

# CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL



## CLUB CONSTITUTION

**Mac Uiliú CLG**



Mc Quillan GAC  
Ballycastle

## **Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Gaelic Athletic Association**

### **Club Constitution and Rules**

**Format No. 1** - Applies to all Clubs - without Licensed Bars  
Incorporating Rules 1 to 17 inclusive

**Format No. 2(A)** - Applies to all Clubs in the 26 Counties which  
own/operate  
Licenced Bars.  
Incorporating Rules 1 to 17 inclusive, and additionally Rule 18 (as  
applicable to the 26 Counties)

**Format No. 2(B)** - Applicable to all Clubs in the 6 Counties which  
own/operate  
Licensed Bars.

Incorporating Rules 1 to 17 inclusive with additions to Rules 3 and 5  
as specified,  
and additionally Rule 18 (as applicable to the 6 Counties).

**CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL  
GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

(Format No 1.)

**1. In these Rules:-**

“The G.A.A.” means the National Governing Organisation for the preservation and promotion of Gaelic Games and pastimes, known as the Gaelic Athletic Association.

“The Club” means the Club has set out in Rule 2 hereof.

“The Official Guide” means the Official Guide of the G.A.A.

“Executive Committee” means Officers and ordinary Committee Members together.

“Secretary” means the Secretary for the time being, or any person appointed to perform the duties of the Secretary of the Club.

“Real Property” means the property of the Club of an immovable nature, comprising any Playing Pitches, Grounds or Buildings, whether of Leasehold or Freehold tenure, with all Fixtures or Fittings attached thereto and used therewith.

“Personal Property” means the property of the Club of a movable nature, comprising all Playing or Sporting equipment of the Club, as well as all Stock in Trade and Money or other Assets of the Club not already classified as fixtures or fittings on “Real Property”, as heretofore defined.

Words importing the singular number only, include the plural number and vice versa, and words importing the masculine gender only, also include the feminine and vice versa.

**NAME**

**2. The official Name of the Club shall be**

**An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Mac Uílin**

The English version of which shall be

**McQuillan Gaelic Athletic Club.**

2.1 The official Address of the Club shall be

McQuillan GAC Ballycastle  
Pairc MacUilin  
14-18 Whitepark Road  
Ballycastle  
Co. Antrim  
N. Ireland  
BT54 6HA

### **OBJECTS**

**3.1** The Objects of the Club shall be the promotion of the aims of the G.A.A., as outlined in the Official Guide.

**3.2** The Membership, Income and Property of the Club shall be dedicated to and applied solely towards the promotion of these objects.

### **COLOURS**

**4.** The Club colours shall be **Black and Amber**.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**5.1** There shall be four types of Membership of the Club:-

**5.1.1 FULL MEMBERSHIP** may be granted to persons, who having reached the age of eighteen years, subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objects of the Club and the G.A.A..

**5.1.2 YOUTH MEMBERSHIP** may be granted to persons, not having reached the age of eighteen years, who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objects of the Club and the G.A.A..

**5.1.3 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** may be granted to persons, who have reached the age of eighteen years, have rendered exceptional service to the Club or the games or activities of the G.A.A. An Honorary Member shall have the rights of a Full Member, but shall be exempt from paying the Club's Annual Membership Fee.

**5.1.4 SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP** may be granted to persons, who have reached the age of eighteen years, subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and the G.A.A., but who do not seek full voting rights and rights to take part in the administrative affairs of the Club or the G.A.A..

**5.2** Full Members (including Honorary Members) and Youth Members of the Club will also become Members of the G.A.A..

**5.3** Once granted, Full Membership of the Club and the G.A.A. shall continue for life, unless the member has been expelled or his resignation in writing has been accepted, in accordance with this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.

**5.4** The rights of any member of the Club shall be conditional upon the member complying with the provisions of this Constitution and Rules and the Official Guide, including payment of any annual membership fee and levies.

**5.5** Such rights may be withheld, restricted or suspended in accordance with this Constitution and Rules and the Official Guide.

**5.6** Any person seeking admission as a Member of any Class of Membership, other than Honorary, shall complete and sign a prescribed Application Form, which must be returned to the Secretary together with the prescribed fee.

**5.7** An Application for Full or Social Membership must be in the prescribed form signed by the Applicant and proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another Full Member who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.

**5.8** An Application for Youth Membership must be in the Prescribed Form signed by the Applicant and one of his parents or Guardians, as well as being proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another Full Members, who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.

**5.9** The name and address of such person proposed as a Member, together with the names of those proposing and seconding him, shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club Premises for at least one week before election. An interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of such Members.

**5.9.1** Persons shall not be admitted to any of the privileges of Membership until after their election by the procedures stated in this Rule.

**5.10** If and when the Application for Membership has been accepted by the Executive Committee, the new Member's particulars shall be forwarded by the Club Secretary to the County Secretary or other designated Officer for submission to the Central Council of the G.A.A. for registration and allocation of a personal membership number.

