

## **Constitutional Review – Reading Guide**

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### **Introduction**

Following a recommendation at the 2005 Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee requested Richie Neville to undertake a review of the club constitution and rules to identify discrepancies between the rules themselves, to update the rules that have become outdated over the passage of time and to bring forward amendments where conflicts with the Official Guide are identified.

Richie Neville produced a revised draft of the club constitution, which was reviewed firstly by a sub-committee of the Executive comprising Paul McCarville & Eoin Ó Ceallacháin. Certain revisions were made, before a draft was reviewed in its entirety by the full club Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee wishes to thank Richie Neville for the trojan effort that has gone into this constitutional review.

For procedural reasons, Richie's motions are being proposed in their entirety, and specific policy changes are proposed as motion amendments by an Executive member representative in each case.

### **Benefits of revised Constitution**

1. It reduces the number of membership types and defines criteria for deciding a person's age in a way that is suitable for a club with a large number of Minors.
2. It highlights the fact that while one may be a Member one may not have Rights of Membership
3. It defines Rights of Membership in one section.
4. It clarifies the role of the Trustees.
5. It recognizes a member's right of appeal to the county board for members who have been sanctioned by a decision of the executive.
6. It formalizes the existence of the Club Policies and Procedures that have been produced by the Executive.
7. It grants very significant powers to the Executive provided the executive is acting in line with the Official Guide, the Constitution and the views of the membership.
8. It proposes the introduction of a Standing Orders Committee which should assist in the preparation for and the smooth running of General Meetings.
9. Some text has been repositioned in an effort to have it in a more relevant section.

## Explanation of Revisions – rule by rule

### **Rule 1 – Title & Objects**

<p>(c) No subject of a political or sectarian nature may be discussed at any meeting of the Club, and in order so as to respect the different political views of all the members, no individual, team or group may officially represent the Club on any occasion which is organised or sponsored by a political party.</p> <p>(d) No individual, team or group may represent the Club in any game or other function without first having had the authority of the Executive Committee to do so.</p>	Addition based on Official Guide Appendix
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### **Rule 2 – Colours**

No change proposed.

### Rule 3 – Membership

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<p>(a) (i) Full Members.</p> <p>(ii) Honorary Members, who shall be any persons who in the opinion of the Executive Committee merit such membership and who shall have equal rights with full members.</p> <p>(iii) Minor members, shall be members who are under 18 on the 1st of January of the Championship year.</p> <p>(iv) Associate Members, who may be granted such of the privileges enjoyed by other members as the Executive Committee sees fit in each case, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.</p> <p>(v) Family membership shall consist of one or two full adult members with full membership rights and children up to the age of 21 who are in fulltime education.</p> <p>(vi) Student membership shall consist of anyone over 18 years who is in fulltime education and wishes to have full membership rights.</p> <p>(b) The annual subscriptions for respectively, full members, full members who are full-time students, minor and family members and associate members shall be determined by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(c) The Annual Subscription for each member shall become due on the first day after the annual General Meeting and shall be paid on or before the 1st March of the following year. Any member whose Annual Subscription has not been paid by the date specified shall be written to by the Club Secretary and requested to pay his/her subscription within 21 days of receipt of the Secretary's letter. If the member's subscription should not be paid or part paid within that period, he/she shall be suspended by the Executive Committee from all Club activities until summoned before the Executive Committee, to show cause why she/he should not be expelled from the Club for breach of this rule.</p> <p>(d) That all persons desirous of joining the Club, must be proposed and seconded by two existing members, written notice of which must be given to the Secretary. The name and address of any person proposed for membership shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for two weeks and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of members. Any member who wishes to object to the candidate's election may</p>	<p>(a) (i) Full Members, shall be members who are 18 or over on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held.</p> <p>(ii) Honorary Members, who shall be any persons who are 18 or over on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held and who in the opinion of the Executive Committee merit such membership. Such members shall be Full Members, but shall be exempt from paying their Annual subscriptions.</p> <p>(iii) Youth Members, shall be members who are under 18 on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held.</p> <p>(iv) Social Members, shall be members who are 18 or over on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held and who may be granted such of the rights enjoyed by other members as the Executive Committee sees fit in each case, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.</p> <p>(v) Full Members (including Honorary Members) and Youth Members of the Club will also become Members of the main Association.</p> <p>(b) The annual subscriptions for respectively, Full Members, Full Members who are full-time students or unwaged, Youth Members and Social Members shall be determined by the Executive Committee and be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>In addition the Executive Committee will determine the annual subscription for a family which will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting. A family subscription will cover a maximum of two Full Members and any children in the family who are under 18 on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held and are therefore Youth Members.</p> <p>In any instance where the subscription that should be paid in respect of a member is unclear the Executive Committee will have the power to decide.</p> <p>(c) The Annual Subscription for each member shall become due on the first day after the Annual General Meeting and shall be paid on or before the 1st March of the following year. Any members whose Annual Subscription has not been paid by the date specified shall remain as members but will lose their Rights of Membership.</p> <p>(d) All persons who are 18 or over on the 31 December of the year in</p>	<p>Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines a full member.</li> <li>• Uses consistent terminology of respectively Youth &amp; Social members instead of Minor &amp; Associate members.</li> <li>• Explicitly grants GAA membership to Full and Youth members.</li> <li>• Defines “family membership” and “student membership” as a subscription rate rather than a category of membership.</li> <li>• Adds power for different annual subscriptions to be set for full members who are full-time students, unwaged, youth members and social members, as well as for a family.</li> <li>• Family subscription clarified &amp; two full member restriction lifted.</li> <li>• Ratification of subscription rates by AGM reinstated due to Official Guide.</li> <li>• Simplifies unpaid members rule with “loss of membership rights” line.</li> <li>• Limits full joining procedure to adult members.</li> <li>• Reference to right of appeal to members removed.</li> </ul>

