

NCRFU Club Reinstatement Policy

Preamble

In addition to the NCRFU New Member Club Policy, the NCRFU introduces this Club Reinstatement Policy designed to address former Member Clubs which have fallen out of good standing or otherwise withdrawn from competition, but wish to be reinstated as NCRFU Club Members in good standing.

This policy is grounded in the principles of the NCRFU of supporting the development of rugby, and promoting strong clubs and competition, in order to provide access to high quality rugby for all individuals.

Eligibility for Reinstatement

The former Member Club applying for reinstatement (“Applicant”) must demonstrate by application to the NCRFU Competitions Committee that it meets the minimum requirements of eligibility for reinstatement into the NCRFU:

- 1) Club Registered with USA Rugby
 - a. Club Compliant with all USA Rugby Eligibility Regulations (See Reg 2.4)
 - b. Club current with all USA Rugby fees
- 2) Club Compliant with all NCRFU Eligibility Requirements
 - a. 25 Player Roster
 - i. No more than five (5) players may have been CIPP registered with a different Member Club the last three (3) years
 1. However, the above restriction shall not apply to players who were CIPP registered with the Applicant Club in its most recent season of competition
 - ii. All players must be in good standing within the NCRFU and with their most recent club to be counted toward the 25 player total
 - b. Player Referee registered with team
 - c. L200 Coach registered with team
- 3) Club current with all NCRFU fees and penalties assessed
 - a. Club is responsible for all delinquent fees for seasons in which it competed or was scheduled to compete (i.e. withdrew weeks prior to the season after the final schedule was created)
 - b. Club is not responsible for fees in seasons in which it did not compete and was not scheduled to compete (i.e. club withdrew in 2017, it is not responsible for 2018-2019 fees when applying for reinstatement for 2019-2020)
 - c. Club is responsible for all penalties assessed during its last season of competition, if unpaid.
 - d. Upon showing of good cause, the EC may discretionarily waive or reduce past fees and penalties.

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Application for Reinstatement

The Applicant must submit a written application for reinstatement to the Union Secretary, which application must include the following information:

- 1) Demonstration of NCRFU Eligibility as noted above
- 2) Statement regarding Club Officers and leadership roles
- 3) Statement regarding financial status and solvency
- 4) Statement regarding club equipment and facilities
- 5) Statement regarding the circumstances of termination/withdrawal from the Union and what has changed to justify reinstatement
- 6) Expected level of competition if reinstated
- 7) Short term and long term goals of the club

The application must be received no later than the deadline for submission of a New Club Application for Membership (30 Days before the Annual General Meeting per the current 08/2019 NCRFU Bylaws and Policies).

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The application will be reviewed initially by the Competitions Committee and, if eligibility for reinstatement and sufficiency of the application are established, the application will be put to a vote of the Full Membership.

A 2/3 vote of the Full Membership at the Annual General Meeting or other Special General Meeting is required for reinstatement of the Applicant Club.

- Note: A conditional reinstatement, such as probational membership or reinstatement subject to fulfillment of certain requirements by a future date, may be approved by the 2/3 majority
- In the event that an Applicant Club was subject to any probation or conditions during the most recent season of competition, it will be required to adhere to identical conditions in its first full year of reinstatement unless such conditions are waived by the 2/3 vote