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## CONSTITUTION OF

### OLD CRESCENT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

#### THE CLUB, ITS OBJECTS AND ITS COLOURS.

- 1.1. The Club shall be called "Old Crescent Rugby Football Club" and is hereinafter called "the Club".
- 1.2. The Club exists for the playing and encouragement of Amateur Rugby Union Football and for such activities as are conducive to these objects, including, without limitation, a provision of such facilities for games, recreation and entertainment for members and their invited guests as the General Committee shall from time to time determine.
- 1.3. The Club shall be affiliated to the Irish Rugby Football Union and to the Munster Branch of that Union and shall conform to the Rules and Regulations of that Union and to the laws of the Game and the Regulations as to Amateurism made from time to time by the International Rugby Football Board.
- 1.4. The colours of the Club shall be navy blue, royal blue and white. The playing attire shall be jersey in Club colours, black shorts and blue socks.

#### PATRONS.

2. There shall be a maximum of four Patrons of the Club of whom one shall be nominated by the Jesuit Communities in Limerick, the others to be nominated by the General Committee.

#### MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB.

- 3.1. The Club shall consist of ordinary members, playing members, honorary

members, associate members, pavilion members, country members (i.e. those living at least fifty miles from Limerick), student members, under 20 members, juvenile members, paid up life members and temporary members.

- 3.2. Pavilion members, associate members, temporary members and juvenile members shall not be entitled to attend general meetings or otherwise take part in the management of the Club. All other fully-paid up members shall be entitled to attend and vote at general meetings of the Club.
- 3.3. Honorary membership shall be confined to such persons as are from time to time nominated by the Management Committee for exceptional services to the Club and are elected at an Annual General Meeting by a majority of at least two thirds of those present and voting. Honorary members shall be elected for life and shall enjoy membership of the Club without any obligation to pay an annual subscription and they shall be entitled to all the privileges of ordinary Club membership.
- 3.4. The admission of all members other than honorary members shall be the provenance of the General Committee. Each candidate for election shall be proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Club in good standing and, except in the case of a candidate who is a player proposed for membership of the senior squad, the candidates name, address and occupation with the names of his proposer and seconder shall be posted on the Club Notice Board for at least fourteen days prior to election by the General Committee. Any member wishing to voice any objection to the election of a candidate must do so to a member of the General Committee before the election and the General Committee shall have regard to but will not be bound in any way by such objection. The mode of election shall be by ballot of the General Committee at which at least five members of that Committee shall vote and at which a majority of two thirds of those voting shall be necessary for election. Candidates duly admitted shall pay the current subscription and entrance fee (if any) before using the Club grounds.
- 3.5. Every member shall be bound by the provisions of this Constitution and by any regulations which the General Committee is empowered to make for the

proper conduct of the Club and for the use of the Club grounds and premises.

- 3.6. Every member (other than life members, honorary members and temporary members) shall be bound to pay punctually his annual subscription and any other sums due by him to the Club. Failure to pay the annual subscription or any other sums due to the Club within one month after formal demand therefor may involve loss of membership if the General Committee should so decide. No person who has lost his membership shall be re-elected a member unless all sums previously owing to the Club shall have been paid and upon payment of such re-entry fee as may be fixed by the General Committee.
- 3.7. Any member wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Honorary Secretary.
- 3.8. A member shall on payment of his annual subscription receive a membership card for that season and he shall, when required, produce his card on entry to the Club grounds and premises.
- 3.9. Each member shall be entitled to receive a copy of this Constitution free of charge. A copy of the Constitution and of any regulations of the General Committee made hereunder shall at all times be available in the club premises for inspection by a member.
- 3.10. Players, officials and members of a visiting Club playing against a Club XV, visiting teams using the Club grounds with the permission of the General Committee and all referees and touch judges in such matches, and committee members of the Irish Rugby Football Union and of the Munster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union while visiting the Club grounds and premises, are hereby constituted temporary members of the Club for the duration of such visit.
- 3.11.1 The General Committee shall have power to terminate or suspend the membership of any member who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the Constitution or Rules of the Club or who shall be guilty of any conduct unworthy of a member of the Club or detrimental to or likely to endanger the

welfare or good order of the Club.

