

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **CO SLIGO SURF CLUB**

### **SECTION 1 – TITLE AND OBJECTIVES**

**ARTICLE 1: TITLE:**

The organisation shall be called “Co. Sligo Surf Club” or abbreviated “CSSC”.

**ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES:**

- 2.1 To promote the sport of surfing within the Sligo area.
- 2.2 Participate as a member of the Irish Surfing Association (hereafter known as the ISA) through which surfing and other water/marine activities can be conducted, encouraged, and promoted.
- 2.3 Communicate the views of members to national and international authorities and the general public, as and when required.
- 2.4 Promote water safety.
- 2.5 Promote good surfing etiquette at all levels of the sport.
- 2.6 To maintain and actively encourage good relations between the surfers the club represents, the public and the authorities under whose jurisdiction members of CSSC find themselves.
- 2.7 To maintain co-operation with the board of management of the Strandhill Community Maritime Co. Ltd.
- 2.8 To respect the use of the Maritime Centre by other users or tenants.

### **SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP**

**ARTICLE 3 ELIGIBILITY:**

- 3.1 Membership will be open to members of the public who show an active interest in the surf club.
- 3.2 Honorary membership may be granted from time to time at the discretion of the regular members of the surf club.

- 3.3 Any member under the age of 18, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the given year, will be considered a junior member. All other members will be considered active adult members.
- 3.4 A membership is obtained by payment of an annual membership fee levied by the committee of the Club.

**ARTICLE 4: DISCRETION TO ACCEPT OR REJECT AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OR USE OF CLUB FACILITIES.**

- 4.1 An application for membership by an individual may be rejected or accepted at the discretion of the club committee members, even if the applicant has complied with the requirements for membership, the committee shall not be required or compelled to provide any reason for such acceptance or rejection.
- 4.2 An application for the use of CSSC facilities may be rejected or accepted at the discretion of the club committee. The committee shall not be required or compelled to provide any reason for such acceptance or rejection.
- 4.3 Where the club accepts an application, the applicant shall have his/her club membership notified to the I.S.A.
- 4.4 Membership of the club shall be deemed to commence upon acceptance of the application by the club, the secretary shall amend the register of members accordingly.
- 4.5 If the club rejects an application for membership or use of facilities it shall return any fees forwarded by the applicant and the application shall be deemed rejected by the club.
- 4.6 Members must re-apply annually for membership of the club in accordance with procedures set down at the clubs annual general meeting or in club regulations as set from time to time.

**ARTICLE 5: EFFECT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Members acknowledge and agree that:

- 5.1 This Constitution constitutes a contract between each member and the Club, including the Irish Surfing Association's Constitution.
- 5.2 They shall comply with and observe this Constitution and the Regulations, and any determination, resolution or policy which may be made or passed by the Committee or any other entity with delegated authority.

- 5.3 By submitting to this Constitution and the Regulations they are subject to the jurisdiction of CSSC and the Irish Surfing Association.
- 5.4 They are entitled to all benefits, advantages, privileges and services of Association membership.

**ARTICLE 6: DISCONTINUANCE OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Notice of Resignation**

A member having paid all arrears of fees payable to the Club may resign or withdraw from membership of the Club by giving notice in writing to the club and the Irish Surfing Association of resignation or withdrawal.

**ARTICLE 7: DISCONTINUANCE BY BREACH:**

- 7.1 Membership of the Club may be discontinued by the Committee upon breach of any clause of this Constitution, including but not limited to the failure to pay any monies owed to the Club, failure to comply with the Regulations or any resolutions or determinations made or passed by the Committee or any duly authorised committee or board.
- 7.2 Membership shall not be discontinued by the Committee without the Committee first giving the accused Member the opportunity to explain the breach and/or remedy the breach.
- 7.3 Where a member fails in the Committee's view to adequately explain to remedy the breach, that Member's membership shall be discontinued by the Club given written notice of the discontinuance.

**ARTICLE 8: MEMBERSHIP MAY BE REINSTATED:**

Membership which has been discontinued may be reinstated at the discretion of the Committee, with such conditions as it deems appropriate.

**ARTICLE 9: REFUND OF MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Membership fees or subscriptions paid by the discontinued Member may be refunded on a pro-rats basis to the Member upon discontinuance.

**ARTICLE 10: CLASSIFICATION:**

Different classes of membership may be agreed from time to time, eg. Environment, social, casual etc.

