

Rialacha agus Fo - Rialacha

Rules and Bye-Laws

As approved at AGM 1st February 2007

Amended 24th November 2016

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1. The official Name of the Club shall be CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL NA SÁIRSÉALAIGH LEAMHCÁIN, the English version of which shall be Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

2. The aim of the Club is to promote and foster Gaelic Games (specifically Hurling, Gaelic Football, Ladies Football & Camogie) and the aims of the GAA in the areas of Lucan and Adamstown and to provide recreational facilities in support of those aims.

3. The club official colours for all codes is green jerseys with white facings, black shorts/skorts, green, black and white ribbed socks. The alternate strip is white jerseys with green facings.

4. An Executive Committee shall be elected annually to administer the affairs of the Club. It will consist of the Club Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Registrar, PRO and three ordinary members.

The Children's Officer, Oifigeach Gaeilge, and Player's Representative are appointed to the Executive at the AGM based on the recommendation of the Outgoing Executive Committee.

Nominations for the Club Officer positions must be submitted in writing, either by hard copy or by email, to the Secretary 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. Nominations of the ordinary members will be taken at the Annual General Meeting. Those nominated must be Registered Full Members of the Club, proposed and seconded by Registered Full Members of the Club.

The election of Club Officers will take place before the nominations of ordinary members to the Executive are taken.

5. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held before the 30th November each year. All paid up Registered Full Members (over 18 on the first of January of the current year) are to be notified in writing, either by hard copy, by email, or Text/SMS message of the AGM at least 21 days prior to the fixed date. For the avoidance of doubt, the club year runs from 1st January to 31st December each year.

6. The Executive Committee, consisting of the Club Officers and other members as may be designated/elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall meet once a month or as thought necessary by the Executive. This Committee shall be responsible for all club development. A financial statement from the Treasurer shall be presented at each of these monthly meetings.

The Executive shall have the authority to fill, from within their own ranks, any vacancy that occurs in the Club Officer positions.

7. The quorum for an Executive meeting should be seven members, ideally one of whom should be the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson. In the event that neither can attend, a chairperson, for that meeting only, shall be elected from the members in attendance.

8. Members absent from three consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have retired unless a reasonable excuse has been given to the Secretary.
9. A Special General Meeting (SGM) shall be called if 12 Registered Full members sign a letter to the Club Secretary asking for such a meeting. This will be held not later than four weeks after the receipt of such a letter. All paid up Registered Full Members are to be duly notified in writing of such a meeting, either by hard copy or by email, giving at least ten day's notice.
10. Sanction for capital expenditure and non-routine items of day to day running expenditure shall only be granted at Executive Committee meetings. Routine day to day running costs may be cleared with the approval of at least two Club Officers from among the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.
11. The Annual General Meeting shall fix the annual Club subscription and only paid up Registered Full Members are entitled to attend AGMs or SGMs.
12a. Membership of the Club is confined to present Registered Full Members and in the future to persons proposed, seconded and agreed to by the Club Executive on payment of the appropriate fee. 12b. Nomination for new Full and Social Membership on New Adult Membership Application Form (LSNM1), not part of/connected to another playing membership/family plan, shall require the 2 nominees to be paid up full members of the club for at least the last 3 consecutive years. Nominations per existing member are restricted to max 2 new members in a registration year.
13. All officers, committee members, managers, co-managers, mentors, sub-committee members and all players are required to be paid up full members by the first of March each year. Regular users of the Club's facilities should be encouraged to join at their earliest convenience as per Rule 12 above.
14a. The Club President(s) and Chaplain shall have Honorary Membership. 14b. Club Members over the age of 70, who have been members of the club for at least 20 years, can be nominated for approval by the Executive for Honorary Life Membership of the club. Such nominations can be made by any full member of the club.
15a. An Adult Games meeting shall normally take place once a week, attended by the Adult Games Chairperson & Secretary, representatives from all adult teams, adult board delegates and relevant sub-committee representatives, to deal with pitch allocations, issues relating to adult games and related matters. 15b. An Adult Games committee, comprising of the Adult Games Chairperson & Secretary, and code directors, shall meet when required to deal with issues requiring decisions, and other matters relevant to the smooth running of the Adult Games section.
17. Team managers, mentors and others involved with running a team shall be appointed by the Code committee and ratified by the Executive Committee, and may only be removed by the Executive Committee if deemed appropriate. Team managers/mentors shall be responsible for the punctual attendance, gamesmanship and good conduct of their players on and off the field. They shall attend the weekly games meetings or nominate another mentor/person to represent them.
18. Serious complaints of any kind shall be considered only if submitted in writing to the Club Secretary, who shall then include same on the agenda for the monthly Executive meeting. The member or members bringing forward such a complaint must be available to meet with the sub-committee as part of the investigation. Normal standing orders shall apply in such circumstances.
19. On all matters of policy, the official guide of the Gaelic Athletic Association – “An Treoir Oifigiúil”-and the bye-laws of the various Dublin Committees with regards to football, hurling, ladies football and camogie shall be referred to as the final authority. In addition, the Club may, if accepted by a General Meeting of the Club, put such Code of Conduct as it deems appropriate in place and all Club members shall be obliged to abide by such Code when in place.
20. These rules are supplemented by the Executive Committee guidelines for managers, delegates and functionaries in relation to weekly meetings, games, training and other Club activities.

21. The three Club Trustees of the Club's real property have the right to attend and vote at any Executive meeting. The three Trustees are in addition to numbers in Rule 4.

In addition to the eleven elected Officers and the three nominated ordinary members, the Executive has the right to co-opt two further members. Any such co-opted members shall have equal rights as the three nominated ordinary members.

22. All coaches, team mentors and helpers, especially those whose teams include underage players, should have a clear knowledge of the workings and implications of the GAA Code of Behaviour, and of the Club's Code of Conduct if applicable, and should report any deviation immediately to the Club Executive.

23. All paid up adult Members (including Honorary, Life, OAP & Social members) and all paid up minor players (including life members) in that two-year category (i.e. over 16 years of age on January 1st of that year) are eligible to apply for tickets in all-ticket National League and Championship games. Only eligible members who apply will be considered in the allocation of tickets.

On occasions where a draw is required to distribute the available tickets, entry to the draw to be limited to Honorary, Life, OAP and Full members over 16 years of age on January 1st of that year. Only eligible members who apply will be considered in the allocation of tickets.

25. All paid up minor players and life members in that two-year category (i.e. over 16 years of age on January 1st of that year) are ineligible to attend the AGM or SGM.

26a. A Juvenile Games meeting shall normally take place once a fortnight, attended by the Juvenile Games Chairperson & Secretary, representatives from all juvenile teams, and relevant sub-committee representatives, to address issues relating to juvenile games and related matters.

26b. A Juvenile Games committee, comprising of the Juvenile Games Chairperson & Secretary, Code directors, Games Promotions Officer, and Children's Officer, shall meet when required to deal with aspects of juvenile games from 16 years of age down.

27. All finances and monies derived from fund raising on behalf of the Club or any team, section or committee within the club shall be controlled by the Club Executive only.

~~28. That the Official GAA Club Constitution (2021) as approved by AGM of November 2021, together with any revisions as duly approved at an AGM or SGM of the Club, shall be the Official Club Constitution and adopted by the Club.~~

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29. That where conflict occurs over the interpretation of club rules and/or club bye-laws, the official guide of the Gaelic Athletic Association "An Treoir Offigiuil" shall be referred to as the final authority.

30. Officers of the Club cannot serve for more than five consecutive years in any one office or position.

31. These rules and bye-laws supersede all previous club rules and bye-laws.