



CONSTITUTION OF CARRIGALINE UNITED A.F.C.

1. NAME OF CLUB:

The name of the Club shall be **Carrigaline United Association Football Club.**

2. AIM OF CLUB:

The aims of the Club shall be to promote Association Football amongst its members and amongst the young people of Carrigaline, and to promote other social and recreational activities for its members and their families.

3. MEMBERSHIP

In making the amendments of May 5th , 2015 it is stated that:

- The status of existing Full Voting Members in place on 04th May, 2015 as elected in accordance with the strictures of the Constitution and as registered by the Club, shall not be compromised by any changes made herein;
- The status of existing Honorary Members, as elected in accordance with the strictures of the Constitution and as registered by the Club, shall not be compromised by any changes made herein;
- The existing claims of persons to Non-Voting Membership (as described as a category of membership within the Constitution post May 5th 2015) shall not be compromised by any changes made herein, but that all such members shall be subject to election from 1st August 2015 in accordance with the conditions of the Constitution post May 5th 2015;
- All claims to Pavilion Membership on the basis of the Constitution pre May 5th 2015 will lapse on the 31st July 2015 and that, from 1st August 2015, Pavilion Membership shall only be held by persons who have been elected in accordance with the strictures of the Constitution post May 5th 2015;

- Nothing shall entitle any person to claim membership of the Club based on non-Constitutional grounds such as previous custom or contributions to fundraising.

(a) CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be the following categories of membership:

- (i) Voting Membership
 - a. Full Voting Membership
 - b. Honorary Membership
- (ii) Non-Voting Membership
- (iii) Pavilion Membership

(b) QUALIFICATION AS A MEMBER.

Subject to such terms and conditions (“T’s & C’s”) as may be set forth by the Management Committee for each individual category of membership, which shall be approved by the Club at General Meetings, and which at all times shall be in the best interests of the Club

- (i) Full Voting Membership shall be open to all persons over the age of eighteen years;
- (ii) Honorary Membership shall be open to all persons over the age of 18 years
- (iii) Non-Voting Membership shall be open to persons eligible to play association football with the Club; to the spouse/partner of an adult playing member or the parents/guardians of a juvenile playing member; to persons wishing to become involved in the club’s coaching/volunteer activities.
- (iv) Pavilion Membership shall be open to all persons over the age of eighteen years of age who wish to enjoy the facilities of the clubhouse.

(c) ELECTION AS A MEMBER.

- (i) Every candidate for Full Voting Membership shall be duly proposed and seconded by two Full Voting Members of the Club using the proposal form provided by the Honorary Secretary for that purpose. The proposed candidate shall be accepted or rejected as a Full Voting Member by the Management Committee within one month of delivery of

the signed proposal form to the Committee. The Management Committee can, at its absolute discretion, and for any reason whatsoever refuse to grant Full Voting Membership to any proposed candidate.

(ii) The Club in General Meeting or the Management Committee shall have the power at its discretion to elect Honorary Members. Such membership is for life unless withdrawn by the Club in general meeting if it is the view that this is in the best interests of the Club.

(iii) The proposed candidate shall be accepted or rejected as a Non-Voting Member by the Management Committee within two weeks following the presentation of the appropriate registration form to a Management Committee meeting

(iv) Candidates for Pavilion Membership shall be duly proposed by one Full Voting Member of the Club using the proposal form provided for that purpose by the Honorary Secretary. The proposed candidate shall be accepted or rejected as a Pavilion Member by the additional approval on the proposal form of an Officer of the Club.

(d) VOTING RIGHTS

The attendance and voting rights of the categories of membership at general meetings are as follows:

(i) A Full Voting Member shall be entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Club;

(ii) An Honorary Member shall be entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Club;

(iii) Non-Voting members aged 16 and over shall be entitled to attend but not to vote at a General Meeting of the Club;

(iv) A Pavilion Member shall not be entitled to attend, nor vote at, a General Meeting of the Club.

(e) MEMBERSHIP FEES

All membership and registration fees shall be decided upon and fixed by the Club at its Annual General Meeting.

