



Balrothery Football Club

Club's Constitution

1. The **NAME** of our club shall be '**Balrothery Football Club**' (referred to as the Club hereafter words) affiliation to the rules of the Football Association of Ireland and the Leagues it partakes in.

2. The **AIM** of the club is to improve the moral, social and physical welfare of the young people under its care, arrange football matches and training for each of the playing members of the Club, mainly through the promotion and guidance of the *Football Association of Ireland*

3. The **MEMBERSHIP** shall consist of the following categories:

- Player Member
- Active members
- Non-Player

PLAYER MEMBERS: The club shall be open to all young people wishing to be part of our club. The young people who are registered as players by the club in leagues and in competitions the club teams play in.

ACTIVE MEMBERS: These are the duly elected officers of the club (Committee) also the managers / coaches of club teams and anyone else, deemed suitable and appropriate and likely to benefit the club by their involvement.

NON-PLAYER: These are parents, club supporters off the general public who wish to support the fundamental objectives of the club in an unofficial capacity, who request or are invited to take part in club activities such as fund-raising events.

All members joining the Club shall be deemed to accept the terms of this Constitution and any Bye-laws from time to time adopted by the Club. Membership is open to all interested applications and no application for membership will be refused unless of reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of race, occupation or gender.

4. MANAGEMENT of the club shall be the sole responsibility of a General Committee who support the needs and request of all the member Managers/Coaches.

5. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE: shall consist of the elected officers, the Chair-person, Secretary, Treasurer and other required members, plus up to 5 other members. All Committee members must be members of the Club and shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting. One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any time. The Committee shall meet at least 4 times a year.

6. All Club OFFICERS and MANAGERS / COACHES shall be elected at the A.G.M. In exceptional circumstances and urgent situations an officer or manager / coach may be elected at an ordinary general committee meeting.

7. A QUOROM for a General Meeting shall consist of three Committee members and at least one manager / coach from 50% of the teams

8. Any Member, Player, Manager/Coach or Officer who is deemed to be breaking the club's Rules, Code of Conduct and found to be unsuitable can be removed from their position by the General Committee. This would be resolved after a formal resolution to that effect by the General Committee.

9. The FUNDS of the club and the equipment supplied by the club are at all times the property of the club and must be surrendered if required by the General Committee

10. The VOTES at both Executive and General Committee Meetings shall be decided by a simple majority and shall be by secret ballot if more than one member requests

11. In the case of a tied vote the chairperson has the casting vote.

12. Any changes to this constitution require the consent of two thirds of the General Committee.

13. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the main object(s) as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the Club's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Club. No officer shall be appointed to any office of the Club paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:

- a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any member or servant of the Club (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the Club;
- b) interest at a rate not exceeding 1% above the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) per annum on money lent by an officer or other members of the Club to the Club;
- c) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Club (including any officer) to the Club;
- d) reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club;
- e) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any Company of which an officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company;

14. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the

Club. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the Club. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of their income and property among their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club under or by virtue of the Income and Property clause hereof. Members of the Club shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object. Final accounts will be prepared and submitted that will include a section that identifies and values any assets transferred along with the details of the recipients and the terms of the transfer.

15. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to the provisions of the main object clause, the income and property clause, the winding up clause, the keeping of accounts clause or this clause of the Constitution for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners.

16. Annual Accounts: shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request. Where the gross annual income exceeds €250,000 the accounts will be audited.