

**Watty Graham
C.L.G.
An Gleann
Machaire Rátha
Co. Dhoire**



RULES
&
CONSTITUTION

(validated for 2012)

Watty Graham's Gaelic Athletic Club Rules and Constitution

**Cumann Luthchleas Gael
Gaelic Athletic Association
Club Constitution And Rules**

1. In these Rules :-

“The G.A.A.” means the National Governing Organisation for the preservation and promotion of Gaelic games and pastimes, known as the Gaelic Athletic Association.

“The Club” means the Club as set out in Rule 2 hereof.

“The Official Guide” means the Official Guide Of The G.A.A.

“Executive Committee” means Officers and ordinary Committee Members together.

“Secretary” means the Secretary for the time being, or any person appointed to perform the duties of the Secretary of the Club.

“Real Property” means the property of the Club of an immovable nature, comprising any Playing Pitches, Grounds or Buildings, whether of Leasehold or Freehold tenure, with all the Fixtures or Fittings attached thereto and used forthwith.

“Personal Property” means the property of the Club of a movable nature, comprising all Playing or Sporting equipment of the Club, as well as all Stock in Trade or Money or other Assets of the Club not already classified as fixtures or fittings on “Real Property”, as heretofore defined.

Words importing the singular number only, include the plural number and vice versa, and words importing the masculine gender only, also include the feminine and vice versa.

NAME :

**2. The official name of the Club shall be
AN CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL WATTY GRAHAM , the English language version of which shall
be Watty Graham's Gaelic Athletic Club.**

PURPOSES

3.1.1 The Main Purposes of the Club shall be :-

To provide and maintain facilities and thereby encourage participation in one or more of those sports traditionally acknowledged as part of Gaelic Games. The promotion of the amateur sports of Gaelic Football (Men's and Ladies'), camogie, rounders and hurling and the Maghera area community's participation in the same, may through them, advance the aims of the G.A.A. as outlined in the Official Guide.

3.1.2 The Club is defined as a Sporting Club within the terms of the Registration of Clubs (N.I.) Order 1996 which states 'Sporting Club' means a Club occupying a hereditament to which Article 31 of the Rates (N.I.) Order 1997 applies (Rates Relief) being a hereditament which is used solely or mainly for the purposes of physical recreation.

3.1.3 This sports club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. Every individual in the Club should at all times, show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation and the guidelines contained in the Code Of Ethics And Good Practices For Children's Sport In Ireland.

3.2 The Membership, Income and Property of the Club shall be dedicated to and applied solely towards the promotion of these Purposes.

COLOURS

4. The Club Colours shall be Green and Gold. .

MEMBERSHIP

5.1 ...There shall be different types of Membership of the Club.

Membership, under Rules 5.1.1 to 5.1.4 inclusive of the Club Constitution, shall be open to the community as a whole, without discrimination, except insofar as is a necessary consequence of the requirements of the Games of Hurling, Gaelic Football, Handball and Rounders and such other Games as may be sanctioned and approved by Annual Congress, for promotion and control by the Gaelic Athletic Association with Rules 5.1 to 5.1.4 being interpreted accordingly.

5.1.1. **FULL MEMBERSHIP** may be granted to any person, who having reached the age of eighteen years and who, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, political or other beliefs subscribes to and undertakes to further the aims and purposes of the Club and the G.A.A. Full Members shall automatically also hold Membership of the Club's social amenity.

5.1.2. **YOUTH MEMBERSHIP** may be granted to persons, not having reached the age of eighteen years, who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objects of the Club and the G.A.A.

5.1.3.1 **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (i)** : may be granted to persons, who have reached the age of eighteen years, have rendered exceptional service to the Club or the games or activities of the GAA.

An Honorary Member shall NOT have any vote in meetings' proceedings nor any share in the property of the Club but in all other aspects, shall be subject to the same rules as other members, with the exception that he/she shall be exempt from paying the Club's Annual Membership Fee.