(i) The Full Voting Membership fee falls due on 1st May and must be paid in full no later than 31st May. Any Full Voting Member whose fee is unpaid on 1st June shall not be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting of that year. If the Full Voting Membership fee is still unpaid by 30th June, that person shall cease to be a Full Voting Member, and must reapply in compliance with Section 3 (c) (i) if they wish to be considered for readmission.

(ii) Honorary members shall not be liable for annual membership nor registration fees.

(iii) Membership and registration fees for all Non-Voting Members shall fall due on 1st August and must be paid in full no later than 31st October. Any Non-Voting Member – not exempted under the terms of Section 3 (e) (v) – whose membership and registration fees remain unpaid on 1st November shall immediately have their membership privileges suspended. If the membership and registration fees are still unpaid by 31st December and not subject to exemption under the terms of Section 3 (e) (v), that person shall cease to be a member, and must reapply in compliance with Section 3 (c) (iii) if they wish to be considered for readmission. The membership fees and registration fees may be adjusted as between playing and non-playing members to allow for any expense incidental to participation as a player

(iv) Non-Voting Members elected after 1st January shall be liable for the membership fee but shall only be liable for half the relevant registration fee.

(v) No persons shall be relieved of the payment of membership fee or registration fee except Honorary Members and those who, at the discretion of the Management Committee, are deemed to be a member of the Club within a relevant category despite part payment or no payment having been received

(vi) All membership and registration fees shall be payable in advance, and in accordance with guidance laid down by the Management Committee from time to time

(vi) Only one category of membership shall be held by any one person at a given time. If a member wishes to become a member under a different category from that which they currently hold, they shall be entitled to do so as long as they meet the requirements of the appropriate category as set out under Sections 3 (b) and 3 (c). For the purpose of clarification, with the exception of the Full Voting Membership fee, no additional membership fee shall be due (but a registration fee, if applicable, shall be due). The Full Voting Membership fee is payable in addition to other fees

(f) OTHER MATTERS

- (i) The Club shall consist of no fewer than 40 Full Voting Members.
- (ii) No person shall be admitted as a temporary member of the Club.
- (iii) No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or supplied to a person under 18 years of age.

- (iv) A register of members shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary of the Club and made available for Full Voting Members to view on request.
- (v) The Management Committee shall have the authority to appoint a sub-committee to review, at any time, the membership of a member of the Club. They shall review in accordance with the T's & C's as are current under Section 3 (b), and shall have the power to expel, suspend or impose sanction on the member. An appeal may be made from the sub-committee to the Management Committee which may impose such penalty, if any, as it considers appropriate
- (vi) All members of the Club shall be entitled to use the facilities of the Clubhouse

4. COLOURS

Club colours shall be ROYAL BLUE AND YELLOW. The playing strip of the teams representing the Club shall consist of a jersey in the Club colours with matching shorts and stockings. The Club Crest shall be based on the Carrigaline Crest but with Carrigaline United substituted for Carrig-Ui-Leighin.

5. MANAGEMENT OF CLUB

The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the control and direction of a Management Committee consisting of:

The Club Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer (collectively, the "Officers Of The Club") and between eight and ten additional members. All members of the Management Committee must, at all times, be voting members of the Club

Candidates for Club Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, and the eight to ten additional Management Committee positions ("Management Committee Member") shall apply in writing to the Honorary Secretary no later than seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting, stating the position within the Management Committee for which they wish to be elected. Candidates for Honorary Secretary shall apply in writing to the Club President no later than seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting. All applicants for positions within the Management Committee must be voting members of the Club before the date of the Annual General Meeting

The Officers Of the Club, Club President and a Vice-President, if any, shall be proposed, seconded and individually elected by a majority of the general body of voting members of the Club at its Annual General Meeting and shall remain in Office until the next subsequent Annual General Meeting or

until removed by resolution of a majority of the general body of full voting members of the Club in attendance at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

Each Management Committee Member applicant must be individually proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting. If there are less than ten applicants, they shall then be automatically elected to the Management Committee. If there are more than ten applicants for the position of Management Committee Member, the Officers of the Club shall, in advance of the Annual General Meeting, devise a method of electing such applicants to the Management Committee. Management Committee Members shall remain in Office until the next subsequent Annual General Meeting or until removed by resolution of a majority of the general body of full voting members of the Club in attendance at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The Management Committee shall hold at least one meeting per calendar month and more frequently at the discretion of the members of the Management Committee

