

**This Agreement** is made between:

- (1) The Player, as detailed overleaf (the “**Player**”); and
- (2) The Rugby Players’ Association

**Agreed terms:**

1. Definitions:

**Annual Contribution:** the annual contribution set out overleaf, in respect of the selected membership type

**Cancellation Period:** the cancellation period set out in clause 6.1

**Commencement Date:** the date on which the Player’s RPA membership starts, as set out in clause 3

**Player’s Board:** has the meaning ascribed to it in the Rules

**Renewal Date:** 1 September in each year; and

**Rules:** the Constitution and Rules of the RPA, a copy of which is available upon request from the RPA, as amended from time to time, and references within this Agreement to “Rules” shall be construed accordingly.

2. Provided that the Player meets the eligibility criteria for membership set out in Rule 4, the Player agrees to become a member of the RPA on the terms set out in this Agreement and in accordance with the Rules. The Player further agrees to be bound by the Rules at all times during their membership. A copy of the Rules shall be provided by the RPA upon request.
3. Subject to payment of the Annual Contribution, in accordance with Clause 4, and acceptance of membership by the Player’s Board within 14 days of receipt of this application, the Player’s membership shall commence on receipt of this fully completed form by the RPA or, in the case of a membership renewal only, the Renewal Date if later, (the “**Commencement Date**”) and shall continue until the following 31 August unless renewed or terminated in accordance with clause 6.
4. Subject to clause 7, the Player shall pay, and shall be liable for the Annual Contribution, on the Commencement Date, which shall be paid either by bank/card payment or salary deduction.
5. Membership will start on 1st September and will continue until 31st August. The Annual Contribution will automatically renew on the renewal date. Payment will be charged to the chosen payment method at confirmation of The Player’s initial annual contribution and on each renewal date, unless cancelled. Each Membership term shall automatically renew for subsequent periods of the same length as the initial term unless either party gives the other written notice of termination as per clause 6.1.

Should the Player no longer be eligible for Premiership membership at the Renewal date, the auto-renewal will be cancelled. The Player will be provided with other applicable membership categories.

The Annual Contribution is subject to change, but The Player will be notified of any change in the annual contribution with the option to cancel in accordance with these terms.

6. The Player’s membership may be terminated (without prejudice to any rights or remedies accrued by either party as at the date of termination) on the occurrence of the following events:
  - 6.1. by either party without cause, at any time within 14 days of the Commencement Date (the “**Cancellation Period**”), by giving written notice to the other party
  - 6.2. by the RPA at any time, by giving written notice to the Player, if the RPA reasonably considers that the Player has materially or persistently breached the Rules or the terms of this Agreement
  - 6.3. by the RPA if the Player is no longer eligible for membership (either Senior or Junior or Scholar)
  - 6.4. on the expiry of notice of resignation which has been given by the Player in accordance with Rule 4.12
  - 6.5. expulsion of the Player by the Player’s Board
  - 6.6. by the RPA if the Player has not paid the Annual Contribution on or before the Renewal Date; or
  - 6.7. by the RPA if the Player is employed or engaged in a senior executive post that in the opinion of the Player’s Board makes membership of the RPA inappropriate.
7. Upon termination of the Agreement pursuant to clause 6.1, the Player shall be immediately entitled to a refund of the Annual Contribution that has been paid for the current year, save that, where such notice is given by the Player and the Player has made use of the RPA’s membership benefits during the Cancellation Period, the RPA shall be entitled to withhold from any refund given pursuant to this clause 6 a proportion of the Annual Contribution calculated pro-rata for the number of days between the Commencement Date and the date on which such notice is served.
8. Subject to clause 7, the Player shall not be entitled to a refund of any sums paid under this Agreement in the event of termination.
9. The RPA adopts a continuous membership approach. Players whose membership has lapsed one or more complete membership years (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August) will be subject to a re-joining fee of £99. The current year’s annual contribution is also payable.
10. This Agreement is governed by the laws of England and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts in respect of any claims (contractual or otherwise) which arise in connection with it.