**5.11** The Executive Committee shall have the power to investigate any matter, and to expel, suspend, warn, fine or disqualify Members from Club activities for breach of this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide or for conduct considered to have discredited or harmed the Club or the G.A.A. This will include the use of the social network including twitter and facebook etc.

**5.11.1** Such persons, if Full Members (including Honorary Members) or Youth Members, shall have the right to appeal to the Management Committee of the County Committee of the G.A.A., within seven days of being notified of such decision.

**5.11.2** Unless the offence is brought to the notice of the County Committee of the G.A.A. by the Club, and that body, having considered the merits of the case and having regard to the rights of the player or member, confirms the penalty imposed, the member continues to be a legal member of the Association and is suspended from Club activities only.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**6.1** The Annual Subscription to be paid by members of the Club shall be determined by the Executive Committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

**6.2** The determined Annual Subscription shall be payable on election and there after annually, in advance of the date and in the manner decided by the Executive Committee. The date set shall be a date prior to March 31st each year.

**6.3** The Executive Committee may from time to time prescribe the payment of an Entrance Fee by new or lapsed members in addition to the Annual Subscription above.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**7.1** The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the management of an Executive Committee, and it shall be the controlling body of the Club.

**7.2** The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Registrar, one Players' Representative, and at least five other Full Members.

**7.3** Nominations to serve on the Executive Committee shall be by any two Full Members whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2 and who are not suspended or disqualified under this constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.

**7.4** The Players' Representative shall have participated as a player for the Club within the previous 48 weeks.

**7.5** The Executive Committee including the Players' Representative shall be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

**Exception:** The Children's Officer shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the outgoing Executive Committee.

**7.6** Only Full Members, who's Membership Fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2 and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution or Rules or the Official Guide, shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee.

**7.7** The outgoing Executive Committee shall conduct the Annual General Meeting.

**7.8** The Executive Committee shall hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.

**7.9** The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter, and four members present shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

**7.10** The Chairman, when present, shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee; in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

**7.11** If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent, the Committee shall elect a member present to preside at the Meeting.

**7.12** The Secretary shall record the Minutes of each Meeting.

**7.13** The Minutes shall specify the date of the Meeting, those present, and a brief account of the Meeting, and shall be read to the next Meeting.

**7.14** Such Minutes, if agreed as being accurate or having been appropriately amended, shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, having been first proposed and adopted.

**7.15** The Executive Committee shall have the sole right to appoint Sub-Committees, as required.

**7.16** The Executive Committee shall define the duties of such Sub-Committees, and retain control in all matters and activities which it considers of importance to the general welfare of the Club, including the disposal of any funds in the hands of such Sub-Committees.

**7.17** The Executive Committee shall have power to nominate the Chairman of such Subcommittees.

**7.18** The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Committee shall be ex- officio members of all Sub-Committees.

**7.19** The Executive Committee shall have power from time to time to make, alter and repeal all such Regulations as they deem necessary, expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Club, and in particular, but not exclusively, they may by such Regulations set out:-

- (a) The terms and conditions upon which guests, children of members of the Club and visitors shall be permitted to use the premises and property of the Club.
- (b) The times of opening and closing the Pavilion Grounds and Premises of the Club, or any part thereof.
- (c) The conduct of members of the Club in relation to one another.
- (d) The setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of the Club's premises for any particular time or times, or for any particular purpose or purposes.
- (e) The imposition of fines for the breach of any of the Club Rules or Regulations.
- (f) And generally all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of the Club Rules.

**7.20** The Executive Committee shall adopt such means as they deem sufficient, to bring to the notice of members of the Club all such Regulations and all alterations and repeals.

**7.21** All such Regulations so long as they shall be in force, shall be binding upon all members of the Club, provided nevertheless that no Regulations shall be inconsistent with or shall affect or repeal anything contained in this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide, and that any Regulations may be set aside by a special resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

**7.22** Each Full Member shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee upon any complaint or representation sent by him, in writing, to the Secretary.

**7.23** A Special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called

- (a) by the Secretary or
- (b) by the Secretary, for a date not more than seven days from the date of the receipt by him of a requisition duly signed by four members of the Executive Committee. Such requisition shall set out the purpose for which the special meeting is required.



**7.24** Any Member of the Executive Committee who shall have absented himself from three consecutive meetings, without reasonable explanation, shall be deemed to have resigned from the Executive Committee.

**7.25** Should any Member of the Executive Committee resign, be deemed to have resigned, or his position otherwise lapse, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall, at their discretion, have the power to fill the vacancy, by co-opting a replacement from the body of the Full Membership.

**7.26** The service of any Member so co-opted on to the Executive Committee shall not be reckoned in calculating the seniority of such Member, if subsequently elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

**8.1** The Club shall in each year hold a general meeting as its Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other General Meetings in that year, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it.

