

# Motions for AGM 2024

## Motion Number 1

It is proposed that Naomh Mearnóg change the Trustee structure from Individual to Corporate

**Proposer: Damian Kenny**

**Seconder: Micheál McElwain**

### Motion Notes:

Please see information below in Appendix 1

## Motion Number 2

It is proposed that Naomh Mearnóg retain their borrowing limit of €750,000 for 5 years.

**Proposer: Gareth O'Halloran**

**Seconder: Orlaith O'Brien**

### Motion Notes:

At its monthly meeting held on the 4th of November 2024 the Executive Committee of Naomh Mearnóg agreed to seek approval from the members to retain loan approval for up to €750,000 for the period **28/11/2024 to 30/11/2029**.

While it has not been necessary to avail of this full loan facility to date, it is considered prudent to again seek approval to retain the loan facility for the period of 5 years.

Accordingly, I recommend that the members approve retention of the loan approval for the period **28/11/2024 to 30/11/2029**

## Motion Number 3

It is proposed that Naomh Mearnóg adopt the OFFICIAL GUIDE – Part 1 *Constitution and Rules of the GAA* as it's official constitution

**Proposer: Micheál McElwain**

**Seconder: Damian Kenny**

### Motion Notes:

To ensure all clubs operate with up-to-date documentation the GAA advise that all clubs should operate from the most up to date constitution as per the GAA website. A link to the Club constitution is as follows:

[Club Constitution](#)

A table is provided in Appendix 2 with the changes from a previous constitution to the most up to date one.

## Motion Number 4

It is proposed that the membership of Naomh Mearnóg for 2025 be amended as follows:

- Club credit on Family Membership types set to €60
- Club credit on Singular Membership types (Juvenile membership or Adult Membership) set to €25
- Club credit on Social Membership set to €50
- Introduce a new social adult games membership for standalone social football/hurling or Gaelic for Mothers & Others. The fee will be €125 and attract a €25 club credit. This membership will be deemed as a social membership and will **not** have the same rights as a standard adult membership (e.g. voting etc.)

**Proposer: Aidan Kenny**

**Seconder: Gareth O'Halloran**

### Motion Notes:

On a percentage basis Family members do not get the same value for money as Single members with respect to club credit. These amendments provide better value for money with club credit while not having to increase the club membership. A table is provided in Appendix 3 showing all the memberships with respective club credit.

## **Motion Number 5**

It is proposed to increase the Club Executive to 21 members. This increase is permitted under clause 7.1 of the GAA Club Constitution.

**Proposer: Damian Kenny**

**Seconder: Frank Lynch**

### **Motion Notes:**

The increase is due to the increased size of the club and to allow each of the main playing and support sections have a representative on the Executive, and to meet the Government requirement for gender representation on sporting group boards.

The 21 members will include the listed officer position as required under the GAA Club Constitution (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Registrar, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Child Welfare Officer, Players' Representative).

# Appendix 1 – Corporate Trustee

## Corporate Trustee –What is it?

- It's a separate legal entity
- It's a Trust Company
- It's called "Iontaobhas Corparáideach Chumann Lúthchleas Gael cuideachta faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta" (ICCLG)
- It's set up by the GAA
- The Trust Company holds the property for and on behalf of the club
- It's optional

## Corporate Trustee – Brief Explanation

- Club opts to hold club property through Corporate Trustee
- Does not affect ownership of property in any way
- Main advantage is continuous amendments to the title avoided when trustees die or retire
- Saves on legal costs
- Takes pressure off individual trustees
- Avoids publishing of names if any court proceedings take place

## Corporate Trustee – Option

### 3 Options

1. Club elects to do nothing and continue to hold club property through personal trustees
2. Club elects to do partial change
  - a. In this case property held by a combination of personal trustees and the corporate trustee
3. Club elects to have property held only through the Corporate Trustee. This is the GAA's preferred method of holding association property

