

**CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEЛ
LOTHRA AGUS DOIRE**

CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. In these Rules:-

"The G.A.A." means the National Governing Organisation for the preservation and promotion of Gaelic Games and pastimes, known as the Gaelic Athletic Association.

"The Club" means the Club has set out in Rule 2 hereof.

"The Official Guide" means the Official Guide of the G.A.A..

"Executive Committee" means Officers and ordinary Committee Members together.

"Secretary" means the Secretary for the time being, or any person appointed to perform the duties of the Secretary of the Club.

"Real Property" means the property' of the Club of an immovable nature, 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, as well as all Stock in Trade and Money or other Assets of the Dub not already classified as fixtures or fittings on "Real Property", as heretofore defined.

NAME

The official Name of the Club shall be AN CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

Lothra agus Doire the English version of which shall be **Lorrha and Dorrha G.A.A. Club.**

OBJECTS

3.1 The Objects of the Club shall be the promotion of the aims of the G.A.A., as outlined in the Official Guide of the Association.

3.2 The Membership, Income and Property of the Club shall be dedicated to and applied solely towards the promotion of these objects,

COLOURS

4. The Club Colours shall be Blue and White.

MEMBERSHIP

5.1

(a) There shall be two types of Membership of the Association;

(i) Full Membership, for persons who have reached the age of eighteen years.

5.1.1.1 Full Membership shall be divided into THREE different strands.

Player: Persons over the age of eighteen who contribute to the Club and GAA through playing on the field.

College/Minor Players: Persons who wish to play or not play but are over the age of 16 and under the age of eighteen, and those who are still in full-time education and do not have a full time job.

Non-Playing: Persons over the age of eighteen who wish to further the aims and objectives of the Club and the GAA without playing.

- (ii) Youth Membership, for persons who have not reached the age of eighteen years.
- (b) Membership of the Association shall be granted only by a Club, to persons who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objects of the Gaelic Athletic Association, as stated in the Official Guide.
- (c) A person becomes a Full or Youth Member of the Association when he is approved as a Full or Youth Member respectively of a Club. Once granted, Full Membership of the Association shall continue for life, and Youth Membership shall continue until the member's eighteenth birthday unless the member resigns in writing, or is expelled in accordance with the Official Guide.
- (d) The rights of a Member of the Association shall be conditional upon the member complying with the Rules and Regulations of the Association and Club, including payment of any Annual Membership Fees and Levies. Such rights may be withheld, restricted or suspended in accordance with the Rules of the Association and Club. Subject to the foregoing, only Registered Full Members shall be entitled to vote at Club Meetings, including the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) The Rules and Regulations governing application for Membership shall be set out in the Official Club Constitution.
- (f) The Membership of the Gaelic Athletic Association shall run from April 1st to March 31st in the following year.

5.2 Registration of Members

- (a) Before April 1st, a Club Registrar shall submit annually to Central Council, by the process of Electronic Registration, a list, in the Irish Language (except as provided for in Rule 1.7) of Full Members who have fulfilled their Annual Subscription requirement in accordance with Rule 6.2 of the Club Constitution and Rules. This list shall include the full name and address of each Full Member. A copy of the Club's Registration shall be forwarded by e-mail by Central Council to the County Secretary and Divisional Secretary, where applicable.
- (b) Before April 1st, a Club Registrar shall submit annually to the Central Council, by the process of Electronic Registration a list, in the Irish Language (except as provided for in Rule 1.7) of Youth Members of all ages Under 18 years who have fulfilled their Annual Subscription requirement in accordance with Rule 6.2 of the Club Constitution and Rules. This list shall include the full name, address and date of birth of each Youth Member. A copy of the Club's Registration shall be forwarded by e-mail to the County Secretary, and where applicable to the Secretaries of Divisional, County Minor and County Juvenile Committees.

- (c) It is optional to have the addresses of Full and Youth Members registered in either Irish or English.
- (d) Clubs shall submit by April 1st, through the County Secretary, an annual fee of €2 for every Full Member who has paid his Club Membership fee for the year.
- (e) Each Member shall be allocated a Registration Number by Central Council. The member shall retain this number while a member of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

5.3 Registration of Players

(a) A Club Registrar shall submit annually to Central Council, by the process of Electronic Registration, separate Registers in the Irish Language (except as provided for in Rule 1.7) of the Club's Adult, Under 21, Minor and Juvenile (all grades) players. A player is to be included in only one of the Registers.

