

Carrigaline Badminton Club: Amended Club Constitution, proposed by the Committee for adoption at AGM on 26/05/2010

1. **The Club shall be called ‘The Carrigaline Badminton Club’.**
2. The aims of the club shall be to foster and promote the playing of badminton according to the rules of Badminton Ireland to which it shall be affiliated.
3. The club shall be composed of adult members, honorary members, honorary life members, non-playing members and juvenile members.
4. The annual subscription shall be set at the Annual General meeting
5. All annual subscriptions shall be payable on the 1st day of August in each year and if the same have not been paid on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> September following the defaulter shall cease to be a member of the club. He or she may be re-admitted to membership at the discretion of the Committee on the payment of all arrears without payment of any further fee.
6. If at any time the Committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of the club so require that they may by letter invite any member to resign from the club within the time specified in the letter. In default of said resignation the question of expulsion should be submitted to a Special General Meeting to be held within three weeks after the date specified in the letter. The member whose expulsion is sought shall be given notice of such meeting and the grounds of which it is sought to expel him. At such meeting the member shall be allowed to offer an explanation for his or her conduct verbally or in writing and if two-thirds of the members present and voting shall vote for his or her expulsion he or she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the club provided that the voting at any such Special General Meeting shall be by ballot if not less than five members present at said meeting shall so demand. It shall be in the power of the Committee to exclude such member from the property of the club until such Special General Meeting shall be held.
7. Any member ceasing to be a member of the club shall forfeit all right to claim upon the Club, its property and functions.
8. The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in the month of May each year and notice of the exact date shall be posted in the Club premises at least fourteen days in advance of such meeting.
9. **The entire management of the Club shall be deputed to a Committee who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of the following, (a) President, (b) Chairperson, (c) Secretary, (d) Treasurer, (e) Fixtures Secretary /Fixtures Secretaries, (f) Public Relations Officer, (g) Club Captain, (h) Trustees Representative, (j) Social Committee Chairperson, (k) Two Ordinary Members and (l) Juvenile Officer.** Any two paid up members may propose any other paid up member for the said Committee and any candidate receiving a larger number of votes than each of the other candidates shall be deemed elected. In the event of a tie there shall be a vote taken in which paid up members shall vote for either of the two said candidates and in the event of a further tie the Chairperson shall draw lots to elect the candidate.
10. An Officer or member of said Committee may remain in office for three consecutive years only, at the end of which time he or she remains off the Committee for one full year, unless he or she is unanimously voted to remain in office at the Annual General Meeting.

11. The organization of social and fund raising events shall be deputed to a Social Sub-Committee which shall consist of the Social Committee Chairperson and five to eight ordinary members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

12. A Selection Committee shall also be elected in the same manner as set out in Rule 9 heretofore and shall include the Club Captain. The number to be elected shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting. Team captains shall be nominated by the Selection Committee.

13. The Selection Committee shall select teams and be responsible for the ongoing selection of teams during the season.

14. Notices of motion for the said Annual General Meeting shall be furnished to the Secretary in writing at least seven days before the said Annual General Meeting and shall be posted in the club premises five days before said meeting.

**15. The property of the club is vested in five Trustees and the property of the club is vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee may from time to time direct by Resolution. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the club property. The trustees shall hold office until death or until the Trustee resigns. In the event of such death or resignation the surviving Trustees shall act as Trustees of the club pending ratification of new Trustees. Whereupon by reason of such death or resignation it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees shall be nominated by the Committee and shall be deemed elected provided their appointment is ratified by the Annual General Meeting and by the remaining Trustees.**

16. Changes to this Constitution can only be made at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting at which two-thirds of those voting and present vote for said change.

17. The Committee shall meet once a month during the season to arrange the affairs of the club and to examine the accounts. The notices shall be sent to each member and a quorum shall consist of two-thirds of Committee members. Minutes shall be taken of all proceedings of the Committee and shall be open to the inspection of any member of the club applying to the Secretary therefore. Subject to Rule 32 hereof any member absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse shall be suspended from the Committee and another member co-opted to fill the vacancy.

18. A statement of the Club's financial position shall be made to the Trustees at least annually prior to the Annual General Meeting or as requested by the Trustees.

19. Any payment from Club funds greater than €2000 shall be ratified by the Trustees. Any change in this amount shall be at the discretion of the Trustees.

20. The Committee may from time to time appoint such Sub-Committees as they may deem necessary or expedient and may depute or refer them such of the powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine. Such sub-committee shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the direction of the Committee.

21. The Committee may at any time for any special purpose call a Special General Meeting and they shall do so forthwith upon the requisition in writing on any ten members stating the purposes for which the meeting is required.

22. At all general meetings of the Club and in his or her absence a member selected by the meeting shall have one vote on every motion and in the case of equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

23. The quorum at all General Meetings shall be thirty percent of the current membership or twenty five people whichever is smaller.

24. At every Annual General Meeting two member of the Club not being a Trustee or member of the Committee shall be elected to serve as auditors for the ensuing year and a vacancy occurring in the office of auditor shall be filled by the Committee.

25. The Committee shall have the power to make arrangements for holding matches, tournaments or other like competitions including the imposition of a charge for the admission of non-members to the club property and to provide such prices as to reserve the court or courts as may be required on any occasion as the Committee in their discretion think proper.

26. The Committee shall be responsible for the arrangement of teams in County, Provincial and national Competitions.

27. The Committee shall in order to foster the game arrange for coaching and training of members and juvenile members at times and intervals appropriate.

28. Any member who elects to play on a team or in competition outside the jurisdiction of the club shall conduct himself in the best interest of the club.

29. Any member who in the opinion of the Committee fails to conduct himself in the best interests of the club shall be liable to such disciplinary action as the Committee deems fitting, including suspension from the club and its team

30. If at any time the Club in general meeting shall pass a resolution authorizing the Committee to borrow money the Committee shall with the agreement of the Trustees thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the club such 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 such security as shall be specified in such resolution and thereupon the Trustees shall at the direction of the Committee make all such dispositions of the property or any part thereof and enter into such agreement in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the club whether voting on such resolution and all persons becoming members of the club after the passing of the said resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

31. If at any general meeting a Resolution for the dissolution of the club shall be passed by a majority of the members present and such resolution shall at a Special General Meeting held at not less than a month thereafter at which not less than one half of the members shall be present be confirmed by a Resolution passed by two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon, the Committee shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution direct the Trustees to realize the property of the club and after the discharge of all liabilities the Club shall be dissolved.

32. The President shall have the right to attend all Committee meetings of the club but shall be excluded from the condition of attending said three consecutive meetings The Chairman will chair all meetings of the club, provided if the Chairperson is absent a member selected by the meeting shall take the chair.

**33. Child Protection Statement** - Carrigaline Badminton Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its members. Individuals in the organization should show

respect and understanding for members rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of this organization and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport. The code of conduct for child protection is detailed in the club's policies and procedures.

**34. Anti-Bullying Statement** - Carrigaline Badminton Club acknowledges the right of all its members, young players and coaches, to enjoy participating in the sport of badminton in a secure environment. Bullying by any member of Carrigaline Badminton Club will not be accepted or condoned and all concerns raised about bullying will be treated seriously and will be dealt with as set down in the Club's Complaint Management procedures.