<p>do so by giving written notice of such objection to the Secretary. The Executive Committee shall then decide on the application. When a candidate has been elected to membership, the secretary shall notify him/her forthwith and shall request him/her to pay his/her subscription for the coming year.</p> <p>(e) The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant through the Secretary within four weeks of the date on which his/her application was received whether or not he/she is accepted for membership of the Club.</p> <p>(f) The Executive Committee shall have discretionary power to re-instate to membership under such terms as they think fit any person who has been expelled.</p> <p>(g) That all playing members are required to give priority to Na Fianna over any other sporting interests, unless excused from doing so by the Executive Committee, and any playing member who, having been notified for a match, fails to turn up without giving advance notice to the selectors, should stand suspended for one month or until he/she submits satisfactory explanation to the Executive Committee. If a playing member repeats the offence during the same playing season, his/her membership shall be terminated forthwith. A player may appeal to the Executive Committee within fourteen days and the committee may re-instate him under any conditions they think fit. A player has the right to appeal to the general body of members as provided for in the Constitution.</p> <p>(h) Any member may only cease to be a member of the Club by:</p> <p>(i) notifying the Club Chairman or Secretary of his/her resignation from the Club;</p> <p>(ii) transferring to another Club;</p> <p>(iii) being expelled from the Club by the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.</p>	<p>which the AGM is held and who are desirous of joining the Club, must be proposed and seconded by two existing Full Members, written notice of which must be given to the Secretary on the relevant application form. The name and address of any such person proposed for membership shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for two weeks and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of members. Any Full Member who wishes to object to the candidate's election may do so by giving written notice of such objection to the Secretary. The Executive Committee shall then decide on the application. When a candidate has been elected to membership, the secretary shall notify him/her forthwith and shall request him/her to pay his/her subscription in order to obtain his/her rights of membership.</p> <p>Club Policies and Procedures shall outline the process to be followed in relation to applications for membership by all persons who are under 18 on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held</p> <p>(e) The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant through the Secretary within four weeks of the date on which his/her application was received whether or not he/she is accepted for membership of the Club.</p> <p>(f) The Executive Committee shall have discretionary power to re-instate Rights of Membership, under such terms as they think fit, to any person who has lost them.</p> <p>(g) All playing members are required to give priority to Na Fianna over any other sporting interests, unless excused from doing so by the Executive Committee, and any playing member who, having been notified for a match, fails to turn up without giving advance notice to the selectors, should stand suspended for one month or until he/she submits a satisfactory explanation to the Executive Committee. If a playing member repeats the offence during the same playing season, his/her rights of membership shall be terminated forthwith. A player may appeal to the Executive Committee within fourteen days and the committee may re-instate him/her under any conditions they think fit.</p> <p>(h) Any member may only cease to be a member of the Club by:</p> <p>(i) notifying the Club Chairman or Secretary in writing of his/her resignation from the Club;</p> <p>(ii) transferring to another Club;</p> <p>(iii) being expelled from the Club by the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.</p>	
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**Rule 4 – Rights of Membership**

