



## RULE TWELVE - CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

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- a) The Committee shall have the power to suspend any member whose conduct, whether on the club premises or elsewhere, is considered by the committee to be detrimental to the best interests of the club or its reputation or unworthy of its tradition.
- b) Within seven days of such suspension, the committee shall display upon the club's notice boards, a notice stating that a named member has been suspended and specifying the alleged grounds. A date shall then be fixed for a meeting of the committee for the purposes of considering further action, said meeting to be not earlier than fourteen days and not later than twenty one days from the display of the suspension notice. Members wishing to make representations to the committee concerning the suspension must do so in writing to the Secretary no later than seven days from the display of the suspension notice.
- c) The Secretary, shall not later than fourteen days before the committee meeting summoned to consider further action, cause written notice of the meeting to be served on the suspended member at his last address as notified to the club secretary, informing him of his right to be present and be legally represented at the said meeting if he so desires.
- d) At the said meeting of the committee any allegations against the suspended member shall be narrated (in his/her presence if he/she elects to attend and in the presence of his/her legal representative if he/she elects to appoint one), and the suspended member and/or his/her legal representative shall be afforded the opportunity of being heard in answer thereto. The suspended member may produce witnesses as he/she wishes, and the committee shall not unreasonably refuse any request by the suspended member for an adjournment of the proceedings to enable him/her to prepare his/her answer.

After hearing all the evidence, the committee shall (if they so wish) retire to consider further action, and shall thereafter vote thereon. It shall be in the sole power of the committee to reinstate the suspended member, terminate his/her membership or take such further action as they deem necessary.

- e) The decision of the committee shall be communicated to the suspended member in writing within three days thereof.
- f) Any person whose membership is terminated under this rule or under Rule 8 hereof shall immediately be excluded from the Club premises, and shall have no claim against the club, the committee or any member thereof, except that any unexpired portion of his/her membership subscription shall be refunded.