

EUROPEAN GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY ORGANISATION

CONSTITUTION

Name

- 1.0 The name of the Organization shall be the **EUROPEAN GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY** (Hereafter named **EGOR**)

Objectives and Purpose

- 2.0 The objectives of the Organization shall be encourage over 35's to participate and play Rugby, within the appropriate laws, throughout the countries of Europe and to assist in the promotion and development of rugby for the over 35's (Golden Oldies Rugby)' as well as encourage- **Fun, Friendship and Fraternity.**

- 2.1 **EGOR** will organize its own Festival every second year. It will give priority to countries that have not previously hosted an EGOR Festival.

A bid to organize the Festival has to be submitted to the Executive Committee in accordance with the criteria and the guidelines to organize the European Festival.

The selection of the host country for the Festival will be made at the meeting of the Executive Committee two years prior Festival.

The announcement regarding the host country will be made during the farewell dinner at the previous Festival.

- 2.2 **Resources**

The **EGOR** resources derive from:

- member's subscriptions.
- subsidies which may be granted.
- marketing and sponsorship actions.
- the percentage of the net profit from each European Festival.
- any other resources authorized by law and EGOR regulations.

Relations with FIRA/ AER and World GOR Organizations

- 3.0 Representation within FIRA/ AER and World GOR Organizations:

The General Membership Meeting shall elect one representative to each of the following: FIRA/AER, the International Air New Zealand GOR and the World Vintage Rugby Organizations.

The candidates shall be proposed by a country representative or Executive Committee member..

They shall be elected for a period of 4 years at the General Membership Meeting. The election is renewable once.

All candidacies shall be received by the EGOR Secretary at least 30 days before the General Membership Meeting.

3.1 International Agreements

The Executive Committee is empowered to approve agreements with other rugby organization .

The Executive Committee has approved to following agreements:

a. FIRA/AER

Having explored the aims and objectives of both organizations, it is agreed that FIRA/AER aims to promote and develop rugby in Europe, and EGOR aims to promote and manage European veteran rugby.

b.INTERNATIONAL ANZ GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY FESTIVAL and EGOR concluded an agreement with the intention to encourage the further development of Golden Oldies Sport, especially rugby football in Europe and all over the globe.

b. With the same purpose and intention an agreement has been concluded between EGOR and WORLD VINTAGE RUGBY CARNIVAL.

Membership

4.1 Membership shall be available to all rugby organizations and individuals qualified to participate in rugby games for those aged 35 and over.

There are three types of membership:

Full Member
Associate Member
Honorary Member

Full membership shall be available to each European national union and EGOR club/team. Regardless of the number of full members that a country has, a member country is entitled to one vote only.

Associate membership; will be offered to individual rugby players and other persons interested in the aims of EGOR.

Associate members do not have the right to vote.

Honorary membership will be awarded to rugby individuals of the highest caliber who have contributed to Oldies Rugby deemed suitable by the Executive Committee. Honorary member do not have the right to vote.

4.2 Request for affiliation:

A European national union and GOR club/team who wishes to be affiliated as a Full Member of EGOR shall submit a request to the Executive Committee for approval.

Affiliation as associate member or honorary member shall be proposed and decided by the Executive Committee.

For this kind of affiliation no formal request is needed.

4.3 Membership subscriptions shall be set at the Festival General Membership Meeting and fall due within one month of joining EGOR and on an annual basis thereafter, payable on January 1 of each subsequent year.

Each Member national union and GOR team shall pay annual subscriptions.

The Executive Committee

Subject to the limitation of clause 2.0 hereof, the policies and general management of the EGOR shall be directed by the Executive Committee consisting of nine members, elected by full members at the General Membership Meeting.

5.1 Elected members of the Executive Committee shall hold the office for ten years from the date of the General Membership Meeting at which they were elected. They shall be eligible for re-election for one additional term, but remain in office until their successors are appointed.

