

Round Tower Amended Constitution



INTERPRETATION

1. In these Rules

‘Real Property’ means the property of the Club of an immovable nature and comprising any playing pitches, grounds or buildings whether of Leasehold or Freehold tenure with all fixtures or fittings attached thereto and used therewith.

‘Personal Property’ means the property of the Club of a movable nature comprising all playing or sporting equipment of the Club not already classified as fixtures or fittings on ‘real property’ as herein before defined.

Words importing the singular number only include the plural number and vice versa and words importing the masculine gender only also includes the feminine and vice versa.

NAME

2. The name of the Club shall be Cumann an Chloighí, Cluain Dolcáin and the English version shall be Round Tower G.A.A. Club, hereinafter called “the Club”.

OBJECTS AND COLOURS

3. The object of the Club is to promote and encourage Gaelic Games, Gaelic pastimes, and Gaelic Culture.
4. No subject of a political or sectarian nature may be discussed at any of the meetings of the Club.
5. The official colours of the Club shall be green and white.

MEMBERSHIP

6. The membership of the Club, (from the 1st December to the 30th November of the following year) shall comprise the following:
- (a) Full (Ordinary)
 - (b) Minor
 - (c) Honorary
 - (d) Life
 - (e) Associate
 - (f) Juvenile
7. (a) Full (Ordinary) Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons of 21 or over who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objects of An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. Such full members shall be registered with the County Secretary
- (b) Minor Membership: The Executive Committee shall have the power to elect to Minor Membership persons who are over 18 years but under 21 years of age on 1st December and who are players with one or more of the Club’s football, hurling or camogie teams. Minor members shall have the same rights as Full (Ordinary) members and their annual subscription shall not exceed 50% of that paid by Full (Ordinary) members.
- (c) Honorary Membership shall be open to all persons who have rendered exceptional service to the Club or to the Games and/or Activities of An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. They

may be elected for life or for any defined period. But unless otherwise stated in the minute made on the occasion of their election, their membership shall terminate at the close of the current year but may be renewed by the Executive Committee from year to year. Honorary members shall have all the privileges of Full (Ordinary) members, and shall not be obliged to pay an Annual Subscription.

- (d) Life Membership: The Executive Committee shall have power to elect Life Members.
 - (e) Associate Membership shall be open to all persons actively involved in such activities as may be promoted by the Club They shall not be entitled to vote or have direct representation on the Executive Committee, but they may be permitted to act in any capacity (except Finance) on any Sub-Committee formed
 - (f) Juvenile Membership shall be open to persons under the age of 18 on the 1st July and who play with one or more of the Club's football, hurling or camogie teams. They shall not be entitled to vote or engage in the management or control of the Club.
8. A person seeking admission as a member shall complete and sign a prescribed application form which must be returned to the Club Secretary. The application for membership must be proposed and seconded by two paid-up full members.
9. The name and address of such person proposed as members of the Club, together with the names of those proposing and seconding him, shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for at least two weeks before election.
10. The Executive Committee shall inform the applicant of its decision. A new member on election shall, on payment of the membership subscription, be given a membership card.
11. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, refuse any application for membership.
12. (a) The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel or suspend any member of the Club whose actions are, in the opinion of the Committee, prejudicial to the interests of the Club.
- (b) Such persons shall have the right to appeal to a Special General Meeting as provided.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

13. The Annual Subscription to be paid by members of the Club and which shall be payable in advance shall be the following:
- (a) Member and Spouse €120.00 per annum
 - (b) Adult Membership (Non-Player) €75.00 per annum
 - (c) Adult Membership (Player) €125.00 per annum
 - (d) Student (playing) Membership €90.00 per annum
 - (e) Juvenile Member €30.00 per annum
 - (f) OAP Membership €20.00 per annum
 - (g) Family Membership (Includes 2 Parents/Guardians with 2 or more Children) €150.00 per annum
 - (h) A Life member shall pay such subscription, as shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee at the time of his election to life membership and his financial liability to the Club shall cease upon payment of that subscription, which shall not be less than €1000.00

