

**Northern Suburbs
Rugby League Football
Club**

RULES



1965 - 1966

OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

Season 1965

President: J. Lane.

Senior Vice-President: L. Bunt.

Hon. Treasurer: S. Farquharson.

Hon. Assistant Secretary: F. Wilkinson.

Hon. Secretary: J. W. Thomas.

Delegates to Newcastle R.F.L.

S. Farquharson and J. W. Thomas.

Committee of Management:

W. Morton, H. Daniels, H. Gray, J. Price, W. Allanson,
R. Woolston, W. Wheatley, R. Gill, W. Lobley, R. Witcombe,
P. Callaghan.

Trustees: J. Lane, E. H. Long and J. W. Thomas.

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1. **NAME.**—The name of the Club shall be “THE NORTHERN SUBURBS RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB” and shall play under the jurisdiction of the Newcastle Rugby Football League.
2. **OBJECTS.**—The objects of the Club are the promotion and administration of the game of Rugby League Football within its district.
3. **UNIFORM.**—The uniform of the Club shall be Royal Blue Jersey, White Shorts with Royal and Sky Blue Hose.
4. **MEMBERSHIP.**—Any person may become a member of the Club at the discretion of the Committee, upon payment of the Annual Membership Fee of \$0.50. The Annual Membership is due on June 1st in each year, and any person not being financial on this date, unless satisfactory arrangements are made with the executive shall not be a member of the Club. All members shall be entitled to take part in the business of the Club, vote on all questions, except where otherwise provided, and provided they have been a member for thirteen months may be nominated for and elected to any office.

5. PRIVILEGES.—Every member upon joining the Club shall be entitled to all privileges the Club can impart in accordance with this constitution and as his joining is voluntary on his part, so his acquiescence in this constitution, or any that may be hereafter enacted, is hereby implied, as well as his submission to the restrictions enforced and penalties imposed by them.
6. OFFICERS.—The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Senior Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary. An Assistant Hon. Secretary and an Assistant Hon. Treasurer may also be elected if required. These officers shall be the Executive Committee.
7. AUDITOR.—An auditor or auditors to audit the books of the Club shall be elected. No officer or member of the Committee shall be an auditor.
8. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.—The President shall preside at all meetings. He shall have a deliberate as well as a casting vote. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-President shall take his place, and in the absence of both these officers the meeting shall elect a Chairman, who must be a member of the Club, and he shall have the full powers of the President while in the Chair.

The Hon. Treasurer shall have charge of the Club's finance. He shall keep proper books of account, and regularly bank all monies received. He shall only pay accounts that have been passed for payment. At each Committee Meeting present a statement of the financial position of the Club. He shall prepare and present the Annual Balance Sheet to the Annual Meeting after it has been audited.

The funds of the Club shall be banked in the name of the Club, and all cheques for withdrawal of funds shall be signed by two of the following officers: President, Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary shall be the custodian of the books of the Club. He should attend punctually all meetings of the Club, whether regular or special, and record the proceedings in the minute book. He shall conduct the correspondence, retaining copies of all letters sent out by him. Prepare and present the Annual Report to the members. Take the necessary action for calling meetings. He shall act in his official capacity on all Committees and is empowered to deal with such matters of urgency as are unable to be dealt with by the Management Committee. In such cases the matter so dealt with shall be tabled and reported on at the next meeting of the Committee.

9. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.—This Committee shall consist of twelve members together with the Executive Officers and the Club Delegate and two Delegates from the Junior Section. The Executive Officers shall be members of all Sub-Committees.
10. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE.—The Committee shall meet as often as required and at such place and time as they may decide. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. Any member being absent for three (3) consecutive meetings without submitting a satisfactory reason or a written apology to the Secretary shall lose his seat and a successor shall be appointed by the Committee in his place. Should an officer lose his seat from this cause, a General Meeting shall be called within fourteen (14) days to elect his successor. Any member or officer losing his seat from

this cause shall not be eligible for re-election until three (3) months have elapsed. They shall carry out all lawful instructions passed at a general meeting. They shall have the power and authority to act in any manner, which in their opinion, is in the interest of the Club. The Committee shall have the power to borrow money from time to time and for such purposes to give debentures, liens, mortgages, charges and other security over the whole or any part of the property real or personal of the Club.

11. CITATION AND/OR SUSPENSION.—The Committee shall have the power to cite, or cause to appear before them any player, member, or officer of the Senior, Junior and Branch Clubs to reply to such questions as shall be put, and if any member fails to give a satisfactory reply to any such questions, or after receiving due notice fails to appear to answer same, the Committee after enquiry shall have the power to disqualify, suspend, fine or otherwise deal with any such player, member or officer.
12. AGREEMENTS.—The Committee shall have the power to negotiate and enter into an agreement with any player or players to play for the Club at terms they think necessary.
13. PROPERTY OF THE CLUB.—The property of the Club shall be rested in three (3) Trustees elected by the Club in General Meeting, who shall hold office until retirement or death or until removal from office. A Trustee may be removed from office by general meeting of the Club. Notice of proposed resolution must be given by posting copy thereof on notice board of the Club in the training quarters' dressing room for at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

