

CONSTITUTION OF CORK COUNTY BOARD (ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND)

1. **Name:**

The name of the body is Cork County Board (Athletic Association of Ireland) (hereinafter called “the Board”).

2. **Main Object:**

The main object for which the Board is established is:

Throughout the County of Cork, to foster the development of track and field athletics, road running, race walking, cross country running (all collectively hereinafter called “Athletics”) and associated disciplines, whether in competition or otherwise, and to disseminate technical and other information to entities affiliated to the Board and to the National Athletics Association of Ireland.

3. **Subsidiary Object(s):**

- (a) Establish friendly and loyal co-operation between all members of the Athletic Association of Ireland for the benefit of athletics.
- (b) Strive to ensure that no racial, religious, political or other kind of discrimination be allowed in athletics, and take all practical measures to stop such discrimination.
- (c) Strive to secure that there shall be no hindrance to the participation of any country or individual in athletic competitions on racial, religious or political grounds and to ensure that there be no such hindrance in athletics meetings over which the Board has control.
- (d) Compile Articles, Regulations and Bye-Laws governing competitions for men and women of all ages in athletics, within the County of Cork.
- (e) Strive to ensure that for all elected positions in the Board, there shall be no discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, politics, age or sex.

4. **Powers:**

To the extent that the same are essential or ancillary to the promotion of the main object of the Board as hereinbefore set out the Board may exercise the following powers:

- (a) To organise athletic meetings, social events, draws, raffles, lotteries or any other means of raising funds for the sole purpose of promoting and controlling and managing athletics within the County of Cork.
- (b) To appoint Trustees for the purpose of acquiring lands or other real property for the sole use and purpose of promoting the sport of athletics in the County of Cork. The said Trustees shall be officers of the Board at the time of appointment.

5. **Rules:**

- (a) The Board shall abide by the rules of the Athletics Association of Ireland.
- (b) The Officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Registrar and up to and including 13 Committee Members so that the total number of the Officers of the Board shall not exceed 20. All the Officers of the Board shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Board to be held in January of each year (unless for some extraordinary reason the Annual General Meeting cannot be held in January then it shall be held as soon as practical thereafter).
- (c) Each Club, affiliated to the Board in the previous year shall be entitled to be represented at the Annual General Meeting (and at any Extraordinary General Meeting) by four representatives and all such representatives shall be entitled to one vote each at said meeting.
- (d) In addition, each of the Divisional Boards in the County, shall be entitled to be represented at such general meetings by two Representatives and all such Representatives shall be entitled to one vote each at such meetings.
- (e) In the event of a tie in any vote at such meetings, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

6. **Income and Property:**

The income and property of the Board, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main object as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the Board’s income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to

the members of the Board. No Officer appointed to any office of the Board shall be paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Board.

However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Board of:

- (a) Reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the Board (not being an Officer) for any services rendered to the Board;
- (b) Interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by Officers or other members of the Board to the Board;
- (c) Reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Board (including any Officer) to the Board;
- (d) Reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Board;
- (e) 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 shared capital of such Company.

7. **Winding-up:**

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Board 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 Board. 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 Board. 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 or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Board under or by virtue of Clause 6 hereof. Members of the Board 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.

8. **Additions, alterations or amendments:**

- (a) Any proposal to amend this Constitution must be approved at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. All affiliated Clubs in the County must have at least twenty one days clear notice of any such meeting. A two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote shall be required to change this Constitution.
- (b) 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 approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners.

9. **Keeping of Accounts:**

Annual audited accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.

10 **County Board Lands**

- (a) The board lands at Slieve Roe, Riverstick, Co. Cork be held by at least 3 trustees (at the time of appointment being officers of the board) and if the number of trustees shall fall below 3 (through death or resignation) that the board, at a properly convened meeting of the officers, shall appoint new trustees.
- (b) The trustees shall be subject to ratification at every Annual General Meeting
- (c) No individual, club, sports body institution (including schools) shall be permitted to use the boards land at Slieve Roe, Riverstick, Co. Cork without first obtaining the consent in writing from the board, which said consent shall be signed by the secretary, competition secretary or treasurer of the board and the record of all such consent shall be kept by the secretary of the board.