- 3.11.2 In the event of a formal complaint being made against a member, the General Committee shall, as soon as is practicable and in any event not later than the second meeting of the General Committee following the lodging of the complaint, appoint five of its members, of whom two at least shall be Honorary Officers of the Club, to form a Disciplinary Sub-Committee to hear and determine the complaint. On its appointment, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall have delegated to it the power to terminate membership specified in Article 3.11.1 above. The General Committee shall appoint the Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee. There shall be no discussion of the substance of the complaint by the General Committee other than for the purpose of appointing the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
- 3.11.3 The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall convene within seven days of its appointment and shall immediately thereafter give written notice to the member or members concerned of the nature of the complaint and of its intention to investigate the complaint. The notice shall inform the member concerned of his right to attend personally before the Sub-Committee to give such explanation or defence, orally or in writing, as he may think fit. No member shall be entitled to be represented by any other person at such meeting unless a member shall be so ill as to be unable to attend, or shall be absent from the country, in which case he may nominate a member of the General Committee (other than a member of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee) to represent him. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall not be bound to disclose the name of any person involved in the enquiry to the member the subject of the complaint. In all respects, the enquiry shall be carried out in an objectively fair manner. On completion of the enquiry, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall make its decision as soon as is practicable and if the complaint shall be found justified the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall suspend or terminate the membership of the member concerned, unless there are exceptional mitigating circumstances, in which latter case they may decide not to impose any sanction. The decision shall be notified in writing to the Chairman of the General Committee and to the member concerned.



- 3.11.4 If the member concerned shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, he may appeal to the General Committee by delivering notice of his appeal to the Honorary Secretary of the General Committee at the Club House within seven days of his having received notice of the decision. Any such appeal shall be conducted by the General Committee as an enquiry de novo into the complaint and the method of the enquiry shall be the same as for the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, mutatis mutandis. A member may not appeal against part only of the decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee. The members of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, nor a member of the General Committee nominated to represent the member concerned under the provisions of Article 3.11.3. above, shall not attend any part of the enquiry on appeal.
- 3.11.5 The decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, if not appealed, shall be binding on all parties from the expiry of the time limited for appeal. The decision of the General Committee shall be binding immediately on notification of the decision to the member concerned.
- 3.11.6 The member the subject of any complaint shall be deemed to have received notice of the decision (whether of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee or of the General Committee on appeal) on the day following the posting of the same by ordinary prepaid post, unless that day shall be a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday, in which case the notice shall be deemed to have been received on the next ordinary business day.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 4.1. All subscriptions fall due in advance on the first day of September in each year. Members who have not paid their subscriptions shall not be entitled to apply for and receive tickets for international or other representative fixtures.
- 4.2. The rate of annual subscription for each category of member (other than a paid up life member) shall be determined from time to time by resolution by a simple majority of the Annual General Meeting of the Club, or failing this by the General Committee.

- 4.3. A member shall become a paid up life member on payment of such sum being not less than £500 as may from time to time be determined by the General Committee.
- 4.4. The General Committee shall have power to introduce and determine the amount of an entry fee in respect of new members, and of any re-entry fee for lapsed members. The requirement of an entry fee shall apply only during the periods specified in the resolution of the General Committee and shall then lapse unless renewed by a further resolution.
- 4.5. The General Committee shall have power to waive an annual subscription in the case of a member who is temporarily absent abroad.