**8.2** All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Special General Meetings.

**8.3** An Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time as shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee, but insofar as is practical shall be held before the end of November each year.

**8.4** The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:-

- (a) Adoption of Standing Orders.
- (b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.
- (d) Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Accountant(s) of Auditor(s)
- (e) The Chairman's Address.
- (f) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.
- (g) Notices of Motion.
- (h) Other Business

**8.5** The Annual General meeting of the Club shall be called in the following manner:-

**8.5.1** The Executive Committee shall decide upon a date, time and place for the meeting, allowing adequate time to meet the time limits set out hereunder.

**8.5.2** Once the date of the Annual General Meeting has been fixed, the Secretary shall give at least twenty-eight days notice in writing to the members of such

date, at the same time inviting nominations for election to the Executive Committee for the following year and motions for consideration at the Annual General meeting, also specifying that such nominations and motions shall be received by him by a date not less than twenty one days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

**8.5.3** The Secretary shall then, on or after the date specified for return to him of such Nominations and Motions, but so as to give the members ten days clear notice before the meeting, circulate to the members the following documentation:-

- (a) Copy of the Agenda for the meeting.
- (b) Copy of the Annual Report of the Secretary.
- (c) Copy of the Financial Statements, including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s)
- (d) Details of the Nominations for election to the Executive Committee.
- (e) Copies of any motions for consideration at the meeting.

**8.6** In the event of the number of Nominees for any particular Executive Committee position being equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, such Nominees shall be declared elected, and any positions left unfilled, due to the lack of Nominees or Nominees withdrawing, shall be filled by the new Executive Committee, as soon as practical after the Annual General Meeting.

**8.7** A Special General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee at any time, provided ten days clear notice, in writing, shall be given to the members, specifying the purpose of such Special General Meeting.

**8.8** The Executive Committee shall call a Special General Meeting for a date not more than twenty eight days from the receipt by the Executive Committee of a requisition, in writing, signed by twelve members of the Club, and ten clear days notice, in writing, shall be given to the Members.

**8.8.1** Such Requisitions by members of the Club shall set out the purpose for which the Special General Meeting is required, and shall be lodged with the Secretary.

**8.8.2** If the Special General Meeting is not called for a date within the twenty eight days stipulated, then the Requisitioners may themselves convene a Special General Meeting, if necessary using newspaper advertisements to notify the members of such meeting.

**8.9** No other business, outside that specified in the Notice, shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting.

**8.10** No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as

herein otherwise provided, twenty per cent of Full Members eligible to vote shall be a quorum at a General Meeting.

**8.11** If within half an hour after the time appointed for a General Meeting, a quorum of members is not present, the meeting if convened on the requisition of members shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week, at the same time and place; and if at the reconvened meeting a quorum of members is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the members then present shall be a quorum.

**8.12** The Chairman, and failing him the Vice-Chairman, shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Club.

**8.13** If there is no such Chairman, or if at any meeting he is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the members then present shall choose someone of their number who is a member of the Executive Committee to be Chairman of the meeting, and if there shall be no Member of the Executive Committee present, then the members shall elect any one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.

**8.14** The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any reconvened meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

**8.15** Failure to comply strictly with the time limits set out in this Constitution and Rules or the non receipt of Notice of a Meeting by any persons entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting, but shall entitle the majority of members present to seek and be granted an adjournment of the meeting to such date by which they would be given an adequate time to be furnished with and consider the contents of any relevant documentation.

## **VOTING**

**9.1** Only Full Members, whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2, and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide, shall be eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

**9.2** A Chairman of a General Meeting, Executive Committee meeting or any Sub-Committee meeting shall, in the event of a tie, whether on a show of hands or on a ballot, have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member, other than for the election to any position, when the outcome in the event of a tie shall be decided by lot.

**9.3** At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on the show of hands, unless, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a ballot is demanded:-

(a) by the Chairman.

(b) by at least five members present and entitled to vote.

**9.4** Unless a ballot is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on the show of hands been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, shall be final, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Club shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes in favour of or against such resolution.

**9.5** If a ballot is so demanded, the same shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs, and the result of the ballot shall be deemed to be the decision of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded.

**9.6** A Secret Ballot shall be carried out to decide the result of any contest for any elective position.

## **ASSETS AND TRUSTEES**

**10.1** The Club shall have power to acquire, hold and develop, sell, lease, mortgage charge, exchange or sell Real and Personal Property, and to borrow or raise money in promotion of the objects of the Club, subject to the overall authority of the Central Council of the G.A.A..

**10.2** The Real Property shall not be leased, mortgaged, charged, exchanged, sold, conveyed, transferred or otherwise dealt with without the consent of the Central Council of the G.A.A., or as may be set out in any separate Declaration of Trust.

**10.3** The Real Property, including the proceeds of sale thereof until otherwise directed by the Club, shall be vested in five full members of the G.A.A. as Trustees, who shall hold same in trust for the Club.