## **Corporate Trustee – Disadvantages of Option 1**

- Complexities in dealing with Financial Institutes when applying for and drawing down loans and funding for club development
- Complications in drawing down Sports Capital Grants
- Trustees refusing to cooperate with a directive from the club executive (Refusing to sign loan agreements, land purchase, etc.)
- Additional legal fees each time trustees have to be updated
- Publication of private/individual names any time there are judgements or court proceedings

## **Corporate Trustee – Advantage of Corporate Trustee Option 3**

- Ease of dealing with financial institutions and the Department when applying for/drawing down loans and grants
- Continuous amendments to title are avoided when trustees die/retire
- Avoids names being published on Judgements and Court Proceedings
- Corporate Trustee will always act on the directive of the club – avoids conflict with personal trustees

## **Corporate Trustee –FAQ**

Does the club lose ownership if they transfer to Corporate Trustee?

*No, the corporate trustee can only act following a request from the club. A signed minute is required to progress any action by the Trustee. The trust company only holds the property for and on behalf of the club.*

Does the club incur cost to transfer to Corporate Trustee i.e Legal Fees.

*The club will need to pay the solicitor to transfer their lands to the Corporate Trustee. This is a once off fee. There is a grant available of €1,000 to assist clubs in transferring their lands. This grant is only available to clubs who choose option 3 –transfer fully to the Corporate Trustee.*

How long does it take to transfer to Corporate Trustee?

*A club will hold a general meeting to discuss and adopt the Corporate Trustee.*

*Once agreed, they will appoint a solicitor to complete the legal documents. It is important to talk to the current trustees before asking them to sign the Deed of Transfer.*

*When all documents are signed by the club, they will be forwarded to Croke Park for signing and sealing by ICCLG.*

*Documents will be returned to the club solicitor who must lodge the transfer in Land Registry/Registry of Deeds.*

*The time it takes depends on the speed the club officers, the club solicitors, the staff in Croke Park, and the staff in the PRA office work at.*

Can a club choose option 2 now and further down the line change to option 3?

*Yes, the club can update their trustees at any time thus incurring the costs of solicitor's fees to do so.*

Do all current trustees have to sign the Deed of Transfer?

*Yes, the current trustees must sign the Deed of Transfer. It is important to talk to the trustees before asking them to sign over their trusteeship. As a goodwill gesture, the club could consider making these individuals honorary members in the club.*

Can the club revert to the original trustee model once transferred to Corporate Trustee?

*Yes, once we receive a minute from the club, they can update their trustees to the original model.*

Can the club adopt the Corporate Trustee at an executive meeting or AGM?

*It must be appointed at an AGM or EGM.*

If a club want to adopt the Corporate Trustee, should a motion be brought to the AGM prior to the meeting or raised at the meeting?

*It should be on the clár of the meeting and discussed and agreed on the night.*

If you choose Corporate Trustee, are the existing trustees relieved of their duties?

*Yes, once they sign the Deed of Transfer, the lands will be transferred to the new trustees and the old trustees will be relieved of their duties.*

How does a club get documents signed by Corporate Trustee?

*Documents can be sent to National Finance Department, GAA, Croke Park, Dublin 3 and marked for the attention of Aisling Greenan or Stephen Lohan.*

How does a club qualify for the grant from Croke Park?

*A club can avail of the grant once they choose option 3 and transfer fully to the Corporate Trustee.*

If a club is leasing land, can they adopt the Corporate Trustee?

*Yes, once the club have sought approval for the lease, the Corporate Trustee can sign on their behalf.*

## **Corporate Trustee –Case Study**

So far 43% of clubs have adopted the Corporate Trustee model

Croke Park unable to list individual clubs



## Appendix 2 – Constitution

The following table outlines what amendments are incurred from adopting the updated GAA Club Constitution 2024.