#### ADMINISTRATION, COMMITTEES AND MANAGEMENT

- 5.1.1 The Honorary Officers of the Club shall be the President, the immediate Past-President, the Senior Vice-President, the Junior Vice-President, the First XV Captain (who shall also be and is hereinafter referred to as the Club Captain), the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Fixtures Secretary, the Munster Branch Delegate, the Public Relations Officer and the Club Registrar.
- 5.1.2 The Honorary Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and, on election, they shall hold office until the opening of the next succeeding Annual General Meeting, provided that casual vacancies during a season may be filled on a temporary basis by the Management Committee. Where the Annual General Meeting, for any reason, fails to elect or appoint any Honorary Officer, the Management Committee shall have power to appoint a member as an Honorary Officer to fill the vacancy.
- 5.2. The affairs of the Club shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, be administered by the Management Committee which shall be comprised of the members specified in clause 5.4.1 below. The Management Committee shall be assisted by the following Standing Sub-Committees, namely, the Rugby

Sub-Committee, the Finance and Planning Sub-Committee, the Grounds Sub-Committee and the Operations Sub-Committee. The Management Committee may appoint such other Sub-Committees as may be required from time to time in addition to the Standing Sub-Committees. All Sub-Committees shall be subordinate to the Management Committee and shall operate in the areas allocated to them by the Management Committee from time to time. All decisions of the Sub-Committees shall be in accord with the guidelines to be laid down by the Management Committee; further, subject to the proviso below, the approval of the Management Committee shall be obtained before any decision of a Sub-Committee which shall or may affect persons other than Club members shall be acted upon: PROVIDED that, following consultation among themselves, a majority of the President, the Honorary Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Rugby Sub-Committee may make an agreement with a player so that the player becomes a member of and player for the Club. The Management Committee shall be responsible to the members for its own actions and for those of the various Sub-Committees.

- 5.3. There shall be an Emergency Sub-Committee comprising the President, the Senior Vice-President, the Honorary Treasurer, the immediate Past-President, the Honorary Secretary, the Chairman of the Rugby Committee, the Club Captain, the Honorary Fixtures Secretary and the Munster Branch Delegate. The Emergency Sub-Committee shall have plenipotentiary powers to act in the best interests of the Club if an emergency should arise requiring such immediate action that a meeting of the Management Committee could not be practicably convened in time. The quorum for a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee shall be five. The Emergency Sub-Committee shall only be entitled to take such limited action as will preserve or recover (if possible) the status quo ante until a meeting of the Management Committee can be convened. The Emergency Sub-Committee shall only discuss the specific matter for which the meeting has been called and if any Club member is affected by that matter he shall be notified in due time and given a reasonable opportunity to attend or to nominate another member to attend on his behalf.
- 5.4.1 The Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of the Honorary Officers, and not more than five other

ordinary members. The Management Committee shall have power to co-opt up to four other members. No employee or servant of the Club shall be entitled to be a member of the Management Committee, whether or not he or she would otherwise qualify as a member.

- 5.4.2 As soon as may be practicable after its election, the Management Committee shall appoint a Chairman for each of the Standing Sub-Committees, and for such other Sub-Committees as may be established. No member may be appointed a Chairman of a Standing Sub-Committee unless he shall have been elected or co-opted as a member of the Management Committee.
- 5.4.3 Subject to the approval of the Management Committee, which must always be obtained, the Chairman of each Sub-Committee may appoint from the ordinary Club members persons to be members of their Sub-Committees.
- 5.4.4 The Management Committee may by resolution require any Sub-Committee to do or refrain from doing any particular thing or things, and such resolution shall be communicated to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee concerned by the Honorary Secretary.
- 5.4.5 For the avoidance of doubt, all funds collected or acquired for the benefit of the Club shall be administered by the Management Committee, and any funds acquired or collected by or on behalf of any Sub-Committee shall be handed over to the Honorary Treasurer as soon as may be after they shall have been collected or acquired. In the administration of moneys collected by or on behalf of a Sub-Committee, the Management Committee shall have regard to the wishes of the Sub-Committee in the matter of their disbursement, but shall not be bound thereby.
- 5.4.6 With the exception of the Selection Sub-Committees, the Honorary Secretary shall be notified of all meetings of the several Sub-Committees and any Honorary Officer may attend the meeting of any Sub-Committee and vote thereat.
- 5.5. The Management Committee shall have power to engage, dismiss, retire or

make redundant such servants, employees and agents as it may deem necessary.