**10.4** In the case of the appointment of the Trustees of the Real Property the Executive Committee shall select three persons, who shall then be appointed by the Chairman for the time being as Trustees, and the Chairman for the time being of the Provincial Council of the G.A.A. and the Chairman for the time being of the County Committee of the G.A.A. shall each, as required, appoint one other Trustee.

**10.5** The Trustees shall hold office until the retirement or death, unless replaced in accordance with Rule 43, Official Guide.

**10.6** By way of acceptance of their appointment the Trustees of the Real Property shall sign a Declaration of Trust, as approved by Central Council of the G.A.A., and which shall contain the provisions for appointment, removal and replacement of Trustees as well as regulating the conduct of the Trustees in performing their duties and exercising their powers under the trust.

**10.7** The Trustees of the Real Property, having first obtained the consent of the Central Council of the G.A.A. where necessary, shall exercise their powers and perform their duties as directed by the Club from time to time.

**10.8** The Directive of the Club shall be given by a resolution of the full members of the Club, passed by a majority of the members present and voting at a duly convened General Meeting and when so passed shall be binding upon all members of the Club.

**10.9** A Certificate signed by the Secretary shall, in favour of any person relying on same, be conclusive evidence that a Directive, complying in all respect with the provisions of this Rule, was duly given to the Trustees.

**10.10** The Personal Property shall be vested in the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary who shall hold same in Trust for the Club.

**10.11** The Trustees of the Personal Property shall invest and use such property in accordance with the Directives of the Executive Committee, of which an entry in the Minute book shall be conclusive evidence.

**10.12** The Club shall indemnify and save harmless its Trustees in respect of any loss or expenses bona fide incurred by them in or about the execution of the Trust.

## **BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS**

**11.1** The Executive Committee shall open a Bank Account or Accounts with an approved Bank on behalf of the Club, and all cheques drawn on the said account shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by one of either the Chairman or Secretary.

**11.2** The Executive Committee shall cause proper Books of Account to be kept in respect of:-

- (a) All sums of money received and expended by the Club, and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place; and
- (b) All Sales and Purchases of goods by the Club; and
- (c) The Assets and Liabilities of the Club.

**11.3** The Books of Account shall be kept at such place or places as the Executive Committee shall think fit, and shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the members of the Executive Committee.

**11.4** The Executive Committee shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places, and under what conditions and regulations, the Accounts and Books of the Club, or any of them shall be open to the inspection of Full Members of the Club not being an Executive Committee member, and no member (not being an Executive Committee Member) shall have any right of inspection of any Account or Book or Document of the Club except as authorised by the Executive Committee.

**11.5** An independent suitably qualified Person or Persons shall be appointed as Accountant(s) or as Auditor(s) (if an Audit is deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee) to Report on the Financial Statements of the Club, for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

**11.6** The Books and Accounts of the Club shall be presented to such Accountant(s) or Auditor(s) by the Committee in sufficient time to enable the Report of such Accountant(s) or Auditor(s) to be available and considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

**11.7** The Financial Statements shall be approved by the Executive Committee, and signed by two of three Officers – Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer – on behalf of the Executive Committee.

**11.8** The Executive Committee shall cause to be prepared and laid before the Annual General Meeting an Account of Income and Expenditure and a Balance Sheet made up to a date not more than six months before such meeting.

**11.9** The Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Club shall be made available to the Revenue Commissioners, on request.

**11.10** All Books of Account, including all documents, vouchers, statements and notes, as well as all minute books, notes of meetings, original and copy correspondence and all such documents are the property of the Club, and no person shall have any personal title to or interest in such documents to the exclusion of the Club.

**11.11** The Club shall define the End of the Financial Year of the Club.

## **INCOME AND PROPERTY**

**12.1** No portion of the Income and Property of the Club shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit, dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever to the Members of the Club.

**12.2** No Officer shall be appointed to any Office within the Club paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club in respect of such Office, provided however nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:-

- (a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member or Officer of the Club for any services rendered to the Club (other than as an Officer);
- (b) reasonable and proper remuneration to any company of which a Member or Officer of the Club is a director or shareholder, for any services rendered to the Club;
- (c) interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by Officers or other Members of the Club to the Club;
- (d) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by Officers or other Members of the Club (including any Officer) to the Club;
- (e) reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any Officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club;
- (f) fee's, 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.

### **WINDING UP**

**13.1** A resolution to Wind Up a Club shall be passed only at a General Meeting, specially summoned for the purpose of such resolution, if supported by not less than three-fourths of those present and entitled to vote.

**13.2** Any decision to Wind Up a Club shall be subject to the approval of the County Committee.

**13.3** If upon such Winding Up, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members, but the Trustees shall continue to hold same in trust for the appropriate County Committee of the G.A.A., to be used or disposed of as such County Committee shall direct, but shall in no instance pay or distribute such property amongst Officers, Members or Employees of the Club.