Current Constitution	New Constitution
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
<p><b>5.1</b> There shall be four types of Membership of the Club:</p> <p><b>5.1.1 FULL MEMBERSHIP</b> may be granted to persons Over 18 years (i.e. shall have celebrated their 18th birthday prior to January 1st of the Membership Year) who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and the G.A.A.</p> <p><b>5.1.2 YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b> may be granted to persons Under 18 and Over 9 years (i.e. shall celebrate their 18th birthday on January 1st of the Membership Year or on a later date and shall have celebrated their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1st of the Membership Year) who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and the G.A.A. (Notes - Child Membership of the Association is for children Under 9 years (i.e. shall celebrate their 9th birthday on January 1st of the</p>	<p><b>5.1</b> There shall be three types of Membership of the Club:</p> <p><b>5.1.1 FULL MEMBERSHIP</b> may be granted to persons Over 18 years (i.e. shall have celebrated their 18th birthday prior to January 1st of the Membership Year) who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and the G.A.A. Honorary Membership may be granted to persons Over 18 years, as defined above, who have rendered exceptional service to the Club or the games or activities of the G.A.A. An Honorary Member shall have the rights of a Full Member, but shall be exempt from paying the Club’s Annual Membership Fee.</p> <p><b>5.1.2 YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b> may be granted to persons Under 18 and Over 9 years (i.e. shall celebrate their 18th birthday on January 1st of the Membership Year or on a later date and shall have celebrated their 9th birthday prior to January 1st of the</p>

<p>Membership Year or on a later date) On expiration of a Child Membership of the Association, a person may apply for Youth Membership of the Association only through a Club for which he is eligible to play.)</p> <p><b>5.1.3 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP</b> may be granted to persons Over 18 years, as defined above, who have rendered exceptional service to the Club or the games or activities of the G.A.A. An Honorary Member shall have the rights of a Full Member but shall be exempt from paying the Club’s Annual Membership Fee. <b>In addition, members who have reached the age of 65 years will be entitled to Honorary Membership, subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee.</b></p> <p><b>5.1.4 SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP</b> may be granted to persons Over 18 years, as defined above, who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and the G.A.A., but who do not seek full voting rights and rights to take part in the administrative affairs of the Club or the G.A.A. <b>Social Members who have at least 10 years continuous membership and who have reached the age of 65 years may be given free Social Membership, subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee.</b></p>	<p>Membership Year) who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and the G.A.A. <b>(Notes - Child Membership of the Association</b> is for children Under 9 years (i.e. shall celebrate their 9th birthday on January 1st of the Membership Year or on a later date) On expiration of a Child Membership of the Association, a person may apply for Youth Membership of the Association only through a Club for which he is eligible to play.)</p> <p><b>5.1.3 SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP</b> may be granted to persons Over 18 years, as defined above, who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and the G.A.A., but who do not seek full voting rights and rights to take part in the administrative affairs of the Club or the G.A.A.</p>
<p><b>5.6</b> Any person seeking admission as a Member of any Class of Membership, other than Honorary, shall complete and sign a prescribed Application Form, which must be returned to the Secretary together with the prescribed fee. Alternatively, a prescribed electronic Application Form may be completed and submitted to the Club, complete with accompanying electronic payment of the prescribed fee.</p>	<p><b>Removed</b></p>

<p><b>5.7</b> An Application for Full or Social Membership must be on the prescribed form signed by the Applicant and proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another Full Member who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.</p>	<p><b>5.6</b> An application for Full or Social Membership must be made in the manner prescribed by Central Council and signed by the applicant. The application request must be submitted to the Club Secretary.</p>
<p><b>5.8</b> An Application for Youth Membership must be on the Prescribed Form signed by the Applicant and one of his parents or Guardians, as well as being proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another Full Member, who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide. Alternatively, a prescribed electronic Application Form may be completed by one of the Applicant's parents or Guardians and submitted to the club, complete with accompanying electronic payment for the prescribed fee.</p>	<p><b>5.7</b> An application for Youth Membership must be made in the manner prescribed by Central Council and signed by the applicant and one of his parents/guardians. The prescribed electronic Application Form may be completed by one of the Applicant's parents or Guardians and submitted to the Club Secretary, complete with accompanying electronic payment for the prescribed fee.</p>
<p><b>Not Applicable</b></p>	<p><b>5.8</b> An application for Child Membership must be made on the Prescribed Form and signed by the applicant and one of his parents/guardians. Alternatively, a prescribed electronic Application Form may be completed by one of the Applicant's parents or Guardians and submitted to the Club Secretary, complete with accompanying electronic payment for the prescribed fee.</p>
<p><b>Not Applicable</b></p>	<p><b>5.9</b> Applications for Full Membership shall be brought by the Club Secretary to a meeting(s) of the Club Executive for approval. Applications for membership shall be approved by a simple majority of the Executive Committee. In accordance with Rule 2.1(b) of the Official Guide, membership of the Association shall only be granted by a club, to persons who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Gaelic Athletic Association, as stated in the Official Guide. A</p>