- 5.6. The Management Committee may, at its discretion, invite any person, whether or not a member of the Club, to attend one or more of its meetings for a specific purpose. No such invited person shall have a vote at the meeting of the Management Committee.
- 5.7. The President shall chair all meetings of the Management Committee or, failing him, the Senior Vice-President or, failing him, the next most senior (in terms of years of service) Honorary Officer present.
- 5.8. The Management Committee shall be answerable to the members of the Club in general meeting.
- 5.9.1 There shall be a Standing Review Committee of the Club which shall comprise the Trustees for the time being and the Past Presidents of the second and third years preceding the Rugby season in question. If either of these Past Presidents shall be unable or unwilling to act as a member of the Standing Review Committee, then the Management Committee shall be responsible to appoint, with his consent, the next most recent Past President of the Club who shall be willing to serve.
- 5.9.2 The function of the Standing Review Committee shall be to review, at least twice a year, the work of the Management Committee, and for this purpose, they shall meet with the Management Committee. The Standing Review Committee may meet more frequently if they shall so wish and the Chairman of each meeting of the Standing Review Committee shall be the senior Trustee present. A quorum for a meeting of the Standing Review Committee shall be four. The Standing Review Committee shall have all the rights and entitlement of the ordinary members to review the performance of the Management Committee and ask any questions in relation to its operations.
- 5.9.3 The Chairman of the Standing Review Committee shall notify the Honorary Secretary of the date on which the Standing Review Committee wishes to

meet with the Management Committee, and the Honorary Secretary shall be responsible to notify all the members of the Management Committee and to convene the meeting, on not less than fourteen days' notice. Not less than one week prior to each such meeting, the Honorary Treasurer shall circulate to the members of the Review Committee up to date unaudited Management Accounts of the Club so that the members of the Standing Review Committee may have the opportunity to study these accounts prior to the meeting.

- 5.9.4 In addition to the ordinary meetings between the Standing Review Committee and the Management Committee, the Standing Review Committee may call for such other extraordinary meetings as shall seem necessary or appropriate to them.
- 5.9.5 The Standing Review Committee shall report in detail to the members at the Annual General Meeting of the review meetings held during the year.
- 5.10. The Management Committee and the Standing Sub-Committees shall meet at not less than monthly intervals.
- 5.11. The quorum for a meeting of the Management Committee shall be seven. The quorum for each Sub-Committee shall be a majority of the members of that Sub-Committee.
- 5.12. All references in other provisions of this Constitution to the "General Committee" shall be construed as references to the "Management Committee".
- 5.13. The Chairman of any committee or sub-committee meeting shall have a second or casting vote in the event of a tie of votes.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

6. The General Committee may make such rules and regulations for the good government of the Club as they think fit. Such rules on being posted in the Club Pavilion shall become binding on the members. No such rule shall have any force if it is inconsistent with this Constitution. Any such rule may be

revoked or amended in the same manner as it was made.

### ACCOUNTS

7. All funds of the Club shall be at the disposal of and under the control of the General Committee and the Honorary Treasurer shall keep complete and accurate records thereof. Payments out of the Club funds shall be made only out of the Club's current account by cheque signed by such persons (not being less than two) as the General Committee shall from time to time determine. Any member holding moneys belonging to the Club shall hand over the same to the Honorary Treasurer who shall lodge them in to a Bank account of the Club. Regulations may be made from time to time by the General Committee relating to the keeping of Club accounts and the collection and disposition of all Club funds.

### BORROWING POWERS

- 8.1 If at any time it is proposed that the members in general meeting should pass a resolution authorising the General Committee to borrow money, then the following procedure shall be strictly followed:
- (i) The General Committee shall prepare a report in writing, for presentation to the General Meeting, giving broad details of the purpose or purposes for which the money is required, with estimates of how the expenditure is to be apportioned, the proposed sources of the funds and the cost of borrowing such proportion of the total expenditure as may be required;
  - (ii) This report shall also be submitted to the Club Trustees not less than fourteen days prior to the general meeting who shall meet as soon as may be to consider the report and give their written advices thereon to the General Meeting;
  - (iii) Upon such authority as aforesaid being received from the General Meeting, the General Committee shall thereupon be empowered to

borrow for the purposes of the Club such authorised amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be determined by the General Committee within the terms of the authority of the General Meeting and in particular (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing) by the issue of debentures, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other obligations or securities of the Club or by mortgage or charge upon all or any part of the property of the Club and thereupon the Club Trustees shall at the direction of the General Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the General Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest.

