

## **Club Player Participation Policy**

### 1. Player Participation Eligibility

- a) All 'full' members must annually complete a Glasgow Lion membership form and pay the full Club membership fee in line with timelines communicated by the Committee at the beginning of the season.
- b) All approved 'temporary' members must complete a Glasgow Lion membership form and pay the full Club membership fee. This fee may be waived at the discretion and approval of committee. See section 2.1 for further guidelines.
- c) New players to the Club may be given a free trial period of three weeks after which they must pay the full Club membership fee.
- d) Players are not permitted to be a member of or train/play with another Glasgow based Touch Rugby Club or team without the prior approval of the Glasgow Lions Committee. Exceptions to this are noted in section 2.2

### 2. Player / Team Selection and Registration

Exceptions / Extenuating circumstances

#### 2.1 External Players

There may be circumstances that arise whereby a registered player/s or committee members of other Touch Rugby Clubs or teams request permission to participate in and alongside Glasgow Lions club based activities or tournament representative teams.

In the first instance this is generally discouraged by the Glasgow Lions as the Club prides itself on building a loyal and committed membership base. The movement of players between clubs whether by switching, transferring or 'gap filling' is not considered favourable for the long term development of the Glasgow Lions.

It is recognised that extenuating circumstances may need consideration on a case by case basis. In such extenuating circumstances permission may only be granted on the following provisions as determined by a majority vote of approval by the Glasgow Lions Committee (*refer to checklist 1 in appendix A for guidelines*):

- a) The current Glasgow Lions membership must not be denied or miss out on an opportunity to participate as a result of approval being granted.

- b) The circumstance must enhance the overall activity and experience for the Glasgow Lions and not result in any known short or long-term discrepancy.
- c) If permission is granted the player/s will be considered 'Temporary' members and must complete a Glasgow Lions membership form and pay full Glasgow Lions membership prior to participating.

The Club also recognises that there may also be extenuating circumstances in which the Glasgow Lions seek the services of players from other clubs or teams to play or partner with the Glasgow Lions. In such cases a majority vote by the Committee will also be required and points 1 and 2 above must be taken into consideration. (*refer Checklist 1 in Appendix A for guidelines*):

In the event that a 'full' Glasgow Lions member cancels his/her membership for reasons to take up a position in a Glasgow based team/club in direct competition to Glasgow Lions, the member will not be eligible for 'Temporary' membership status for a period of 12 months directly following his/her withdrawal. They can however re-apply to have their membership reinstated within this period. In such cases a majority vote by the Committee will also be required and point 2.1.b above must be taken into consideration. (*refer Checklist 1 in Appendix A for guidelines*)

In the event that registered player/s or committee members of other Touch Rugby Clubs or teams request permission to participate in and alongside Glasgow Lions club based activities for a single time (one off) only, for example a single training session, and the activity is not considered a competitive event, then permission may be granted without the approval of the Glasgow Lions Committee, providing points a) and b) above are met. In this instance they will not require Club membership and the player/s agrees to waive all rights and provisions under the Glasgow Lions membership for the period of activity. In all other circumstances where multiple participation is sought, then point c) above must also be invoked.

## 2.2 Internal Players

Circumstances may arise whereby registered player/s or Committee member/s of Glasgow Lions Touch Club request permission to participate in and alongside other Touch Rugby club/team activities or tournament representative teams.

This is generally discouraged by the Glasgow Lions however certain circumstances are recognised to enhance both player development and sport as a whole as well as have social advantages and as such, the Glasgow Lions will support these intentions.

However, Glasgow Lion members must request prior approval before such participation and permission may only be granted by either a majority vote of Glasgow Lions Committee or both coach and captain if the request is sought

at a competition event. Considerations must be determined by the following provisions (*refer Checklist 2 in Appendix A for guidelines*):

- a) Glasgow Lions team/s are NOT participating at the same event.
- b) If Glasgow Lions Team/s are participating at the same event, the game MUST be a scratch game whereby points will not be awarded and disadvantage the Glasgow Lions.
- c) Participation with another team will not impede the performance of the Glasgow Lions member.
- d) The circumstance must not hinder the overall activity and experience for the Glasgow Lions and not result in any known short or long term discrepancy.
- e) If permission is granted, the player/s agrees to waive all rights and provisions under the Glasgow Lions membership for the period of participation with the other club/team.
- f) Glasgow Lions members cannot have 'full' membership with another Glasgow based Touch Rugby Club or team while being a member of the Glasgow Lions.
- g) All circumstances which involves representation at Regional or National level, it will be assumed that approval is automatic. Participation at such a level should take priority over club activities and support should be given to these players accordingly

## Appendix A

### Checklist 1

	Yes	Maybe	No
Will a Glasgow Lion Member be denied an opportunity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will it affect any Lions Members negatively?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will there be any short or long term discrepancies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will there be a negative effect on the development of sport?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will it have a negative effect on our relationship with other teams?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### **Score:**

**If the majority of scores is NO, then this can be determined that the overall participation will be a positive one and therefore approval may be granted.**

### Checklist 2

	Yes	Maybe	No
Will a Lions teams be participating at the same event?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is it a competition game where points could go against the Lions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the performance of the player be affected negatively?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will it have a negative effect within the Lions teams?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will there be any short or long term discrepancies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### **Score:**

**If the majority of scores is NO, then this can be determined that the overall participation will be a positive one and therefore approval may be granted.**