

# HAMPSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

## Regulation, Advice and Guidance Note 7

*Sponsor Management Board*

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## VALUING THE VOLUNTEER AND COUNTY AWARDS

### 0701 Vice President

- 1 The honour of the position of Vice President of Hampshire Rugby Union Football Limited shall be an award for OUTSTANDING services rendered to the Union, the Hampshire Schools Rugby Football Union or the Hampshire Rugby Referees (HRR) either on or off the field.
- 2 Vice Presidents shall be nominated by the Management Board and shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting.
- 3 Once elected, a Vice President will normally remain in the position for life, subject only to a majority decision at a General Meeting that the honour be withdrawn.
- 4 It is unlikely that a candidate for President will be selected without having previously been elected as a Vice President.

### 0702 County Badge

- 1 The County Badge shall be awarded by the Management Board for services to this Union.
- 2 For Gentlemen, the County Badge shall be a hand embroidered wire badge of the standard interpretation of the Imperial State Crown above a Hampshire Rose on a navy blue background with the lettering "HAMPSHIRE RFU" worked underneath. For Ladies the County Badge shall be a silver lapel badge of the standard interpretation of the Imperial State Crown above a Hampshire Rose

### 0703 County Tie

- 1 Members of the Management Board shall be entitled to wear a County Tie following their election to the Board.
- 2 The County Tie shall be multiple alternate motifs of the Crown and Rose in red on a navy blue background.

### 0704 Associates' Tie

- 1 Life and Individual Associates and members of Committees, and Sub Committees, shall be entitled to purchase an Associates' Tie.
- 2 The tie shall be multiple motifs of the Crown over the Rose in red on a navy blue background. The motifs shall be interspersed by a thin diagonal red line with the lettering "Hampshire RFU" on the blade.

### 0705 Annual Club Awards

- 1 Introduced to mark the Millennium, the Hampshire Club Awards are specifically for amateur volunteer administrators who have not previously been honoured by the Union.
- 2 The Awards are intended to recognize those who stand out as being quite exceptional in their contribution to their Club's success. Clubs should look for those whose talents are probably unrecognized in the wider world of Hampshire Rugby yet whose influence may extend beyond that of the Club and helps raise standards and promote best practice. It is a unique chance for a Club and Hampshire Rugby to recognize these administrators in a positive way.

- 3 Clubs are asked annually to submit their nominations, in the various categories specified from time to time, to the Executive Director together with a short rugby CV showing the contributions made to the Club and reasons for nomination. The CV should show the date on which he/she joined the Club and took over the position and any previous positions held. Any information which will help the Review Panel is welcome.
- 4 The Award winners are selected from the written recommendations by a Review Panel which will normally include the County Volunteer Coordinator, the Chairman of the Club Development Committee, the Rugby Development Officers and the Executive Director.
- 5 Each winner will receive a suitable recognition award commensurate with the level of Volunteer Contribution. These awards are individually agreed by the Review Panel and are funded out of a Volunteer Award budget that is set annually.
- 6 Awards are presented at venue and a time that is agreed between the Volunteer's Club, the County Volunteer Coordinator and the Chairman of the Club Development Committee.

#### 0706 Rugby Football Union Recognition

An RFU Valuing the Volunteer certificate may be presented at any time to persons nominated by their Clubs for recognition outside the Annual Club Awards Scheme; similarly an appropriate gift can be obtained for presentation at a suitable event if a Club submits a written citation to the Executive Director.

#### 0707 Rugby Football Union Functions

It is a custom of the Union that the RFU Representative invites individuals from among the Union's Committees and Clubs to accompany him, when he has the option so to do, to either lunch before the game and/or the dinner given by the RFU after each home International played against touring teams or in the Six Nations Championship. These guests are selected by the RFU Representative with the assistance of the Management Board and the invitation may be repeated on more than one occasion throughout an individual's involvement in Hampshire Rugby. The cost of match ticket and lunch and/or dinner only will be met by the Union.

#### 0708 Rugby Football Union Presidential Guests

The RFU President usually invites one individual from each Constituent Body each season to a home match in the Six Nations Championship. This invitation usually includes a car park ticket, a ticket for lunch, one match ticket, a ticket to the Teams' black tie post-match dinner and one night's complimentary accommodation after the dinner. The RFU President asks the Management Board to propose two candidates each season and nominations normally will be taken from those proposed by their Clubs for the Annual Club Awards but this is not always the case; members of County Committees or Sub-Committees (but not the Management Board) are also considered. The nominations are not necessarily those who may have been selected as an Award Winner. The person selected by the RFU President will normally attend the same match as that to which the County President is invited; both will usually join up with the RFU Representative and his guests.