

# CORRIB ROWING AND YACHTING CLUB

## RULES

### **1. NAME:**

The name of the Club is the "Corrib Rowing and Yachting Club" (herein referred to as "the Club"). It is an amateur Sports Club, non-political and non-sectarian. The principal object of the Club is the promotion of boating in all its aspects. All other lawfully permitted activities in or on the Club's premises, indoor or outdoor, shall be incidental or ancillary amenities subservient in all respects to the principal object. The Club Colours are Scarlet and Black.

### **2. DEFINITIONS:**

In these Rules, unless inconsistent with the subject or context - "full Members" are persons referred to in Rule 4 as Ordinary and/or Honorary Members.

***(Note: The spouse of a full Member is not, ipso facto, also a full Member).***

"Month" means a calendar month.

Words importing the singular include the plural, and vice versa.

Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender, and vice versa.

### **3. ELECTION OF MEMBERS:**

Each candidate for admission to membership of the Club shall be proposed and seconded in writing by two full Members each of at least 12 months standing in the Club, and to each of whom the candidate is personally known as a person they believe to be suitable for election to the Club. The proposal shall be submitted on the official Nomination Form prescribed by the Club, setting out the name and address of the candidate and duly signed by the candidate. The Form shall also be signed both by the proposer and the seconder and shall state the category of membership sought. The Honorary Secretary shall ensure that the completed Nomination Form, duly posted on the Club Notice Board, shall remain on display for at least one week prior to the next ensuing Meeting of the Committee. An interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between the nomination and election by the Committee of ordinary Members. No candidate shall be admitted to Membership unless three fourths of the Committee present and voting shall have voted in his or her favour. No application for membership shall be considered unless and until the candidates entry fee and appropriate annual subscription have been received by the Honorary Treasurer. The Committee have power to limit the number of persons to be admitted to Membership.

### **4. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- (a) Ordinary Members are persons over 18 years of age, payment of whose annual subscriptions, plus other monies (if any) due to the Club, shall entitle their spouse (but without voting rights) and children under 16 years of age to freely avail of the amenities of the Club.
- (b) Honorary Members are persons exempt from payment of annual subscription by virtue of Rule 5, their spouses (but without voting rights) and children under 16 years of age being entitled to freely avail of the amenities of the Club.

- (c) Student Members are persons currently attending full time education (but not entitled to voting rights).
- (d) Junior Members are persons over 16 and under 18 years of age (but not entitled to voting rights).

## **5. HONORARY MEMBERS:**

The Committee may, at its discretion, declare a person who, in the unanimous opinion of the Committee, has rendered exceptional voluntary service to the Club to be an Honorary Member for his or her life relieved of obligation to pay annual subscription.

## **6. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:**

The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the management of a committee (herein referred to as "the Committee") elected for not less than a year by the general body of Members and subject to annual re-election. The Committee shall be comprised of the Officers and the Committee Members. The Officers, consisting of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, together with not more than ten Ordinary Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next ensuing Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall meet as and when necessary (but at not less than monthly intervals) for the purposes of the efficient and expeditious management of the Club and its affairs on behalf of the General Membership. Five shall form a quorum. The Committee shall have power to make Club Regulations from time to time as the welfare and best interests of the Club may so require and such Regulations shall have the same binding effect on all Members as these Rules. A Member of the Committee failing to attend three consecutive Meetings without showing acceptable due cause therefore shall have his or her name automatically struck off the List of Committee Member, the Committee being at liberty to co-opt a Member in his or her stead. No Member of the Committee and no person employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or in the profits arising from such sale.

**6. (a)** No member shall hold any office for more than three (3) consecutive years.

## **7. TRUSTEES:**

The property of the Club is vested in the Club's Trustees who shall deal with such property as directed by Special Resolution of the Committee. Each Trustee shall remain in Office for life or until he or she ceases to be entitled to full membership of the Club pursuant to these Rules. No trustee shall be removed from office save by a Special Resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. No new Trustee shall be appointed save by Special Resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. No person having less than three years standing as a full Member of the club shall be elected a Trustee. All Trustees are entitled, ex officio, to attend and participate at all meetings of the Committee (but without voting rights).