5.1.3.2. **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (ii)** : Any person over eighteen years of age who displays a willingness to engage in Club activities (either playing, social or cultural) and who is non-waged may be offered Honorary Membership for such time as the Executive Committee shall decide. Unless otherwise stated in the Minute made on the occasion of their election, their membership shall cease at the end of the current year but it may be renewed by the Executive Committee from year to year.

5.1.3.3 **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (iii)** No persons shall be allowed to become Honorary Members of the

Club or be relieved of the payment of the regular entrance fees or subscription, except those possessing the qualifications defined in this Rule, and subject to the conditions and regulations specified in the Rules.

5.1.4. **SENIOR MEMBERSHIP** : ONLY persons of pensionable age shall be eligible for Senior Membership. Such Members shall NOT have any vote in meetings' proceedings nor share in the property of the Club. They shall be exempt from payment of the annual membership fee.

5.1.5.. Persons shall not be admitted in such numbers to membership not carrying rights of voting (ie Honorary ; Senior) in relation to the affairs of the Club as will result in the number of members not having such rights being three times the number of members having such rights.

5.2 Full Members (including Honorary Members) and Youth Members of the Club will also become Members of the G.A.A.

5.3 Once granted, Full Membership of the Club and the G.A.A. shall continue for life, unless the member has been expelled or his resignation in writing has been accepted, in accordance with this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.

5.4 The rights of any member of the Club shall be conditional upon the member complying with the provisions of this Constitution and Rules and the Official Guide, including payment of any annual membership fee and levies.

5.5 Such rights may be withheld, restricted or suspended in accordance with this Constitution and Rules and the Official Guide.

5.6 Any person seeking admission as a Member of any Class of Membership, other than Honorary, shall complete and sign a prescribed Application Form, (see Appendix B or C – whichever applies) which must be returned to the Secretary together with the prescribed fee.

5.7 An Application for Full Membership must be in the prescribed form signed by the Applicant and proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another Full Member who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.

5.8 An Application for Youth Membership must be in the Prescribed Form signed by the Applicant and one of his parents or Guardians, as well as being proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another Full Member, who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.

5.9 The name and address of such person proposed as a Member, together with the names of those proposing and seconding him, shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club Premises for at least one week before election. An interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of such Members.

5.9.1 Persons shall not be admitted to any of the privileges of Membership until after their election by the procedures stated in this Rule.

5.10 If and when the Application for Membership has been accepted by the Executive Committee, the new Member's particulars shall be forwarded by the Club Secretary to the County Secretary or other designated Officer for submission to the Central Council of the G.A.A. for registration and allocation of a personal membership number.

5.11.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to investigate any matter, and to expel, suspend, warn, fine or disqualify Members from Club activities for breach of this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide or for conduct considered to have discredited or harmed the Club or the G.A.A.

5.11.2 Such persons, if Full Members (including Honorary Members) or Youth Members, shall have the right to appeal to the Management Committee of the County Committee of the G.A.A., within seven days of being notified of such decision.

5.11.3 Unless the offence is brought to the notice of the County Committee of the G.A.A. by the Club, and that body, having considered the merits of the case and having regard to the rights of the player or member, confirms the penalty imposed, the member continues to be a legal member of the Association and is suspended from Club activities only.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

6.1 The Annual Subscription to be paid by members of the Club shall be determined by the Executive Committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

6.2 The determined Annual Subscription shall be payable on election and thereafter annually, in advance of the date and in the manner decided by the Executive Committee. The date set shall be a date prior to **April 1st** each year.

6.3 The Executive Committee may from time to time prescribe the payment of an Entrance Fee by new or lapsed members in addition to the Annual Subscription above.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1 The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the management of an Executive Committee, and it shall be the controlling body of the Club.

7.2 The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, one Players' Representative, and at least five other Full Members.

7.3 Nominations to serve on the Executive Committee shall be by any two Full Members whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2 and who are not suspended or disqualified under this constitution and Rules or the Official Guide.

7.4 The Players' Representative shall have participated as a player for the Club within the previous 48 weeks.

7.5 The Executive Committee including the Players' Representative, shall be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

7.6 Only Full Members, whose Membership Fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2 and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution or Rules or the Official Guide, shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee.