5.2 The Executive Committee shall appoint a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sponsorship/Marketing Director to form the Management Board.

The Executive Committee has power to appoint such other officers as it considers necessary.

5.3 The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt persons who it believes could be of assistance in the administration of its program and the attainment of the organization's objectives. Such co-opted persons(s) shall not be eligible to vote. The number of co-opted persons should not exceed 50% of the elected members.

- 5.4 The Executive Committee shall meet as and when required, but, if possible, not less than once every year.
- 5.5 The Executive Committee may make valid decisions by a simple majority vote.
- 5.6 Decisions may be also taken by telephone/fax/or e-mail and confirmed later in the minutes of the subsequent meeting. A decision to dissolve EGOR can only be made at an in person meeting.

Minutes of all meetings shall be signed by the Chairman or President, and the Secretary.

General Membership Meeting

6. Every second year, at the European Festival, the EGOR shall convene a General Membership Meeting, to which all members shall be invited, for the purpose of receiving the annual reports of the Executive Committee, and the annual audited statements of accounts: of accepting and resignations, or electing new Executive Committee Members or voting on proposals to amend this Constitution, setting policy or for any other purpose. Participating teams attending the General Membership Meeting must be paid up current Full Members of EGOR

- 6.1 A Special Membership Meeting may be called by any full member at any time, if supported by a least eighteen full members and submitted in writing the Secretary, who will, within twenty one days, call said Special Membership Meeting not less than 60 days nor more than 120 days from the date of request for the purpose of altering the Constitution or for the removal of an Executive Committee member. The quorum for such a meeting is two-thirds of the total number of Full Members. If the quorum is not reached, the Special Membership Meeting shall be reconvened within an hour with the same agenda. It shall then deliberate with quorum of not less than one half of the full members.

Meetings

7. At all general and special meetings, questions arising shall be decided by a majority of those entitled to vote. The meeting chairman (or the President), shall have a vote in his capacity as either an Executive Committee member or a country representative. If the meeting chairman is not otherwise entitled to vote, he will vote only in the case of a tie.

The principal of voting is one Country/one GOR Club-Team/one Executive Committee member-one vote.

- 7.1 At all Executive Committee meetings, five Members shall form a quorum and at the regular General Membership Meeting, twelve full members shall form a quorum. The Executive Committee Secretary shall keep minutes at the Executive meetings.
- 7.2 Minute books shall be kept by the Executive Committee (the Secretary) and a record of all proceedings shall be entered therein. Minute books shall be signed by the meeting chairman (or President) and the Secretary.

Finances

8. All monies raised by or on behalf of EGOR shall be used to further its objectives only. Said monies shall be paid into a bank account in the name of European Golden Oldies Rugby at a bank approved by the Executive Committee. All checks drawn on behalf of the EGOR shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other officer.
 - 8.1 Executive Committee shall keep proper books of accounts, which shall be submitted for scrutiny on request.
 - 8.2 Annual audited statement of accounts shall be submitted by the Executive Committee(The Treasurer) to the Geneall Membership Meeting.
 - 8.3 The EGOR Financial year runs from April to March of the following year.

Expulsion

9. The procedure for expulsion of a union, club/team or individual shall be the same as the procedure for admission (see Membership, 4.2).
 - 9.1 Expulsion may be for serious breach of the EGOR Constitution and internal regulations.
 - 9.2 Expulsion may also be based on any other serious grounds including the non-payment of the annual subscription or non-payment of debts owed to the EGOR or to any other full member.

Dissolution

- 10.If the Executive Committee by a majority decides at any time it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the EGOR, it shall call a meeting not less than ninety days before convening a Special or General Membership Meeting. A decision to dissolve must be approved by a vote of the General Membership Meeting by a majority of those present and eligible to vote.

10.1 Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be applied towards the benefit of FIRA/AER youth rugby development.

Signed

President

Treasurer

Dave McDonald

Sergio Caggia

Secretary

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