## **8. GENERAL MEETING:**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March each year. The Captain, Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall submit full Reports detailing the work carried out by each of them in the performance of their respective responsibilities during the previous twelve months. The Reports having been considered and duly ruled upon, the Annual General Meeting shall proceed to elect (voting by simple majority) the Officers and Committee Members for the next ensuing twelve months. The quorum for all General Meetings shall be twenty. Not less than ten days prior notice shall be given of the holding of a General Meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called on receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition, signed by not less than twenty full Members, stating the object of the Meeting. No person owing monies to the Club shall be permitted to vote at any Meeting. The persons referred to in Rule 4 (a), (b), (c) and (d) as being without voting rights may attend all General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote. If at any General Meeting the presiding Chairman is satisfied that at least ten of those present and entitled to vote require that voting shall be by secret ballot he shall rule accordingly. No special Resolution of a General Meeting shall be passed save by a majority of three-fourths of those present and voting.

## **9. SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

- (a) Annual subscriptions (and, where applicable, such dues as entry fees, locker fees, and levy charges) shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee and shall be payable in advance on the first day of January each year in respect of the ensuing twelve months. A person whose annual subscription has not been paid by the end of February shall automatically cease to be a Member and may not be re-admitted except as provided in Rule 3. Payment of annual subscription shall be deemed acknowledgment by the member that he or she is acquainted with, and bound by, the Rules and Regulations of the Club.
- (b) In the event that any duly sanctioned fee or levy or any other sum of any nature, kind or description shall not have been paid by the due date or in the event that arrangements, to the satisfaction of the Committee, shall not have been entered into for the discharge of such fee, levy or sum then, and in that event, the defaulting Member shall cease to be a Member and may not be re-admitted except as provided in Rule 3.

## **10. PRESIDENT:**

No person having less than three years standing as a full Member shall be elected President and no President shall hold office for more than three consecutive years. The President shall ensure that the Rules and Regulations of the Club are enforced at all times. The President, throughout the twelve months immediately following his or her term of office shall be Immediate Past President and ex officio a Member of the Committee for that year.

## **11. VICE PRESIDENT:**

No person having less than three years standing as a full Member shall be elected Vice President and no Vice President shall hold office for more than three consecutive years. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall officiate in his stead.

**12. (a) CAPTAIN:**

No person having less than three years standing as a full Member shall be elected Captain. It shall be the duty of the Captain, subject to the overall control and direction of the President and Committee, to supervise the general running of the Club; to ensure the proper and efficient management of all Club activities; and in the event of any untoward happening within, or related to the Club, forthwith to notify the Committee of same.

For the avoidance of any doubt the Captain shall be empowered, subject to the overall control and direction of the President and Committee, inter alia to move, lift, re-site, remove or repair or in the event that the same shall seem to be abandoned or unused or of little value or use, having given twenty one days written notice to the owner or if unknown having posted notice on the Club notice board listing the property to which the enactment of this Rule shall apply, break up, dispose of and/or dump any boat, trailer, engine or any equipment of any nature, kind or description whatsoever within the Club premises or grounds or on the waterway adjacent to the grounds and the Captain, Committee, Officers or Membership or any duly authorised servant or agent of any of the foregoing shall not be liable in respect of any damage or loss direct or consequential howsoever caused in the exercise of the powers hereby bestowed.

**(b) VICE CAPTAIN:**

No person having less than two years standing as a full Member shall be elected as Vice Captain. It shall be the duty of the Vice Captain, subject to the overall control and direction of the Captain, President and Committee, to assist the Captain in his duties so as to ensure the proper and efficient management of all Club activities; and in the event of any untoward happening within, or related to the Club, forthwith to notify the Committee of same.

**13. HONORARY SECRETARY:**

No person having less than two years standing as a full Member shall be elected Honorary Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Honorary secretary, as the principal administrative officer of the Club, to keep and maintain, faithfully and accurately, all books and records of the Club and to deal with all correspondence. He shall convene all Meetings, as and when required by the Committee (including Extraordinary General Meetings in accordance with Rules 7). He shall ensure that anything prejudicial to, or likely in any way to be inimical to the Club, shall forthwith be brought to the notice of the Committee.

**14. HONORARY TREASURER:**

No person having less than two years standing as a full Member shall be elected Honorary Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a true and correct account showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club and duly presenting at every Meeting of the Committee an up-to-date statement with relevant vouchers. He shall, as and when directed and authorised by the Committee, issue and sign all cheques for payment, duly countersigned by the President or Honorary Secretary. He shall, with no undue delay, lodge to the Club's Bank Account all monies received by or on behalf of the Club. He shall during the first fortnight of January each year submit to the Committee for their approval a detailed Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet showing the true fiscal position of the Club as at the immediately preceding 31<sup>st</sup> December. He shall ensure that copies of the Accounts, as duly approved by the Committee, shall remain on display on the Club Notice Board for perusal by all Members, throughout the week immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

