



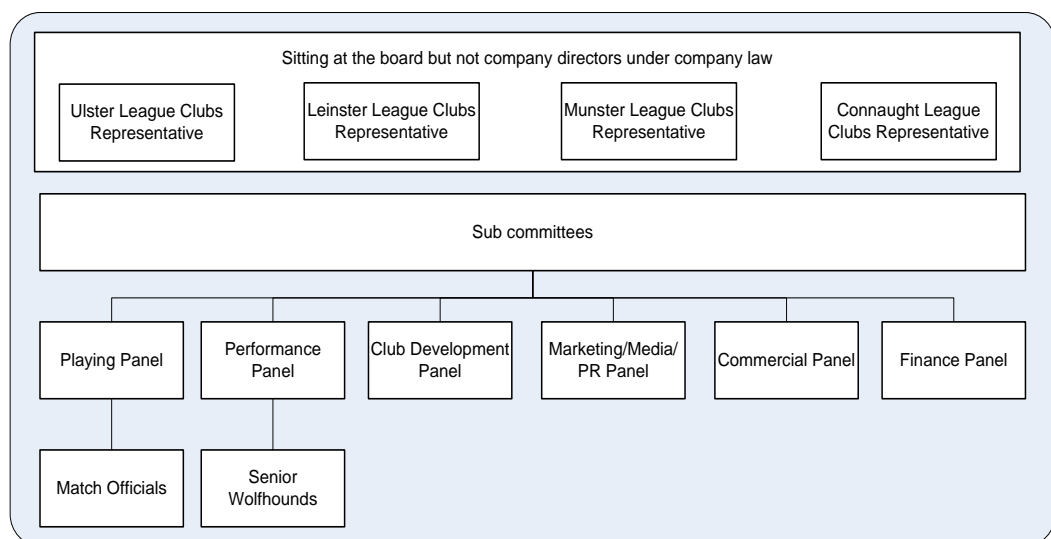
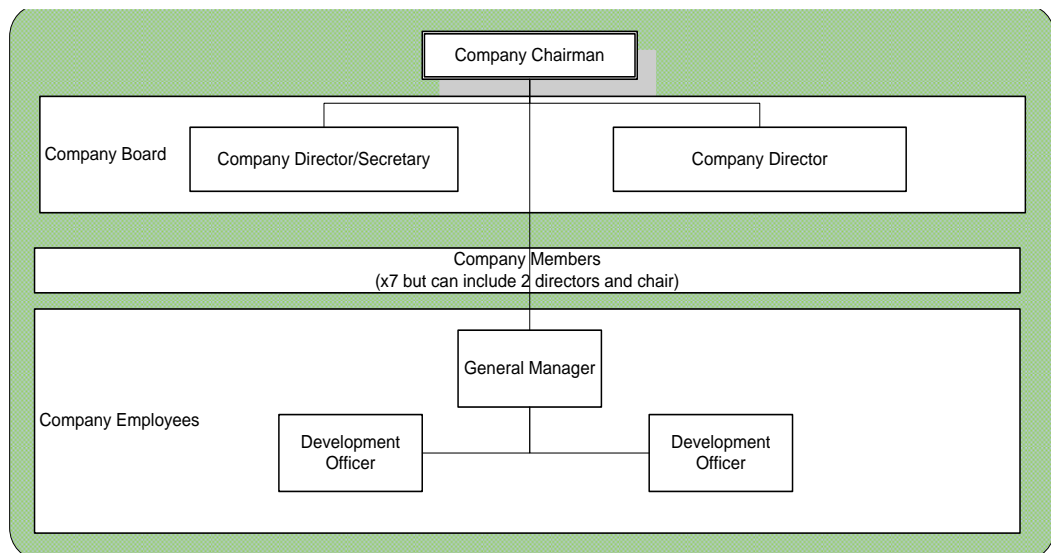
Constitution

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Company Structure

- Rugby League Ireland is set up as a company registered in the Republic of Ireland under company name Rugby League Association of Ireland Limited and company number 475994. This is registered in the Companies Registration Office, CRO
- The company operates according to the memorandum and articles of associations, M&A. These define how the company acts and how company directors are elected and the company M&A take precedence over this constitution where there may be uncertainty
- Rugby League Association of Ireland Limited is responsible for the running of the game of rugby league in Ireland and this constitution covers the manner in which this is carried out
- The structure is shown below
 - Roles included in the green rectangle are covered by the company M&A
 - Roles included in the blue rectangle are covered by this constitution



1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the body is Rugby League Ireland, also referred to as RLI.
- 1.2 This body has no legal or financial connection to any previous bodies.
- 1.3 The body is run by the company, Rugby League Association Ireland Limited as per the company's M&A with details listed above.