5.4 The rights of any member of the Club shall be conditional upon the member complying with the provisions of this Constitution and Rules and the Official Guide, including payment of any annual membership fee and levies.

5.5 Such rights may be withheld, restricted or suspended in accordance with this Constitution and Rules and the Official Guide.

5.6 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.

5.7 An Application for Full or Social Membership must be in 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.

5.8 An Application for Youth Membership must be in 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.

5.9 The name and address of such person proposed as a 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.

5.9.1 Persons shall not be admitted to any of the privileges of Membership until after their election by the procedures stated in this Rule.

5.10 If and when the Application for Membership has been accepted by the Executive Committee, the new Member's particulars shall be forwarded by the Club Secretary to the County Secretary or other designated Officer for submission to the Central Council of the G.A.A. for registration and allocation of a personal membership number.

5.10.1 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..

5.10.2 Such persons, if Full Members (including Honorary Members) or Youth Members, shall have the right to appeal to the Management Committee of the County Committee of the GAA, within seven days of being notified of such decision.

5.10.3 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 member continues to be a legal member of the Association and is suspended from Club activities only.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

6.1 The Annual Subscription to be paid by members of the Club shall be determined by the Executive Committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

6.2 The determined Annual Subscription shall be payable on election and there after annually, in advance of the date and in the manner decided by the Executive Committee. The date set shall be a date prior to August 1st each year.

6.3 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.

6.4 The names and addresses or persons proposed as ordinary members of the Club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Clubhouse for at least one week before their election and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of ordinary members.

6.5 All members shall be elected by the whole body of members on by the Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1 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.

7.2 All Official meetings of Lorrha and Dorrha GAA Club shall be held in the Clubhouse.

7.3 The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairmen (x2), Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Registrar, Co. Board Delegate, Development Officer, Juvenile Club Representative, Adult Players Rep, Under 21 Players Rep, Camogie Club Rep, Ladies Football Club Rep.

7.4 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.

7.5 The Executive Committee shall be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

7.6 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 or Rules or the Official Guide, shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee.

7.7 The outgoing Executive Committee shall conduct the Annual General Meeting.

7.8 The business and affairs of the Club shall be the management of a committee or governing body elected for not less than a year by the general body of members and no member of the committee or governing body and no manager or servant employed in the club shall have any personal interest in the sales of excisable liquors therein, or in the profits arising from such sale.

7.9 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each month, and four members present shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

7.10 The Chairman, when present, shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee; in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

7.11 If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent, the Committee shall elect a member present to preside at the meeting.

7.12 The Secretary shall record the Minutes of each Meeting.

7.13 The Minutes shall specify the date of the Meeting, those present, and a brief account of the Meeting, and shall be read to the next Meeting.

7.14 Such Minutes, if agreed as being accurate or having been appropriately amended, shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, having been first proposed and adopted.

7.15 The Executive Committee shall have the sole right to appoint Sub-Committees, as required.

7.16 The Executive Committee shall define the duties of such Sub-Committees 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.

7.17 The Executive Committee shall have power to nominate the Chairman of such Sub-Committees.

7.18 The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Committee shall be ex-officio members of all Sub-Committees.

7.19 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:-

- (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;
- (b) The times of opening and closing the Pavilion Grounds and Premises of the Club, or any part thereof;
- (c) The conduct of members of the Club in relation to one another;
- (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;
- (e) The imposition of fines for the breach of any of the Club Rules or Regulations.
- (f) And generally all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of the Club Rules.

7.20 The Executive Committee shall adopt such means as they deem sufficient, to bring to the notice of members of the Club all such Regulations and all alterations and repeals.

7.21 All such Regulations so long as they shall be in force, shall be binding upon all members of the Club, provided nevertheless that no Regulations shall be inconsistent with or shall affect or repeal anything contained in this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide, and that any Regulations may be set aside by a special resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

7.22 Each Full Member shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee upon any complaint or representation sent by him, in writing, to the Secretary.