## **15. DISCIPLINE:**

Any Member willfully *infringing* or violating the Rules or Regulations of the Club, or whose conduct in or out of the Club premises is either inconsistent with, or injurious to, the interests and good name of the Club may be reported to the Committee. If satisfied that the conduct of the Member concerned is prima facie reprehensible, such Member may be invited to attend before a special Meeting of the Committee, being afforded due and proper opportunity to make such submissions as he or she may wish. The Committee shall have power, after careful consideration of all relevant circumstances, to decide (by a majority of not less than three-fourths of its Members present and voting) to suspend all Membership rights of the Member concerned for a period not exceeding three months. In the event of such suspension (or lesser sanction) being imposed the Member concerned shall be entitled, by way of appeal, to have an Extraordinary General Meeting convened to consider and rule upon the case in question. At such Meeting the decision of the Committee may be confirmed, altered, amended, or set aside as a three-fourths majority of those present and voting may rule. Power to expel a person from Membership shall be the prerogative solely of a General Meeting and shall be exercised only on a Resolution of the General Meeting passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of those present and voting. No such expulsion shall have effect unless the Member concerned shall have first been afforded due and proper opportunity of being present (or represented at ) the General Meeting to make his or her submissions **PROVIDED ALWAYS** that, in the event of the member concerned declining to attend or be represented, the General Meeting shall be entitled to exercise power of expulsion in his or her absence.

## **16. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS:**

Members (which, for the purposes of this Rule, includes their guests and persons, family or otherwise, in their charge or care) shall be responsible for damage done by them, or any of them, to Club property or to the property of fellow Members lawfully present, or moored, in the Club premises.

## **17. VISITORS:**

Non-Members shall not be permitted to enter the Club premises or grounds unless accompanied, or vouched for by, a full Member who has obtained the Captain's specific permission to introduce such non-members as duly accredited visitors. No visitor shall be supplied with excisable liquor in the club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a Member who shall, upon the admission of such visitor to the Club premises, or immediately upon his or her being supplied with such liquor, enter his or her own name and the name and address of the visitor and the date of the visit in the Club's Visitors' Book kept for that purpose.

## **18 STOREKEEPER:**

The Residential Storekeeper in accordance with the terms of his Service Agreement is accountable for all matters, affairs and things specifically in his charge as such Storekeeper. He shall not permit non-members to enter the Club premises save as provided in Law 17, nor shall he permit boats, vehicles or other property owned by non-members to be brought into any part of the Club premises or grounds. It is his duty to report to the Captain all *infringements* of Club Rules or regulations coming to his notice. He is responsible for keeping in a state of repair and readiness for safe use all boats owned by the Club. A Member duly authorised to take out a Club boat shall, before leaving the Club precincts, inform the Storekeeper of his intentions and estimated time of arrival back to the Club. In the event of any untoward happening the same shall forthwith be reported by the Storekeeper to the Captain (or, in that Officer's absence, directly to a Member of the Committee).

**19. ALTERATION OF RULES:**

No alternation, amendment or abrogation of these Rules shall be made except at a General Meeting pursuant to these Rules. Notice of intention to propose such change shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary together with written statement of the proposed change. Having obtained the approval of the Committee, the Honorary Secretary shall ensure that the intended proposal, posted on the Club Notice Board, shall remain on display for at least ten days immediately prior to the date of the General Meeting at which the proposal falls due to be considered. There shall be no change in these Rules unless passed by a three-fourths majority present and voting at the General Meeting.

**20. LICENSING REGULATIONS:**

Subject to the exceptions specified in Subsections (2) and (3) of Section 26 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1988 no excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any persons (other than a Member of the Club lodging in the Club premises) or to be consumed on the Club premises by any person (other than a Member of the Club lodging on the Club premises).

- (a) on any weekday before the hour of half past ten o'clock in the morning or  
N 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.

Notwithstanding the above, excisable liquor may be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person or be consumed thereon by any person:

- (A) during a period of summer time between the hours of half-past eleven o'clock in the evening on any weekday and half-past twelve o'clock in the morning on the following day, or,
- (B) during a period which is not summer time, between the hour 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,
- (ID) on Christmas Day between the hours of one o'clock and three o'clock in the afternoon, or the hours of seven o'clock and ten o'clock in the evening.

If, in each case, the excisable liquor is:

- N 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 the Club premises usually set apart for the supply of meals, and
- (iv) paid for at the same time as the meal is paid for.
- (v) No excisable liquor shall be sold outside the premises of the Club except to Members of the Club between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and ten o'clock at night. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied on the Club premises to any person under eighteen years of age.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PRESIDENT**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**HONORARY SECRETARY**