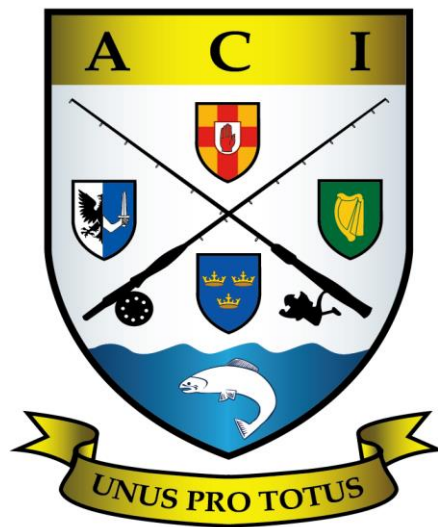


ACI CONSTITUTION

ANGLING COUNCIL IRELAND

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THIS CONSTITUTION

This Constitution repeals and replaces the previous ANGLING COUNCIL OF IRELAND ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION. This Constitution will not conflict with, or alter, the Constitutions of the Member Federations.

Article 1. TITLE AND PLACE OF BUSINESS

- (i) The Title of this organization shall be **THE ANGLING COUNCIL OF IRELAND** hereafter referred to as the **ACI**.
- (ii) The place of business of ACI shall be its Registered Offices

Article 2. MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ACI

MISSION STATEMENT

To organise angling in the spirit of inclusiveness, to seek to preserve the angling resource and to provide professional support services for all affiliated member and associate member organizations.

OBJECTIVES

- (i) That the Angling Council of Ireland is the recognised governing body for angling in Ireland and will represent angling at national and international levels.
- (ii) To advocate the rights of anglers to participate directly in the administration of angling.
- (iii) To develop, promote, and adopt a drug free policy within angling sport and recreation, in line with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code and Confederation Internationale de la Peche Sportive (CIPS). The anti-doping rules of the Angling Council of Ireland are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as amended from time to time.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACI

- (i) The Member Federations of the ACI on the date of the adoption of this Constitution and AFYDI

- a. Those eligible to apply for membership of the Angling Council of Ireland shall
- b. be a properly constituted federation of not less than 25 angling clubs on the island of Ireland
- c. be formally in existence for not less than 5 years
- d. have a track record of promoting angling in Ireland
- e. have a national profile on the island of Ireland
- f. subscribe to the objectives and policies of the ACI
- g. have a verifiable database of members
- h. have properly audited accounts"

- i. An application to ACI Council for membership of the ACI must be proposed and seconded by two of the existing member federations.
- (ii) An initial affiliation fee to be fixed annually by AGM, shall be remitted to the ACI, then the applicant federation shall be admitted to membership.
- (iii) Member Federations shall maintain 'good standing' with the ACI.
- (iv) Other organizations, which subscribe to the objectives of the ACI, may be admitted to associate membership.
- (v) Associate Members shall not enjoy voting rights but shall be entitled to attend plenary meetings and contribute to the proceedings.
- (vi) Membership and associate membership subscriptions shall be fixed annually by AGM.
- (vii) Each member federation shall have a single vote. ACI is committed to a consensus model of decision making. On the rare occasion where voting is required, matters will be decided by simple majority except where otherwise stated in this constitution.
- (viii) Associate Membership: ACI welcome associate membership and this is open to individual clubs and individual members. Associate members do not hold the same voting rights as full members.

Articles of Association

1. Winding Up

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the ACI there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the ACI but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the ACI 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 the ACI under or by virtue of Clause hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the council at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then to some charitable object.

2. Income and Property

The income and property of the council, whatsoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the main objects of the council, as set forth in this Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of the council.

Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the ACI or to any member of the ACI, in return for any services actually rendered to the ACI, nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding ten per cent per annum on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let, by any member to the ACI; but so that no director other than Administrator of the ACI shall be appointed to any salaried office of the ACI or any office of the ACI paid by fees and that no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be given by the ACI to any director, except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses,

honorarium, and interest at the rate aforesaid on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the ACI, provided that the provision last aforesaid shall not apply to any payment to any ACI of which a director may be a member, and in which such member shall not hold more than one-hundredth part of the capital, and such member shall not be bound to account for any share of profits (he or she) may receive in respect of such payment.