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<p>(a) Every member other than associate members shall have the right to seek membership of any committee of the Club. Every member, other than associate members shall have the right to enter and use the premises and facilities for the purpose for which they have been designed, but will be bound by rules approved by the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee. Only paid up full members registered in accordance with this Constitution and paid up full members joining the Club after March 1<sup>st</sup> will be entitled to propose motions, to speak at or vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting. Only full members who have been in the Club for at least three years are eligible for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.</p> <p>(b) All associate members shall have the right to enter and use the premises and facilities except the handball court, for the purpose for which they have been designed, but will be bound by rules approved by the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(c) Associate members shall not have the right to take part in the following:            (i) the playing of games.            (ii) to attend or vote at the AGM.            (iii) the right to act on any Club committee.</p> <p>(d) All members, including associate members, shall be admitted to all games at Mobhi Rd., on production of their membership card, free of charge.</p> <p>(e) <u>Rights of Minor members (Under 18)</u>            All minor members have the right to be protected from any kind of abuse, i.e. sexual, physical and verbal. The Executive Committee shall adopt the code of conduct for the protection of minor members as introduced by the Central Council of the G.A.A. and shall ensure that this code is updated from time to time as necessary to ensure that it is always in accordance with the code of conduct in force at any given time within the G.A.A. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Child Officer to deal with any allegation of abuse made by a minor member against any other member of the Club.</p>	<p>(a) With the exception of 4 (k) below, the rights of any member of the Club shall be conditional upon the member complying with the provisions of this Constitution, the Official Guide and the Club Policies and Procedures including the timely payment of any annual subscriptions and levies.             Such rights may be lost in accordance with Rule 3 (c) above or be withheld, restricted or suspended by a decision of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(b) Every member other than Social Members shall have the right to seek membership of any committee of the Club with the exception that members of the Executive Committee must be Full Members.</p> <p>(c) Full members shall have the right to nominate or second persons to become members of the club or to nominate other Full Members for election to positions on the Executive Committee or as Club President.</p> <p>(d) Full members shall have the right to be notified of any General Meeting of the club. Full Members also have the right to act as part of a group comprising not less than ten per cent of Full members in requesting the Secretary to convene a Special General Meeting.</p> <p>(e) Every member, other than Social Members shall have the right to enter and use the premises and facilities for the purpose for which they have been designed, but will be bound by Club Policies and Procedures.</p> <p>(f) Social members shall have the right to enter and use the premises and facilities for social purposes only and will be bound by Club Policies and Procedures.</p> <p>(g) Full Members will have the right to propose or second Motions, to speak at and/or vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting.</p> <p>(h) Persons who have been Full Members of the Club for at least three years will have the right to be nominated for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.</p> <p>(i) Social members shall <b>not</b> have the right to take part in the following:            (i) the playing of games.            (ii) to attend or vote at the AGM.            (iii) the right to act on any Club committee.</p>	<p>Totally revised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approach of new section (a) is to make all rights of membership conditional on complying with rules and paying subs – rights fall automatically in the latter case.</li> <li>• All rights of membership are centralised under this one rule, net result being new sections (c) and (d). All the rest remain same but are broken into individual sections for clarity.</li> <li>• <b>N.B.</b> Section (l) is new and proposed as it is contained in Official Guide. It grants external right of appeal to members to county board, rather than to club trustees.</li> <li>• Rights of Youth Members and child protection clause amended.</li> </ul>

	<p>(j) All members, including Social Members, shall have the right to be admitted to all games at Mobhi Rd., on production of their membership card, free of charge.</p> <p>(k) <u>Rights of Youth Members (Under 18)</u> All Youth Members have the right to be protected from any kind of abuse, i.e. sexual, physical and verbal. The Executive Committee shall adopt the code of conduct for the protection of youth members as introduced by the Central Council of the G.A.A. and shall ensure that this code is updated from time to time as necessary to ensure that it is always in accordance with the code of conduct in force at any given time within the G.A.A. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Child Officer to deal with any allegation of abuse made by a youth member against any other member of the Club.</p> <p>(l) Any Full or Youth Member who has been expelled, suspended, warned or fined by the Executive Committee or whose rights of membership have been withheld, restricted or suspended by a decision of the Executive Committee, shall have the right to appeal to the relevant Committee of the County Board, within seven days of being notified of such decision.</p>	
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**Rule 5 – General Meetings**