### **ADDITIONS TO AND AMENDMENTS OF RULES**

**14.1** Additions to and Amendments of this Constitution and Rules may be made at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, providing that the Resolution proposing same is carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, that same do not conflict with the Official Guide, and that prior approval has been given by the County Committee for the change.

**14.2** Members wishing to propose Additions to or Amendments of this Constitution and Rules must send notice of the proposed Additions or Amendments in writing to the Secretary not later than twenty one days before the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting as provided by Rule 8.5.2 hereof.

**14.3** Where appropriate, no Addition or Amendments shall be made to or in the provisions of the Objects (3), Income and Property (12) and the Winding-Up Clauses (13) in this Constitution and Rules for the time being in force, unless the same shall have been previously approved, in writing, by the Revenue Commissioners.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF OFFICIAL GUIDE**

**15.** This Constitution and Rules shall be read in conjunction with and subject to the Official Guide.

### **INTERPRETATION OF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

**16.** The Executive Committee shall be the sole authority for the Interpretation of these Club Constitution and Rules (with the exception of Rules 5.11, 5.11.1 and 5.11.2) and of any byelaws and regulations made herein; and the decision of the Executive Committee upon any question of interpretation, or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for, shall be final and binding on the members, subject to appeal to the Management Committee of the County Committee in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5.11.1, and shall not under any circumstances be subject to appeal to any Court of Law.

### **GENERAL**

**17.1** A Notice may be given by the Club to any Member either personally or by sending it by post or electronically to him at his last known address.

**17.2** Where a Notice is sent by post, service of this Notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the Notice, and shall be deemed to have been effected at the time which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

**17.3** The failure to give notice of any meeting or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

**17.4** This Constitution and Rules shall be taken as an amendment of and in substitution for any existing Constitution and Rules of **McQuillan Gaelic Athletic Club** as of the 18th day of December 2005.



**FOR THE ADOPTION OF CLUBS WHICH OWN/OPERATE LICENSED BARS  
IN THE SIX COUNTIES**  
(Format 2(B))

**Amendments to Rule 1-17 inclusive**

**Add as Rule 3.1.2**

The Club is defined as a Sporting Club within the terms of the Registration of Clubs (N.I.) Order 1996 which states 'Sporting Club' means a Club occupying a hereditament to which Article 31 of the Rates (N.I.) Order 1997 applies (Rates Relief) being a hereditament which is used solely or mainly for the purposes of physical recreation.

**Add to Rule 5.1.3**

No persons shall be allowed to become Honorary Members of the Club or be relieved of the payment of the regular entrance fees or subscription, except those possessing the qualifications defined in this Rule, and subject to the conditions and regulations specified in the Rules.

**Add as Rule 5.1.5**

Persons shall not be admitted in such numbers to membership not carrying rights of voting in relation to the affairs of the Club as will result in the number of members not having such rights being three times the number of members having such rights.

**Distribution of Intoxicating Liquor**

**18.1** No Member, Officer, Committee Member, Manager or Employee of the Club shall have any personal interest in the supply of intoxicating liquor therein, or in the profits arising from such supply of intoxicating liquor.

**18.1.1** No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to the purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.

**18.1.2** No person shall, directly or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club, or members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

**18.2** Except in the case of a group visiting the Club, as provided for by paragraph 18.10, a visitor shall not be admitted to or supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member of the

Club, and that such member shall upon the admission of such visitor to the Club Premises enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book kept for that purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.

**18.3** No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for consumption outside the Premises of the Club.

**18.4** No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied on the Club Premises to any person under eighteen years of age.

**18.5** Subject to the exceptions specified in paragraph 18.2 of this Rule, no intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club Premises to any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club Premises) or be consumed on the Club premises by any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club Premises)

**18.5.1** Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied, obtained or consumed in the Club premises except during permitted hours. Any bar on the premises of the Club shall be kept closed except during permitted hours.

Permitted Hours:

- (a) On weekdays, other than Good Friday and Christmas Day, from 11.30 am to 11.00 p.m.
- (b) Good Friday from 5.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
- (c) Sundays and Christmas Day from 12.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Exceptions:

- (a) As provided in Article 25 of the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996, the Club shall not prohibit the consumption of intoxicating liquor during the first 30 minutes after the conclusion of permitted hours.
- (b) Where the Club has obtained the necessary permission as described in Article 26 of the Registration of Clubs Order (NI) 1996.

**18.6** The same person, except where that person is a parent, husband, wife or child of a member, shall not be admitted as a guest of a member to the Club premises on more than 20 days in any period of 12 months.

**18.7** A person, on the payment of a fee to the Club in respect of any day may use on that day such facilities as the Executive Committee or the governing body of the Club may determine and paragraph 18.2 shall not apply to that person in respect of that day.

**18.8** Intoxicating liquor shall not, in a registered Club, be supplied or obtained or consumed by, any person other than a member or a guest of a member or an employee of the Club.

