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Shankill Football Club constitution

1. Name

The club shall be called Shankill Football Club.

2. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to provide facilities, to promote the game of soccer, to arrange matches and social activities for its members and community participation in same. In addition, the clubs activities are undertaken for the development of members as coaches and managers within the club.

3. Status of Rules

These rules form a binding agreement between each member of the Club. The club shall participate and play according to the rules and regulations of –

- Dublin and District Schoolboys league
- Metropolitan Girls League
- Leinster Senior League

4. Club Colours

The home club colours shall be green and black shirts and black shorts and socks.

5. Rules and Regulations

(a) The members of the Club shall so exercise their rights, powers and duties and shall, where appropriate use their best endeavours to ensure that others conduct themselves so that the business and affairs of the Club are carried out in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Leagues to which the Club is affiliated and Competitions in which the Club participates, for the time being in force.

(b) No alteration to the Club Rules shall be effective without the approval at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) The Club will also abide by the FAI's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy as shall be in place from time to time.

6. Club Membership

(a) The members of the Club from time to time shall be all committee members, managers, assistant managers and parents of registered players. All members under 16 years of age shall be associate members.

(b) Election to membership shall be at the discretion of the Club Committee and granted in accordance with the anti-discrimination and equality policies which are in place from time to time. An appeal against refusal may be made to the Club Committee in accordance with the Complaints Procedure in force from time to time.



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7. Annual Membership Fee

(a) An annual fee payable by each player shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee and set at a level that will not pose an obstacle to community participation. Generally fees shall not be repayable.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club.

8. Resignation and Expulsion

(a) A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if, and from the date on which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of his/her resignation.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member when, in its opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for them to remain a member. An appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club Committee in accordance with the Complaints Procedure in force from time to time.

9. Club Committee

(a) The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Child Protection Officer and other members elected at an Annual General Meeting or co-opted during the year by the Committee. The committee shall have the power to form sub-committees to assist it in the carrying out of its activities.

(b) Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) unless otherwise resolved at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). One person may hold no more than one position of Club Officer at any time. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson or in their absence the Secretary. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be three.

(c) Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be maintained by the Club Secretary.

(d) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than seven days' notice to all members of the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall hold not less than eight meetings a year.

(e) An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. The Club Committee, between Annual General Meetings, may co-opt additional committee members as the need arises.



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(f) Save as provided for in the Rules and Regulations of The FAI and the Leagues to which the club is affiliated, the Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.

(g) The position of a Club Officer shall be vacated if such person is subject to a decision of the club committee that such person be suspended from holding office or from taking part in any football activity relating to the administration or management of a football club.

10. Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

(a) An AGM shall be held to:

- (i) receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year;
- (ii) receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year;
- (ii) elect the officers of the Club Committee – namely Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer;
- (iv) consider any other business;

(b) Nominations for election of members as Club Officers shall be made by the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the meeting.

(c) An EGM may be called at any time by the Club Committee and shall be called within 21 days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition in writing, signed by not less than five members stating the purposes for which the Meeting is required and the resolutions proposed. Business at an EGM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.

(d) The Secretary shall notify members of the date of a General Meeting (whether an AGM or an EGM) together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 10 days before the meeting.

(e) The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be twelve.

(f) The Chairperson, or in their absence a member selected by the Club Committee, shall take the chair. Each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

(g) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall take the Minutes of General Meetings.

11. Club Teams

At its first meeting following each AGM the Club Committee shall appoint Club members to be responsible for each of the Club's football teams. The appointed members shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the team. The appointed members shall present to the Club Committee at its last meeting prior to an AGM a report of the activities of the team.



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Each team must have a named manager. All managers and others involved in carrying out activities of the club are responsible to the Committee. The managers shall meet the committee approx. once a month during the season.

12. Player Welfare

The club shall appoint a Child Liaison Officer. The club shall maintain a code of ethics and members and players of the club shall be bound by this code. Breaches by players, managers and committee members of the code shall be liable to disciplinary action.

12. Club Finances

(a) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the "Club Account"). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Secretary, the Treasurer and one committee member. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by two of the three designated signatories. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.

(b) The Club Property shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club. The distribution of profits or proceeds arising from the sale of Club Property to members is prohibited.

(c) The Club Committee shall have the power to authorise the payment of expenses to any member of the Club (although a Club shall not remunerate a member for playing) and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.

(d) The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits.

(e) The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:

- (i) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
- (ii) employ members (although not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Club Committee without the person concerned being present;
- (iii) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests; and
- (iv) indemnify the Club Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

(f) The Club shall keep accounting records for recording the fact and nature of all payments and receipts so as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position, including the assets and liabilities of the Club. The Club must retain its accounting records for a minimum of six years.



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(g) The Club shall prepare an annual “Financial Statement”. The Financial Statement shall be verified by an independent, appropriately qualified accountant and shall be approved by members at general meeting.

(h) The Club Property, other than the Club Account, shall be vested in not less than two and no more than four trustees, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, who shall deal with the Club Property as directed by decisions of the Club Committee and entry in the Minutes shall be conclusive evidence of such a decision.

(i) The trustees shall be appointed by the Club in a General Meeting and shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution passed at a General Meeting.

(j) On the death of a trustee, any Club Property vested in them shall vest automatically in the surviving trustees. If there is only one surviving trustee, an EGM shall be convened as soon as possible to appoint another trustee.

13. Dissolution

(a) A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.

(b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.

(c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to another football club in the area, or other local community organisation for use by them for related community sports.

14. Adoption

The adoption of this constitution shall repeal or amend any previous constitution of the club in so far as they may exist. The constitution may only be altered at the Annual General Meeting of the club, unless an Extraordinary General Meeting is so called for this purpose.

Dated _____

Signed _____