14. MEETINGS.—The Annual Meeting shall be held not later than February in each year, the date to be fixed by the Committee. The quorum at the Annual Meeting shall be twenty (20) members. Other General Meetings shall be called by the Executive when required, or by a requisition signed by at least six (6) financial members. At least forty-eight (48) hours notice must be given of all such meetings by a notice in the dressing room of the Club's training quarters. Where a special meeting has been called no other business than that for which the meeting has been called shall be considered. At least seven (7) days notice by an advertisement in the "Newcastle Morning Herald" shall be given for the Annual Meeting. A quorum at any general meeting excepting the Annual General Meeting shall be twenty (20) members, of whom ten (10) shall be First, Reserve or Third Grade players.
15. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—At all meetings the order of business shall be:—1. Confirmation of Minutes. 2. Business arising from Minutes. 3. Correspondence (Inwards and Outwards). 4. Reports. 5. Accounts for Payment. 6. Financial Statement. 7. Elections if any. 8. Notice of Motion. Receipt or those of whom notice has been given. General Business. The discussion at all meetings shall be subject to the usual conditions and rules of debate.
16. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.—The Officers and Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All candidates for office must be financial members of the Club, and signify their consent to accept office. If absent from the meeting their consent must be given in writing.

All candidates must be proposed and seconded, and if there are more candidates than required for the position to be filled a ballot shall be held in a way that the meeting shall decide. If only the required number to fill any position is received, the Chairman shall declare that he or they are duly elected. The officers and committee shall hold office until their successors are elected subject to any act which may disqualify them from holding office.

17. ALTERATION TO RULES.—These rules may be altered only at the Annual Meeting. A notice of motion in each case setting out the clause or clauses of the Constitution proposed to be altered and the proposed alterations, deletions or additions must be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
18. NOTICE OF MOTION.—Any member wishing to move a motion to amend the Rules or to rescind a Rule or previous motion that has been passed shall deliver his motion in writing to the Secretary, and this motion must be signed by at least three (3) financial members. Should a special meeting be requested to deal with the motion the conditions of Rule 14 must be complied with. A three-fifths majority of the members present shall be required to rescind or amend any rule or motion.
19. VOTING.—Upon a vote being taken all members present shall vote, unless prevented from voting for personal or other genuine reasons. If any member neglects or refuses to vote his vote shall be recorded in the negative. A bare majority shall decide all voting,

subject to the provision of Rule 18. All financial members shall be entitled to vote on all questions except matters that only concern a particular team.

20. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP.**—Qualifications required to be a Life-Member of whom no more than two (2) can be elected each year at the Annual Meeting are:—Ten (10) years consecutive membership of the Senior Club; or twenty (20) years non-consecutive membership, junior club membership included. Executive Junior Office may be regarded as Senior membership. Applications must be made in writing, stating qualifications to the Secretary fourteen days prior to the Annual Meeting. Applicants must receive at least twenty (20) positive votes to be considered elected. Notwithstanding anything else that may appear in these rules the Committee have the power to nominate a member, who has played at least one hundred (100) First Grade competition games for the Club to an Annual Meeting for consideration as Life Member. Such nominated member must receive at least twenty (20) positive votes to be elected Life-Member.
21. **PLAYERS.**—Players must play in any team and in any position decided upon by the Selectors or the Captain on the field of play. Any player refusing to obey instructions or who refuses duty may forfeit all rights to membership of the Club and to any benefits that may accrue as such, and will not be re-admitted as a member except by a three-fifth majority of the members present at the meeting when the matter is dealt with.
22. **TRAINING.**—Players must attend appointed places to train on Tuesday and Thursday or any other day at

a time nominated by the Committee and continue training as long as required by the Coach.

23. COACHES.—A Coach shall be appointed for each of the Senior, Reserve and Third Grade Teams. He shall take charge of all training operations and his instructions shall be obeyed. The Committee shall appoint Coaches from written applications received after notice has been placed in "The Newcastle Morning Herald", providing the applicants are considered suitable. Further applications may be called for by the Committee.
24. SELECTORS.—Selectors shall be appointed by the Club at a convenient meeting prior to the commencement of the competition. It shall be the duty of the selectors to refrain from selecting any player who does not act in accordance with the rules and the best interest of the Club. They shall have the power to alter any team at any time if considered necessary.
25. MANAGERS.—No player shall be allowed to play in any match or with any other club without the sanction of the Committee. Where the Club arranges a match away from the Newcastle District all players selected must be members of this Club, and a Manager or Managers must be appointed from the Executive Officers of the Club, who shall at all times be responsible to the Club for the conduct of the players and their well being. At other times where team managers are appointed each manager must be a member of the Club and appointed by the Committee and be responsible to the Club for the conduct and well being of the players.

26. CLEARANCES AND TRANSFERS.—All applications for clearances and transfer must be made in writing to the Secretary. The Committee shall consider each application on its merit and their decision shall be final subject to an appeal to Country Rugby League.
27. BONUSES.—All bonuses received from the Newcastle League shall be the property of the Club. The amount of bonus payments to be allocated shall be determined by the Committee prior to one month after completion of the competition for that year.
28. TRANSFER FEE.—All monies received from transfer fees shall be the property of the Club.
29. INTERPRETATION OF RULES.—The Committee shall be the sole interpreter of these Rules and such interpretation shall not be altered except by notice of motion.