- 8.2. All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not, and all person becoming 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.

#### **POWERS TO DEAL WITH PROPERTY**

- 9.1. The General Committee, notwithstanding the proviso concerning disposal of lands hereinbefore contained, shall have power to make temporary leases or lettings of part of the Club grounds for any period not exceeding four months and shall have power to purchase, take in exchange or on lease or fee farm grant or otherwise acquire any real or personal property, or any estate or interest therein, or any rights or easements over any property or any rights or privileges which the General Committee may think necessary or convenient for the benefit of the Club upon such terms as the General Committee may determine and to sell, lease, grant, sub-lease, sub-grant, exchange, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property or assets of the Club **PROVIDED ALWAYS** that any disposal of any of the lands of the Club (unless such disposal is being effected by a Bank in the course of exercising its security) must be sanctioned by an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club called for that purpose.



- 9.2. The General Committee, in the course of or following upon the exercise of the Borrowing Powers in accord with Articles 8.1. and 8.2. and to implement the requirements of any lender, shall have power to mortgage or charge, grant debentures or any other form of security over all or any part of the land property or assets of the Club and may require the Club Trustees to execute all necessary documents and comply with all other requirements of any lender in order to complete the business satisfactorily.

#### CONTINUITY OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

10. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that the General Committee established by this Constitution is the successor in title to the Committee of the Club under the previous Constitutions of the Club.

#### MEMBERS NOT TO BENEFIT

11. No member shall, except for services rendered at the request of the General Committee, under any circumstances or in any manner receive any profit, salary, or payment of any kind from the funds or transactions of the Club. The funds, moneys and property of the Club belong to the members as members of the Club and are not for the benefit of any individual member. In the event that the Club should become defunct or should be wound up, then, after the disbursement of all liabilities of the Club, the surplus assets shall be at the disposal of the Patrons of the Club and the Trustees to be applied by them for such purposes as closely similar to the objects of this Club as is practicable.

#### TRUSTEES

- 12.1. There shall be three Trustees of the Club and not more than three. All the funds and property of the Club shall be vested in the Club Trustees who shall hold the same on behalf of the Club but cash and bank balances shall be administered by the General Committee as hereinbefore provided. The Trustees shall have power to dispose of, mortgage and otherwise deal with the Club property solely in accordance with the resolution to that effect passed by the General Committee, the terms of which shall be confirmed in writing to the

Trustees and signed by the President of the Club.

- 12.2. The Trustees may when authorised so to do by the General Committee guarantee on behalf of the Club the repayment of money (including interest thereon) advanced by a Bank to the Club. No personal liability whatsoever shall attach to any Trustee except to the extent of such funds of the Club as may actually be received by him or be in his control and the Trustees shall be indemnified by the Club in respect of any expenses or costs incurred by them or any of them arising out of the discharge of their duties. Any guarantee given by the Trustees shall be binding on the Club and a copy of the resolution authorising the giving of a Guarantee, duly signed by the President or by the Chairman of the Committee meeting at which the resolution was adopted shall be sent to the Trustees and to the Bank.
- 12.3. The Club Trustees shall be elected by the Members of the Club in general meeting. Any Club Trustee may be removed from Office by a resolution passed by a majority of the members present and voting thereon at an annual or extraordinary general meeting, provided that notice of the moving of a resolution to this effect shall be given in the notice convening the general meeting. Unless so removed, every Club Trustee shall hold office until death or resignation. No member shall be elected a Club Trustee without his consent in writing having been previously obtained. In case of a vacancy in the office of Trustee, and pending the filling of the vacancy at a General Meeting, the surviving trustees or trustee shall have power to act notwithstanding any such vacancy.
- 12.4. Each Trustee shall be entitled to attend, participate and vote at meetings of the General Committee if he should so wish.

