**RULES OF THE CLONTARF FOOTBALL CLUB**

1.1. The Club shall be called THE CLONTARF FOOTBALL CLUB

1.2. The main objects of the Club shall be to play and foster football according to the Rules of the Irish Rugby Football Union.

2. The playing colours of the Club shall be -

 jerseys - royal blue and scarlet, 4” (10cm) horizontal stripes,

 shorts - white,

 stockings- royal blue and scarlet, broad horizontal stripes.

3.1. The Club shall consist of -

 pavilion members,

 playing members,

 schoolboy and schoolgirl members,

life members (appointed under the life membership scheme of July, 1992, and such other life members as may be appointed from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Club, so long as the total number of such life members, howsoever appointed, shall not exceed sixty),

family members

honorary life members (elected in accordance with Rule 19),

 honorary members (in accordance with Rule 20.1),

honorary touring members (in accordance with rule 20.2).

3.2. Schoolboy and schoolgirl members, honorary members and honorary touring members shall not be entitled to take any part in the control or management of the Club, to convene a Special General Meeting in accordance with Rule 16, or to propose or second an applicant for membership of the Club.

3.3. Family members shall comprise at least one adult and one child provided the adult is a parent or guardian of at least one child participating in underage rugby in the Club, such child being eligible to be a schoolboy or schoolgirl member. Such family members shall only be entitled to exercise a single vote per family membership at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club.

4. Applicants may be admitted to membership of the Club by ballot of the Executive Committee. Such applicants must be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club, one of whom must be a member of the Executive Committee of the Club. The names and addresses of such applicants shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club’s premises for at least one week before ballot, and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and ballot, but this rule is without prejudice to Rules 19 and 20. On ballot, one dissent in four shall exclude an applicant from membership.

 5.1. The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the Club and shall consist of -

 the immediate Past- President

one other Past- President (who shall be nominated by, and hold office at the pleasure of. the past Presidents),

the President,

the Club Chairman,

the Senior Executive Vice- President,

the Honorary Secretary,

the Honorary Treasurer,

the Chairman of the Rugby Sub-Committee,

the Chairman of the Administration Sub-Committee,

the Chairman of the Marketing and Finance Sub-Committee,

the Mini and Youth Rugby Representative.

such other person or persons as may be co-opted by the Executive Committee of the Club, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6.2.

5.2. The Executive Committee shall meet periodically for the transaction of the Club’s business, at intervals of not more than three weeks during the football season, and at intervals of not more than six weeks during the close season, and shall do all things necessary for the proper management of the Club in accordance with the Club’s Rules.

5.3. The attendance of five members at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum. The Club Chairman (or failing him such member of the Executive Committee as shall be agreed by a majority of the Executive Committee present) shall be the chairman at an Executive Committee meeting and such chairman shall have a deliberate as well as a casting vote.

5.4. In the event of any member of the Executive Committee, other than the Past-President nominated by the Past-Presidents, failing to attend three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall have power to declare a vacancy. If a vacancy so occurs, the Executive Committee shall have power to fill the vacancy.

6.1. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee immediately following the Annual General Meeting or, if not possible then, as soon as possible after the first meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint the following –

a Rugby Sub-Committee, chaired by the Chairman of Rugby Sub-Committee (including the Representative on the Leinster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union, a Mini and Youth Rugby Representative, the Fixtures Secretary, a Junior Rugby Co-ordinator, and one other Club member nominated by the Chairman of Rugby and approved by majority of members of the Rugby Sub-Committee,

a Marketing and Finance Sub-Committee (including the Bar Manager and the ~~an~~ Honorary Membership Secretary),

an Administration Sub-Committee (including the Fire and Safety Officer, a representative of the Grounds Sub-Committee and three representatives to the Joint Committee of the Clontarf Football and Cricket Clubs),

the Mini and Youth Rugby Representative,

the Honorary Membership Secretary.

6.2. The Executive Committee may also at any time make such other appointments, or appoint such other Sub-Committees (including where necessary a Chairman of each Sub-Committee) as it may consider necessary and expedient and may co-opt such other member or members, subject to a maximum of two such appointments

6.3. The functions, powers and duties of all members or Sub-Committees appointed under this Rule shall be decided by the Executive Committee, and all such members and Sub-Committees shall be controlled by, and answerable to, the Executive Committee.

6.4. Members appointed to positions or to Sub-Committees under this Rule shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Committee, or until the next Annual General Meeting, whichever is earlier.