Each of the Bar, Academy, Underage and Adult sub-committees shall report on their activities to the Management Committee at a frequency of no less than every second Management Committee meeting – notice of such meetings which shall be given to them by the Honorary Secretary

6. QUORUM AT MEETINGS

The quorum at a Management Committee meeting shall be seven members. The Club can, at a General Meeting, reduce this number but it can never be less than five members

The quorum at all General Meetings shall be no fewer than twenty one Full Voting Members.

7. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

(a) The role of the Management Committee shall be the organisation, running, supervision and management of the Club, its functions and activities according to the wishes of the Members of the Club, as expressed at the Annual General Meeting and in accordance with the Constitution.

(b) The Management Committee shall endeavour to convene the Annual General Meeting no later than the 30* day of June each year.

(c) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to convene an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting on any ground it may consider vital to the Club or its Management.

(ii) The full voting members of the Club shall have the right to requisition an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Club on any ground they may consider as vital to the Club or its Management. Such requisition must be in writing signed by 50% plus 1 of the full voting members and forwarded to the Honorary Secretary or Chairperson who shall then convene an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting within 14 days of the date of receipt by him or her of the said requisition. The business under consideration at a General Meeting or any aspect of it may be adjourned for further consideration to another General Meeting to be held on such date and time and at such venue as the General Meeting may decide.

(d) Any Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall only discuss the business for which it has been convened. Seven days notice specifying the date, hour, place and purpose of an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting must be given to full voting members. Notice may be given by such means as in the opinion of the Honorary Secretary or Chairperson as the case may be is appropriate and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may be given orally or by means of the public media.

(e) The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt one or more members to fill vacancies arising on said Committee or for any other reason which it may consider to be beneficial. Any person so co-opted shall remain as a member of the Management Committee until the next Annual General Meeting or until he / she resigns or is removed in accordance with the provisions hereof.

(f) The Management Committee shall appoint Managers, Trainers, Coaches and / or Selectors as necessary and as appropriate for the purpose of managing, coaching, training and selecting teams in the Club.

(g) The Management Committee shall appoint delegates to the various leagues to which the Club is affiliated. Delegates shall also be appointed by it to any other Association or otherwise for any purpose which the Management Committee sees fit. Delegates shall act in accordance with the mandate given by the Management Committee.

(h) The Management Committee shall have power to frame and adopt any bye-laws necessary for the working, organisation conduct and / or discipline of the Club and its members provided that no such bye-law shall infringe any provision of this constitution. All such bye-laws shall remain in force until revoked by the Management Committee or by vote of the members of the Club at its Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

(i) The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint a disciplinary Sub-Committee which may expel, suspend or impose sanction as it considers appropriate on any member for such reasons as it may consider good and proper or to be in the best interest of the Club. Suspensions shall remain in force for a period of time to be fixed by such Committee when imposing such

suspension. An Appeal may be made from a disciplinary Sub-Committee to the Management Committee which may impose such penalty, if any, as it considers appropriate. No member of a disciplinary Sub-Committee shall participate in the deliberations of the Management Committee in respect of an Appeal against a decision to which he or she was a party.

(j) Committee members missing 3 consecutive meetings without apology and / or explanation may be written to by the Honorary Secretary or other appropriate Committee Member for such explanation or apology, as appropriate,

(k) Deliberations of the Management Committee shall be in private. Matters to be decided by the Management Committee shall be determined by a simple majority of those present and voting. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(l) Meetings of the Management Committee shall be chaired by the Club Chairperson and in his or her absence or in default by the Club Vice-Chairperson. In the absence of or on the default of both the Club Chairperson and Club Vice-Chairperson, Management Committee meetings shall be chaired by such person as the members of the Committee present shall elect by simple majority.

