



# **Limerick Lions Basketball Club Constitution**

## **1) NAME OF THE CLUB**

The official Name of the Club is Limerick Lions Basketball Club.

## **2) OBJECTS OF THE CLUB**

2.1 The Objects of the Club is the promotion of the game of basketball in the Limerick region, as outlined in the Basketball Ireland guidelines.

2.2 The Membership, Income and Property of the Club will be dedicated to and applied solely towards the promotion of these objects.

## **3) COLOURS OF THE CLUB**

3.1 The main Club Colours will be Royal Blue & White. Colours such as orange, black, navy and grey will be used on occasion also.

## **4) MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB**

4.1 There will be one type of Membership of the Club

4.2 FULL MEMBERSHIP may be granted to persons, who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objects of the Club and Basketball Ireland.

## **5) SUBSCRIPTIONS**

5.1 The various Annual Subscription Rates to be paid by all members of the Club will be determined by the Executive Committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

5.2 The determined Annual Subscription will be payable annually, in advance of the date set and in a manner to be decided by the Executive Committee. The date set will be a date prior to December 31st each year. Subscriptions will be accepted subsequent to this date but the voting and/or playing rights of such members may be affected. Players who have not paid their subscription by this date each year will not be allowed play for the club.



## **6) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

6.1 The business and affairs of the Club will be under the management of an Executive Committee, elected annually at the Club AGM. The Executive Committee will be the controlling body of the Club.

6.2 The Executive Committee will be comprised of a minimum of the following Officers, Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar and Public Relations Officer. Full Members present at the AGM who wish to serve as Executive Committee members can be proposed en bloc during the AGM. Subsequent members can also be added to the Committee from the Full Membership of the Club at the discretion of the Committee itself at later meetings.

6.3 Nominations to serve as a Club Protection Officer will be by any two Full Members whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 5.2 and Rule 8.1. Only Full Members of the Club will be entitled to seek election to any Officer position within the Club or to serve on the Executive Committee and all members seeking election to any position must be present where possible at the AGM itself.

6.4 Any Full Member seeking nomination to any officer board or team managerial position within the Club but unable to attend the AGM in person should indicate their interest to fulfil the role in question in writing to the outgoing Club Secretary at least 48 hours before the advertised date and time for the AGM. Any such person must then be proposed by 2 Full Members from the floor of the meeting in the normal way. Nomination of Members not present at the AGM who have not notified the Secretary in this manner will not be accepted.

6.5 The Officers will be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

6.6 The outgoing Executive Committee and Officers will conduct the Annual General Meeting each year. On the election of a new Chairperson at any AGM that person will take over the chairing of the rest of that meeting. All other newly elected officers will take office from the conclusion of that AGM. This Annual General Meeting will be held with a minimum of 21 days notice to all Full Members of the Club.

6.7 The Executive Committee will hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting, the newly elected Executive Committee & Officers would then take control of the Club for any Adjourned AGM as may take place subsequently. The date for any Adjourned AGM if necessary will be set if possible at the conclusion of the Club AGM. If not set at the AGM then at least a minimum of 21 days notice must be given to all Full Members of any date for any Adj AGM.

6.8 The Executive Committee will meet at least once each quarter.

6.9 The Chairperson, when present, will preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee; in his absence, the Vice-Chairperson will preside. If both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson are absent, the Committee will elect a member present to preside at the Meeting.



6.10 The Secretary will record the Minutes of each Meeting. In his absence the Assistant Secretary or an Executive Committee member appointed from the floor of the meeting may perform this role also.

6.11 The Minutes will specify the date of the Meeting, those present, and a brief account of the Meeting, and will be read to the next Meeting.

6.12 Such Minutes, if agreed as being accurate or having been appropriately amended, will be signed by the Chairperson and Secretary, having been first proposed and adopted.

6.13 The Executive Committee will have the sole right to appoint all Club Sub-Committees, as required.

6.14 The Executive Committee will define the duties of such Sub-Committees, and retain control in all matters and activities which it considers of importance to the general welfare of the Club, including the disposal of any funds in the hands of such Sub-Committees. All members of any Club Sub Committees must be Full Members but needn't necessarily be Executive Committee members.

## **7) GENERAL MEETINGS**

7.1 The Club will in each year hold a general meeting as its Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other General Meetings in that year, and will specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it. All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, will be called General Club Meetings. An Annual General Meeting will be held at such time as will be decided upon by the Executive Committee, but insofar as is practical will be held in late May or early June each year.

7.2 The following business will be transacted at the Annual General Meeting: (a) Adoption of Standing Orders. (b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting. (c) Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary. (d) Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Treasurer. (e) The President's & Chairperson's Address. (f) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee. (g) Election of Team Managers. (h) Election of Coaching Sub Committee. (i) Any Notices of Motion. (j) Setting of a date for Adjourned AGM as may be required. (k) Any Other Business.

7.3 The Annual General meeting of the Club will be called in the following manner: The Executive Committee will decide upon a date, time and place for the meeting, allowing adequate time to meet the time limits set out hereunder.