14. Any member, other than an Honorary member, whose annual subscription is not paid prior to 1st April in any calendar year shall cease to be a member on that date and shall not be eligible to participate in the games of any section of the Club or partake in any of the privileges attached to members.
15. The Executive Committee shall have power to grant Associate membership, under such terms as it shall think fit, to any person whose membership shall have lapsed under Rule 14.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

16. The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the management of an Executive Committee and it shall be the controlling body of the Club.
17. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of nine (9) Full members consisting of:
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Honorary Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Assistant Treasure
 - 3 Full Members
18.
 - (a) The Executive Committee shall be elected by the registered full members present, entitled to vote and voting at the Annual General Meeting. Only full members of at least 3 years standing shall be eligible for election as Club Officers and they shall hold office until the following Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) The officers of the Club shall consist of:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Chairman
 - Vice-Chairman
 - Honorary Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer
 - (c) A member when elected to any Officer position of the Club shall serve for a period of not more than three (3) consecutive years in that position.
 - (d) A maximum of three vice presidents shall be elected at the AGM, to serve for a period of one year.
19. The President shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.
20. The Executive Committee shall have the sole right to appoint Subcommittees as required. It shall define the duties of such Subcommittees and retain control in all matters and activities which it considers of importance to the general welfare of the Club, including the disposal of any funds in the hands of such Sub-Committees.
21. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman of such Sub-committees.
22. No liability shall be incurred by Sub-Committees without the prior sanction of the Executive Committee.

23. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all Sub-Committees.
24. The Executive Committee shall appoint delegates to the various Dublin County Boards.
25. The Executive Committee (five of whom shall form a quorum including at least one officer) shall meet at least once a month on a date most convenient.
26.
 - a. The Executive committee shall have the sole right to appoint employees of the club and to decide on their remuneration.
 - b. Expenditure on any single outlay in excess of €20,000 must be approved at an Annual General Meeting or an EGM.
27. The Executive Committee shall administer the business affairs of the Club and the property under its control in accordance with the aims and objects specified in the Constitution and shall have all such administrative powers as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the aims and objects of the Club
28. Each member of the Club shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee upon any complaint or representation sent by him in writing to the Honorary Secretary.
29. The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee; in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside. If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent, the Committee may elect another officer present to preside at the Meeting.
30. Any member of the Executive Committee who shall have absented himself from three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable explanation shall be deemed to have resigned from the said Committee.
31. Should any member of the Executive Committee resign or his position otherwise lapse, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy by co-opting from the body of full registered members. The service of any member on the Executive Committee chosen to fill a casual vacancy shall not be reckoned in calculating the seniority of such member if subsequently elected to serve on the Executive Committee
32. The Executive Committee shall have power to make byelaws that shall be displayed in the Clubrooms.

VOTING

33. A Chairman of a General Meeting, Executive Committee Meeting, or any Subcommittee Meeting shall, in the event of a tie, have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member, other than for the election of a Chairman or Vice-Chairman when the outcome in the event of a tie shall be decided by lot.
34. All registered Full, Minor, Honorary and Life members, whose subscriptions, where applicable, are not in arrears, shall be eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS

35. Not less than twenty-one (21) days notice of the Annual General Meeting and not less than seven (7) days notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to all members of the Club

36. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of June at the Clubrooms, Clondalkin.
37. The chair shall be taken at all General Meetings by the Chairman of the Club and in his/her absence by the Vice-Chairman or other Officer of the Club.
38. The notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall be accompanied by an Agenda and an audited copy of the Accounts and Balance Sheet. All motions and nominations must be in writing and in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
39. The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (a) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting,
 - (b) Annual Report submitted by the Honorary Secretary,
 - (c) Financial Statement submitted by the Honorary Treasurer, accompanied by the Auditor's Report,
 - (d) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee and Vice Presidents.
 - (e) Notices of Motion; and
 - (f) General Business
40. A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Honorary Secretary within twenty-one (21) days if directed by the Executive Committee or if demanded in writing by not less than 20% of the registered full members who in their requisition shall state the object of such meeting. No other business shall be transacted at that Special Meeting. A fee of one hundred euro (€100) shall accompany the requisition by members calling for such meeting. The fee shall be forfeited to the funds of the Club if the matter be considered frivolous by the majority of those present.
41. 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 forty members personally present shall be a quorum.
42. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the 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 adjourned meeting a quorum of members is not present within half an hour of the time of the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