Article 4. **STRUCTURE OF THE ACI COUNCIL**

Council Members	Shall consist of not more than 3 Delegates from each of the Member Federations of the ACI.
Chairman	Shall preside at all meetings of the ACI and shall oversee all activities of the organization.
Vice Chair	Shall, in the absence of the Chairman, carry out all the functions of the Chairman. (In the absence of both Officers the Council shall appoint a Member to preside protem.)
Honorary Secretary	Shall keep proper records of the business of the ACI and shall make and receive all official communications on behalf of the ACI and shall produce these at plenary sessions and shall report annually to the AGM.
Assistant Hon. Secretary	Shall assist the Hon, Secretary and shall act in the absence of the Hon, Secretary.
Honorary Treasurer	Shall keep proper books and records of financial transactions of the ACI and shall receive all monies on behalf of the ACI and shall produce properly audited accounts to the AGM and periodic State of the Finances reports for Council Meetings.
Assistant Hon. Treasurer	Shall assist the Hon. Treasurer and shall act in the absence of the Hon. Treasurer.
Public Relations Officer (PRO)	Shall develop an agreed public profile for the ACI and organise and oversee all publicity and media briefings from the ACI and shall report annually to the AGM and periodic summary reports for Council Meetings.
National Coaching Officer	Shall organise Coaching Training within the ACI and shall report annually to the AGM and periodic summary reports for Council Meetings.
Anti Doping Officer	Shall ensure that an agreed Anti Doping Policy is developed and maintained, and shall manage all Anti Doping issues of the ACI, and shall oversee testing Management for the ACI and shall report annually to the AGM and regular summary reports for Council Meetings.
Honorary Safety Officer	Shall ensure that an agreed Safety Statement is developed and maintained, and shall manage all safety issues of the ACI, and shall oversee Risk Management for the ACI and shall report annually to the AGM and regular summary reports for Council Meetings.
National Children's Officer (NCO)	Shall ensure proper implementation of the ACI Child Protection Guide and compliance with current legislation relevant to Child Welfare and shall report annually to the AGM and regular summary reports for Council Meetings.

Assistant Children's Officer (ACO)	Shall assist the NCO and shall act in the absence of the absence of the NCO.
Hon. Environment Officer	Shall promote environmental awareness within the ACI and shall report annually to the AGM and periodic summary reports for Council meetings.
Women in Sport Officer	Shall represent women in angling sport and report annually to the AGM and periodic summary reports for Council meetings.
Auditors	May be appointed on the recommendation of the Executive.
Council Executive	The Chairman, the Honorary Officers and the Federation delegates shall form the ACI Executive.
Trustees	The ACI shall appoint a Trustee from each of the Colleges of Angling. Persons so appointed shall be re-appointed annually, or removed, on the nomination of the Council, by the AGM. Trustees shall be indemnified against any costs or losses incurred by them in the proper execution of their functions.
Sub-Committees	The Council may appoint Sub-Committees to assist in the work of the ACI.

Article 5. TERMS OF OFFICE AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

TERMS OF OFFICE

The Offices of Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and (Vice Chairman, Assistant Secretary and Assistant treasurer) shall be filled from Member Federations and may be elected to those Offices annually at AGM for tenure of up to five consecutive years. Following which they must stand down for One year before becoming eligible for re-election to those Offices but are eligible for election to any other Honorary Office.

The office of President is a nominated position and will serve for a maximum five years.

All other Honorary Officers may be elected annually at AGM to serve on up to FIVE consecutive years following which they must stand down for ONE year before becoming eligible for election to Office.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Attendance at Council meetings by Hon. Officers/Council Members shall be mandatory and a Hon. Officer/Council Member who has more than THREE consecutive absences from meetings without apology, explanation or reasonable cause, shall be deemed to have left office and the Council shall proceed to fill that vacancy.

Article 6. PLENARY MEETINGS

(i) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting is the Principal Plenary Meeting of the ACI and is the final arbiter of all issues arising within the Organization. The AGM of the ACI shall be held in the month of March of each year for the following purposes:

- To adopt the minutes and procedures of the previous AGM.
- To hear the Chairman's Address.

- To consider and adopt the Hon. Secretary's Report.
- To consider and adopt the Hon. Treasurer's Report.
- To adopt the Annual Budget Plan
- To consider and adopt the PRO's Report.
- To consider and adopt the Hon. Safety Officer's Report.
- To consider and adopt the NCO's Report.
- To consider and adopt the Hon. Environment Officer's Report.
- To consider and adopt the National Coaching Officer's Report.
- To consider and adopt the National Anti-doping Officer's Report.
- To consider and adopt the Women in Sport Officer's Report
- To elect President, Chairman and Honorary Officers.
- To appoint Trustees.
- To appoint Auditors.
- To consider and confirm or reject Executive decisions.
- To consider proposed change(s) to this Constitution under Article (Requires simple majority)
- To take motions before the AGM.
- To consider recommendations for the incoming Council.

NOTICE OF TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN OF AGM.

Nominations and Motions for AGM shall be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary at the Registered Offices of the ACI, by email or by recorded post and not less than FOURTEEN days prior to the date of the AGM. To be valid, such Nominations and Motions must be Proposed and Seconded by ACI Members. The Hon. Secretary will forward copies of any valid Nominations and Motions to ACI Council Members not less than SEVEN days prior to the AGM.

(ii) EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

An EGM may be called by the ACI Executive or by a 3/5 majority of the Colleges of Angling or a simple majority of the Federation Delegates, on a signed demand. The Chairman shall summon A Plenary Meeting of the ACI Council to meet within ONE MONTH from the date of the Executive decision or receipt of the demand. An Executive decision, or a demand, must set out the business for which the EGM is called an NO OTHER BUSINESS may be conducted at that EGM.

(iii) GENERAL MEETING (GM)

A GM may be called by the ACI Executive for the following purposes:

- To inform the Membership of important news affecting the ACI.
- To discuss important issues affecting the ACI.
- To organise activities for the ACI.