**18.9** A member shall be responsible for his guest strictly observing the rules and shall not leave the club premises before his guest and a guest, shall not be supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless upon invitation and in the company of a member.

**18.10** Admission of visiting teams etc:

**18.10.1** Notwithstanding paragraphs 12 and 14 of Schedule 1 Registrations of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 or any rule required to be made by those paragraphs by the Club, where a team or a body of persons who are, as members of another club (whether registered or not), society or organization, visiting the Club for the purpose of taking part in or in the organisation of or arrangements for, any pastime, sport, game or recreation at the Club, an official of the Club may enter in the book required to be kept by that paragraph 12 the name of the club, society or organisation visiting the Club and number of persons without specifying their names and addresses, and intoxicating liquor may be supplied to such persons at the request and in the presence of an official of the Club on the occasion of that visit.

**18.10.2** The admission of persons to whom paragraph 18.10.1 applies shall be disregarded for the purposes of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Registration of Clubs Order (NI) 1996. Any supply or consumption of intoxicating liquor in the buildings or grounds of the club permitted under the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 and any extensions and amendments thereto shall be lawful and not a breach of the Rules of the Club.

**18.11** A list, in alphabetical order, of the names and addresses of every official and member shall be kept on the premises of the Club.

Rule 10  
**SCHEDULE (Part 1)**

To Constitution and Rules of

***An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Mac Uílin or McQuillan Gaelic Athletic Club***..... Club

Trustees of the **real** property of the Club

Name	<b>Brian McShane</b>
Address	20 McAuley Park, Ballycastle, County Antrim
Representative of	MacUilin CLG..... GAA Club
Name	<b>Paddy Donnelly</b>
Address	17 Strandview Road, Ballycastle, County Antrim
Representative of	MacUilin CLG..... GAA Club
Name	<b>Eddie Donnelly</b>
Address	15 Beechwood Avenue, Ballycastle, County Antrim
Representative of	MacUilin CLG..... GAA Club
Name	<b>Eamon McMahan</b>
Address	7 Glengoland Avenue, Belfast, County Antrim
Representative of	Chontae Aontroim CLG..... County Committee
Name	<b>Danny Murphy</b>
Address	72 Grinian Road, Newry, County Down
Representative of	Comhairle Uladh CLG..... Provincial/Central Council

**SCHEDULE (Part 2)**

To Constitution and Rules of

***An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Mac Uílin or McQuillan Gaelic Athletic Club***..... Club

Trustees of the **personal** property of the Club

Club Chairman	<b>Malachy McCurdy</b>
Address	16 Clare Road, Ballycastle, County Antrim
Club Secretary	<b>Dessie Donnelly</b>
Address	4 Caman Crescent, Ballycastle, County Antrim
Club Treasurer	<b>Bernie McKinley</b>
Address	65 Whitepark Road, Ballycastle, County Antrim

## **RULES AND BYE-LAWS of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Mac Uílin**

### **1.00 General Rules**

**1.01** Smoking is strictly prohibited anywhere within the clubhouse building

### **2.00 Financial Regulations**

**2.01** All expenditure on a single item over the value of £2,500 must be authorized by the Executive Committee.

**2.02** All expenditure on a single item over the value of £10,000 must be authorized by the Membership at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

**2.03** Borrowings (including loans, mortgages, charges or overdrafts) of a value exceeding £10,000 must be authorized by the Membership at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

**2.04** In accordance with GAA Club Advisory Service Regulations all borrowings over £10,000 require County Board Approval, over £50,000 require Ulster Council Approval and over £100,000 require the approval of Coiste Bainistí Croke Park.

**2.05** In accordance with Rule 11.1 of the Club Constitution and normal banking practice cheques drawn on any Club bank account shall be signed by the Treasurer and by the Chairman or Secretary.

**2.06** All incoming cash or other receipts must, unless in exceptional circumstances, be lodged in the bank within 3 days of receipt.

**2.07** The Treasurer will provide a monthly financial report to the Executive Committee.

**2.08** The Club financial year will be 1 November to 31 October.

### **3.00 Club Property or Equipment**

**3.01** The borrowing or removal of club property or equipment of any kind from the club premises (unless being used explicitly for club business) is strictly prohibited.

**3.02** In very exceptional circumstances and where there is clear benefit accruing to the club the Executive Committee may, following the timely submission of a written request, consider exceptions to 3.01

### **4.00 Membership**

**4.01** Membership fees must be paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the relevant membership year.

**4.02** Members whose fees are not paid by 1 April will not be eligible for receipt (or enter any draw for) of any club benefits or privileges such as match tickets (including All-Ireland tickets).

**4.03** Membership lists will be displayed in the clubrooms

### **5.00 Elections**

**5.01** All persons elected to any position within the club must be a member of the Association and preferably a member of the club. Where a post holder's membership is of another club evidence of membership must be provided to the Executive Committee.