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<p><b>RULE 5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b></p> <p>(a) The supreme authority of the Club shall be the annual general meeting and the Executive Committee elected thereat, shall conduct the affairs of the Club in conformity with the policies determined at the annual general meeting.</p> <p>(b) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in the month of September each year, and the Honorary Secretary shall give at least three weeks notice of the meeting to each member. The Executive Committee shall have power to defer the date of the AGM not later than 31st October each year.</p> <p>(c) The business to be transacted at the AGM shall be as follows:</p> <p>(i) To discuss the secretary's report and the set of accounts presented by the treasurer and audited by the auditor's.</p> <p>(ii) To elect by ballot the president, whose term of office shall not be more than three years, and the officers and members of the Executive Committee as set out in Rule 7(a) of the Constitution.</p> <p>(iii) The appointment of auditors.</p> <p>(iv) To discuss and vote from the various motions proposed.</p> <p>(d) Nominations and motions must be submitted in writing and be received by the secretary at least fourteen days before the date of the AGM.</p> <p>(e) The quorum for the AGM shall be 75 members entitled to vote.</p> <p><b>RULE 6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING</b></p> <p>(a) The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of Club members within fourteen days</p> <p>(i) if directed to do so by the Executive Committee;</p> <p>(ii) if requested to do so in writing by not less than one fourth of Club members entitled to vote. This request must set out the reason for calling the meeting;</p> <p>(iii) if requested to do so in writing by the Trustees. This request must set out the reason for calling the meeting (see Rule 8 (a)). No other business shall be discussed beyond that set out in the notice convening the meeting.</p> <p>(b) A fee of €50.00 shall accompany the requisition by the members calling such Special General Meeting, which fee shall be forfeited to the funds of the Club if the matter shall be considered frivolous by the majority of those present and entitled to vote.</p>	<p>(a) The supreme authority of the Club shall be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Executive Committee elected thereat, shall conduct the affairs of the Club in conformity with the policies determined at the Annual General Meeting. The outgoing Executive Committee shall conduct the Annual General Meeting and the incoming Executive Committee shall hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(b) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of September each year, although the Executive Committee shall have power to defer the date of the AGM not later than 31st October each year.</p> <p>(c) The Secretary shall give at least twenty eight days notice of the AGM to each Full Member at the same time inviting Nominations for election to the Executive Committee for the following year and Motions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting, and specifying that such Nominations and Motions shall be received by him/her by a date not less than fourteen days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.</p> <p>(d) The Secretary shall then, on or after the date specified for return to him/her of such Nominations and Motions, but so as to give the members ten days clear notice before the meeting, circulate to the Full Members the following documentation:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Copy of the Agenda for the meeting.</li> <li>(2) Copy of the Annual Report of the Secretary.</li> <li>(3) Copy of the Financial Statements, including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s)</li> <li>(4) Details of the Nominations for election to the Executive Committee.</li> <li>(5) Copies of any Motions for consideration at the meeting.</li> </ol> <p>(e) The business to be transacted at the AGM shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Adoption of Standing Orders and appointment of Tellers.</li> <li>(2) The President's Address.</li> <li>(3) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.</li> <li>(4) The Chairman's Address.</li> <li>(5) To discuss the secretary's report</li> <li>(6) To discuss the set of accounts presented by the treasurer and audited by the auditor's.</li> <li>(7) To elect by ballot the president, whose term of office shall not be more than three years, and the officers and members of the Executive Committee as set out in Rule 6(a) of the Constitution.</li> <li>(8) The appointment of auditors.</li> <li>(9) To discuss and vote on the various Motions proposed.</li> <li>(10) To discuss Any Other Business</li> </ol> <p>(f) No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules 5 &amp; 6 merged.</li> <li>• Meeting details taken from Official Guide.</li> </ul>
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	<p>unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, ten per cent of Full Members eligible to vote shall be a quorum at a General Meeting.</p> <p>(g) If within half an hour after the time appointed for a General Meeting, a quorum of members is not present, the meeting if convened on the requisition of members shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week, at the same time and place; and if at the reconvened meeting a quorum of members is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the members then present shall be a quorum.</p> <p>(h)The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting within fourteen days in the circumstances shown below and ten clear days notice, in writing, shall be given to Full Members :</p> <p>(1) if directed to do so by the Executive Committee;</p> <p>(2) if requested to do so in writing by not less than ten per cent of Full members entitled to vote. This request must set out the reason for calling the meeting; A fee of €50.00 shall accompany the requisition by the members calling such Special General Meeting, which fee shall be forfeited to the funds of the Club if the matter shall be considered frivolous by the majority of those present and entitled to vote.</p> <p>(3) if requested to do so in writing by the Trustees. This request must set out the reason for calling the meeting (see Rule 7(e)).</p> <p>(i) If the Special General Meeting is not called for a date within the fourteen days stipulated, then the Requisitioners may themselves convene a Special General Meeting, if necessary using newspaper advertisements to notify the members of such meeting.</p> <p>(j) No other business shall be discussed at a Special General Meeting beyond that set out in the notice convening the meeting.</p> <p>(k) Failure to comply strictly with the time limits set out in this Constitution or the non receipt of Notice of a Meeting by any persons entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting, but shall entitle the majority of members present to seek and be granted an adjournment of the meeting to such date by which they would be given an adequate time to be furnished with and consider the contents of any relevant documentation.</p> <p>(l) Except where otherwise provided in this Constitution, all decisions at General Meetings and Committee Meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of those present entitled to vote and voting, and in the event of a tie, the presiding Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Any decision taken at a duly</p>	
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	convened meeting of any Committee, shall not be rescinded at a subsequent meeting, unless due notice of intention to propose rescindment has been previously conveyed to each member, and the consent of two thirds of those present entitled to vote and voting is obtained.	
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**Rule 6 –The Executive Committee**