6.5. The Chairman of any Sub-Committee under this Rule, or in his absence an acting-Chairman, shall have a deliberate as well as a casting vote.

6.6. The President, the Club Chairman, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all Committees of the Club other than any Disciplinary Sub-Committee.

7. The Rugby Sub-Committee shall arrange for the selection of all football teams of the Club, and for the appointment and/or removal of captains, coaches and managers to each team. The Rugby Sub-Committee may delegate such powers as they see fit, and the exercise of all powers, whether delegated or not, shall be subject to review by the Executive Committee.

8.1. The Members subscription shall become due and payable on the 1st of `July annually and any member whose subscription remains unpaid on 1st of the following November shall be liable to have membership revoked by the Executive Committee. Such action by the Executive Committee shall be preceded by at least 14 days written notice to the member concerned, by the Honorary Secretary.

8.2. No person shall be considered a member until that person’s first subscription shall have been paid, save in the case of prospective playing members who may join and avail of the facilities and privileges of the Club during the close season. Such prospective members shall be deemed temporary members of the club and must have their applications put forward at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

8.3. Such temporary membership shall be granted without prejudice to any subsequent decision of the Executive Committee with regard to suitability for membership.

9.1. Any amendment to the level of membership subscription shall be recommended by the Executive Committee to the Annual General Meeting, but shall not take effect unless ratified by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

9.2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to introduce an annual redeemable levy not exceeding €50 on members. The amount of such levy may be redeemed against goods or services in the Club’s bar or shop. In addition the Executive Committee shall have the power to introduce a further annual levy not exceeding €10 on members which will be applied to the purchase on behalf of the member of a ticket for the IRFU Your Club Your Country Draw, or such other fundraising draw as the Executive Committee will determine.

10. Payment of a member’s subscription shall entitle the member to the use and privileges of the Club’s premises in respect of the year for which such subscription is paid, or for such other period as the Executive Committee shall decide.

11.1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to see that correct accounts and books, showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club, and a Club Register, showing the names and addresses of all members, are kept.

11.2. Annual accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.

12. All members of the Club shall be bound by the Rules of the Club, and the Executive Committee shall have power to make and/or vary such Bye-Laws and Regulations as it deems necessary for the proper management and welfare of the Club, and upon notice of same being posted in the Club’s premises, all members shall be deemed to have notice thereof and shall be bound thereby.

13. Minutes shall be recorded and maintained of all resolutions and proceedings of the Executive Committee, of all Sub-Committees and of all General Meetings of the Club. All minutes signed by the Chairman, who shall preside at the meeting at which such minutes are read, shall be sufficient evidence of the matters therein contained.

14.1. The Executive Committee may by a majority of not less than two thirds of its full membership and voting at an Executive Committee meeting suspend temporarily, to be ratified at a special General Meeting held within thirty days of the suspension, any elected nominated officer from membership of the Executive Committee and from the elected office, any elected nominated officer guilty of conduct which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is harmful to the Club. or any elected nominated officer whose conduct in the opinion of the Executive Committee makes it desirable that that officer should cease to be an elected nominated officer and member of the Executive Committee.

14.2. The Executive Committee may suspend temporarily or permanently from membership of the Club any member guilty of conduct which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is harmful to the Club or any member whose conduct in the opinion of the Executive Committee makes it desirable that he should cease to be a member of the Club

14.3. Such member shall have a right of appeal to a Special General Meeting of the Club convened in accordance with Rule 16.

15.1 The annual general meeting of the Club shall be held not later than the end of June in each year at which there shall be elected -

the President (who shall have been an Executive Vice President or a Past-President),

four Executive Vice- Presidents (one of whom shall be designated the Senior Executive Vice-President),

the Club Chairman,

the Honorary Secretary,

the Honorary Treasurer,

the Chairman of the Rugby Sub-Committee,

the Chairman of the Administration Sub-Committee,

the Chairman of the Marketing and Finance Sub-Committee,

the Auditors,

the Fire and Safety Officer

15.2. The reports of the President, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer (including the Club’s annual accounts) and the Joint Committee of the Clontarf Football and Cricket Clubs shall be submitted to the meeting and any other relevant business transacted.

15.3 Seven days previous notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting, and of the business to be transacted thereat, shall be given to the members, and notices of motion for consideration at such meeting must be received in writing by the Honorary Secretary on, or before, the 20th of May immediately preceding such meeting. For the purposes of this rule and any others requiring written notification, notification by electronic means shall suffice for those members who have agreed to accept notification in this form.