### **6.00 Code of Conduct**

The club is committed to the promoting the Code of Conduct approved at the Clubs AGM on 14 December 2003 and ensuring it is used constructively to ensure support for all persons working together to secure the success and reputation of the Club and Association.

### **7.00 Bar Rules**

**7.01** The bar is not permitted to be open during club competitive games.

**7.02** Use of televisions or other forms of entertainment are not permitted during club competitive games

**7.03** The Executive Committee will be allowed discretion in the execution of 7.01 and 7.02

### **8.00 Child Protection Policy Statement**

The Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its members. Every individual in the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for children's rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club and the guidelines contained in the *Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland* as adopted at the Clubs AGM on 14 December 2003.

### **9.00 Equity Policy Statement**

The Club aims to promote Gaelic Sports for all present and potential participator's, members, instructors, coaches, competitors, officials, volunteers and employees and will be mindful of the need to carry out our functions in a manner which promotes equality of opportunity between

- Persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group or age
- Persons of different marital status or sexual orientation
- Between men and women generally
- Between persons with a disability and persons without
- Between persons with dependants and persons without.

and make its services and training programmes accessible to all and may take special measures to ensure that certain groups are not unfairly disadvantaged, provided such action does not adversely affect the standard, quality, and integrity of its schemes.

The Club reserves the right to discipline any of its members or employees who practice any form of discrimination in breach of this policy. The effectiveness of this policy will be monitored and evaluated on an ongoing basis.

This statement was adopted at the club's AGM on 14 December 2003.

### **10.00 Anti-Doping Statement**

The Club is committed to establishing and maintaining a drug-free environment for all those participating and competing in our sports. The club will discourage, especially in relation to underage members, the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco on the basis that they are incompatible with a healthy approach to sporting activity. The possessions, use, supply or presenting under the influence of, alcohol or illicit drugs (improper or illegal use of solvents, magic mushrooms or medications) are viewed as unacceptable by the club.

The Club is dedicated to the ideals that in its games the spirit of fair play (fir fer/cothrom na feinne) prevails, the health of players is paramount and that doping can have no place in Gaelic games.

The use of performance enhancing substances or methods are prohibited by the club and any incidents arising will be dealt with in accordance with the general rules of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and in particular under its Anti-Doping Code. This statement was adopted at the club's AGM on 14 December 2003.

### **11.00 Team Management**

**11.01** Adult and minor Team Managers shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Each team will have a minimum of two Selectors in addition to the Team Manager. The Team Manager will submit the names of the proposed Selectors to the Executive Committee for approval by 1 February at latest. The Team Manager is responsible for appointment and management of First Aid personnel and any other support team members. First aid personnel and kit must be available at all matches.

**11.02** Everyone involved in management or coaching of juvenile (u-18) players must have taken (or be prepared to take at the earliest opportunity) the GAA Child Protection and Foundation Coaching course.

### **12.00 Match Tickets (including All-Ireland tickets)**

**12.01** Only adult members who have fully paid their membership fees by 1 April will be eligible for receipt of match tickets.

**12.02** Where the number of applicants for match tickets exceeds the number available the allocation will be decided by an open draw conducted by the Executive Committee.

**12.03** Tickets will be allocated on a personal basis only and will in **no** circumstances be transferable. The person to whom the ticket is allocated must sit in the allocated seat. If it happens that an allocated ticket is not going to be used by the person to whom it was allocated it must be returned to the Committee in good time for reallocation to another member on the reserve list.

**12.04** Anyone who in the view of the Executive Committee has abused the privilege of ticket allocation will be ineligible for ticket allocation for a period of 5 years from 1 April following the date of infringement. The Executive Committee's decision on this matter will be final.



## CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF

**An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael MacUílin**..... Club

as ratified at the 105th General Meeting of the Club

held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012

Sínithe:

Cathaoirleach.....

Rúnaí.....

## **Additional RULES AND BYE-LAWS of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Mac Uílin (as agreed subsequent to ratification of the above Constitution at the 98<sup>th</sup> AGM on 08 January 2006**

These Bye-Laws were agreed at 98<sup>th</sup> AGM and subsequent AGMs as noted

### **98th AGM 01 January 2006**

#### **13.00 Investment of Development Funding (New Bye-Law)**

That the surplus funding from the development project be placed in an investment/savings account and that any subsequent expenditure of this funding will require the written authorization of the Treasurer and least two of the Club Trustees.

#### **14.00 Naming of Grounds (New Bye-Law)**

The new grounds at Whitepark Road will be known as McQuillan Park or Pairc Mac Uílin.

### **100<sup>th</sup> AGM 09 December 2007**

#### **15.00 Rule 11 Official Guide (New Bye-Law)**

McQuillan GAC remains vigilant to any violations of the above rule regarding amateur status by our own club and others in relation to payment for players and managers etc.