#### **PERSONAL BELONGING AND DAMAGE OF CLUB PROPERTY**

- 13.1. All personal belongings of members, visitors and others, brought to or kept at or left on the premises of the Club (whether in the Clubhouse or otherwise) shall be at the sole risk of the owners and the Club shall not be responsible for any loss or damage thereto howsoever arising.

- 13.2. Any member damaging Club property shall be liable to make good the loss. The amount of the loss shall be determined by the General Committee and upon such determination the amount shall be deemed to be a liquidated debt due by the member concerned to the Club.
- 13.3. No property of the Club shall be removed from the Club premises except by the authority of the General Committee.

### SELECTION OF TEAMS

- 14.1. At each Annual General Meeting there shall be elected a Club Coach. The Club Coach, the Club Captain and the Chairman of the Rugby Committee shall form the Selection Sub-Committee and they shall have the power, subject to the over-riding control of the General Committee as provided in clause 5.5, to co-opt selectors for the First, Second, Third and Under 20s teams up to a maximum of five selectors for each team, of whom the team captain and coach shall be ex officio selectors.
- 14.2. The Selection Committee may, at its discretion, co-opt additional non-playing members to attend matches and to advise in the selection of teams, but such persons shall have no power to vote in any selection.
- 14.3. The Selection Committee shall have power to determine the dates and times of its meetings or of those of its sub-committees and to regulate the manner in which such meetings shall be conducted.
- 14.4. In the case of any doubt as to Club policy or as to the eligibility of a player, the Selection Committee shall submit such matter for decision to the Rugby Club Committee.
- 14.5. The Selection Committee shall ensure that all teams selected shall be posted on to the Club Notice Board and that all selected players shall be informed of the dates and venues of matches.

## VISITORS

15. Non-members are not permitted to use the Club grounds except when engaged in inter-club contests or open tournaments. The General Committee may however make provision from time to time allowing visitors to use the grounds on such terms as to payment or otherwise and at such times as the General Committee shall appoint.

## EXCLUSION FROM CLUB

- 16.1 Any person who has been expelled from the Club or any candidate who has been rejected for membership of the Club shall not be admissible into the Clubhouse or into the Club grounds as a guest or otherwise.
- 16.2 No person other than a member of the Club shall be entitled to receive any refreshment in the Clubhouse or pavilion except on the invitation and in the company of a member.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

- 17.1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 31st day of May in each year. Notice of the Annual General Meeting may be given in either of the following ways:
  - (a) By not less than 14 days notice in writing addressed to all the paid up members entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings (although the non-receipt of such notice by a member shall not invalidate the meeting); or
  - (b) By publication in a conspicuous position on the notice board in the Clubhouse of notice of the Annual General Meeting for not less than twenty-eight days prior to the Annual General Meeting supported by an advertisement published in a newspaper circulating in Limerick not less than fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting. The notice on the Notice Board shall contain the agenda but the publication in the

newspaper shall be required simply to notify the place, date and time of the Annual General Meeting.

17.2. The business to be considered at each Annual General Meeting shall include the following items:

- (a) To receive the annual report of the General Committee, the balance sheet and the audited statement of accounts for the preceding year;
- (b) To elect officers for the Club and members to the incoming General Committee;
- (c) To elect trustees of the Club in place of any who have died, resigned, or otherwise ceased to be trustees;
- (d) To elect such persons to honorary membership of the Club as may be nominated by the Executive Committee;
- (e) To fix the annual Subscription;
- (f) To transact any other business of which not less than seven (7) days notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary in writing; and
- (g) To transact any other business that may arise with the consent of the President.

17.3. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club shall be called at any time by the Honorary Secretary either on a requisition signed by twenty (20) members in good standing whose subscriptions have been fully paid up or on the direction of the General Committee.

17.4. At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club only the business specified in the Notice of such meeting shall be discussed and decided.

17.5. Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given in the same manner

as Notice of an Annual General Meeting, mutatis mutandis.