Notice of FOURTEEN days shall be given of a GM.

(iv) COUNCIL MEETING (CM)

There shall be a minimum of 6 number ACI Council Meetings annually to be advised following AGM each year.

A reminder notice and Agenda shall be given SEVEN days prior to Council Meetings.

(v) QUORA FOR MEETINGS

AGM At least ONE Delegate from each Member.
EGM At least ONE Delegate from each Member.
GM Members present.
CM At least ONE Delegate from each Member.

(vi) STANDING ORDERS

The ACI shall adopt Robert's Rules of Order to control and guide all plenary meetings of the ACI.

Article 7. MANAGEMENT OF THE ACI

GENERAL MANAGEMENT

The ACI Council is charged by the Membership with the overall responsibility for the general management of the organization. The Council Executive shall assume this responsibility on behalf of Council. The Council shall make a Strategic Plan for the proper regulation and management of the ACI commencing with 2010 – 2015, and thereafter at periods not exceeding 5 years, and shall set Goals and Objectives for the life of that plan. The ACI shall also prepare an Operational Plan, a Work Programme, a Technical Progress Report, an Annual Budget Plan and a Coaching Plan.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The ACI Council shall have control of ALL the assets of the organization. Financial Resources derive from Core Funding i.e., Membership Subscriptions, Donations, Special Support Funding from diverse sources, and Grant Funding. The ACI shall maintain a General Purposes (No. 1) Account to regulate Core Funding from the Member Federations and other unspecified sources, and a Special Purposes (No. 2) Account to regulate Grant Funding. These accounts shall be in the charge of the Honorary Treasurer who shall maintain proper Books of Account on behalf of the ACI and shall produce an audited Annual Report for AGM, and Periodic State of the Finances Reports for Council Meetings.

Allocations, Grants or Contributions:

The ACI can make allocations, grants or contributions, as it sees fit, in the areas of Angling Development to include Angling Events, Youth Angling, and supports to Member Federations.

Payments:

The Hon. Treasurer will arrange three signatories from the Council for payment transactions. They shall be the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer and the Assistant Hon. Treasurer. Payment transactions will require the Hon. Treasurer's signature and any one of the other two signatories. All payments will require to be presented and passed by the ACI Council.

Reserves:

Monies in excess of that required for the proper support of the Organization (other than Grant Funding received from Sport Ireland, National Lottery, Sports Capital Grants, other Government funding including Dormant Account Funding Grants) shall

be held as Reserve Finances and may be invested in securities as advised by the ACI Council from time to time.

Article 8. CHANGE OF ARTICLE

Addition, alteration, deletion or amendment of these Articles can be made only at AGM or an EGM called for that purpose and requiring a 3/5 majority of Member Federations present in Plenary Meeting. Voting shall be by roll-call of the Federation Delegates. Notice of such proposed changes must be given, in writing, to the Hon. Secretary by recorded post to the ACI Registered Offices within the required time limits set out in Article 7. Issues of high importance to the Angling Council of Ireland and demanding immediate resolution, on which this Constitution is silent, shall be resolved by the Council and may necessitate a Change of Article and will require ratification at EGM or AGM.

Article 9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

(i) Subject to all internal avenues of appeal having been exhausted, this Article shall apply to any dispute or difference arising out of, in connection with or under this Constitution or any rules, bye-laws, codes, policies or equivalent of the ACI. This shall include without limitation any dispute arising out of, under or in connection with the legality of any decision made or procedure used by the ACI or any part of it.

(ii) Each such dispute or difference shall be referred to Just Sport Ireland (JSI) for final and binding arbitration by a single arbitrator in accordance with the JSI Arbitration Rules and in accordance with the Arbitration Act 2010 as amended.

(iii) This Article shall also apply to every participant and member of every Unit (as defined below). Each such participant or member is bound to refer any dispute or difference which remains unresolved after all internal avenues of appeal have been exhausted to JSI arbitration in accordance with sub-article (ii) above.

(iv) The provisions of this Article shall apply notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary contained within this Constitution and/or any other rules, bye-laws, codes, policies or equivalent of the ACI and/or any Unit from time to time. This Article applies notwithstanding the level within the ACI that any such dispute or difference occurs in the first instance.

(v) The effect of this Article is to prohibit any party to such dispute or difference from commencing legal proceedings before the Courts.

(vi) For the purpose of this Article, "Unit" means any team, association, club or committee or sub committee or other grouping, association or entity of any type which is in turn a member, part of, affiliated to or governed by the ACI."

Article 10. DISSOLUTION OF THE ACI

A resolution for the dissolution of the ACI shall be passed by a 3/5 majority of the Member Federations present at an EGM summoned for that purpose. A quorum of not less than 50% + 1 of the Federation Delegates shall be present at the EGM and voting shall be by roll call. The Council shall on a date specified in the resolution proceed to liquidate the assets of the ACI and, after discharge of all liabilities and charges or loans, shall distribute the residue as directed in the resolution, in accordance with the articles of association of this constitution. On completion of these directions, the ACI shall be dissolved.

Dated this 06 Dec 2021.