15.4. An amendment or amendments to any motion brought before the Annual General Meeting, or before any Special General Meeting convened in accordance with Rule 16, shall be received by the Chairman who shall preside at the meeting, and shall be put by him to the meeting, provided he is satisfied that such amendment or amendments is or are in order.

15.5. At such Annual General Meeting, and at any such Special General Meeting, the President for the time being shall act as Chairman, or failing him the next most recent Past-President present, or failing that such Chairman as shall be elected by the majority of members present and voting. Such Chairman shall have a deliberate as well as a casting vote.

15.6. Should a vote of “No Confidence” be moved on the ruling of the Chairman of such meeting, such vote must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

16. A Special General Meeting may be convened by the Executive Committee, or shall be convened upon a requisition thereof being received by the Honorary Secretary, signed by at least fourteen members and stating the object of the proposed meeting. Such meeting shall be convened on a date not later than three weeks from such receipt as aforesaid, and members shall receive seven days notice of such meeting.

17. The quorum necessary for an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be thirty members.

18.1. Subject to Rule 25, no rule of the Club shall be made, or existing rule altered, unless a two-thirds majority of the members present at a General Meeting vote in favour thereof.

18.2. Voting at all General Meetings, at meetings of the Executive Committee and of all Sub-Committees of the Club, shall be personal and not by proxy.

19. The Executive Committee shall have power to elect honorary life members in recognition of exceptional services rendered to the Club, the number of such honorary life members not to exceed 10.

20.1. Members of visiting Clubs playing in the Club’s grounds shall, for the day of the match, be honorary members of the Club.

20.2. Members of foreign clubs who have visited the Club or played against a club side may be elected honorary touring members by the Executive Committee.

21.1. There shall be at least two Trustees, such Trustees being elected at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting. Each Trustee shall hold office until he shall resign, be absent from Ireland for one year, cease to be a member and for such or other reason be removed from office by a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of the Club. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Trustee, the Executive Committee may by resolution appoint a new Trustee to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting. The surviving Trustee or Trustees shall have power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in the number of Trustees.

21.2. The Trustees shall hold all property of the Club subject to the directions of the Executive Committee and, subject to the provisions of paragraph 21.3 below, which shall prevail, may with the sanction of a resolution of the Executive Committee, invest, sell, exchange, partition, let, lease, licence, lend, borrow, mortgage, charge, guarantee, develop, enter into joint ventures or otherwise deal with ,dispose or apply the same or any income there from as the Executive Committee may from to time determine, provided always that a certificate signed by the Chairman for the time being of the Executive Committee at which such resolution was passed, shall be conclusive evidence of the passing of such resolution and of the terms of such resolution. The members of the Club shall indemnify the Trustees against all losses or expenses they may properly incur.

21.3. No part of the Club’s grounds, premises or buildings, whether owned solely or jointly, shall be sold, leased, exchanged or partitioned unless ratified by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of the Club.

21.4. Every Trustee, every member of the Executive Committee for the time being and every employee of the Club or person holding office having been appointed by the Executive Committee (each an “official”), and his executors, administrators and personal representatives, shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Club from and against all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, losses, damages and expenses which he shall or may incur or sustain by reason or on account of any act or omission by him on behalf of the Club or by reason or on account of any liability incurred by him in his capacity as such official or any loss or diminution in value of the property of the Club, provided always that such liability, loss or diminution in value was not incurred through his own fraud or gross negligence and that his actions or omissions were undertaken for the benefit of the Club.

21.5. Nothing in this Rule shall preclude the Trustees from allowing any monies, which shall come into the hands of the Executive Committee, to be retained by it or held under it’s control either in hand or in a bank and to be applied by it for the purposes of the Club.

22.1. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the main object(s) as set forth in these Rules. No portion of the Club’s income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Club. No Officer of the Club appointed to any office of the Club shall be 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. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of -

1. reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Club (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the Club;
2. interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by Officers or other members of the Club to the Club;
3. reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Club (including any Officer) to the Club;
4. reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Officer in connection with his attendance to any matter affecting the Club;
5. fees, 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.

22.2. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the club under or by virtue of this Rule. Members of the Club shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.