7.23 A Special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called

- (a) by the Secretary or
- (b) by the Secretary, for a date not more than seven days from the date of the receipt by him of a requisition duly signed by four members of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Such requisition shall set out the purpose for which the special meeting is required.

7.24 Any Member of the Executive Committee who shall have absented himself from three consecutive meetings, without reasonable explanation, shall be deemed to have resigned from the Executive Committee.

7.25 Should any Member of the Executive Committee resign, be deemed to have resigned, or his position otherwise lapse, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall, at their discretion, have the power to fill the vacancy, by co-opting a replacement from the body of the Full Membership.

7.26 The service of any Member so co-opted on to the Executive Committee shall not be reckoned in calculating the seniority of such Member, if subsequently elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

7.27 No decision of policy or finance should be taken without the consent of the Club Executive Committee. In emergencies, the Chairman, the Secretary, and Treasurer may make on the spot decisions.

7.28 Financial Reports should be submitted monthly by the Treasurer and accounts shall be prepared annually.

7.29 Injury Claims should be processed through the Secretary not later than 21 days after the sustaining the injury.

7.30 Permission for challenge games must be obtained through proper channels.

7.31 Lorrha GAA Club shall also have a Juvenile Committee with its own officers. This committee shall be financed by the club and should look after all aspects of Juvenile games in the parish.

7.32 Lorrha GAA Club shall at all times keep up-to-date with all changes in playing and administrative rules.

7.33 The GAA Clubhouse shall be used for purposes only as decided by the Club Committee.

GENERAL MEETINGS

8.1 The Club shall in each year hold a general meeting as its Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other General Meetings in that year, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it.

8.2 All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

8.3 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 each calendar year.

8.4 The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:-

- (a) Adoption of Standing Orders.
- (b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting,
- (c) Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.
- (d) Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s)
- (e) The Chairman's Address.
- (f) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.
- (g) Notices of Motion,
- (h) Any Other Business

8.5 The Annual General meeting of the Club shall be called in the following manner:

8.5.1 The Executive Committee shall decide upon a date, time and place for the meeting, allowing adequate time to meet the time limits set out hereunder.

8.5.2 Once the date of the Annual General Meeting has been fixed, the Secretary shall give at least 28 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 seven days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

8.5.3 The Secretary shall then, on or after the date specified for return to him of such Nominations and Motions, but so as to give the members 10 days clear notice before the meeting, circulate to the members the following documentation:

- (a) Copy of the Agenda for the meeting.
- (b) Copy of the Annual Report of the Secretary.
- (c) Copy of the Financial Statements, including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s)
- (d) Details of the Nominations for election to the Executive Committee.
- (e) Copies of any motions for consideration at the meeting.

8.6 In the event of the number of Nominees for any particular Executive Committee position being equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, such Nominees shall be declared elected, and any positions left unfilled, due to the lack of Nominees or Nominees withdrawing, shall be filled by the new Executive Committee, as soon as practical after the Annual General Meeting.

8.7 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee at any time, provided ten days clear notice, in writing, shall be given to the members, specifying the purpose of such Special General Meeting.

8.8 The Executive Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting for a date not more than 28 days from the receipt by the Executive Committee of a requisition, in writing, signed by 12 members of the Club, and ten clear days notice, in writing, shall be given to the Members.

8.8.1 Such Requisitions by members of the Club shall set out the purpose for which the Extraordinary General Meeting is required, and shall be lodged with the Secretary.

8.8.2 If the Extraordinary General Meeting is not called for a date within the 28 days stipulated, then the Requisitioners may themselves convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, if necessary using newspaper advertisements to notify the members of such a meeting.

8.9 No other business, outside that specified in the Notice, shall be transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

8.10 No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of five members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business.

8.11 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.

8.12 The Chairman, and failing him the Vice-Chairman, shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Club.

8.13 If there is no such Chairman, or if at any meeting he is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the members then present shall choose someone of their number who is a member of the Executive Committee to be Chairman of the meeting, and if there shall be no Member of the Executive Committee present, then the members shall elect any one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.

8.14 The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any reconvened meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

8.15 Failure to comply strictly with the time limits set out in this Constitution and Rules 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.

