



Constitution of Saint Patricks Boys AFC

18.02.2020

1. Name

The Club shall be called Saint Patrick's Boys AFC (Hereinafter referred to as the Club) and it shall seek affiliation to and be bound by the rules of the Football Association of Ireland and the Carlow District League(s).

2. Objectives

It is the objective of the Club to:

- i. Promote the development of Soccer in league in which the club participates,
- ii. Arrange football matches and training for each of the playing members of the Club.
- iii. Encouraging the highest ethical standards.
- iv. All individuals involved in the Club should conduct themselves with integrity, transparency, accountability and in a fair and equitable manner.

3. Rules and Regulations

- i. The Club shall have the status of an Affiliated Member Club of The Football Association of Ireland.
- ii. The Club will abide by The Football Association of Ireland's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.

4. Membership

- i. The membership shall consist of the following categories of persons:
 - (a) Club President,
 - (b) Trustees of the Club,
 - (c) Current and Past Managers,
 - (d) Committee Members,
 - (e) Registered Players, and,
 - (f) Club Groundsman.
- ii. For the purposes of participating in voting at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), General Meeting (GM) or any other Special Meetings (SM) a held a member must be 18 years old in order to vote.
- iii. All members of the Club shall be deemed to accept the terms of this Constitution and any Bye-laws from time to time adopted by the Club. They will also be required to conduct themselves in accordance with the Club's ethical framework and the bye-laws as to discipline set out therein.

5. The Committee

- i. The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: President, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Child Welfare Officer, Treasurer, Senior Secretary and Juvenile Secretary, plus a minimum of 5 other members, elected at an Annual General Meeting.
- ii. The Officers of the Club who shall be honorary (non-paid) shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Child Welfare Officer, Treasurer, Senior Secretary and Juvenile Secretary. All Committee members must be members of the Club.
- iii. Committee Members 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.
- iv. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club in the day to day running of the Club.

- v. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- vi. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the Chairman or in their absence the Vice Chairman.
- vii. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be three.
- viii. Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Senior Club Secretary.
- ix. Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than 7 days' notice to all members of the Club Committee unless the meeting is a 'Special Meeting' of such importance that it must be held on short notice. The Club Committee shall hold not less than four meetings a year.
- x. An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected at an AGM. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between AGM shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members.
- xi. The Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.
- xii. The Club President is an honouree life time position unless resigned. The appointment of a Club President shall be held within 42 days of the vacation of the position. The position shall be filled by the holding of a SM or at an AGM if it falls within the appropriate period. Nominations for the position shall be received 14 days prior to the SM or AGM.
- xiii. The Club shall have Trustees at all time. The number of Trustees shall be between four and six. The President of the Club shall be a Trustee. A Trustee is an honouree life time position unless resigned. When the number of Trustees drops below four, replacement Trustees shall be nominated and appointed at the next AGM. The Clubs legal representatives shall be informed of this fact with instructions to add the newly appointed trustees to all necessary relevant documentation appropriate to the appointment.
- xiv. The Club Trustees have the power to borrow on behalf of the club when required or for improvements to the facilities.

6. Officers of the Club

President:	Tom Hennessy Mount Clare Court, Graiguecullen,
Vice President:	Damien O'Brien 17 Hanover Crescent, Burrin Rd
Chairman:	Raymond McKenna. 9 Idrone Pk, Tullow Rd., Carlow
Vice Chairman:	Damien O'Brien. 17 Hanover Crescent, Burrin Rd
Men's Secretary:	P.J. Reddy. 44 Spindlewood, Graiguecullen
Juv. Secretary:	Damian Daly. 16 Pembroke Court, Carlow
Treasurer:	Martin Coyne. Lower Rossmore, Springhill, Carlow
Finance:	Liam Byrne. Sleaty, Graiguecullen, Laois
Child Welfare:	Aoife O'Neill. 6 Highfield Manor, Crossneen,
Child Liaison:	Damian Daly. 16 Pembroke Court, Carlow

Trustees

1. Damien O'Brien. 17 Hanover Crescent, Burrin Rd.
2. Tom Hennessy Mount Clare Court, Graiguecullen
3. Thos Hennessy College Green, Carlow
4. Tommy Flynn. Quinagh, Carlow
5. P.J. O'Neill. Brooklawns, Carlow

7. General Meetings

- i. The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting in the months of June/July to:
 - Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
 - Receive reports from the Chairperson and Secretary.
 - Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
 - Receive a report from the Child Welfare Officer
 - Elect the Executive Committee.
 - Fix the subscription for the ensuing year.
 - Consider changes to the Constitution.
 - Review and consider any Bye-laws.
 - Deal with other relevant business.
- ii. Nominations for election of members as Club Officers shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Senior Secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Senior Secretary not less than 21 days before the Meeting.
- iii. A Special Meeting (SM) may be called at any time by the majority of the Committee. The meeting must take place within 21 days of the Secretary receiving notice of the request. Business at an SM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.
- iv. A General meeting (GM) may be called at any time by a Committee Member. The Secretary shall send the date of a GM together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 4 days before the Meeting. The quorum for a GM shall be four persons.
- v. The Secretary shall attempt to send to each member at their last known address or by phone, notice of the date and time of a meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 4 days before the Meeting.
- vi. The Chairman, or in their absence the Vice Chairman, shall take the chair. Each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.
- vii. The Senior Club Secretary, or in their absence the Juvenile Secretary, shall enter Minutes of General Meetings into the Minute Book of the Club.

8. Finance and Accounts

- i. The financial year shall run from the date on which the AGM is held to June each year.
- ii. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of Annual Accounts of the Club.
- iii. The Accounts shall be certified by the Committee at the Annual General Meeting.
- iv. All cheques drawn against the Club's funds shall be signed by the Treasurer and one of three other nominated office-bearers.

9. Club Teams

At its first meeting following each AGM, the Club Committee shall appoint a Club member to be responsible for each of the Club's football teams. The appointed members shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the team. The appointed members shall present to the Club Committee at its last meeting prior to an AGM a report on the activities of the team.

10. Dissolution

- i. Saint Patrick's Boys AFC is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve or develop the Club's facilities and its players, and/or to carry out the objects of the FAI and Carlow District Leagues to which it is affiliated. No profit or surplus will be distributed.
- ii. Were the Club to be wound up or dissolution what remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, it will be the responsibilities of the Trustees of the Club to transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General Meeting or in the absence of such a resolution (or that the extent to which it cannot be given effect) to the Association to which the Club is affiliated.

11. Signatures

Tom Hennessy

Damien O'Brien

Raymond McKenna

P.J. Reddy

Damian Daly

Martin Coyne

Liam Byrne

Aoife O'Neill

Thos Hennessy

Tommy Flynn

P.J. O'Neill