2. Main Object

The organisation, promotion and administration of the sport of Rugby League on the island of Ireland

3. Powers

- 3.1. The M&A of the company set out the powers of the company. This constitution sets out the powers of the body
- 3.2. The company establishes sub committees to carry out work for RLI and this constitution covers the mechanism by which these committees operate.
- 3.3. The subcommittee will create the strategic plan per panel for the current period and the subcommittee will create the objectives against these plans. This is then brought to the company board for approval. The board can then accept the plan or pass back for amendment
- 3.4. To create operating procedures as deemed appropriate by each subcommittee. These will become effective when approved by the company board. Where a procedure does not exist, the board may choose a procedure as used by RLIF, RLEF or RFL. Operating procedures will include, but not limited to the below:-
 - 3.4.1. Financial Procedures
 - 3.4.2. Disciplinary Procedure
 - 3.4.3. Competition procedure
 - 3.4.4. Anti Doping procedures
 - 3.4.5. Welfare of Children / Children in Sport procedures
- 3.5. To take all other measures necessary to maintain an efficient organisation.
- 3.6. To undertake and perform any other acts that may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of any RLI objectives.

4. Rules

4.1. Management

- 4.1.1. The business affairs of RLI shall be directed by the company board and regulated in accordance with company law.
- 4.1.2. The company board may delegate any of its powers to a Sub-Committee set up for a specific purpose in furtherance of RLI's objectives and strategic plan.
- 4.1.3. The company board shall specify expenditure limits that any authorised officer, representative, delegate, agent, servant or employee may commit the board to, after prior agreement from the finance panel chair.

4.2. Company Board

- 4.2.1. The company board structure and meetings are defined within the company M&A.
- 4.2.2. The board shall consist of

- Chairman (elected by the board)
- Directors of the company (All to be elected by RLI members. Minimum of 2 per CRO but additional directors can be proposed by the board but require approval by the members of the RLI body)
- Company Secretary (elected by the board from the directors)
- Company members (elected by the board)
- Domestic league representatives
 - Each existing active league from the prior year or in the current year will have a representative on the board in a voluntary capacity and NOT as a company director.
 - The clubs active from the prior season in each league will each vote for their league representative for the following year and each representative shall be active for a year
 - The election will take place at the AGM and nominations submitted in line with other elected roles.
 - Clubs only vote on the league representative for their own league. Other membership groups with voting rights cannot vote on the league representative

4.3. Sub committees

4.3.1. The company board shall establish subcommittees for the effective management of RLI. There will be a chair for each committee and then members of the committee who will volunteer their services. Each board chair will be elected at the AGM and will remain in place for 1 year

4.3.1.1. Playing

4.3.1.2. Performance

4.3.1.3. Club Development

4.3.1.4. Media/Marketing/PR

4.3.1.5. Commercial

4.3.1.6. Finance

4.3.1.7. Match Officials

4.3.2. The company board shall also establish sub committees that are not elected at the AGM but are selected by the board

4.3.2.1. Senior Wolfhounds

4.3.2.2. A Team

4.3.2.3. Students

4.4. Meetings

4.4.1. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

4.4.1.1. The AGM of RLI shall be held before the end of November each year. The company AGM will be held at the same date and venue and follow the M&A. The below covers the AGM of the RLI body

4.4.1.2. An agenda of all matters in hand shall be forwarded to each company director, company member, body subcommittee chair and club contact, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM. Same will also be posted on the web site in case of accidental omission. Only in extreme matters of importance will the AGM's chairperson allow late entries onto the agenda of the AGM. This can either be circulated via electronic or standard mail or via a notice on the RLI website.