- 17.6. The Quorum for any general meeting shall be thirty (30) members and if a quorum shall not be present within half an hour of the time for which the meeting is called the meeting shall be adjourned for 14 days (or such longer time not exceeding 28 days as the Chairman may nominate) and notice of the adjourned date and time shall be posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse and the Quorum at the adjourned meeting shall be the members actually attending.

### EXCISABLE LIQUOR

- 18.1 No Club Trustee, Member of the General Committee, manager or servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquor in the Club or in the profits arising from such sale.
- 18.2 The sale and supply of wines, spirits, beers, intoxicating and excisable liquors to the Club members shall be controlled by the General Committee on behalf of the members.
- 18.3. 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 -
- (a) On any week day before the hour of half past ten o'clock in the morning, or
    - (i) During a period of Summer time, after the hour of half-past eleven o'clock in the evening, or
    - (ii) During a period which is not a period of Summer time, after the hour of eleven o'clock in the evening, or
  - (b) On any Sunday, before the hour of half-past twelve o'clock in the afternoon or between the hours of two o'clock and four o'clock in the

afternoon or after the hour of eleven o'clock in the evening, or

(c) On St. Patrick's Day, where the day falls on a weekday, before the hour of half-past twelve o'clock in the afternoon or after the hour of eleven o'clock in the evening, or

(d) At any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday.

18.4. Nothing contained in the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 to 1986 or any amendments thereto or contained by virtue only of the operation of the immediately preceding sub-clause 18.3 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) During a period of summertime, between the hours of half-past eleven o'clock in the evening on any week day and half-past twelve o'clock in the morning on the following day, or

(b) During a period which is not a period of Summer time between the hours of eleven o'clock in the evening on any weekday and half past twelve o'clock in the morning on the following day, or

(c) On any Sunday, between the hours of two o'clock and three o'clock in the afternoon, or

(d) On Christmas Day between the hours of one o'clock and three o'clock in the afternoon or between the hours of seven o'clock and ten o'clock in the evening,

if, in each case, the excisable liquor is

(i) Ordered by that person at the same time as a substantial meal is ordered by him,

(ii) Consumed at the same time as and with the meal,

- (iii) Supplied and consumed in the portion of Club premises usually set apart for the supply of meals, and
  - (iv) Paid for at the same time as the meal is paid for.
- 18.5 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied to any visitor to the Club unless on the invitation and in the company of a member and that member shall, upon the admission of such a visitor to the Club premises or immediately on his being supplied with such liquor, enter his name and the name and address of the visitor in a book which shall be kept for the purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.
- 18.6 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to members and within the hours specified above.
- 18.7 No excisable liquor will be sold or supplied to any person under the age of eighteen years.

#### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 19.1. Amendments to this Constitution may (save and except as is provided in the next succeeding sub-paragraph of this clause 19.1) only be made at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club of which notice in writing, specifying the proposed amendment, has been given to the members. At any such meeting, no amendment or alteration shall be valid unless it is passed by a two thirds majority of those members entitled to vote who are present and vote.
- 19.2. The General Committee shall have power to alter or amend in any way the provisions of Article 18 for the purpose (and for that purpose only) of complying with the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Acts 1904 - 1962 or the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1960 or any Act of the Oireachtas which may be passed amending the said Acts.



Notice of any such alteration or addition made by the General Committee shall forthwith be posted in the Club premises.

This Constitution was adopted at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club held on Thursday the 12th day of May 1988.

\_\_\_\_\_ President  
Seamus A. Gubbins

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Vice President  
Thomas Hogan

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Vice President  
Brendan McElduff

\_\_\_\_\_ Captain First XV  
Robert Roche

\_\_\_\_\_ Honorary Secretary  
Colm Kennedy

\_\_\_\_\_ Honorary Treasurer  
Martin Gavin

FIRST AMENDMENT

This present document comprises the original Constitution as adopted along with the amendments passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club held on 29th May 1996.

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DON REDDAN  
PRESIDENT

DALE HARROW  
HONORARY SECRETARY