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<p>(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary (Registrar), Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Chairman Adult Games, Chairman Underage Games, Public Relations Officer plus two other members without specific roles of office.</p> <p>(b) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month and six members shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(c) Any member of the Executive Committee being absent from three consecutive meetings shall, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, be considered to have resigned from office.</p> <p>(d) The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member to fill any vacancy arising on the Committee in between the Annual General Meetings.</p> <p>(e)</p> <p>(i) The Executive Committee shall have complete control of all property, funds, affairs and management of the Club. However, capital, or development expenditure in excess of €35,000 shall require the approval of a General Meeting of the members called for this purpose.</p> <p>(ii) The Executive Committee shall have the power to operate an overdraft facility, to an upper level of €35,000.</p> <p>(f) The Executive Committee shall appoint the personnel to manage the pavilion and shall appoint such committee's as set out in Rule 7(o) as well as any other Sub-Committees it considers necessary from time to time. It shall instruct each Sub-Committee to keep minutes of all meetings held by it and keep records of all Club funds expended. The findings of each Sub-Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(g) The Executive Committee shall appoint at least three Trustees in whom shall be vested the Club property.</p>	<p>(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary (Registrar), Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Chairman Adult Games, Chairman Juvenile Games, Public Relations Officer plus two other members without specific roles of office. The maximum period of office for any specific role shall be five consecutive years.</p> <p>(b) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month and six members shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(c) Any member of the Executive Committee being absent from three consecutive meetings shall, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, be considered to have resigned from office.</p> <p>(d) The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member to fill any vacancy arising on the Committee in between the Annual General Meetings.</p> <p>(e) The Executive Committee shall have power from time to time to make, alter and repeal all such Club Policies and Procedures as they deem necessary, expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Club and shall make members aware of any decisions taken in relation to Club Policies and Procedures.</p> <p>All such Club Policies and Procedures so long as they shall be in force, shall be binding upon all members of the Club, provided nevertheless that no Club Policies and Procedures shall be inconsistent with or shall affect or repeal anything contained in this Constitution or the Official Guide, and that any Club Policies and Procedures may be set aside by a special resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.</p> <p>(f)</p> <p>(i) The Executive Committee shall have complete control of all property, funds, affairs and management of the Club. However, capital, or development expenditure in excess of €35,000 shall require the approval of a Special General Meeting of the members called for this purpose.</p>	<p>Revised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 year rule added from Official Guide.</li> <li>• New section (e) enabling power to set Club Policies &amp; Procedures.</li> <li>• Appointment of personnel in (g) reworded from “management of pavilion” to “as are required to efficiently manage the affairs of the club”.</li> <li>• Appointment of trustees moved from here to Rule 7 – Trustees.</li> <li>• (j) no longer contains right of appeal to members.</li> <li>• (n) (viii) gives permanent effect to the Conduct Committee, already enacted.</li> <li>• (n) (ix) introduces a Standing Orders committee for General Meetings based on Official Guide model for Annual Congress.</li> </ul>

