

EGYPTIAN RUBY FOOTBAL UNION - RUGBY EGYPT

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1 – INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The name of the Association is the Egyptian Rugby Football Union ('ERFU'). The Association may do business under the name of 'Rugby Egypt'.
- 1.2 The principal office of the Association shall be located at the offices of Chahir Nicola Habib Attorney Law & Legal & Commercial Consultants, Orabi Sq., Apt.70, El-Tawfikeya, Cairo.
- 1.3 The fiscal year of the Association shall be from 1 September to 31 August.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be:

- 2.1 To administer the game of rugby as its governing body in Egypt;
- 2.2 To promote, encourage and extend the game of rugby throughout Egypt, including through the coaching thereof, its development in schools and at all youth levels and the recruitment and training of referees;
- 2.3 To arrange international, trial and other Matches and tours in Egypt and in other countries; and,
- 2.4 To ensure that the game of rugby is played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and is administered in accordance with the IRB Regulations.

ARTICLE 3 – POWERS

The Association shall be empowered:

- 3.1 To serve as the coordinating body for the game of rugby by arranging all competitions and matches in Egypt;
- 3.2 To represent Egypt in relations with appropriate national and international rugby federations, organisations or committees;

- 3.3 Designate individuals and teams to represent Egypt in international competitions; and,
- 3.4 Do all things necessary and/or appropriate to promote or further the game of rugby in Egypt.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERS

- 4.1 The Association shall have two categories of Members: Individual Members and Club Members.
 - 4.1.1 Individual Members shall be players, coaches, referees, and/or club administrators that have submitted a registration form, paid the required fees and abide by all the rules of the Association;
 - 4.1.2 Club Members shall be organised groups of Individual Members that are registered with the Association, have paid the required fees and abide by all the rules of the Association.
- 4.2 The Board shall have the power to suspend or terminate membership of Individual and Club Members if they fail to abide by all the rules of the Association.

ARTICLE 5 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 5.1 The General Assembly shall be the representative body of all Individual Members.
- 5.2 The General Assembly shall be empowered:
 - 5.2.1 To receive and review the report on the activities of the Association prepared by the Board;
 - 5.2.2 To receive and review the financial statements;
 - 5.2.3 To approve the Board elected by the Council; and,
 - 5.2.4 To approve the amendments to the Articles of Association agreed to by the Council.
- 5.3 The General Assembly meeting shall be held once a year, no later than 31 August, at a date decided by the Board.
- 5.4 Decisions at the General Assembly meeting shall be adopted by the majority of those present. Each Individual Members shall have one vote.

ARTICLE 6 – COUNCIL

- 6.1 The Council shall be the representative body of all Club Members.
- 6.2 The Council shall be empowered:
 - 6.2.1 To receive and review the strategic plan of the Association prepared by the Board;
 - 6.2.2 To elect on the members of the Board;
 - 6.2.3 To approve the annual fees to be paid by Individual and Club Members recommended by the Board;
 - 6.2.4 To agree to the amendments to the Articles of Association proposed by the Board.
- 6.3 The Council shall meet at least twice a year, at dates decided by the Board.
- 6.4 Decisions of the Council shall be adopted by majority with a quorum of two-thirds of the Club Members. Each Club Members shall have one vote.

ARTICLE 7 – BOARD

- 7.1 The Board shall be responsible for directing and carrying out the objects and powers of the Association.
- 7.2 The Board shall be empowered to administer, manage and preserve the affairs of the Association and, in particular:
 - 7.2.1 To prepare a strategic plan and monitor its implementation;
 - 7.2.2 To represent the Association;
 - 7.2.3 To create individual positions and committees for the fulfillment of the Association's object and appoint qualified officials to these positions and committees;
 - 7.2.4 To ensure that the financial statements are true, fair and compliant with Egyptian Law; and,
 - 7.2.5 To propose amendments to the Articles of Association.

- 7.3 The Board shall be composed of: the Chair Person, the Vice-Chair Person, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Individual Member's Representative.
- 7.3.1 The Chair Person shall chair meetings of the General Assembly, Council and Board. The Chair Person shall be primarily responsible for exercising and carrying out the objects and powers of the Association.
- 7.3.2 The Vice-Chair Person shall assist the Chair Person and perform the functions of the Chair Person in his absence.
- 7.3.3 Under the general supervision of the Board, the Secretary shall deal with all correspondence of the Association; shall convene meetings of the General Assembly, Council and Board; shall keep minutes of these meetings and shall be responsible for the preservation of the records of the Association.
- 7.3.4 Under the general supervision of the Board, the Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds belonging to the Association and shall be responsible for ensuring that proper books of accounts are written up, preserved and available for inspection.
- 7.3.5 The Individual Members' Representative shall represent the interests of Individual Members, and in particular of players, on the Board.
- 7.4 Any Individual Member may be elected to the Board for a renewable one-year term.

ARTICLE 8 – FINANCE

- 8.1 The funds of the Association shall only be used for promoting, encouraging and developing the game of rugby in Egypt.
- 8.2 The funds of the Association shall be obtained annually from the subscriptions of Individual and Club Members, sponsorship, marketing activities, ticket sales and from any other available source.
- 8.3 The financial accounts of the Association shall be made up to 31 August in each year and shall be signed by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 9 – DISSOLUTION

The Association shall not be dissolved unless by a decision of at least two thirds of the Individual Members present at the General Assemble Meeting, upon a recommendation of two-thirds of the Club Members.

ARTICLE 10 – SAVING CLAUSE

All the above provisions shall be construed to conform and comply with Egyptian Law.
