



## London Irish Supporters' Club

# **CONSTITUTION**

### **Glossary:**

**The Club** means the board members, management, and players of London Irish Rugby Football Club, London Irish Scottish Richmond Limited and London Irish Amateur Rugby Football Club;

**The Officers and General Committee** means those paid up members elected by the membership from time to time as provided for below;

**The Members and/or The Membership** mean those persons aged 16 or over who have completed the membership application form and have paid the annual membership fee of the London Irish Supporters' Club and the annual membership shall be for the period of each rugby union season and in any event from 1<sup>st</sup> August through to 31<sup>st</sup> July;

**London Irish Supporters' Club** shall be abbreviated as LISC and/or the Supporters' Club.

### **1. Objectives:**

- i) To serve the interests of the Members of the Supporters' Club by enhancing their enjoyment of the Club and its activities;
- ii) To liaise with the Club in order to foster constructive cooperation, dialogue and mutual understanding and improve the social facilities for the supporters;
- iii) To endeavour to encourage and facilitate an increase in support of the Club's teams at home and away fixtures;
- iv) To organise charitable fund raising and social events;

### **2. The Officers**

- i) The Officers of the Club shall be as follows:

Chairperson

Vice Chairpersons (maximum of 2)

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Membership Secretary

- ii) The Chairperson must have served on the General Committee, in either the capacity of officer or ordinary member, for a period of at least one year prior to his or her election.
- iii) All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the LISC by the members of the LISC who are eligible to vote.
- iv) All Officers are elected for a period of two years at which point they may stand for re-election.

**3. General Committee:**

- i) The affairs of the LISC shall be controlled by a General Committee comprising of the Officers of the LISC and up to 6 Ordinary members elected at the Annual General meeting of the LISC by the members who are entitled to vote. Ordinary members of the Committee shall serve for a minimum of one year at which point they may stand for re-election.
- ii) The LISC representative to the National Rugby Supporters' Association or any other body considered by the General Committee to represent the interests of the LISC at a national level may be an ex-officio member of the General Committee and shall not retain voting rights at any General Committee meeting.
- iii) A quorum of the Committee shall consist of not less than one half of the general committee, but to include the Chairperson or a Vice Chairperson. However, if necessary, the General Committee may still agree to meet but any decisions or resolutions will be subject to ratification by a quorum.
- iv) There shall be a minimum of six committee meetings per year. The Committee will provide a written report of its discussions to the membership in such format as the General Committee deem appropriate.
- v) The committee will endeavour to meet regularly with the club. The Committee will provide a written report of its discussions to the membership in such format as the General Committee deem appropriate.
- vi) The duties of the General Committee shall be:
  - (a) To control the affairs of the LISC on behalf of the Members;
  - (b) To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the LISC through the Honorary Treasurer. The LISC shall maintain a current bank account and the following officers shall be authorised to sign LISC cheques: two from Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary.
  - (c) To co-opt additional members to the General Committee as is considered necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to vote on the General Committee, unless they have been co-opted to replace a member who has died or resigned. They shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
  - (d) To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.
  - (e) To appoint, if it sees fit, an Honorary President of the LISC who shall be an ex officio member of the General Committee and shall not retain voting rights at any General Committee meeting.