4.4.2. Nature of Business

- 4.4.2.1. Accreditation of delegates and apologies.
 - 4.4.2.2. Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM.
 - 4.4.2.3. Receive the following reports, which shall be circulated at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.
 - Chairman
 - Each Regional body if they are formed
 - General Manager
 - Any sub-committee
 - Any other reports deemed relevant by the company board
 - Receive and review an annual financial report.
 - 4.4.2.4. Appoint:
 - Directors of company board
 - Sub Committees chair (if required)
 - 4.4.2.5. Consider motions of which due and proper notice has been given pursuant to item 9.1 of the Bye-Laws
 - 4.4.2.6. Consider all agenda items of which due and proper notice has been given pursuant to item 9.1 of the Bye-Laws
 - 4.4.2.7. Consider the budget for the ensuing year.
 - 4.4.2.8. Consider Membership Fees for the forthcoming Year.
 - 4.4.2.9. Consider a motion or agenda item of which due notice has NOT been given, provided that discussion of and voting upon such motion or agenda item receives the required three quarter (3/4) majority, to proceed from all delegates present and voting.
 - 4.4.2.10. Consider General Business, as detailed on the accepted agenda.
 - 4.4.3. The accidental omission to give any notice to any person entitled to attend the AGM shall not invalidate the meeting or its proceedings, including and resolution passed or appointment made thereat.
 - 4.4.4. Within a period not exceeding thirty days (30) of the AGM, minutes of the business transacted shall be issued to those outlined in 4.4.1.2 These minutes can be sent physically in the post or electronically via email or fax or posted on the web site www.rli.ie.
- 4.5. Special General Meeting
- 4.5.1. A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called at any time by the company board, or on receipt of a request stating the exact nature of business and signed by at least Four (4) affiliated Clubs, company board Members or Members entitled to vote.
 - 4.5.2. The business to be dealt with at a SGM shall be stated on the notice convening the meeting, including any proposals.
 - 4.5.3. It will not be appropriate to discuss any other business, other than that that on the agenda.
 - 4.5.4. Notice of any SGM shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting.
 - 4.5.5. A maximum of two (2) delegates from each Club as well as all representatives authorised to vote will be requested to attend any SGM and vote upon the resolutions proposed at the said meeting.
 - 4.5.6. In the event of an apology being received from a Branch, Club or company board Member who is unable to attend the meeting, the said Branch or individual member will have the opportunity to make use of a Proxy in their absence.

- 4.5.7. Company board members, registered representatives, and Branches in attendance representing a simple majority of at least fifty (50%) per cent of the current company board Members and affiliated registered representatives shall form a quorum.
- 4.5.8. If a quorum is not obtained, the meeting will be postponed for one (1) week and a special notice of this fact shall be issued to the absentees.
- 4.6. Sub-Committee Meetings
 - 4.6.1. Sub-Committee Meetings shall be held in a city or town readily accessible, which is deemed by the committee chair to be the most convenient to RLI, taking into account travel costs and the publicity impact of the venue.
 - 4.6.2. The subcommittee chair shall give each committee member due notice of date, time and venue of all meetings and at the same time ask for items to be included on the agenda for discussion. All meetings should also be minuted with items discussed and action items arising.
 - 4.6.3. Committee members in attendance numbering a simple majority of at least fifty (50%) per cent of the current committee shall form a quorum.
 - 4.6.4. If within sixty (60) minutes after the appointed time of the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall be adjourned to another date and time to be determined.
 - 4.6.5. Each committee member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all matters that require a vote.
 - 4.6.6. The committee chair shall have the casting vote.
 - 4.6.7. If requested by a simple majority a secret ballot shall be held when voting on any matter.
 - 4.6.8. All items discussed are done so through the Chair
 - 4.6.9. Any matter of meeting procedure not dealt with in this Constitution or Byelaws shall be governed by democratic principles of majority rule by a simple show of hands or secret ballot vote as decided and agreed by delegates.
- 4.7. Conduct of Meetings
 - 4.7.1. The Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it from time to time. Should circumstances determine an adjournment could see a defined break being called to allow order to be restored.
 - 4.7.2. In extreme circumstances the Chairman may request that unruly elements leave any RLI meeting/forum after ample reasonable requests for order have failed.
 - 4.7.3. Any person who is not a member of the company board or a sub-committee may not address the meeting except at the invitation of the Chairman and, in such cases no voting privileges shall be conferred thereon.
 - 4.7.4. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman if in attendance or the general manager in his absence shall have a casting vote in addition to the one that he is entitled to as a full member of that meeting. The equality of votes shall be announced prior to the Chairman declaring his casting vote.
 - 4.7.5. Any business transacted at meetings of RLI may, at the discretion of the company board, be published for the information of the public and the advantage of RLI. Press representatives may be admitted to any meeting of the board or sub-committees provided a simple majority of members agree.

5. Income and Property

The financial procedures will take precedence over the below in case of any uncertainty.

