

Constitution of Cill Dara Crusaders **American Football Club**

THE CLUB

1. The Club shall be called Cill Dara Crusaders American Football Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.
2. The objectives of the Club are the playing, promotion, and development of American Football.
All other activities or pastimes, lawfully permitted by the Club Committee, in, on, or using club property, shall be functions of the Club, and will be regarded incidental amenities that are subservient in all respects to American Football and its best interest in the Club
3. The registered address of the Club shall be XXXXXXXX
4. The Club colours shall be White with Gold lettering/numbering/trim, black pants and black/white socks??
5. The Club shall be affiliated to, and bound by the rules and byelaws of the Irish American Football Association (IAFA), the National Governing Body for American Football
6. This Constitution shall be made available upon request to any member of the Club.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

7. The Club shall, for so long as it is an affiliated member of IAFA abide by the Rules, Regulations, and By-Laws of the Association
8. The Club shall develop, or adopt as appropriate, a number of policies including but not limited to a "Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport" policy and "an equal opportunities and anti-discrimination" policy
9. All persons acting as coaches for the Club shall hold at least a level 1 coaching certification, or be working towards the certification as per Association rules.

MEMBERSHIP:

10. All members joining the Club shall be deemed to accept the terms of the Club rules and any bye-laws from time to time as adopted by the Club. They will also be required to conduct themselves in accordance with the Club's code of conduct and the byelaws as to discipline set out therein.
11. Waiver of legal rights: pursuant to the provisions of section 34(1)(b) of the Civil Liability Act, 1961, members waive their legal entitlement to claim against a fellow member, officer or Committee member, compensation for personal injury, loss or damage, if caused in the reasonable participation of the sport or club activity.

12. Data protection: pursuant to the provisions of the Data Protection Acts 1988-2003, members consent to the Club obtaining, recording, holding and retaining their personal data (including potentially sensitive personal data) solely for Club purposes, either in electronic form or printed filing systems, and consent to the use of all such data, for the proper and effective management of the Club.
13. All members of the Club shall be bound by the Rules of the Club and any bye-laws, regulations or decisions made from time to time by the Committee. No member shall be absolved from the effect of the Rules, bye-laws, regulations and decisions of the Club on the grounds that they were not supplied with a copy or had not notice of the same.
14. All members of the Club shall pay to the Club the appropriate annual Club subscription which shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee.
15. The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy subscriptions / match fees from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil its objectives.
16. Players who have not paid their fees for the current season, or are not currently in a discussed payment plan with the Club Treasurer on the Friday before a game shall not be eligible to play the game.
17. Membership applications will be ratified by the Committee at the next meeting following receipt of application.
18. Membership is open to all, and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, race, occupation, marital or family status, sexual orientation or religious or political beliefs

ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

19. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held at the end of each football season, at such time and place as the Committee shall determine. The venue shall be an appropriate and professional location. At this meeting, in addition to the election of the Committee of the Club for the ensuing year, there shall be transacted all other necessary business. A General Meeting of the Club may also be held prior to the commencement of each football season or at any other time of the year, if the Committee shall deem it necessary and at such hour and place as the Committee shall appoint.
20. A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be summoned by the Club Secretary at the request of the Chairperson of the Club, or at the request of the Committee, or upon a requisition in writing signed by at least 15 members of the Club and stating the business to be transacted at such General Meeting. The notice convening the Special General Meeting of the Club shall specify the business which is to be laid before the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. Such a General Meeting of the Club shall take place within twenty-one days of the receipt of the requisition by the Secretary.

21. The Secretary shall give in writing, email or text at least fourteen days' notice of each General Meeting of the Club to each member of the Club, and in such notice, shall state the business to be transacted thereat.
22. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and Gameday Manager shall be elected by the membership entitled to vote, present and voting at the Annual General Meeting of the Club duly proposed and seconded at such meeting and shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting at which they will be eligible for re-election. Members may not hold office in a single position for more than 3 consecutive years, or more than 7 years across multiple positions.
23. Each member in good standing with the club shall receive one vote of equal weighting at a General Meeting.
24. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 10.
25. If at any General Meeting, a quorum has not been reached within 15 minutes after the time appointed for such meeting, the Secretary may at his/her discretion declare such meeting abandoned.
26. Any member wishing to propose any resolution at the AGM shall give notice thereof in writing, signed by the proposer and a seconder to the Secretary not later than seven days before the meeting.
27. The Chairperson of the club shall preside as Chairman at all General Meetings of the Club, including Annual and Special, and at all meetings of the Committee.
28. In his/her absence, the Vice Chairperson shall be Chairperson.
29. In the absence of both the Chairperson, and Vice-Chairperson, a Chairperson may be appointed from those present and entitled to vote.
30. The Chairperson at all Club Meetings shall have a casting vote as well as his/her ordinary vote.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY

31. The Secretary shall convene all Committee and General Meetings, keep a record of such meetings in the minute book of the Club, conduct the correspondence of the Club and submit a report to the Annual General Meeting. They shall keep a list of the names and addresses of members and shall on request furnish to each member on their election a copy of the rules.

FINANCES AND DUTIES OF TREASURER

32. The Financial year of the Club shall be the twelve months ending on XXXXXX each year.

33. The Treasurer shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club and shall furnish the Committee with particulars of same from time to time as may be required. He shall submit annual accounts together with a report by independent accountants thereon to the Annual General Meeting.

34. The Committee shall from their make-up, authorise a number of persons to sign cheques for and on behalf of the Club and all such cheques shall be signed by two of the members so authorised.

35. The Treasurer shall, as soon as is practical, present to the Committee a financial budget for the financial year for its approval.

The Cill Dara Crusaders American Football Club, its officers and activities shall be run in accordance with this constitution and Irish American Football Association Policies and Rules

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