8.16 Management and Selectors for all teams shall be appointed on a method decided by the General Meeting.

VOTING

9.1 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.

9.2: The General Meeting shall be held before the 31 December of each year.

9.3 A Chairman 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, other than for the election to any position, when the outcome in the event of a tie shall be decided by lot.

9.4 At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on the show of hands, unless, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a ballot is demanded:-

- (a) by the Chairman
- (b) by at least five members present and entitled to vote.

9.5 Unless a ballot is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on the show of hands been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, shall be final, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Club shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes in favour of or against such resolution.

9.6 If a ballot is so demanded, the same shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs, and the result of the ballot shall be deemed to be the decision of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded.

9.7 A Secret Ballot shall be carried out to decide the result of any contest for any elective position.

ASSETS AND TRUSTEES

10.1 The Club shall have power to acquire, hold and develop, sell, 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..

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

10.3 The Real Properly, including the proceeds of sale thereof until otherwise directed by the Club, shall be vested in five full members of the G.A.A. as Trustees, who shall hold same in trust for the Club.

10.4 In the case of the appointment of the Trustees of the Real Property 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 on other Trustee.

10.5 The Trustees shall hold office until the retirement or death, unless replaced in accordance with Rule 43, Official Guide.

10.6 By way of acceptance of their appointment the Trustees of the Real Property shall sign a Declaration of Trust, as approved by Central Council of the G.A.A., 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.

10.7 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 from time to time.

10.8 The 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 and voting at a duly convened General Meeting and when so passed shall be binding upon all members of the Club.

10.9 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.

10.10 The Personal Property shall be vested in the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary who shall hold same in Trust for the Club.

10.11 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.

10.12 The Club shall indemnify and save harmless its trustees (PJ Nevin, Michael Hoctor and Batty Harding) in respect of any loss or expenses bona fide incurred by them in or about the execution of the Trust. (passed at AGM on 16/12/2014)

BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

11.1 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 Chairman or Secretary.

11.2 The Executive Committee shall cause proper Books of Account to be kept in respect of:-

- (a) All sums of money received and expended by the Club, and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place; and
- (b) All Sales and Purchases of goods by the Club; and
- (c) The Assets and Liabilities of the Club.

11.3 The Books of Account shall be kept at such place or places as the Executive Committee shall think fit, and shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the members of the Executive Committee.

11.4 The Executive Committee shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places, and under what conditions and regulations, the Accounts and Books of the Club, or any of them shall be open to the inspection of Full Members of the Club not being an Executive Committee member, and no member (not being an Executive Committee Member) shall have any right of inspection of any Account or Book or Document of the Club except as authorised by the Executive Committee.

11.5 An independent suitably qualified Person or Persons shall be appointed as Accountant(s) or as Auditor(s) (if an Audit is deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee) to Report on the Financial Statements of the Club, for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

11.6 The Books and Accounts of the Club shall be presented to such Accountant(s) or Auditor(s) by the Committee in sufficient time to enable the Report of such Accountant(s) or Auditor(s) to be available and considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

11.7 The Financial Statements shall be approved by the Executive Committee, and signed by two of three Officers — Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer — on behalf of the Executive Committee.

11.8 The Executive Committee shall cause to be prepared and laid before the Annual General Meeting an Account of Income and Expenditure and a Balance Sheet made up to a date not more than six months before such meeting.

11.9 The Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Club shall be made available to the Revenue Commissioners, on request.

11.10 All Books of Account, including all documents, vouchers, statements and notes, as well as all minute books, notes of meetings, original and copy correspondence and all such documents are the property of the Club, and no person shall have any personal title to or interest in such documents to the exclusion of the Club.

11.11 The Club shall define the End of the Financial Year of the Club.

INCOME AND PROPERTY

12.1 No portion of the Income and Property of the Club shall be paid or transferred directly in indirectly by way of profit, dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever to the Members of the Club.

