

Cumann Cispheile Mhaigh Cuilinn Constitution

1. Name

The name of the Club shall be **Cumann Cispheile Mhaigh Cuilinn**, hereinafter referred to as **“the Club”**.

2. Objects

The objects for which the Club is established are:

- To promote, develop, and encourage participation in basketball within the Maigh Cuilinn community and surrounding areas.
 - To provide opportunities for players of all ages and abilities to train, compete, and enjoy basketball in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment.
 - To develop players, coaches, and officials to their fullest potential at community, regional, and national levels.
 - To organise teams, competitions, social events, and fundraising activities for the benefit of members.
 - To uphold the ethos of respect, fair play, and volunteerism within all aspects of Club activities.
 - To structure the Club into Sections that are self-reliant and capable of operating independently without hindering the functioning of other Sections. While Sections manage their own operations, the Club remains one unified organisation, and all Sections must work together in a collective spirit for the betterment of Cumann Cispheile Mhaigh Cuilinn as a whole.
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3. Powers

In furtherance of the above objects, the Club shall have the power to:

- Raise and administer funds through subscriptions, sponsorship, donations, fundraising activities, and grants.
 - Affiliate with Basketball Ireland, Galway Area Basketball Board, and other relevant sporting bodies.
 - Acquire, lease, or use facilities for training, competitions, and events.
 - Appoint sub-committees, coaches, and volunteers as necessary for the running of the Club.
 - Do all such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
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4. Membership

4.1 Eligibility

Membership shall be open to all individuals who support the aims of the Club and pay the required membership fees.

4.2 Membership Year

Membership runs from the date the membership fee is paid until 30th September of the relevant season.

4.3 Rights of Members

Members aged 16 years or older on the date of the AGM shall have voting rights at Club General Meetings.

4.4 Membership Records

The Registration Officer shall maintain a register of members in compliance with data protection regulations.

5. Governance Structure

5.1 Executive Committee

The Club shall be overseen by an Executive Committee consisting of the following officers:

- Chairperson
- Secretary

- Treasurer
- Registration Officer
- Communications Officer
- Coaching & Development Officer
- Oifigeach Gaeilge
- Fundraising Officer
- Men's Section Representative
- Women's Section Representative
- Youth Section Representative
- Such other officer as a majority of the Executive deem should be appointed, which role must be approved at the next AGM of the Club

The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed at the AGM each year.

Any remaining Executive officer positions, if not filled at the AGM, may be appointed following the AGM by the members of the Executive Committee then existing, whatever that number.

A vacancy in any Executive officer position shall not invalidate the Executive Committee. However, the Executive Committee shall only make valid decisions where, at a minimum, the roles of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are filled.

The Men's Section, Women's Section and Youth Section are each entitled to nominate any Club member to be their representative to sit on the Executive Committee.

Any person who is a member of the Executive Committee shall, by virtue of holding that position, be automatically considered a member of the Club without further action required, and such membership shall remain in effect for so long as they remain a member of the Executive Committee.

5.2 Functions of the Executive

The Executive Committee shall:

- Set Club policy in respect of matters that span multiple Sections of the Club.
- Set the strategic direction of the Club

- Ensure overall financial oversight and compliance with legal and funding requirements.
- Approve the formation of new Sections within the Club.
- Monitor Section governance and intervene in exceptional circumstances if a Section's functioning threatens the wider Club's operations.

The Executive Committee is not responsible for the day-to-day running of the Club's Sections, which is delegated to each Section's own administrators. Where a policy relates only to the operation of a single Section, that Section is entitled to adopt such policy directly. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive Committee retains ultimate authority to intervene and override any Section policy where required in the best interests of the Club as a whole, which determination shall be at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee.

5.3 Authority

The Executive retains ultimate authority in all matters relating to the Club. Decisions shall be made by simple majority. A quorum shall consist of 50% of Executive members, with the Chairperson having a casting vote in the event of a tie.

6. Club Sections

6.1 Formation

A Section (e.g. Youth, Men's, Women's) may only be formed with the approval of the Executive Committee.

6.2 Section Committees

Each Section shall elect its own administrators (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer) from within the Section membership at a meeting convened for that purpose. Each Section may determine its own procedure for electing administrators. Any person who is a member of a Section Committee shall, by virtue of holding that position, be automatically considered a member of the Club without further action required, and such membership shall remain in effect for so long as they remain a member of that Section Committee.

6.3 Section Responsibilities

The Section administrators shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Section, including:

- Organising teams, training, and matches.
- Managing Section volunteers and coaches.
- Ensuring good governance within the Section.

- Adopting policies applicable to that Section only.

A Section may refer any question or issue to the Executive Committee for guidance as it deems necessary

6.4 Section Finances

- Section administrators shall set, collect, and retain membership fees for their Section.
 - Each Section may operate its own bank account.
 - The Executive may require Sections to pay a set contribution from each membership fee to the Executive (for example, €10 from each membership fee collected may be transferred to the Executive to cover shared Club-wide costs).
 - Up-to-date financial records and statements must be produced whenever requested by the Executive.
 - An up-to-date record of paid Section members must be made available to the Executive Officers on request.
 - The Executive may take control of the financial affairs of a Section if it deems it necessary for the protection of the Club as a whole.
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7. Meetings

7.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM shall be held annually at a time decided by the Executive Committee, giving reasonable notice to all members. Notice of the AGM, including motions, shall be given at least 14 days in advance and publication on the website of the Club shall be considered due notice to all members.

The order of business shall include:

- Chairperson's Report (incorporating officer reports)
- Financial Report
- Election of Officers and Section Representatives
- Consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution

Only current members aged 16 and over may vote at the AGM. Section AGMs may follow the Club AGM on the same evening.

7.2 Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

An EGM may be called by the Executive Committee or by a written request from at least 35 voting members. Notice of at least 14 days must be given and notice published on the Club website shall be deemed due notice to all members. Voting at an EGM shall be on the same basis as voting at an AGM.

7.3 Executive Meetings

The Executive shall meet as required but at least once every twelve weeks between 1 September and 31 May.

8. Fees and Finance

- The Executive Committee may set a Club levy payable by each Section from its membership fees to cover Club-wide expenses such as insurance, Basketball Ireland registration, and administration.
 - Section Treasurers shall provide financial reports to the Executive Committee as requested by the Treasurer of the Executive Committee and, in any event, at least once in each year, whether or not such a request has been made.
 - The Executive may direct how funds are managed to ensure the financial sustainability of the Club.
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9. Fundraising & Sponsorship

Fundraising and sponsorship activities must be carried out in accordance with the Fundraising Policy as adopted by the Executive Committee.

10. Amendments to the Constitution

- This Constitution may only be amended at an AGM or an EGM called for that purpose.

- Proposed amendments must be circulated at least 14 days in advance.
 - Amendments require a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.
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11. Income & Property Clause

- The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Club's objects.
 - No portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit to members.
 - No officer shall receive remuneration, except for reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.
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12. Winding-Up Clause

In the event of the Club being wound up or dissolved, any remaining assets shall not be distributed among members but shall be transferred to another organisation with similar aims, or to a charitable purpose, as decided by the members at the time of dissolution.

13. Accounts & Reporting

- The Club shall maintain annual accounts, which shall be presented to members at the AGM.
 - Where required, accounts shall be submitted to relevant funding bodies or the Revenue Commissioners.
 - If the gross annual income exceeds €250,000, the accounts shall be independently audited.
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Adoption of Constitution

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

This Constitution was adopted by the members of Cumann Cispheile Mhaigh Cuilinn on **26 May 2026** and supersedes all previous versions.

Signed:

Chairperson _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____