	list, in alphabetical order, of the names and addresses of all club members shall be retained by the Club Secretary and/or kept safely on the club premises. Only a full member who has satisfied the condition of Rule 4.1 of the Official Guide may be nominated for or elected to any Elective Office referred to in the Official Guide.
<p><b>5.9</b> The name and address of a person proposed as a Full Member, together with the names of those proposing and seconding him, shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club Premises for at least one week before election. An interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of such Members.</p>	<p><b>Removed</b></p>
<p><b>DISCIPLINARY POWERS AND PROCEDURES</b></p>	
<p><b>5.11.1</b> The Executive Committee shall have the power to investigate any matter, and to expel, suspend, warn, fine or disqualify Members from Club activities for breach of this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide or for conduct considered to have discredited or harmed the Club or the G.A.A.</p> <p><b>5.11.2</b> Such persons, if Full Members (including Honorary Members) or Youth Members, shall have the right to appeal to the Hearings Committee of the County Committee of the G.A.A., within seven days of being notified of such decision.</p> <p><b>5.11.3</b> Unless the offence is brought to the notice of the County Committee of the G.A.A. 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</p>	<p><b>5.11.1</b> The Executive Committee shall have the power to investigate and process matters relating to alleged breaches of this Constitution or the Official Guide by Club members in the same manner as a Competitions Control Committee or a Management Committee in Chapter 7 of the Official Guide. It shall follow the procedures set out in Rule 7.3 of the Official Guide. Where a Defending Party seeks a Hearing, it shall be provided by the County Hearings Committee. There shall be no appeal against a decision of Hearings Committee in relation to Disciplinary Action initiated by the Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>5.11.2</b> A penalty imposed by the Executive Committee applies within the Club only. Where the Executive Committee decides to initiate Disciplinary Action and to propose a penalty which would apply outside of the Club, the matter shall be transferred to the County Management Committee or the</p>

<p>member continues to be a legal member of the Association and is suspended from Club activities only.</p>	<p>County Competitions Control Committee, as appropriate, for further processing, following receipt of the Reply to Notification of Disciplinary Action or the expiration of the two days provided in Rule for receipt of same.</p>
<h3>SUBSCRIPTIONS</h3>	
<p><b>6.2</b> The determined Annual Subscription shall be payable on election and thereafter annually <b>from 1<sup>st</sup> January and must be paid prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March each year.</b></p>	<p><b>6.2</b> The determined Annual Subscription shall be payable on election and thereafter annually, in advance of the date and in the manner decided by the Executive Committee. The date set shall be on a date on or before March 31st each year.</p>
<p><b>6.3</b> The Executive Committee may from time to time prescribe the payment of an Entrance Fee by new or lapsed members in addition to the Annual Subscription above.</p>	<p><b>Removed</b></p>
<h3>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</h3>	
<p><b>7.2</b> The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Registrar, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Children’s Officer, one Players’ Representative, and at least five other Full Members, to a maximum of 19.</p>	<p><b>7.2</b> The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Registrar, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Children’s Officer, Coaching Officer, one Players’ Representative, and at least five, but not more than ten other Full Members.</p>
<p><b>7.3</b> Nominations to serve on the Executive Committee shall be by any two Full Members whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2 and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.</p>	<p><b>7.3</b> Nominations to serve on the Executive Committee shall be by any two Full Members (which may include the nominee) whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2 and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.</p>
<p><b>7.4</b> The Players’ Representative shall have participated as a player for the Club within the previous 48 weeks.</p>	<p><b>7.4</b> The Executive Committee, shall be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote and voting at the Annual General Meeting. Exceptions: The Children’s Officer, Coaching</p>

