The Saints shall elect its own committee with their elected Chairperson acting as their representative on the OA Rugby Executive Committee.

6. The Mini and Junior section shall maintain their own bank account and management accounts. However, the Mini and Junior section management accounts will be consolidated with the accounts of the senior club and presented at the AGM.
7. The Executive Committee of OA Rugby shall appoint a member to be its representative on the committee of The Old Albanian Club.
8. Notice of proposed alterations or additions to the Rules can be given by any member, in writing, to the Secretary at least 21 days before the AGM. The Secretary must give 14 days notice in writing of every AGM to all members.
9. The AGM shall be held at least 14 days before the first match of the season.
10. Only fully paid-up adult members of the club may vote at the AGM.
11. Voting rights – Mini and Junior parents are considered to be non-voting members of the senior club. In the same vein, members of the senior club have no voting rights within the Mini and Junior section, unless of course, they are also a paid-up Mini and Junior Parent.
12. The club shall determine the rate of annual subscriptions at the AGM as part of the budget approval for the forthcoming season. The committee members shall, at their discretion, be empowered to reduce these subscriptions in exceptional circumstances.
13. In addition to the election of officers at the AGM, members will also be asked to:
  - Confirm they support the Club's objectives, mission and values
  - Approve the business plan to achieve those objectives
  - Approve the budget thus required.

The objectives and the business plan will be circulated with invitations to the AGM, as least 2 weeks prior to the AGM.

14. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held whenever the committee members think it expedient or whenever a written requisition signed by 12 members is given to the Secretary. Such EGM shall be equivalent to an AGM.
15. In the event of it becoming necessary for the members to discontinue the activities of the club and to dissolve the club, any assets of the club shall be applied to such approved sporting and charitable purposes as the executive committee considers and proposes to be appropriate and reasonable and any resolutions which they may make pursuant to the provisions of this rule shall require a majority of at least 75% of the votes cast.

16. In exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the majority of the committee, the committee have full discretionary powers to act as they may think fit.