(m) The Club President and Vice-President shall be entitled to attend at and be heard at meetings of the Management Committee but not to vote thereat

8. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Motions shall be carried at all General Meetings by a simple majority of full voting members present and voting save that all changes to the Constitution (other than those required to allow the constitution conform with the legal provisions relating to the sale or supply of excisable liquor) shall require a two-thirds majority of full voting members present and voting. In the event of a tie the Chairman or acting Chairman shall exercise a casting vote.

(b) Any amendment to the constitution required to allow the same conform with the legal provisions relating to the sale or supply of excisable liquor may be adopted by resolution of the Management Committee.

(c) Only voting members of the Club shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings.

(d) A vote at all General Meetings of the Club shall be by a show of hands or, at the discretion of the Chairperson of the meeting, by a secret ballot.

9. BOOKS OF ACCOUNT:

(a) Proper and correct books of account shall be kept showing the financial affairs of the Club and all receipts and disbursements. Such books of account shall be entrusted to the Honorary Treasurer during his term of office and it shall be his responsibility to make all proper entries in the said books of account and to deliver a report at the Annual General Meeting, at any Extra-Ordinary General Meeting at which a report may be required or at the request of the Management Committee. Books of account shall also be audited by two persons with a current working knowledge of accountancy practice and procedure prior to the Honorary Treasurer's report being presented at the Annual General Meeting.

9. (b) The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st day of December in each year to which day the accounts of the Club shall be balanced.

(c) The Club's Auditors shall be appointed at its annual General Meeting.

(d) The Club's accounts shall be made available to any full voting member upon written request within 14 days of such request being made.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES:

(i) The Management Committee may appoint from time to time sub-Committees as it sees fit for such purposes as it may consider appropriate and may delegate to same all such powers, duties and functions as it may consider appropriate (which without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may include matters of conduct and discipline). Members of sub-Committees need not be members of the Management Committee but must be members of the Club. At least one member of the Management Committee shall be appointed to each sub-Committee

(ii) The provisions hereof relating to the practice and procedures of the Management Committee shall apply mutatis mutandis to all sub Committees appointed by the Management Committee.

(iii) Each sub Committee shall remain in office until dissolved by the Management Committee or until the next Annual General Meeting whichever event shall sooner occur.

(iv) The Chairman of each sub Committee shall be appointed by the Management Committee or in his absence by a majority of the sub Committees members.

(v) The quorum of a sub Committee meeting shall be as determined by the Management Committee in respect of each such Sub-Committee.

11. GOVERNING BODIES

The Club shall take cognisance of and abide by the rules of the Associations it is affiliated to, and in particular the national governing body (the Football Association Of Ireland). The Club recognises and accepts the FAI Code of Ethics and Good Practice for children's soccer and will adhere to all recommended codes of conduct and guidelines for children, coaches, parents, and spectators.

12 TRUSTEES:

(i) Property of the Club shall be vested in three or more Trustees who may be appointed at a General Meeting of the Club and shall hold the Club property on trust for Club members. Any Trustees so appointed shall remain as such until he shall resign or is removed by resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Club. The Trustees shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by Resolution of the Management Committee (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be deemed sufficient evidence). They shall be indemnified against all liability and expense incurred by them by reason of their position as Trustees and in so far as the assets of the Club may be deficient, by the members for the time being of the Club. If not otherwise represented the Trustees shall have the right to appoint one of their member to attend and speak but not vote at the deliberations of the Management Committee.

(ii) The Trustees shall have power to borrow (and incur credit) for and on behalf of the Club in such amounts as may be authorised from time to time by the Management Committee, who further shall have power to authorise, the Trustees to pledge the Assets of the Club by way of Mortgage or Charge as security for such borrowings and credit.

(iii) In the event that the Club should be dissolved or otherwise cease to operate the Trustees shall hold Club property on trust for the Football Association of Ireland to be applied and disposed of in accordance with the direction of the Football Association of Ireland for the promotion and development of the game of Association football.

LICENSING:

13.1. (i) Subject to the exception specified at sub-paragraph (ii) below, no excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person (other than a member of the Club lodged on the premises) or be consumed on the Club premises by any person (other than such a member).

(a) at any time on Christmas day or Good Friday or

(b) on any other day, outside the hours specified in respect of that day in Section 2 (1) (b) (as substituted by Section 3 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 2000) of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1927.