<p><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>7.5</b> The Executive Committee including the Players' Representative, shall be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote and voting at the Annual General Meeting. Exceptions: The Children's Officer and the Officer for Irish Language and Culture shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the outgoing Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Officer and the Officer for Irish Language and Culture, and the Players' Representative, who shall have participated as a player with the Club within the previous 48 weeks, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the outgoing Executive Committee.</p>
<p><b>7.9</b> The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every fourteen days, and five members present shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><b>7.8</b> The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter, and four members present shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p><b>7.15</b> The Executive Committee shall have the sole right to appoint Sub-Committees, as required.</p>	<p><b>7.14</b> The Executive Committee shall have the sole right to appoint Sub-Committees and Managers/Coaches/Selectors of teams as required.</p>
<p><b>7.19</b> The Executive Committee shall have power from time to time to make, alter and repeal all such Regulations as they deem necessary, expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Club, and in particular, but not exclusively, they may by such Regulations set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The terms and conditions upon which guests, children of members of the Club and visitors shall be permitted to use the premises and property of the Club;</li> <li>(b) The times of opening and closing the Pavilion Grounds and Premises of the Club, or any part thereof;</li> <li>(c) The conduct of members of the Club in relation to one another;</li> </ul>	<p><b>7.18</b> The Executive Committee shall have power from time to time to make, alter and repeal all such Regulations as they deem necessary, expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Club, and in particular, but not exclusively, they may by such Regulations set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The terms and conditions upon which guests, children of members of the Club and visitors shall be permitted to use the premises and property of the Club;</li> <li>(b) The times of opening and closing the Pavilion Grounds and Premises of the Club, or any part thereof;</li> <li>(c) The conduct of members of the Club in relation to one another;</li> <li>(d) The setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of the Club's premises for any particular time or times, or</li> </ul>

<p>(d) The setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of the Club's premises for any particular time or times, or for any particular purpose or purposes;</p> <p>(e) The imposition of fines for the breach of any of the Club Rules or Regulations.</p> <p>(f) And generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of the Club Rules.</p>	<p>for any particular purpose or purposes subject to the consent of Central Council;;</p> <p>(e) And generally all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of this Constitution.</p>
<p><b>Not Applicable</b></p>	<p><b>7.19</b> Motions to County Convention shall be submitted as per Rule 3.14 of the Official Guide.</p>
<p><b>7.27</b> A minimum of four meetings in any one year must be held between the Executive Committee and all committees appointed in accordance with Rule 7.15 to discuss relevant business.</p>	<p><b>Removed</b></p>
<p><b>GENERAL MEETINGS</b></p>	
<p><b>8.3</b> An Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time as shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee, but insofar as is practical shall be held before the end of November each year.</p>	<p><b>8.3</b> An Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time as shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee. The Annual General Meeting shall not be held later than 30th November without the prior approval of the County Committee.</p>
<p><b>8.4</b> The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:</p> <p>(a) Adoption of Standing Orders.</p> <p>(b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(c) Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.</p> <p>(d) Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s).</p> <p>(e) The Chairperson's Address.</p> <p>(f) Consideration of the Reports of the various sub-committees</p>	<p><b>8.4</b> The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:</p> <p>(a) Adoption of Standing Orders.</p> <p>(b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(c) Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.</p> <p>(d) Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s).</p> <p>(e) The Chairperson's Address.</p> <p>(f) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(g) Notices of Motion.</p>