<p>The rights and duties of the Trustees are as set out in Rule 8 overleaf.</p> <p>(h) A special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called, as the occasion demands, by the Secretary.</p> <p>(i) The Secretary shall convene a special meeting of the Executive Committee within three days of the receipt by him/her of a requisition duly signed by not less than four members of the Executive Committee or by at least two Trustees. This requisition must set out the purpose for which the special meeting is required.</p> <p>(j) The Committee shall not discuss any business or listen to any complaints not set out in the notice requesting the meeting.</p> <p>(k) The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel, suspend, or caution any member of the Club whose actions are, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, prejudicial to the interest of the Club or the Association, but such person shall have the right to appeal to an Appeals Committee comprising of the Trustees of the Club. Associate members shall not have any right to appeal.</p> <p>(l) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside. If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent the Committee may elect one member present to preside at the meeting.</p> <p>(m) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall be ex-officio member of all sub-committees.</p> <p>(n) The Executive Committee shall, at its discretion, sanction the selection committees nominated by the respective Games Committees.</p> <p>(o) The Executive Committee shall appoint the following sub- committees and any other sub-committees which it deems necessary for the efficient running of the Club:</p> <p>(i) An Adult Games Committee consisting of the Committee chairman and not more than nine members.</p> <p>(ii) An Underage Games Committee, which shall have responsibility for the day to day running of all underage games, consisting of a chairman, who shall also be a member of the Executive Committee, a secretary and a bursar who shall have responsibility for the administration of Juvenile expenses and have one representative from each Juvenile team including those not actually competing in organised competitions and</p>	<p>(ii) The Executive Committee shall have the power to operate an overdraft facility, to an upper level of €35,000.</p> <p>(g) The Executive Committee shall appoint such personnel as are required to efficiently manage the affairs of the club. It shall also appoint such committees as set out in Rule 6(n) as well as any other Sub-Committees it considers necessary from time to time. It shall instruct each Sub-Committee to keep minutes of all meetings held by it and keep records of all Club funds expended. The findings of each Sub-Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(h) A special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called, as the occasion demands, by the Secretary.</p> <p>(i) The Secretary shall convene a special meeting of the Executive Committee within three days of the receipt by him/her of a requisition duly signed by not less than four members of the Executive Committee or by at least two Trustees. This requisition must set out the purpose for which the special meeting is required.</p> <p>The Committee shall not discuss any business or listen to any complaints not set out in the notice requesting the special meeting.</p> <p>(j) The Executive Committee shall have the power to investigate any matter, and to expel, suspend, warn or fine Members for breach of the Official Guide this Constitution or Club Policies and Procedures or for conduct considered to have discredited or harmed the Club or the Association.</p> <p>Unless the offence is brought to the notice of the relevant Committee of the County Board by the Club, and that body, having considered the merits of the case and having regard to the rights of the player or member, confirms the penalty imposed, the member continues to be a legal member of the Association and is suspended from Club activities only.</p> <p>(k) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside. If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent the Committee may elect one member present to preside at the meeting.</p> <p>(l) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall be ex-officio member of all sub-committees.</p> <p>(m) The Executive Committee shall, at its discretion, ratify the management teams nominated by the respective Games Committees.</p>	
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<p>the delegates that represent the Club at adult County Board meetings.</p> <p>(iii) A Bar Committee which shall have the responsibility for the day to day running of the Club bar i.e. (a) Staffing, (b) Profitability, (c) Policy, and (d) Discipline, and shall consist of the Committee Chairman and four members. The Members shall be selected by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(iv) A Social and Cultural Committee which shall have responsibility for the running of all social functions in the Club, consisting of the committee chairman and not more than four members.</p> <p>(v) A Works and Maintenance Committee which shall be responsible for the general upkeep and maintenance of the Club premises and grounds, and also any development work which may be undertaken from time to time consisting of the Committee Chairman and four members.</p> <p>(vi) A Finance Committee which shall have responsibility for the financial affairs of the Club, consisting of the Treasurer as Chairperson and at least four other members.</p> <p>(vii) A Development Committee consisting of the Committee Chairman and four other members. Its function will be to carry out feasibility studies on projects presented to it by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>(n) The Executive Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees and any other sub-committees which it deems necessary for the efficient running of the Club:</p> <p>(i) An Adult Games Committee consisting of the Committee Chairman and not more than nine members.</p> <p>(ii) A Juvenile Games Committee, which shall have responsibility for the day to day running of all Juvenile games, consisting of the Committee Chairman, secretary and a bursar who shall have responsibility for the administration of Juvenile expenses and have one representative from each Juvenile team including those not actually competing in organised competitions and the delegates that represent the Club at Juvenile and Adult County Board meetings.</p> <p>(iii) A Bar Committee which shall have the responsibility for the day to day running of the Club bar i.e. (a) Staffing, (b) Profitability, and (c) Policy, and shall consist of the Committee Chairman and at least four other members.</p> <p>(iv) A Social and Cultural Committee which shall have responsibility for the running of all social functions in the Club, consisting of the Committee Chairman and at least four other members.</p> <p>(v) A Works and Maintenance Committee which shall be responsible for the general upkeep and maintenance of the Club premises and grounds, and also any development work which may be undertaken from time to time consisting of the Committee Chairman and at least four other members.</p> <p>(vi) A Finance Committee which shall have responsibility for the financial affairs of the Club, consisting of the Treasurer as Chairperson and at least four other members.</p> <p>(vii) A Development Committee consisting of the Committee Chairman and at least four other members. Its function will be to carry out feasibility studies on projects presented to it by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(viii) A Conduct Committee as defined in the Club's Complaints Procedure. Its function is to investigate matters referred to it by the Executive Committee and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to how these should be dealt with.</p> <p>(ix) A Standing Orders Committee consisting of the Club Chairman and President and at least three other members which shall have responsibility for drafting the proposed standing orders for General Meetings. The proposed standing orders should specify any Motions that have been ruled out of order by the Committee. Before finalising a report the committee may put a motion in order where there is a failure to quote the numbers of the rules affected, or where there are minor clerical errors. In the case of Motions submitted being not in order, the proposer shall be advised in writing of the reason for a motion being not in order, and subject to a time limit determined by the Committee, shall be afforded an opportunity to resubmit an</p>	
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	appropriately corrected motion for re-consideration. The Club Chairman shall have the authority at a General Meeting to rule a motion out of order.	
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**Rule 7 –Trustees**