12.2 No Officer shall be appointed to any Office within the Club paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club in respect of such Office, provided however nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:

- (a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member or Officer of the Club for any services rendered to the Club (other than us an Officer);
- (b) reasonable and proper remuneration to any company of which a Member or Officer of the Club is a director or shareholder, for any services rendered to the Club;
- (c) interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by Officers or other Members of the Club to the Club;
- (d) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by Officers or other Members of the Club (including any Officer) to the Club;
- (e) reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any Officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club;
- (f) fee's, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any Company of which an Officer may be a member, holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company.

WINDING UP

13.1 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.

13.2 Any decision to Wind Up a Club shall be subject to the approval of the County Committee.

13.3 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, but the Trustees shall continue to hold same in trust for the appropriate County Committee of the G.A.A., to be used or disposed of as such County Committee shall direct, but shall in no instance pay or distribute such property amongst Officers, Members or Employees of the Club.

ADDITIONS TO AND AMENDMENTS OF RULES

14.1 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 and voting, that same do not conflict with the Official Guide, and that prior approval has been given by the County Committee for the change.

14.2 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 21 days before the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting, as provided by Rule 8.5.2 hereof.

14.3 Where appropriate, no Additions or Amendments shall be made to or in the provisions of the Main Object(s) (3), Income and Property (12) and the Winding Up Clauses (13) 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.

COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF OFFICIAL GUIDE

15. This Constitution and Rules shall be read in conjunction with and subject to the Official Guide.

INTERPRETATION OF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES

16. The Executive Committee shall be the sole authority for the Interpretation of these 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 Management 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.

GENERAL

17.1 A 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.

17.2 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.

17.3 The failure to give notice of any meeting or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

17.4 This Constitution and Rules shall be taken as an amendment of and in substitution for the Rules of Lorrha G.A.A. Club as of the second day of December 2006.

FOR THE ADOPTION OF CLUBS WHICH OWN / OPERATE LICENSED BARS IN THE 26 COUNTIES

(As part of Format No. 2(A))

DISTRIBUTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR

18.1 No Member, Officer, Committee Member, 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.

18.2 Except in the case of a group visiting the Club, as provided for by Section 30 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000, a visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member of the Club, and that such member shall upon the 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.

18.3 No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the Premises of the Club on any week day before the hour of 10.30am in the morning or (1) during a period after the hour of 12 midnight from Monday to Thursday, (2) after the hour of 1pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

18.3.1 On any Sunday, before the hour of 12.30pm or after the hour of 11.30pm. Sunday closing on the eve of public holidays is 12.30am (and half hour drinking up time)

18.4 No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied on the Club Premises to any person under eighteen years of age.

18.5 (1) Subject to the exceptions specified in paragraph (2) of this Rule, no excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club Premises to any person (other than a member of

the Club lodging in the Club Premises) or be consumed on the club premises by any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club Premises) —

- (a) at any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday;
- (b) on any other day, as specified hereunder, outside the times so specified in respect of it—
 - (i) Saint Patrick's Day: between 12.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day;
 - (ii) the 23rd December: if it falls on a Sunday, between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30p.m.;
 - (iii) Christmas Eve and the eve of Good Friday: between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.;
 - (iv) the eve of any public holiday (other than Christmas Eve):
 - (I) if the eve falls on a weekday, between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day, or;
 - (II) if it falls on a Sunday, between 12.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day;
 - (v) any other Sunday (except a Saint Patrick's Day which falls on a Sunday): between 12.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.;
 - (vi) any other Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday: between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.;
- and
- (vii) any other Friday or Saturday: between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day.

(1A) The hours specified in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) in respect of any day specified in that paragraph are in addition to the period between midnight and 12.30 a.m. on that day, where that period is included in the hours so specified in respect of the eve of that day.

(1B) In subsection (1), 'public holiday' has the meaning given to it by the Organisation of Working time Act, 1997.

18.6. Nothing contained in the Registration of Clubs Acts, 1904 to 2003 or contained, by virtue only of the operation of paragraph (1) 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:

- (a) on Christmas Day, between 12.00 midday and 10.00 p.m. or
- (b) on any other day, for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of that day during which it is lawful for the Club, by virtue of subsection (1) (b), to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the Club premises.

If in each case the excisable liquor is—

- (i) ordered by or on behalf of that person at the same time as a substantial meal is ordered, and
- (ii) consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended.

18.7 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 this Club.