23. The Executive Committee on behalf of the Club and its members may resolve to borrow money from time to time whenever required in such amounts and at such rates of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as to them shall appear necessary and proper. The total amount of money borrowed shall not save as hereafter provided at any time exceed the sum of €400,000. Where the Executive Committee considers it necessary and proper to borrow money for the purposes of the Club in excess of the said limit they shall have power to do so only when so authorised by a Resolution passed by the members of the Club at a General Meeting and only at such time or times and in such amount or amounts at such rates of interest in such form and manner and on such security as shall be specified in such Resolution. When the Executive Committee resolves to borrow money in accordance with this rule the Trustees shall make all such dispositions of Club property and enter into such agreements in relation to such borrowing as the Executive Committee may in accordance with the terms of any relevant Resolution deem proper for giving security for such borrowings and interest. All members of the Club shall be bound by any Resolution passed at a General Meeting authorising the Executive Committee to borrow money for the purposes of the Club, whether voting on such Resolution or not, and all persons becoming members of the Club after the passing of any such Resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they being members had voted in favour of such Resolution.

24. No addition, alteration or amendment to the following Rules, for the time being in force, shall be made unless such addition, alteration or amendment shall have been previously approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners-

a) the objects of the club, as set out in Rule 1.2.,

b) the Rules in relation to income / property and winding up as set out in Rule 22,

c) the keeping of annual accounts as set out in Rule 11.2.

25.1. A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member and that member shall, upon the admission of such visitor to the club premises, or immediately upon his/her being supplied with such liquor, enter his/her own name and address and the name and address of the visitor in a book which shall be kept for the purpose and which shall show date of each visit.

25.2. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied by the Club to any persons under the age of 18 years.

25.3. No person under the age of 18 years will be allowed into the licensed area of the Club after 9.00p.m. However, a child who is accompanied by his / her parent or guardian may be allowed into the licensed area of a club between the hours of 10.00a.m. (12.30p.m. on a Sunday) and 9.00p.m.

25.4. A child who is aged at least 15 years but under the age of 18 years and who is accompanied by his / her parent or guardian may be allowed into the licensed area of the Club on the occasion of a private function at which a substantial meal is served to persons attending the function.

25.5. No excisable liquor shall be sold for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to members of the Club, between the hours of 8 o’clock in the morning and 10 o’clock at night.

25.6. Subject to the exceptions mentioned in Subsections 2 and 3 of section 56 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1962, 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) -

on any weekday before the hour of half past 10 o’clock in the morning or,

on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday after the hour of half past 11 o’clock in the evening or,

on any Friday or Saturday after the hour of half past 12 o’clock in the morning on the following day or,

on any Sunday (except St. Patrick’s Day which falls on a Sunday) before the hour of half past 12 o’clock in the afternoon or after the hour of 11 o’clock in the evening or,

on St. Patrick’s Day before the hour of half past 12 o’clock in the afternoon or after the hour of half past 12 o’clock in the morning on the following day or,

on Christmas Eve and the Eve of Good Friday before the hour of half past 10 o’clock in the morning or after the hour of half past 11 o’clock in the evening or,

at any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday.

25.7. No member of the Executive Committee and no manager or servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or in the profits arising from such sale.

25.8. Nothing contained in the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 – 1999 or imposed only by virtue of the operation of Rule 25 of these Rules shall operate to prohibit the supplying for consumption on the Club premises of excisable liquor to any person for the consumption of excisable liquor on those premises by any person-

ordered by that person at the same as a substantial meal is ordered by him,

consumed at the same time as and with the meal,

supplied and consumed in the portion of the Club premises usually set aside for the supply of meal,

paid for at the same time as the meal is paid for.

25.9. The Executive Committee may alter or add to such Rule or Rules dealing with the supply or consumption of excisable liquor for the purpose of complying with the Licensing Laws for the time being in force, or for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the members in accordance with such laws.

25.10. In addition to the foregoing Rules and Clauses thereof the Clauses and Regulations embodied in the Registration of Clubs 1904 – 1986 and the Acts extended and amending the same shall be deemed Rules of the Club.

25.11. The relevant provisions of the Licensing Acts, 1833 to 2003, and the Registration of Clubs Acts, 1904-2003 (as defined in the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 2003), in relation to the sale, supply or consumption on the Club premises of excisable liquor, the restrictions on the presence in bars of persons under 18 years and the production of evidence of age by persons between 18 and 21 years and any Acts or Rules extending, deleting, substituting or amending the same are deemed to be incorporated in the rules of the Club and to apply accordingly.

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