OLD	NEW	Notes
<p>(a) When appointed by the Executive Committee a Trustee shall hold office until his death or resignation, or removal from office by a resolution passed by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(b) The only function of the Trustees shall be to hold the Club property for the benefit and sole use of the Club members in accordance with the aims and objects of the Club and/or as directed by the Club members in a General Meeting.</p> <p>(c) The Trustees in particular shall maintain the lease of the ground at Mobhi Road with the Commissioners of the Board of Works.</p> <p>(d) The Trustees shall have the right to call a special meeting of the Executive Committee and a special general meeting of the Club members, as provided under rule 6 (l) and 7 (l) respectively, but this right shall only be available to them when the matter to be discussed, involves Club property or the use of such property.</p> <p>(e) The Trustees shall be indemnified by the Club and or the members in respect of any expenses incurred by them in their capacity as Trustees and particularly in respect of any liability whatsoever and howsoever incurred arising out of their trust.</p> <p>(f) Notwithstanding anything stated herein, the Trustees shall have the right to call on the Executive Committee to insure</p> <p>(i) the Club property against fire and other insurable perils for amounts which, in the opinion of the Trustees are adequate;</p> <p>(ii) any liability which the Trustees and or the Club might have to Club members, employees or members of the public, arising out of use of Club property.</p> <p>(g) In the event of the Club being wound up, the Trustees of the Club shall dispose of the Club property as directed by the members in a general meeting and having ensured that all outstanding liabilities have been discharged, shall place the remaining assets at the disposal of the members.</p>	<p>(a) The Executive Committee shall select three persons, who shall then be appointed by the Chairman for the time being as Trustees, and the Chairman for the time being of the Provincial Council of the G.A.A. and the Chairman for the time being of the County Committee of the G.A.A. shall each, as required, appoint one other Trustee.</p> <p>(b) By way of acceptance of their appointment the Trustees shall sign a Declaration of Trust, as approved by Central Council, which shall contain the provisions for appointment, removal and replacement of Trustees, as well as regulating the conduct of the Trustees in performing their duties and exercising their powers under the Trust.</p> <p>(c) The only function of the Trustees shall be to hold the Club property for the benefit and sole use of the Club members in accordance with the aims and objects of the Club and/or as directed by the Club members in a General Meeting.</p> <p>(d) The Trustees in particular shall maintain the lease of the ground at Mobhi Road with the Commissioners of the Board of Works.</p> <p>(e) The Trustees shall have the right to call a special meeting of the Executive Committee and a special general meeting of the Club members, as provided under rule 6 (i) and 5 (h) (3) respectively, but this right shall only be available to them when the matter to be discussed, involves Club property or the use of such property.</p> <p>(f) The Trustees shall be indemnified by the Club and or the members in respect of any expenses incurred by them in their capacity as Trustees and particularly in respect of any liability whatsoever and howsoever incurred arising out of their trust.</p> <p>(g) Notwithstanding anything stated herein, the Trustees shall have the right to call on the Executive Committee to insure</p> <p>(i) the Club property against fire and other insurable perils for amounts which, in the opinion of the Trustees are adequate;</p> <p>(ii) any liability which the Trustees and or the Club might have to Club members, employees or members of the public, arising out of use of Club property.</p> <p>(h) A resolution to wind up a Club shall be passed only at a General Meeting, specially summoned for the purpose of such resolution, if supported by not less than three-fourths of those present and entitled to vote. Any decision to Wind Up a Club shall be subject to the approval of the County Committee. If upon such winding up, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members, officers or employees of the Club, but the Trustees shall continue to hold same in trust for the appropriate County Committee of the Association, to be disposed of as such County Committee shall direct, but shall in no instance pay or distribute the property amongst the members, officers or employees.</p>	<p>Revised based on Official Guide.</p>

