

Irish Canoe Union
Memorandum of Association

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1. The name of the Company is Canoeing Ireland Limited.
2. The objects for which Canoeing Ireland 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.
 - (iii) 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.
 - (iv) promote the teaching and practice of canoeing in accordance with current best practice.
 - (v) develop, promote, and adopt a drug free policy within the sport and recreation of canoeing and in particular to support the Irish Sports Council's National Doping Control Programme.
 - (vi) stimulate public and government opinion in favour of providing and enhancing canoeing facilities.
 - (vii) 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.
 - (viii) draw up, publish and enforce uniform regulations for the control and regulation of canoeing competitions in Ireland and to deal with any infringements thereof.
 - (ix) purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire and to hold, manage, develop, sell, dispose of, lease, or deal in any way with any real or personal property and any interest therein subject to such consents as may be required by law.
3. In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise, Canoeing Ireland shall have the following powers:
 - (i) Subject to such consents as may be required by law to borrow and raise money and secure or discharge any debt or obligation of or binding on Canoeing Ireland in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be thought fit and in particular by mortgages of or charges upon the undertaking and all or any of the real and personal property (present and future) of Canoeing Ireland.
 - (ii) To invest funds of Canoeing Ireland not immediately for its purpose in or upon such investments, securities or property as it may think fit subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law.
 - (iii) To co-operate with the national or international federations of other or related sporting or other bodies as Canoeing Ireland shall from time to time approve.

- (iv) To adopt, publish, amend and administer from time to time standards of eligibility for membership of Canoeing Ireland and for competing in events promoted by Canoeing Ireland as may be determined by Canoeing Ireland in accordance with its constitution, rules and regulations and to do all such acts and things necessary to ensure conformity to and compliance with such codes and standards as may be adopted or promulgated by Canoeing Ireland and to govern members, competitors and / or coaches in any way connected with the objectives of Canoeing Ireland.
- (v) To receive from any person or body monies for the purpose of furthering the objectives of Canoeing Ireland.
- (vi) For the purposes aforesaid to buy, acquire, hold, deal with manage, direct the management or sell, exchange, mortgage, charge, dispose of grant register or otherwise turn to account any right or interest in over or upon any property of any kind whatsoever and in particular any copyrights, designs, trademarks, patents, licences, franchises, concessions and the like all rights in respect thereof confirming a right of use or any secret or other information and /or any film, video, television or broadcasting rights which may seem capable of being used for any grant licence in respect of or otherwise turn to account any rights and information so acquired and also to undertake any kind of trade business or activity for the purpose of promoting, advancing or protecting the interests of person or bodies engaged in promoting the objectives of Canoeing Ireland as Canoeing Ireland shall by rules or regulations or constitution provide.
- (vii) To prepare, edit, print, publish, issue, acquire, circulate, and distribute books, pamphlets, papers, periodicals and other literary materials, pictures, prints, photography, films, sound, recordings and mechanical and other models and equipment, and to establish, form, promote, conduct, and maintain public collection, displays and exhibitions of literature, statistics, charts, information and other material.
- (viii) Subject to such consents as may be required by law to construct, erect, alter, improve, demolish and maintain any buildings which may from time to time be required for the purpose of Canoeing Ireland, and to manage, develop, sell, lease, let, mortgage, dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any part of the same.
- (ix) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- (x) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental to the attainment of furtherance of the said objects or any of them.
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- (xi) In case Canoeing Ireland shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts, Canoeing Ireland shall only deal with or invest the same in such manner as allowed by law, having regard to such trusts.
- (xii) Canoeing Ireland shall not support with its funds any object, or endeavour to impose on, or procure to be observed by its members or others, any regulation, restriction, or condition which if an object of Canoeing Ireland would make it a Trade Union.

4. The liability of the members is limited.
5. Every member of Canoeing Ireland undertakes to contribute to the assets of Canoeing Ireland in the event of the same being wound up while a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of Canoeing Ireland contracted before ceasing to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves such amount as may be required not exceeding one euro.
6. If upon the winding up or dissolution of Canoeing Ireland there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of Canoeing Ireland, but shall be given or transferred to such other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of Canoeing Ireland, and which 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 Canoeing Ireland under or by virtue of clause four hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of Canoeing Ireland at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be of Canoeing Ireland at or before the time of dissolution, and if so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.

Jurisdiction

7. Canoeing Ireland acknowledges the International Canoe Federation as the international representative body for canoeing and declares that the powers vested in Canoeing Ireland shall be subject to and in accordance with the statutes of the International Canoe Federation.
8. Canoeing Ireland shall be a member of the Olympic Council of Ireland and as such shall be the sole representative of the sport of canoeing in this regard.

Canoeing Ireland adopts the Irish Sports Council Anti-Doping Rules which are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code. Canoeing Ireland strongly recommends that all paddlers become familiar with their rights and responsibilities in relation to anti-doping programmes and act accordingly. Canoeing Ireland condemns the use of banned substances and unethical methods to improve the performance of athletes in sport. We support a fair and equitable competition environment and doping does not promote the good health and safe welfare of athletes. We believe that any illegal substances and methods are against the spirit of sport and will bring the sport of Canoeing into disrepute and accordingly have zero tolerance for such practices.

Logos & Emblems

9. The use of Canoeing Ireland logos and emblems shall be prohibited by any member, person, body, association, or otherwise, without the written consent of Canoeing Ireland's Board of Management.