(ii) The supply for consumption on the Club premises of excisable liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable liquor on Club premises by any person shall not be prohibited

(a) on Christmas Day between 12 mid-day and 10 p.m. or

(b) on any other day for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of that period during which it is lawful for the Club, by virtue of sub-section 2 (1) (b) (as substituted by Section 3 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 2000), of Section 56 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1927 to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the Club premises, if in each case the excisable liquor is (i) ordered by or on behalf of that person at the same time as a substantial meal is so ordered and (ii) consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended.

(iii) No person or member shall sell or expose for sale any intoxicating liquor, or open or keep open club premises for the sale of intoxicating liquor, or permit any intoxicating liquor to be consumed on club premises (save as hereinbefore provided in respect of Christmas day) outside the times so specified in respect of it, as listed below:-

(i) St. Patrick's day between 12.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day;

(ii) The 23rd December, if it falls on a Sunday, between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.;

(iii) Christmas Eve and the Eve of Good Friday between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.;

(iv) The Eve of any public holiday (other than Christmas Eve);

(a) If the Eve falls on a week-day, between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day or (b) if it falls on a Sunday, between 12.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day;

(v) Any other Sunday, (except St. Patrick's Day which falls on a Sunday) between 12.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.;

(vi) Any other Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.; and

(vii) Any other Thursday, Friday or Saturday between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day.

13.2. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club premises to any person under the age of 18 years.

13.3. No member of the Management Committee or any Committee formed thereunder or any manager or servant shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquor therein and in the profit of such sale.

13.4. (i) A visitor / guest shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member and the member shall on the admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately upon his being supplied with such liquor, enter his name and the name and address of the visitor in a book which shall be supplied for that purpose and which will show the date of each visit.

(ii) A visitor / guest shall be the responsibility of the member who introduced him and that member shall be fully responsible for the conduct of and shall be liable for damages caused by the said visitor / guest while on the Club premises.

(iii) Where the Club is hosting the members of a visiting group for the purposes of taking part in any pastime, sport or recreation, it shall be sufficient for an official of Carrigaline United A.F.C. to enter the name of the group concerned and the number of persons in it whereby the requirements of paragraph 1 above shall be deemed to be satisfied.

13.5. (i) Notwithstanding anything mentioned in the constitution in relation to prohibited hours, the Club may apply to the District Court, on the application of the Club Secretary for a special exemption, authorising the Club to supply excisable liquors to members during any one period, specified in the authorisation and not exceeding 6 hours in duration, during which supply would be prohibited by the rules of the Club. Not more than 15 authorisations shall be granted to any one Club in any year (this means a calendar year).

(ii) Notwithstanding anything mentioned in the constitution in relation to prohibited hours, the Club may apply to the District Court, on the application of the Club Secretary for authorisation for the sale or supply of excisable liquor by the Club to any person for the consumption in the buildings or grounds of the Club or any person, at such times as may be specified in the authorisation on the occasion of a special event in the Club, which the Court considers is likely to attract a considerable number of people to the Club. Only one such authorisation will be allowable in any given year and the period shall not exceed 5 consecutive days.

13.6. Admission to the Club premises will not be allowed after Management declare "full" or "closed" and free admission to the premises may be suspended to all members when a cover charge is in operation.

13.7. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to members of the Club between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock at night.

13.8. No advertisement shall be published by the Club drawing attention to any function to be held in the premises of the Club. This rule shall not apply to the publication of a notice inside the Club house or premises and shall apply to any advertisement in so far as it relates to a function involving the Club, or any game or physical recreation which does not take place outside

the hours during which excisable liquor may be supplied or consumed on the Club premises in accordance with the Club constitution, or to any circular issued by the Club to the members.

13.9- There shall not be a period of drinking up time allowed on termination of the times allowed for the consumption of excisable liquor save as permitted by statute.

14.

Any provisions contained in this Constitution which are not in conformity with any statutory provision contained in the Registration of Clubs Act, 1904 (as amended and extended) or contained in the Equal Status Act, 2000 (or any legislation extending or amending same) shall be deemed null and void.