



2022 Annual Board Assurance Statement to Sport Ireland Governance Code for Sport

(Type B Organisation)

PART A – Principles of the Governance Code for Sport Leading our Organisation

1. The Board of Angling Council Ireland, confirms that it has agreed the organisation's vision, purpose, mission, values and objectives. Exercising

Control over our Organisation

2. The Board of Angling Council Ireland, confirms that it has identified, and complies with, all its relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

3. The Board confirms that the requirements of sub-principle 2.2 of the Governance Code for Sport in relation to appropriate internal financial and management controls are being complied with. The key control procedures which have been put in place by the Board, to provide effective internal financial control are as follows:

(a). The Board has overseen income, expenditure, cash-flow and investments during the reporting period.

(b). Appropriate financial management procedures, systems and controls are in place and have been agreed by the Board. Furthermore, the Board has conducted a review of the financial management of the Angling Council Ireland. The ACI used the financial management maturity model to evaluate the extent of financial management maturity in the Angling Council of Ireland.

(c). The Board has agreed the level of financial authority given to, finance sub-committee and senior staff.

(d). The Board has appointed an audit committee with written terms of reference.

(e). The Audit Committee has fulfilled its role as set out in paragraph 2 of the Governance Code for Sport guidance document.

4. The Board has completed a full risk assessment during the year involving regularly updating and discussing a risk register that allowed for:

(a). identifying and understanding the risks facing the organisation. These are identified in the ACI Risk Rating Assurance Map incorporating the three lines model.

(b). assessing and mitigating against the risks to ensure they are within the organisation's risk appetite as set by the board. The ACI uses the 4 T's approach to ensure best outcomes.

(c). ensuring the process's accountability and resources are in place to manage the organisation's exposure to risk. Being transparent and accountable



5. The Board has ensured that Angling Council Ireland's, annual report and accounts are widely available and easy to access on the organisation's website and elsewhere.

The annual report identifies the leadership of the organisation and Board and subcommittee attendance throughout the year 2022.

Working Effectively

6. The Board has made sure that there is a board induction process which includes an overview of:

- Angling Council Ireland's, strategic objectives,
- the role of the board and individual board members,
- Angling Council Ireland's finances and funding model,
- The Governance Code for Sport and Angling Council Ireland's governing document,
- Other board specific policies.

7. The Board confirms that there is a copy of the schedule of matters reserved to the Board, and a written statement of the division of responsibilities between the Board and delegated authorities.

8. The Board confirms that it has completed a review of its effectiveness this year as required by paragraph 4.3(a) of the Governance Code for Sport.

Behaving with Integrity

9. The Board confirms that a code of conduct for board members has been put in place that outlines the expected standards of behaviour and which includes clear guidelines on the receipt of gifts and hospitality. Board members have signed a commitment to the Code of Conduct.

10. The Board confirms that it has developed a policy on 'conflicts of interest' and 'conflicts of loyalty' and the requirements of the Governance Code for Sport in relation to conflicts of interest and loyalty are being complied with.

11. The Board confirms that it has a formal policy on board and sub-committee confidentiality and Board members respect this confidentiality.

PART B Assurance Statement – Exception Report

Please provide details of any significant control issues that are likely to affect compliance with the Governance Code for Sport and/or delivery against policies, aims and objectives. If applicable, please also record reasons why the information provided in the Assurance Statement was not unanimously agreed by Board members.

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PART D Acknowledgement of Ownership

1. The Board of Angling Council Ireland acknowledges its collective responsibility for the effective management of the organisation, including managing and monitoring the financial and other resources, key risks, and compliance with the Governance Code for Sport.
2. The responses given above were agreed by the Board of Angling Council Ireland at a Board meeting on 13 of March 2023. There were no areas of contention.

Martin McEnroe

Signed:

Martin McEnroe

Chair, on behalf of the Board

Date: 13.03.2023