



## Membership Agreement

This Membership Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by South Shore Rugby Football Club (“The Club”) and the below signed Member (“Member”), effective September 1, 2022.

### 1. Membership Definitions & Benefits

The Club exists to promote and facilitate the playing of the game of rugby in the South Shore and Cape Cod areas. Membership in The Club serves to further this goal. Membership is available at two levels: Social and Player. Player Membership includes all the benefits included in the Social level, and more as detailed below. All Members who play in USA Rugby sanctioned matches must be registered with USA Rugby before the match.

#### a. Social Membership

Social Members are Members of the club who, at the start of any season intend to support and participate in Club activities, but not play in team matches. Social Members who play in more than 2 matches for any given side are required to register with The Club as Player Members and pay Player Member dues. Social Members are entitled to the following benefits of The Club:

- Entrance to all non-paid Club social activities
- Voting rights at the Annual General Meeting
- Eligibility to hold a position on the Club Executive Board

#### b. Player Membership

Player Members are Members of the Club who play in more than two matches for any Club team during any given season. As noted above, Player Members receive all the benefits of Social Membership. In addition to Social Membership benefits, Player Members receive:

- Professionally coached, twice weekly trainings sessions during Fall & Spring seasons
- Professionally coached, weekly training sessions over the winter
- Opportunity to compete weekly for playing time during Fall & Spring games
- Accident and liability coverage for injuries incurred during play
- Team uniform equipment, including game shorts, game socks and training jerseys

## 2. USA Rugby Registration

All Members who play in USA Rugby sanctioned matches must be registered with USA Rugby before the match. Senior Men's and Women's Player Members are required to register with USA Rugby as soon as registration is available following a Member's enrollment with The Club. USA Rugby registration renews annually on September 1 and covers the period from September 1 to August 31. Members are required to register for the period they intend to play.

Social Members who do not play in Senior Men's or Women's matches are not required to register with USA Rugby. The Club's Age 35+ Men's Side (The Rusty Anchors) do not play USA Rugby sanctioned matches, and as such, are not required to register with USA Rugby unless they intend to also play for the Senior Men's side. Any Members intending to play in Club playoffs, regardless of Member status, are urged to register with USA Rugby as early as possible to ensure playoff eligibility.

USA Rugby recently launched a new member registration platform, competition management system and website with Rugby Xplorer. The Club is listed on Rugby Xplorer as SOUTH SHORE RUGBY. Members not registered under this option are not eligible to play in sanctioned Club matches. USA Rugby player registration fees for the 2022-2023 season are \$86.28.

Members can set up their USA Rugby profile here: <https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/>

A video tutorial on how to register once a profile is set up can be found here: <https://youtu.be/3bzRqKJA0ao>

## 3. Membership Dues & Fees

Membership Dues are determined each season by The Club's Executive Board. For purposes of dues tracking and accounting, The Club defines the Spring season as January – June and the Fall Season as July – December. Members who are current on their dues are determined to be "In Good Standing." Only Members in Good Standing are allowed to receive the benefits of Membership as defined above. All dues are non-refundable.

2022 Dues, Fees and available payment schedules are detailed below.

Dues Period & Level	Amount
Spring 2022 Social Membership	\$50
Spring 2022 Player Membership	\$150
Summer 2022 Tournament Entry Fee	\$20/Tournament
Fall 2022 Social Membership	\$50
Fall 2022 Player Membership	\$150

The Club prefers members to pay dues in full at the start of each season, however a number of other options are available. Subscription payment schedules are available for both Social and Player Memberships. Social Members are eligible to pay Social dues in quarterly payments, ensuring the total amount for dues are collected over each season. Player Members are eligible to pay Player dues in monthly installments of \$25/month. Player Members who subscribe off cycle, i.e. not in January or July, will be required to pay a one-time catch up payment to bring their total balance up to date prior to any club event. For example, a Player Member who wants to vote in the Spring AGM, but began subscription payments in February would be required to pay a one-time \$25 catch up payment (one monthly installment for January) to bring their dues current and to be considered in Good Standing. Need based payment plans are available on a case by case basis pending review by the Treasurer of The Club.

#### 4. Conduct

All Members and participants in Club sanctioned events are required to adhere to both the NERFU and The Club's codes of conduct. Should any player or participant contravene these codes they will be subject to appropriate sanctions, as determined by a majority vote of a quorum of the Executive Board, up to and including full revocation of Membership and all rights held therein. Both The Club's Code of Conduct and the NERFU Code of Conduct are linked below.

[NERFU CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

[SSRFC CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

#### 5. Liability

The Member will not hold The Club liable for any tangible or intangible damage that might happen to them while participating in the Membership.

The Member agrees that The Club cannot guarantee any results from their Membership. Any negative or positive results that might occur during the Membership are the result of the Member's own personal choices.

#### 6. Membership Termination

The Club has a right to terminate the Member's Membership if any of the terms and the conditions of this Agreement are violated. Membership in the club may be revoked or denied for cause, including failure to pay dues or other fees in a timely manner, by a majority vote of a quorum of the Executive Board.

The Member can terminate their membership at any point and for any reason and will not be charged for their next billing cycle. Termination of Membership by a Member may be indicated by a letter of resignation to the President.

By signing below, the Member confirms that they have read, understood and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement.

[Member Name] \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

[SSRFC Representative] \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_