<p>(g) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(h) Notices of Motion.</p> <p>(i) Other Business</p>	<p>(h) Other Business</p> <p><b>Note: “Other Business” does not include the appointment of Managers/Coaches/Selectors of teams which is the business of the Executive Committee of the Club.</b></p>
<p><b>8.5.2</b> Once the date of the Annual General Meeting has been fixed, the Secretary shall give at least twenty-eight days’ notice in writing to the members of such date, 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, also specifying that such nominations and motions shall be received by him by a date not less than twenty one days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.</p>	<p><b>8.5.2</b> Once the date of the Annual General Meeting has been fixed, the Secretary shall give at least twenty-one days’ notice in writing, electronically and/or otherwise, to the members of such date, 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, also specifying that such nominations and motions shall be received by the Secretary by a date not less than fourteen days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.</p>
<p><b>8.8</b> The Executive Committee shall call a Special General Meeting for a date not more than twenty-eight days from the receipt by the Executive Committee of a requisition, in writing, signed by twelve members of the Club, and ten clear days’ notice, in writing, shall be given to the Members.</p>	<p><b>8.8</b> The Executive Committee shall call a Special General Meeting for a date not more than twenty-one days from the receipt by the Executive Committee of a requisition, in writing, signed by twelve members of the Club, and ten clear days’ notice, in writing, shall be given to the Members.</p>
<p><b>8.8.2</b> If the Special General Meeting is not called for a date within the twenty-eight 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><b>8.8.2</b> If the Special General Meeting is not called for a date within the twenty-one days stipulated, then the Requisitioners may themselves convene a Special General Meeting If requested, the County Secretary shall assist the Requisitioners in convening the Special General Meeting.</p>
<p><b>8.10</b> No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise</p>	<p><b>8.10</b> No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, fifteen per cent of Full Members eligible to vote shall be</p>



<p>provided, twenty per cent of Full Members eligible to vote shall be a quorum at a General Meeting.</p>	<p>a quorum at a General Meeting, subject to a minimum of 15 members being present.</p>
<p><b>8.11</b> 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><b>8.11</b> 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 and be rearranged at a date and time to be decided by the Executive Committee, provided the reconvened meeting takes place within 14 days of the original meeting; 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><b>VOTING</b></p>	
<p><b>9.1</b> Only Full Members, whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2, and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide, shall be eligible to vote at a General Meeting.</p>	<p><b>9.1</b> Only Full Members, whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2, and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide, shall be eligible to vote at a General Meeting. The onus shall be on the member to prove that he has paid his subscription.</p>
<p><b>9.2</b> A Chairperson of a General Meeting, Executive Committee meeting or any Sub-Committee meeting shall, in the event of a tie, whether on a show of hands or on a ballot, have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member, irrespective of whether or not he had originally voted on the issue, other than for the election to any position, when the outcome in the event of a tie shall be decided by lot.</p>	<p><b>9.2</b> A Chairperson of a General Meeting, Executive Committee meeting or any Sub-Committee meeting shall, in the event of a tie, whether on a show of hands or on a ballot, have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member, irrespective of whether or not he had originally voted on the issue, other than for the election to any position, when the outcome in the event of a tie shall be decided by lot. The first person chosen shall be deemed the winner of the tie.</p>
<p><b>9.7</b> The Office of Chairman shall not be held by the same person for more than three consecutive years.</p>	<p><b>Removed</b></p>

9.8 A nominee for the position of Club President shall be selected annually by the outgoing Executive Committee for ratification at the Annual General Meeting. The Club President shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

9.9 Nominee(s) for the position(s) of Club Vice-President(s) shall be selected annually by the outgoing Executive Committee for ratification at the Annual General Meeting. The Club Vice-Presidents shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

## ASSETS AND TRUSTEES

**10.2** The Club shall have power to acquire, hold and develop, lease, mortgage, charge, exchange or sell Real and Personal Property, and to borrow or raise money in promotion of the objects of the Club, subject to the overall authority of the Central Council of the G.A.A.

**10.3** The Real Property shall not be leased, mortgaged, charged, exchanged, sold, conveyed, transferred or otherwise dealt with without the consent in writing of the Central Council of the G.A.A., or as may be set out in any separate Declaration of Trust.

**10.4** (A) The Personal Property owned or held by a Club shall be vested in the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary who shall hold it in Trust for the Club.

(B) The Real Property owned by a Club, shall be vested in one Trustee being the Corporate Trustee.

**10.2** The powers of the Club in relation to Real, Personal and Intellectual Property are set out in Rule 5.2 of the Official Guide.