### **102<sup>nd</sup> AGM 13 December 2009**

#### **16.00 Establishment of Juvenile Committee (New Bye-Law)**

A Juvenile Committee is established to raise funds for and oversee the running and development of all aspects of underage hurling and Gaelic football within the club. This committee is established as a sub-committee of the Executive Committee.

#### **5.00 Elections (New Bye-Law- Add 5.03)**

5.03 The Secretary to confirm all persons nominated are willing to stand prior to publication in the News Sheet the week prior to the AGM.

#### **8.00 Elections (New Bye-Law- Add 8.5.2.01)**

8.5.2.01 The Secretary shall ask all nominees if they intend standing for any posts nominated. Then the nominations shall be displayed on the Club News Sheet the week prior to the A.G.M.

#### **8.00 A.G.M Documentation New Bye-Law – Add 8.5.3.01)**

8.5.3.01 The A.G.M. Agenda, Secretary's Report shall be made available at the beginning of the A.G.M. to all paid up members.

The Treasurer's Report shall be presented to the membership at the A.G.M and be available for any paid up member to inspect. A copy of the Treasurer's report shall be given to the three Club Trustees.

### **103<sup>rd</sup> AGM 12 December 2010**

#### **11.00 Team Management (Amendment - delete existing 11.02 and replace with new 11.02 below)**

**11.02** In accordance with Comhairle Uladh CLG Code of Best Practice everyone involved in the management, coaching, office bearer or otherwise, working with Children or Young Adults (U-18) must be vetted and approved (be prepared to be vetted at the earliest opportunity) through Access NI and successfully complete the GAA Child Protection and Foundation Coaching course.

### **104<sup>th</sup> AGM 27 November 2011**

#### **5.00 Elections (Amendment – delete existing 5.01 and replace with new 5.01 below)**

**5.01** Persons elected to all positions (including committee and team positions) within the club must be a member of the Club.



### **5.13 Honorary Membership (Amendment – add the following)**

The President of the Club shall be appointed, at the Annual General Meeting for a two year period, on the recommendation of the outgoing Executive Committee, commencing 2011.

### **17.00 Player Injury Advance Payment (New Bye-Law)**

A facility is established to assist players to progress treatment approved through the GAA Insurance Scheme. On receipt of written approval from the GAA insurance Scheme funding not exceeding the amount approved may be advanced to the player to assist early treatment. Before payment is made the player must agree in writing that the subsequent payment from the GAA Insurance Scheme becomes the property of the Club.

## **105<sup>th</sup> AGM 2 December 2012**

### **2.1 Club Address (Add 2.1)**

The official Address of the Club shall be

McQuillan GAC Ballycastle  
Pairc MacUilin  
14-18 Whitepark Road  
Ballycastle  
Co. Antrim  
N. Ireland  
BT54 6HA

### **5.11 (Amendment – delete existing 5.11 and replace with new 5.11 below)**

The Executive Committee shall have the power to investigate any matter, and to expel, suspend, warn, fine or disqualify Members from Club activities for breach of this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide or for conduct considered to have discredited or harmed the Club or the G.A.A.

This will include the use of the social network including twitter and facebook etc.

### **7.2 (Amendment – delete existing 7.2 and replace with new 7.2 below)**

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Registrar, one Players' Representative, and at least five other Full Members.

## **106<sup>th</sup> AGM 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013**

### **2.09 Financial Regulations (Add Bye Law 2.09)**

All monies raised in the name of McQuillan GAC must be lodged ASAP with the Club Treasurer. Monies can only be paid on items with prior approval of the Executive Committee.

### **2.10 Financial Regulations (Add Bye Law 2.10)**

That the Executive Committee undertakes an audit of all recurring costs to identify possible savings.

### **2.11 Financial Regulations (Add Bye Law 2.11)**

The Club membership increase as follows. The juvenile membership increases from £10 to £20 for 2014. The Adult membership increases from £30 to £40 for 2014 and to £50 for 2015. The Family membership increases from £60 to £80 in 2014 & to £90 in 2015. Standing orders increase for £12 to £13 in 2015.

### **6.01 Code of Conduct (Add Bye Law 6.01)**

That the Executive Committee takes strong and immediate action to sanction any person who lowers the Club's good name through word or deed.

### **11.03 Team Management (Add Bye Law 11.03 Team Management)**

That the nominees for the Election of Senior Hurling Manager at the A.G.M. be given an opportunity to address the A.G.M. to outline their intentions for the forthcoming year. Maximum time allowed 3 minutes.

### **11.04 Team Management (Add Bye Law 11.04 Team Management)**

That the Executive Committee takes on the role of selection managers/mentors at juvenile level and make a recommendation to the Members for approval.

**13.01 Club Development (Add Bye Law 13.01 Club Development)**

That the Executive Committee appoints a sub committee to investigate the potential future capital projects/club facilities and development.

**13.02 Club Development (Add Bye Law 13.02 Club Development)**

That the Club considers leasing the wind turbine site to an approved installer in return for an appropriate rental payment.