ASSETS AND TRUSTEES

43. (a) The Club shall have power to acquire and hold and to sell, lease, mortgage or charge real and personal property Real property shall not be transferred, sold, leased, conveyed, mortgaged or otherwise charged or dealt with without the Consent of the Central Council of An Cumann Lúthcleas Gael and General Body of Full Members or as set out in the Declaration of Trust.
- (b) The real property of the Club shall be vested in five or more members of the An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as Trustees who shall hold same in accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Rules thereof and subject to the covenants and conditions contained in the approved Declaration of Trust.

- (c) The Trustees may deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise howsoever as directed by the Club and with the consent of the Central Council of An Cúmann Luthcleas Gael. Such direction of the Club shall be given by a resolution of members of the Club passed by a majority of the members present at a duly convened meeting of the Club and when so passed shall in favour of a Purchaser, Mortgagee, Chargee, Lessee or Grantee or other such person be binding upon all members of the Club.
- A Certificate signed or purporting to be signed by the Secretary for the time being of the Club shall in favour of the said persons be conclusive evidence that a direction complying in all respects with the above provision of this Rule was duly given to the Trustees and a Certificate signed or purporting to be signed by the Secretary or Director-General for the time being of An Cumann Lúthcleas Gael to that effect shall in favour of the said persons be conclusive evidence that the consent of An Cumann Lúthcleas Gael complying in all respects with the above provision of this Rule was given to the said Trustees.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall select a number of Trustees of the Club not exceeding three who shall then be appointed by the Chairman of the Club as such Trustees and the President for the time being of the Provincial Council of An Cumann Lúthcleas Gael and the Chairman for the time being of the County Committee of An Cumann Lúthcleas Gael shall each appoint one other Trustee of the Club.
- (e) The Trustees shall hold office until the retirement, death or in the case of Trustees appointed by the Chairman for the time being of the Executive Committee of the Club by appointment of another Trustee in place of the existing Trustee and in the case of a Trustee appointed by the Chairman for the time being of the Provincial Council of An Cumann Lúthcleas Gael and the Chairman for the time being of the County Committee of An Cumann Lúthcleas Gael by appointment of another Trustee to replace the existing Trustee by either of the respective Chairmen.
- (f) The personal property of the Club shall vest in the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer for the time being of the Club, who shall hold same in trust for the Club. The said Trustees shall invest the funds of the Club in accordance with the direction of the Executive Committee, of which an entry in the Minute Book of the Club shall be conclusive evidence.
- (g) The Executive Committee shall open bank accounts on behalf of the Club and all cheques drawn on said accounts shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer and by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Honorary Secretary.
- (h) The Club shall indemnify and save harmless a Trustee in respect of any loss or out of pocket expenses bona fide incurred by him in or about the execution of his trust or powers subject to the prior permission of the Executive Committee.
44. If at any time the members at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose shall pass a resolution authorising the Executive Committee to borrow money for the purpose of the Club, the Executive Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amount of money in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution, and thereupon the Trustees shall at the discretion of the Executive Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof, and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Executive Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans. All full paid-up members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

45. Correct accounts and books shall be kept showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club. Such accounts and books shall not be destroyed for at least six (6) years. Accounts and books of the Club and list of members therein shall be open to the inspection of every full registered member of the Club, and it shall be the duty of the Officers of the Club to produce them within fourteen (14) days.

COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF OFFICIAL GUIDE

46. This Club constitution and Rules shall be read in conjunction with the General Rules of Cumann Lúthcleas Gael as contained in the Official Guide as amended from time to time.

DISTRIBUTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR

47. No member, officers, Committee members, manager or employee of the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or in the profits arising from such sale.
48. A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on die invitation and in the company of a member of the Club and that such member shall, upon admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately upon his being supplied with such liquor, enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book kept for that purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.
49. No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club, except to members of the Club between the hours of 8.00 o'clock in the morning and 10.00 o'clock at night.
50. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied on the Club premises to any person under eighteen (18) years of age.
51. (a) Subject to the exceptions specified in paragraph b. of this Rule, no excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person or be consumed on the Club premises by any person:
- (1) On any weekday before the hour of 10.30 o'clock in the morning, or
 - (a) During the period of Summertime, after the hour of 11.30 o'clock in the evening, or
 - (b) During the period which is not Summertime, after the hour of 11.00 o'clock in the evening, or
 - (2) On any Sunday before the hour of 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon or between the hours of 2.00 o'clock and 4.00 o'clock in the afternoon or after the hour of 11.00 o'clock in the evening, or
 - (3) On St. Patrick's Day, where that day falls on a weekday, before the hour of 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon or alter the hour of 11.00 o'clock in the evening, or
 - (4) At anytime on Christmas Day or Good Friday.
- (b) Nothing contained in the Registration of Club Acts, 1904 to 1986, or contained by virtue of the operation of paragraph a. of this Rule shall operate to prohibit the supplying for consumption on the Club premises of excisable liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable liquor on the Club premises by any person:

- (1) During the period of Summertime between the hours of 11.30 o'clock in the evening on any weekday and 12.30 o'clock in the morning of the following day, or
- (2) During a period which is not a period of Summertime, between the hours of 11.00 o'clock in the evening and 12.00 o'clock in the morning of the following day, or
- (3) On any Sunday, between the hours of 2.00 o'clock and 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon, or
- (4) On Christmas Day, between the hours of 1.00 o'clock and 3.00 in the afternoon or the hours of 7.00 o'clock and 10.00 in the evening.

if, in each case the excisable liquor is:

- (i) Ordered by that person at the same time that a substantial meal is ordered by him.
- (ii) Consumed at the same time as and with the meal,
- (iii) Supplied and consumed in the same portion of the Club premises usually set apart for the supply of meals; and
- (iv) Paid for at the same time as the meal is paid for

52. Any sale, supply and consumption of excisable liquors in the building or grounds of the Club permitted under the Intoxicating Liquor Acts or any amendments thereto shall be lawful and not a breach of the rules of the Club.

AUDIT

53. An independent properly qualified Accountant or Accountants shall be appointed as Auditors of the Club Affairs and the books and accounts of the Club shall be presented to such Auditors by the Committee in sufficient time to enable such Auditors report to be available and considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES

54. Alterations and additions to these Club Rules may be made at any Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose providing that the resolution proposing same is carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting and that same do not conflict with the Rules of An Cumann Lúthcleas Gael.
55. Members wishing to propose alterations or additions to these Club Rules must send notice of the proposed alterations or additions in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting, or may do so by calling a Special Meeting as provided for in the Rules.
56. The Honorary Secretary shall display in a conspicuous place us the Club premises a copy of proposed alterations or additions to Rules, for a period of not less than 14 days immediately prior to an A.G.M. and for a period of not less than 7 days immediately prior to a Special General Meeting.

INTERPRETATION OF CLUB RULES

57. The Executive Committee shall have the sole authority for the interpretation of these Club Rules and of any bye-laws and regulations made there under and the decision of the Executive Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by these Club Rules or by the bye-laws and regulations made there under shall be final and binding on the members subject to appeal to a General Meeting, and shall not under any circumstances be subject to appeal to any Court of Law.

GENERAL

58. This Constitution and Rules shall be taken as an amendment of and in substitution for any existing Constitution or Rules of Cumann an Chloighí, Cluain Dolcáin as of the 25th day of June 2003.