**10.3** The powers of the Trustees are set out in the Code in relation to Trusts of Property adopted by Central Council in accordance with Rule 5.3 (c) of the Official Guide.

**10.5** The Executive Committee may determine whether the Corporate Trustee or other persons shall be appointed as Trustees for and on behalf of the Club for the purposes of Rule 5.3(B)(b)(1)(i) or (ii) and who those persons shall be.

**10.6** By way of acceptance of their appointment and as and when required by Central Council, the Trustees of the Real Property shall execute a Declaration of Trust, as approved by Central Council, and 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. The terms of the Declaration of Trust approved by Central Council may be amended or replaced by Central Council from time to time.

**10.7** Where the trustee is an individual, a Trustee shall hold office until his/her retirement or death unless replaced in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5.3, Official Guide and the Code on Association Property.

**10.8** The Trustees of the Real Property, having first obtained the consent of the Central Council of the G.A.A. where necessary, shall exercise their powers and perform their duties as directed by the Club and in accordance with the Rules in Chapter 5 of the Official Guide and the Code on Association Property.

**10.9** A Directive of the Club shall be given by a resolution of the full members of the Club, passed by a majority of the members present, entitled to vote and voting at a duly convened General

<p>Meeting and when so passed shall be binding upon all members of the Club.</p> <p><b>10.10</b> A Certificate signed by the Secretary shall, in favour of any person relying on same, be conclusive evidence that a Directive, complying in all respect with the provisions of this Rule, was duly given to the Trustees.</p> <p><b>10.11</b> The Trustees of the Personal Property shall invest and use such property in accordance with the Directives of the Executive Committee, of which an entry in the Minute book shall be conclusive evidence.</p> <p><b>10.12</b> The Club shall indemnify and save harmless its Trustees in respect of any loss or expenses bona fide incurred by them in or about the execution of their powers and duties.</p>	
<b>BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS</b>	
<p><b>11.1</b> The Executive Committee shall open a Bank Account or Accounts with an approved Bank on behalf of the Club, and all cheques drawn on the said account shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by one of either the Chairperson or Secretary.</p>	<p><b>11.1</b> The Executive Committee shall open an Account (or additional Accounts that are approved by the Club Executive) with an approved Financial Institution on behalf of the Club, and all cheques and or electronic transfers authorised in writing drawn on the said account shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by one of either the Chairperson or Secretary. Only the Executive Committee may open account(s) on behalf of the club.</p>
<p><b>11.9</b> The Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Club shall be made available to the Revenue Commissioners, on request.</p>	<p><b>Removed</b></p>
<p><b>11.11</b> The end of the Club Financial year shall be October 31st.</p>	<p><b>11.10</b> The end of the Club Financial year shall be September 30th.</p>

<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>11.11</b> Similar provisions to the above shall apply to Clubs entitled to and availing of the provisions of Article 15 below.
<b>ADDITIONS TO AND AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES</b>	
<b>14.1</b> Additions to and Amendments of this Constitution and Rules may be made at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, providing that the Resolution proposing same is carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, entitled to vote and voting, that same do not conflict with the Official Guide, and that approval is given by the County Management Committee for the change(s).	<b>14.1</b> Additions to and Amendments of this Constitution may be made at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, providing that the Resolution proposing same is carried by a vote of three-fifths of the members present, entitled to vote and voting, that same do not conflict with the Official Guide, and that approval is given by the County Management Committee for the change(s).
<b>14.2</b> Members wishing to propose Additions to or Amendments of this Constitution and Rules must send notice of the proposed Additions or Amendments in writing to the Secretary not later than twenty-one days before the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting as provided by Rule 8.5.2 hereof.	<b>14.2</b> Members wishing to propose Additions to or Amendments of this Constitution must send notice of the proposed Additions or Amendments in writing to the Secretary not later than fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting as provided by Article 8.7 hereof.
<b>14.3</b> Where appropriate, no Addition or Amendments shall be made to or in the provisions of the Main Object(s) (3), Income and Property (12) and the Winding-Up (13) Clauses in this Constitution and Rules for the time being in force, unless the same shall have been previously approved, in writing, by the Revenue Commissioners.	<b>14.3</b> Where appropriate, no Addition or Amendments shall be made to or in the provisions of the Main Object(s) (3), Income and Property (12) and the Winding-Up (13) Clauses in this Constitution for the time being in force, unless the same shall have been previously approved, in writing, by the relevant statutory authorities.
<b>LARGE CITY OR URBAN CLUBS</b>	
<b>Not Applicable</b>	15 A large City or Urban Club with major commercial and property interests may have a Club Committee Structure at variance from the standard structures outlined in this Constitution, to ensure proper organisation and governance of its commercial, property and allied financial activities.