The income and property of RLI shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main objective as set forth in this Constitution and at all times remain the property of the company Rugby League Association Ireland Limited. The company are permitted to employ staff within the company structure. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the body of the below once the recipient of the funds had written acceptance from the company that funds would be expected before an agreement was entered into:

- 5.1. Reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the body (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the body;
- 5.2. Interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by officers or other members of the body to the body;
- 5.3. Reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the body (including any Officer) to the body;
- 5.4. Reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the body;
- 5.5. Fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any Company of which an Officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company.

6. Winding Up/Dissolution

- 6.1. RLI may only be dissolved at a meeting of the company board duly convened for the special purpose of considering any such proposed dissolution.
- 6.2. To affect such dissolution will require a three quarter (3/4) majority of all delegates present and voting.
- 6.3. At least thirty (30) days notice to members must be given for the holding of such a special meeting, the reasons being set out in the notice calling the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.
- 6.4. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the body there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the body. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the body. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the body under or by virtue of clause 6 hereof. Members of the body shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.
- 6.5. At all times, CRO regulations must be followed to effect a winding up and a winding up will cover the company and anybody and subcommittee operating within this constitution.

7. Additions, alterations or amendments to Constitution

- 7.1. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the provisions of this Constitution for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the company board and this is subject to review by Revenue Commissioners or appropriate body.
- 7.2. Subject to sub clause 1 above proposals to amend this Constitution may only be made at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for this purpose by the company board of RLI.
- 7.3. Subject to sub clause 1 above proposed amendments must be passed by a three quarter (3/4) majority of the voting members present and voting, or by a three quarter (3/4) majority of the votes cast, provided that such amendment or amendments shall have been submitted to the company board of RLI in writing or email no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.
- 7.4. In any instance where fourteen (14) days notice is not or cannot be given in writing the company board must be of the majority opinion that such items to be changed within the Constitution are of a sufficient nature that would warrant a change being proposed to an AGM or EGM at short notice.

8. Keeping of Accounts

Annual audited accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request and this is covered within the company M&A.

9. Children in Sport – Code of Ethics

RLI adhere to adopting the Irish Sports Council & Northern Ireland Sports Council. See section 3.4

10. Antidoping

- 10.1. Rugby League Ireland is committed to developing healthy, fair, and enjoyable competition in sport. See section 3.4
- 10.2. Rugby League Ireland on behalf of its members, staff, company board and related parties accepts the World Anti-Doping Code (“the Code”) and furthermore adopts the Irish Sports Council Anti-doping Rules as part of its Bye-Laws which implement the mandatory and other portions of the World Anti-doping Programme, including the Code, the International standards and models of best practice.

11. Interpretation

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:

The company board shall mean the controlling body of the company Rugby League Association Ireland Limited.

Subcommittee shall mean a subsidiary group or sub-committee duly formed by the company board to perform a specified task.

Clubs shall mean clubs duly affiliated to RLI in accordance with the Byelaws.

Members shall mean those listed in the Membership Categories below and agree to be bound by the Aims and Objectives of RLI.

Jurisdiction shall cover the 32 Counties, which make up the Island of Ireland.

Membership Categories shall include the following definitions:

Board Member – Company Director, chair or member as listed in the records of the CRO.

Full Member – A club that is in good standing having paid the agreed membership fee for the said period, with full voting rights.

Playing Member – Adult or Juvenile residing within or outside the area of jurisdiction who has paid the agreed membership fee to his club will have no voting rights.

Senior Wolfhound – The duly appointed Manager of the Ireland Senior International Rugby League Team (Wolfhounds) shall have the opportunity to cast a vote on behalf of the Senior Wolfhounds players and staff.

Coaches and Referees Body Member - A bone fide Match Official Body shall have the opportunity of nominating a representative to be present at any board or subcommittee meeting to represent and forward the aims of the match officials. The position carries full voting rights (1). Members of this body must have successfully passed the referees course arranged by RLI and approved by RLI to referee games in the domestic competition. Coaches are affiliated to their club for voting rights but the body incorporates referee and coaching development.

Supporters club Member - Adult or Juvenile residing within or outside the area of jurisdiction who has paid the agreed will have no voting rights.

Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa; words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender; words importing persons shall include corporations.

The company board has the absolute right and discretion to set aside, refuse, and reject any membership application submitted for consideration at any time.

“Present and voting” shall include members who are unavailable to attend the meeting but wish to make use of an electronic or proxy vote.

Signed

Print Name

Date

Company Chairman

Company Director

Company Director/
Secretary