7.7 The outgoing Executive Committee shall conduct the Annual General Meeting.

7.8 The Executive Committee shall hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.

7.9 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter, and four members present shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

7.10 The Chairman, when present, shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee; in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

7.11 If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent, the Committee shall elect a member present to preside at the Meeting.

7.12 The Secretary shall record the Minutes of each Meeting.

7.13 The Minutes shall specify the date of the Meeting, those present, and a brief account of the Meeting, and shall

be read to the next Meeting.

7.14 Such Minutes, if agreed as being accurate or having been appropriately amended, shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, having been first proposed and adopted.

7.15 The Executive Committee shall have the sole right to appoint Sub-Committees, as required.

7.16 The Executive Committee shall 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.

7.17 The Executive Committee shall have power to nominate the Chairman of such Sub Committees and may depute or refer to each Sub-Committee such of the powers and duties of the Executive Committee as the Executive Committee may determine.

7.18 The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Committee shall be ex- officio members of all Sub-Committees.

7.19 The Executive Committee shall have power from time to time to make, alter and repeal all such Regulations as they deem necessary, expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Club, and in particular, but not exclusively, they may by such Regulations set out:

- (a) The terms and conditions upon which guests, children of members of the Club and visitors shall be permitted to use the premises and property of the Club;
- (b) The times of opening and closing the Pavilion, Grounds and Premises of the Club, or any part thereof;
- (c) The conduct of members of the Club in relation to one another;
- (d) The setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of the Club's premises for any particular time or times, or for any particular purpose or purposes;
- (e) The imposition of fines for the breach of any of the Club Rules or Regulations.
- (f) And generally all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of the Club Rules.

7.20 The Executive Committee shall adopt such means as they deem sufficient, to bring to the notice of members of the Club all such Regulations and all alterations and repeals.

7.21 All such Regulations so long as they shall be in force, shall be binding upon all members of the Club, provided nevertheless that no Regulations shall be inconsistent with or shall affect or repeal anything contained in this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide, and that any Regulations may be set aside by a special resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

7.22 Each Full Member shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee upon any complaint or representation sent by him, in writing, to the Secretary.

7.23 A Special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called

- (a) by the Secretary or
- (b) by the Secretary, for a date not more than seven days from the date of the receipt by him of a requisition duly signed by four members of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Such requisition shall set out the purpose for which the special meeting is required.

7.24 Any Member of the Executive Committee who shall have absented himself from three consecutive meetings, without reasonable explanation, shall be deemed to have resigned from the Executive Committee.

7.25 Should any Member of the Executive Committee resign, be deemed to have resigned or his position otherwise lapse, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall, at their discretion, have the power to fill the vacancy, by co-opting a replacement from the body of the Full Membership.

7.26 The service of any Member so co-opted on to the Executive Committee shall not be reckoned in calculating the seniority of such Member, if subsequently elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

GENERAL MEETINGS

8.1 The Club shall in each year hold a general meeting as its Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other General Meetings in that year and shall specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it.

8.2 All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Special General Meetings.

8.3 An Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time as shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee but insofar as is practical shall be held before the end of January each year.

8.4 The following business shall 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 Accountant(s) or Auditor(s)
- (e) The Chairman's Address.
- (f) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.
- (g) Notices of Motion.
- (h) Other Business

8.5 The Annual General meeting of the Club shall be called in the following manner:

8.5.1 The Executive Committee shall decide upon a date, time and place for the meeting, allowing adequate time to meet the time limits set out hereunder.

8.5.2 Once the date of the Annual General Meeting has been fixed, the Secretary shall give at least twenty-eight days notice in writing to the members of such date, at the same time inviting nominations for election to the Executive Committee for the following year and motions for consideration at the Annual General meeting, also specifying that such nominations and motions shall be received by him by a date not less than twenty one days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

8.5.3 The Secretary shall then, on or after the date specified for return to him of such Nominations and Motions, but so as to give the members ten days clear notice before the meeting, circulate to the members the following documentation:

- (a) Copy of the Agenda for the meeting.
- (b) Copy of the Annual Report of the Secretary.
- (c) Copy of the Financial Statements, including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s)
- (d) Details of the Nominations for election to the Executive Committee.
- (e) Copies of any motions for consideration at the meeting.