7.4 Once the date of the Annual General Meeting has been fixed, the Secretary will give at least twenty-one days' notice in writing to the members of such date, (the Club text service is deemed to represent "in writing" for these notification purposes).



7.5 20% of the Full Members entitled to vote in attendance at any General Meeting will represent a **quorum** for the meeting. The Club Secretary will establish the existence of this quorum prior to any General Meeting conducting its business.

## **8) VOTING**

8.1 Only Full Members, whose membership fees are paid up by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October each year, will be eligible to vote on any contested elective position or any other contested decision at any General Meeting. This list of Full Members eligible to vote on club matters at General Meetings will be publicly available to all Club Members once the deadline laid out has passed. Full Members paid up subsequent to the deadline will not be eligible to vote on elective matters as may be decided upon at General Meetings, including election of members to Executive or Sub Committees.

8.2 Only all Full Members once paid up by October 31st each year will be eligible to offer themselves as candidates to any elective or committee position within the Club or be eligible to propose other Full Members for any elective or committee position.

8.3 A Chairperson of a General Meeting, Executive Committee meeting or any Sub-Committee meeting will, in the event of a tie, whether on a show of hands or on a ballot, have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member, irrespective of whether or not he had originally voted on the issue, other than any vote for the election to any position, in this case the outcome in the event of a tie will be decided by drawing of lots.

8.4 At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting will be decided on a show of hands, unless, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a ballot is demanded: (a) by the Chairperson, or (b) by at least five members present and entitled to vote.

8.5 Unless a ballot is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has on the show of hands been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, will be final, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Club will be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes in favour of or against such resolution.

8.6 If a ballot is so demanded, the same will be taken in such manner as the Chairperson directs, and the result of the ballot will be deemed to be the decision of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded.

8.7 A Secret Ballot will be carried out to decide the result of any contest for any elective position.



## 9) BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

9.1 The Executive Committee will open a Bank Account with an approved Bank on behalf of the Club, and all cheques drawn on the said account(s) will be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by one of either the Chairperson or Secretary, or by **any other Full Members** authorised to do so by the Executive Committee.

9.2 The Executive Committee will cause proper Books of Account to be kept in respect of: (a) All sums of money received and expended by the Club, and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place; and (b) All Sales and Purchases of goods by the Club; and (c) All regular or occasional fundraising ventures organised by the Club.

9.3 The Books of Account will be kept at such place or places as the Executive Committee will think fit, and will at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the members of the Executive Committee.

9.4 The Executive Committee will from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places, and under what conditions and regulations, the Accounts and Books of the Club, or any of them will be open to the inspection of Full Members of the Club not being an Executive Committee member, and no member (not being an Executive Committee Member) will have any right of inspection of any Account or Book or Document of the Club except as authorised by the Executive Committee.

9.5 The Financial Statements will be approved by the Executive Committee, and signed by two of three Officers – Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer – on behalf of the Executive Committee.

9.6 The Treasurer will prepare and lay before the Annual General Meeting an Account of Income and Expenditure and a Balance Sheet made up to a date not more than six months before such meeting.

9.7 All Books of Account, including all documents, vouchers, statements and notes, as well as all minute books, notes of meetings, original and copy correspondence and all such documents are the property of the Club, and no person will have any personal title to or interest in such documents to the exclusion of the Club.

9.8 The Club will each year define the End of the Financial Year of the Club as being the 31<sup>st</sup> of May each year and the Treasurer will prepare his/her report in accordance with this date.



## **10) INCOME AND PROPERTY**

10.1 No portion of the Income and Property of the Club will be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit, dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever to the Members of the Club.

10.2 No Officer or Manager will be appointed to any Office within the Club and be paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club in respect of such Office, provided however nothing will prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of: (a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member or Officer of the Club for any services rendered to the Club (other than as an Officer); (b) reasonable and proper remuneration to any company of which a Member or Officer of the Club is a director or shareholder, for any services rendered to the Club; (c) interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by Officers or other Members of the Club to the Club; (d) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by Officers or other Members of the Club (including any Officer) to the Club; (e) reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any Officer or Member in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club.

## **11) ADDITIONS TO AND AMENDMENTS OF RULES**

11.1 Additions to and Amendments of this Constitution and Rules may be made at an Annual General Meeting, providing that the Resolution proposing same is carried by a vote of two-thirds of the Full Members present eligible to vote and voting, that same do not conflict with the Official Basketball Ireland Rules and Regulations.

11.2 Members wishing to propose Additions to or Amendments of this Constitution and Rules must send notice of the proposed Additions or Amendments in writing to the Club Secretary not later than fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.

## **12) INTERPRETATION OF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

12 The Executive Committee will be the sole authority for the Interpretation of this Club Constitution and Rules and of any byelaws and regulations made herein; and the decision of the Executive Committee upon any question of interpretation, or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for, will be final and binding on the members, and will not under any circumstances be subject to appeal to any Court of Law.

## **13) GENERAL**

13 This Constitution and Rules will be taken as an amendment of and in substitution for any existing Constitution and Rules of Limerick Lions as and from the date of the 31st day of May 2019.

Signed: 

Trevor Moore, Club Chairman

Date : 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