**Rules 8,9**

Minor rewordings proposed.

**Rule 10 – Constitution of the Club**

<b>OLD</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p>(a) The Constitution of the Club shall be printed in Irish and English, translation shall be provided. If there is a conflict between the Irish and English translation, the Irish version shall prevail. Every member shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution and any alterations or additions to it.</p> <p>(b) Alterations or additions to the Constitution may be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purposes, provided that the resolutions proposing same are carried by a vote of two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.</p> <p>(c) Members desiring to propose alterations or additions to these rules must send notice of their intentions to propose such motions in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than fourteen days before the date of the meeting.</p> <p>(d) The Executive Committee shall have the power of deciding all questions not provided for in the Rules subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(e) No subject of a political or sectarian nature may be discussed at any meeting of the Club, and in order so as to respect the different political views of all the members, no individual, team or group may officially represent the Club on any occasion which is organised or sponsored by a political party.</p> <p>(f) No individual, team or group may represent the Club in any game or other function without first having had the authority of the Executive Committee to do so.</p> <p>(g) The foregoing Rules shall be the laws of the Club and their acceptance a fundamental condition of membership.</p>	<p>(a) This Constitution shall be read in conjunction with and be subject to the Official Guide.</p> <p>(b) An up to date copy of the Constitution shall be made available to members.</p> <p>(c) Alterations or additions to the Constitution may be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, provided that the resolutions proposing same are carried by a vote of two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.</p> <p>(d) New and amended rules shall become operative one month from date of the General Meeting at which they were passed.</p> <p>(e) Members desiring to propose alterations or additions to this constitution must send notice of their intentions to propose such motions in writing to the Secretary not later than fourteen days before the date of the General meeting at which they are to be discussed.</p> <p>(f) The Executive Committee shall have the power of deciding all questions not provided for in the Constitution subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(g) The foregoing Rules shall be the laws of the Club and their acceptance a fundamental condition of membership.</p>	<p>Revised based on Official Guide.</p>