8.6 In the event of the number of Nominees for any particular Executive Committee position being equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, such Nominees shall be declared elected, and any positions left unfilled, due to the lack of Nominees or Nominees withdrawing, shall be filled by the new Executive Committee, as soon as practical after the Annual General Meeting.

8.7 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee at any time, provided ten days clear notice, in writing, shall be given to the members, specifying the purpose of such Special General Meeting,

8.8 The Executive Committee shall call a Special General Meeting for a date not more than twenty eight days from the receipt by the Executive Committee of a requisition, in writing, signed by twelve members of the Club and ten clear days notice, in writing, shall be given to the Members.

8.8.1 Such Requisitions by members of the Club shall set out the purpose for which the Special General Meeting is required, and shall be lodged with the Secretary.

8.8.2 If the Special General Meeting is not called for a date within the twenty eight days stipulated, then the Requisitioners may themselves convene a Special General Meeting, if necessary using newspaper advertisements to notify the members of such meeting.

8.9 No other business, outside that specified in the Notice, shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting.

8.10 No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, twenty per cent of Full Members eligible to vote shall be a quorum at a General Meeting.

8.11 If within half an hour after the time appointed for a General Meeting, a quorum of members is not present, the meeting if convened on the requisition of members shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week, at the same time and place; and if at the reconvened meeting a quorum of members is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the members then present shall be a quorum.

8.12 The Chairman, and failing him the Vice-Chairman, shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Club.

8.13 If there is no such Chairman, or if at any meeting he is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the members then present shall choose someone of their number who is a member of the Executive Committee to be Chairman of the meeting, and if there shall be no Member of the Executive Committee present, then the members shall elect any one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.

8.14 The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any reconvened meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

8.15 Failure to comply strictly with the time limits set out in this Constitution and Rules or the non receipt of Notice of a Meeting by any persons entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting, but shall entitle the majority of members present to seek and be granted an adjournment of the meeting to such date by which they would be given an adequate time to be furnished with and consider the contents of any relevant documentation.

VOTING

9.1 Only Full Members, whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2, and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide, shall be eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

9.2 A Chairman of a General Meeting, Executive Committee meeting or any Sub-Committee meeting shall, 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, other than for the election to any position, when the outcome in the event of a tie shall be decided by lot.

9.3 At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on the show of hands, unless, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a ballot is demanded:

(a) by the Chairman

(b) by at least five members present and entitled to vote.

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

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

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

ASSETS AND TRUSTEES

10.1 The Club shall have power to acquire, hold and develop, sell, lease, mortgage charge, exchange or sell Real and Personal Property, and to borrow or raise money in promotion of the objects of the Club, subject to the overall authority of the Central Council of the G.A.A..

10.2 The Real Property shall not be leased, mortgaged, charged, exchanged, sold, conveyed, transferred or otherwise dealt with without the consent of the Central Council of the G.A.A., or as may be set out in any separate Declaration of Trust.

10.3 The Real Property, including the proceeds of sale thereof until otherwise directed by the Club, shall be vested in FIVE full members of the G.A.A. as Trustees (See Appendix A for list of current Trustees) who shall hold same in trust for the Club.

10.4 In the case of the appointment of the Trustees of the Real Property the Executive Committee shall select THREE persons, who shall then be appointed by the Chairman for the time being as Trustees, and the Chairman for the time being of the Provincial Council of the G.A.A. and the Chairman for the time being of the County Committee of the G.A.A. shall each, as required, appoint one other Trustee.

10.5.1 The Trustees shall hold office until their retirement or death, unless replaced in accordance with Rule 46, Official Guide.

10.5.2 The Trustees shall automatically be members of the Executive Committee of the Club, with full voting rights.

10.6.. By way of acceptance of their appointment the Trustees of the Real Property shall sign a Declaration of Trust, as approved by Central Council of the G.A.A., and which shall contain the provisions for appointment, removal and replacement of Trustees as well as regulating the conduct of the Trustees in performing their duties and exercising their powers under the trust.

