Kinsale Rugby Club Statement Regarding Recent District Court Ruling

Kinsale Rugby Club welcomes the recent ruling by Judge James McNulty at Bandon District Court. We see this as a continuation of the partnership we've built with the local Kinsale business community and An Garda Síochána to ensure the popular Kinsale Rugby Sevens event continues to be a safe event enjoyed by players and supporters.

Over the course of its 35-year history, the Kinsale Rugby Sevens has always sought to create an inclusive rugby tournament based around competition and fun. To bring visitors to our wonderful volunteer-run club and our picturesque town so they can enjoy a West Cork Welcome.

We have always worked closely with Kinsale businesses and An Garda Síochána to ensure this event is run in the safest, most positive manner and this has meant us making changes as we've grown and learned. We see Judge McNulty's ruling as a further step in our close engagement with the entire local community.

The Kinsale Rugby Sevens has grown from a tournament of 12 teams in 1988 to welcoming many more teams from all over the world. It is a celebration of rugby and volunteerism, and we are grateful to our town for their support and engagement over the years.

The Kinsale Rugby Sevens Committee engage with event professionals – security, health and safety, medical support etc – to ensure the event is run in a manner that will do justice to everyone who travels to enjoy it. We will do everything in our power to ensure our visitors have a safe and enjoyable visit.

As a small local rugby club, run and managed by active volunteers, Kinsale Rugby Club is proud of how it has grown over the past 40 years – much like Kinsale itself. And we continue to strive to be what's best about amateur sport and local community spirit.

More information and tickets for the Kinsale Rugby 7s are available at www.kinsale7s.com. We look forward to welcoming you to our club and our town.

Thank you,

Kinsale Rugby Club Executive Committee

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