**ARTICLE 11: PRIVILEGES:**

- 11.1 To compete in all contests or events throughout the membership
- 11.2 To be included in club sponsorships, discounts, and other social events.
- 11.3 To vote at club meetings.
- 11.4 To become an elected official.
- 11.5 To attend meetings, speak, and present motions.

**ARTICLE 12: DISCRIMINATION:**

This club does not and will not discriminate on the basis of gender, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, religious belief, age, disability, nationality or ethnic or national origin, or membership of the traveller community, in accordance with the **EQUAL STATUS ACT, 2000**.

**SECTION 3 – MANAGEMENT**

**ARTICLE 13:**

The affairs of the “Co Sligo Surf Club” shall be managed by a Committee, which subject to provisions of the Constitution, may adopt its own procedure, and take any action it sees fit in pursuit of the objectives of the club.

**ARTICLE 14:**

The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Children’s Officer or other nominated officers.

**ARTICLE 15:**

Should more than one person stand for any office then an open vote will be employed to establish the successful candidate.

**ARTICLE 16:**

A member who provides a written apology for absence at the AGM may be proposed for a Committee position (and duly elected) in his/her absence if the member wants to be a Committee member (if agreed in person).

ARTICLE 17:

The Committee may establish such Sub Committees as it sees fit. Sub-committees may include a small portion of specialists who are not members of the committee. The Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees with full voting rights.

**SECTION 4 – MEETINGS**

ARTICLE 18:

Quarterly meetings shall be held unless in the opinion of the Officers there is insufficient business.

ARTICLE 19:

Meetings at other times will be decided upon at the direction of the Chairperson or at the request of two-thirds (2/3) of the regular membership.

ARTICLE 20:

The quorum for meetings is one-fifth (1/5) of the regular membership with a two-thirds (2/3) majority required to pass motions. Votes in absentia will be allowed if accompanied by written apology to the committee for absence.

ARTICLE 21:

Notice of meetings shall be given 21 days prior, items for discussion shall reach the secretary 7 days prior.

ARTICLE 22:

When circumstances dictate, special meetings of the Committee may be held at short notice in which case every effort shall be made to obtain by letter or telephone the opinion of those representatives unable to attend.

**SECTION 5 – APPOINTMENTS**

ARTICLE 23:

All appointments shall be for one calendar year.

ARTICLE 24:

Elections may be made by open ballot at the AGM. The Secretary shall be responsible for advertising the date, time and venue of the AGM 21 days in advance.

**SECTION 6 – OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

**ARTICLE 25: THE CHAIRPERSON:**

- 25.1 Shall act as spokes person for the Club articulating the views of the members as and when required.
- 25.2 Shall Chair meetings.

**ARTICLE 26: THE SECRETARY:**

- 26.1 Shall minute meetings and produce written copies of same within a reasonable time thereafter.
- 26.2 Shall write letters on behalf of the Association, unless others are specially nominated.
- 26.3 Shall table the above documents at all committee meetings.
- 26.4 Has responsibility for advertising and notifying members of meetings and arranging meetings.

**ARTICLE 27: THE TREASURER:**

- 27.1 Keeps Club accounts, the main document of which shall consist of a record which shall include full details of all monies raised and expended by the club and shall be kept up to date and be available for inspection by the members on request and tabled at all meetings.
- 27.2 Shall keep up to date records of the financial status of the club as above.

**ARTICLE 28: THE CHILDREN'S OFFICER:**

- 28.1 Shall act as a spokesperson for all junior members and address their specific needs.
- 28.2 Ensures strict adherence to the ISA Child Protection Policy.
- 28.3 Shall keep up-to-date with all junior events and issues and inform the junior members in the club of same.

**SECTION 7 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE 29:

A 2/3 majority at any meeting shall be required for the adoption of any amendment to the Constitution.

**SECTION 8 – RULES AND REGULATIONS**

ARTICLE 30

The “Co. Sligo Surf Club” shall follow the rules and regulations as set out by the Irish Surfing Association with particular adherence to Irish Surfing Association Anti-Doping Policy and Child Protection Policy.

ARTICLE 31

As required a disciplinary committee shall be formed, composed of three of the five members from the Executive committee, to deliberate on any disciplinary matters that may arise within the club.

**SECTION 9 – DISSOLUTION**

ARTICLE 32

**DISSOLUTION:**

- 32.1 The Co. Sligo Surf Club may be dissolved by a unanimous decision of the members at a meeting called for the purpose.
- 32.2 Assets remaining at the dissolution shall be divided among surfing associations, clubs or charities by unanimous decision of the meeting called for the purpose.