	<p>Such structure shall be subject to Club General Meetings of Full Members in-</p> <p>(a) The Appointment of Committee Members who have responsibility for commercial property and allied financial activities.</p> <p>(b) The submission for approval of Annual Reports.</p> <p>(c) Like provisions of Article 11 above being applicable, including Annual Financial Audited Accounts of the commercial, property and allied financial activities being prepared and laid before an Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(d) The provisions of Articles 10 and 12 of this Constitution being complied with.</p> <p>A Club Structure, as envisaged by this Article, shall have the approval of the County Management</p>
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**INTERPRETATION OF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

<p>The Executive Committee shall be the sole authority for the Interpretation of this Club Constitution and Rules (with the exception of Rules 5.11.1, 5.11.2 and 5.11.3) and of any byelaws and regulations made herein; and the decision of the Executive Committee upon any question of interpretation, or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for, shall be final and binding on the members, subject to appeal to the Hearings Committee of the County Committee in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5.11.2, and shall not under any circumstances be subject to appeal to any Court of Law.</p>	<p>A Club’s General Meeting of members may appoint a Committee with the sole responsibility for the Interpretation of the Club’s Constitution (with the exception of Articles 5.11.1 and 5.11.2) and of any bye-laws and regulations made herein. It shall be named - “The Club’s Interpretation of Club Constitution Committee”</p> <p>If the absence of the appointment by a General Meeting of members of an Interpretation of Club Constitution Committee, the Executive Committee shall by default have this responsibility. A decision of the Interpretation of Club Constitution Committee or the Executive Committee, as applicable, upon any question of interpretation, or upon any matter affecting the Club and not</p>
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	<p>provided for, shall be final and binding on the members, subject to appeal to the Hearings Committee of the County Committee in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5.11.1. Beyond this, a member, or the club may exercise its right in accordance with Rule 7.13 of the Official Guide.</p>
<b>GENERAL</b>	
<p><b>17.1</b> Notice may be given by the Club to any Member either personally or by sending it by post or electronically to him at his last known address.</p>	<p><b>18.1</b> A Notice may be given by the Club to any Member in accordance with Rule 4.6 of the Official Guide.</p>
<p><b>17.2</b> Where a Notice is sent by post, service of this Notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the Notice, and shall be deemed to have been effected at the time which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.</p>	<p><b>Removed</b></p>

## Appendix 3 – Club Membership

Membership Type	Amount €	Credit Available €
<b>Nursery</b> (including Capitation fee of €10)	115.00	None
<b>Family – No Playing Members</b> (including Capitation fee of €10)	230.00	60
<b>Family – One Player</b> (including Capitation fee of €20)	295.00	60
<b>Family – Two Players</b> (including Capitation fee of €30)	390.00	60
<b>Family – Three Players</b> (including Capitation fee of €30)	470.00	60
<b>Family – Four or More Players – Capped</b> (including Capitation fee of €30)	550.00	60
<b>Juvenile Players (Under 8 to Under 18)</b> (including Capitation fee of €10)	230.00	25
<b>Students Players</b> (including Capitation fee of €10)	230.00	25
<b>Adult Players</b> (including Capitation fee of €10)	285.00	25
<b>Adult Non-Player</b> (including Capitation fee of €10)	200.00	25
<b>Non-playing Social Membership</b> (including Capitation fee of €10)	115.00	50
<b>Social Games Membership</b> (including Capitation fee of €10)	125.00	25