

Board Motions to 2017 AGM to amend the Irish Canoe Union Constitution and the Canoeing Ireland Rules

- A. The revised Constitution has been examined by the Sports Exemption Section of the Revenue Commissioners who advise that it is necessary to make amendments to clause 3 of the Constitution to avoid future difficulties arising for the company in having its sporting tax exemption confirmed. The following revision is proposed:

3. *"The objects for which Irish Canoe Union is established ~~are to~~:*

3.1. The main objects for which Irish Canoe Union is established are to:

- (i) govern, organise, control and regulate in all its forms the sport and recreation of canoeing and kayaking (hereinafter referred to as "canoeing").*
- (ii) promote, develop, and advance the sport and recreation of canoeing in Ireland.*

3.2 In furtherance exclusively of the foregoing main objects, the Company shall have the following subsidiary objects:

- (i) provide a positive and safe environment for all its members and in particular to maintain a child-centred focus which emphasises the overall development, safety, health and welfare of children at all levels within the sport and recreation of canoeing.*
- (ii) promote the teaching and practice of canoeing in accordance with current best practice.*
- (iii) develop, promote, and adopt a drug free policy within the sport and recreation of canoeing and in particular to support Sport Irelands National Anti-Doping Programme.*
- (iv) stimulate public and national and local government opinion in favour of providing and enhancing canoeing facilities.*
- (v) develop, promote and adopt policies aimed at protecting the natural environment and in particular those areas of the natural environment which facilitate the activities of canoeing and canoeists.*
- (vi) draw up, publish and enforce uniform rules and regulations for the control and regulation of canoeing in Ireland and to deal with any infringements thereof".*

- B. To strengthen the governance capacity of the Board, the following amendments are proposed to the Constitution and Rules:

- Amend Art 36 of the Constitution to read as follows:

"36. The Board shall consist of the following elected and/or approved and appointed members in accordance with the Rules:

- (i) A President who shall act as Chairperson*
- (ii) An Honorary Treasurer*
- (iii) An Honorary Secretary*

- (iv) *Two general Executive members.*
- (v) *One Dublin Representative*
- (vi) *One Leinster Representative*
- (vii) *One Munster Representative.*
- (viii) *One Connacht/Ulster Representative*
- (ix) *One Olympic Discipline Representative*
- (x) *One Non-Olympic Discipline Representative*
- (xi) *One Training Coaching and Accreditation Representative*
- (xii) *Two Independent Directors appointed by the Board*

- Insert a new Art 42 in the Constitution and a new Rule 11.20 in the Rules as follows:

“Independent Directors shall be appointed by the Board from time to time to bring specific expertise to the Board for the strategic development of the sport. Independent Directors shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting at which such Annual General Meeting that Independent Director shall retire and may be reappointed by the Board”.

- C. To strengthen the governance and management of the company, the following amendments to Article 39 of the Constitution and Rule 7 of the Rules are proposed:

Art 39 “Board members (including the Chairperson) shall not be eligible for appointment to any paid executive office in Irish Canoe Union ~~and if the holder of any of such paid office shall become a Board member his office shall at once be vacated.~~ within one year of vacating their position on the Board.

Rule 7 “Board members (including the President) shall not be eligible for appointment to any paid executive office in Canoeing Ireland ~~and if the holder of any of such paid office shall become a Board member his office shall at once be vacated~~ within one year of vacating their position on the Board”.

- D. To tie in with the revision of membership fees, the following amendments are proposed in Article 6 of the Constitution and Rules 4 and 5.5 of the Rule Book:

Art 6. The following shall be the classes of members:

- (i) Clubs enrolled with Canoeing Ireland;*
- (ii) Registered members of clubs enrolled with Canoeing Ireland;*
- (iii) Individuals enrolled independently with Canoeing Ireland;*
- (iv) ~~Individuals enrolled with the Canoeing Ireland Training and Development Unit;~~*
- (v) Honorary Members as determined by the Board*
- (vi) Directors of the Board not otherwise Members of Canoeing Ireland*

Rule 4 MEMBERSHIP

Members of Canoeing Ireland are such bodies and persons who are admitted to membership as contained in the Constitution and are specifically;

- a) Clubs enrolled with Canoeing Ireland
- b) Registered members of Clubs enrolled with Canoeing Ireland
- c) Individuals enrolled independently with Canoeing Ireland
- d) ~~Individuals enrolled with the Canoeing Ireland Training and Development Unit~~
- e) Honorary members as determined by the Board
- f) Directors of the Board not otherwise Members of Canoeing Ireland

No person or club shall be admitted or remain a member of Canoeing Ireland unless approved by the Board.

RULE 5 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RULES

- 5. *Individual Members, Members of enrolled Clubs and ~~Members of the Training and Development Unit~~ shall be deemed members once the appropriate fee has been paid by them or on their behalf to Canoeing Ireland.*

- E. To regulate applications for membership of Canoeing Ireland, the following amendment is proposed to Rules 5.4 of the Rule Book:

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- 4. *Clubs in applying for, or renewing their membership online shall submit their full roll of members. Clubs must have a minimum of five members to apply for or renew membership. New Clubs seeking membership must submit their club constitution for review and approval.*