10.7 The Trustees of the Real Property, having first obtained the consent of the Central Council of the G.A.A. where necessary, shall exercise their powers and perform their duties as directed by the Club from time to time.

10.8 The Directive of the Club shall be given by a resolution of the full members of the Club, passed by a majority of the members present and voting at a duly convened General Meeting and when so passed shall be binding upon all members of the Club.

10.9 A Certificate signed by the Secretary shall, in favour of any person relying on same, be conclusive evidence that a Directive, complying in all respect with the provisions of this Rule, was duly given to the Trustees.

10.10 The Personal Property shall be vested in the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary who shall hold same in Trust for the Club.

10.11 The Trustees of the Personal Property shall invest and use such property in accordance with the Directives of the Executive Committee, of which an entry in the Minute book shall be conclusive evidence.

10.12 The Club shall indemnify and save harmless it's Trustees in respect of any loss or expenses bona fide incurred by them in or about the execution of the Trust.

BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

11.1 The Executive Committee shall open a Bank Account or Accounts with an approved Bank on behalf of the Club, and all cheques drawn on the said account shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by one of either the Chairman or Secretary.

11.2 The Executive Committee shall 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) The Assets and Liabilities of the Club.

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

11.4 The Executive Committee shall 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 shall 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) shall have any right of inspection of any Account or Book or Document of the Club except as authorised by the Executive Committee.

11.5 An independent suitably qualified Person or Persons shall be appointed as Accountant(s) or as Auditor(s) (if an Audit is deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee) to Report on the Financial Statements of the Club, for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

11.6 The Books and Accounts of the Club shall be presented to such Accountant(s) or Auditor(s) by the Committee in sufficient time to enable the Report of such Accountant(s) or Auditor(s) to be available and considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

11.7 The Financial Statements shall be approved by the Executive Committee, and signed by two of three Officers – Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer – on behalf of the Executive Committee.

11.8 The Executive Committee shall cause to be prepared and laid 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.

11.9 The Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Club shall be made available to the Revenue Commissioners, on request.

11.10 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 shall have any personal title to or interest in such documents to the exclusion of the Club.

11.11 The Club shall define the end of the Financial Year of the Club. Currently, the effective date in this matter is December 31st.

INCOME AND PROPERTY

12... The Club is amateur and non-profit making in status. Any surplus income or gains shall be reinvested in the Club and there shall not be any distribution of Club assets, in cash or in kind, to members or third parties.

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

12.2 No Officer shall be appointed to any Office within the Club 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 shall 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 in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club;
- (f) 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.

WINDING UP

13.1 A resolution to Wind Up a Club shall be passed only at a General Meeting, specially summoned for the purpose of such resolution, if supported by not less than three-fourths of those present and entitled to vote.

13.2 Any decision to Wind Up a Club shall be subject to the approval of the County Committee.

13.3 If upon such Winding Up, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members. The Trustees shall continue to hold same in trust for the appropriate County Committee of the G.A.A., to be applied, used or disposed of as such County Committee shall direct, in the interests of approved sporting or charitable purposes, but shall in no instance pay or distribute such property amongst Officers, Members or Employees of the Club.

ADDITIONS TO AND AMENDMENTS OF RULES

14.1 Additions to and Amendments of this Constitution and Rules may be made at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, providing that the Resolution proposing same is carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, that same do not conflict with the Official Guide, and that prior approval has been given by the County Committee for the change.

14.2 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 Secretary not later than twenty one days before the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting as provided by Rule 8.5.2 hereof.

14.3 Where appropriate, no Addition or Amendments shall be made to or in the provisions of the Main Object(s) (3), Income and Property (12) and the Winding-Up Clauses (13) in this Constitution and Rules for the time being in force, unless the same shall have been previously approved, in writing, by the Revenue Commissioners.

COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF OFFICIAL GUIDE

15. This Constitution and Rules shall be read in conjunction with and subject to the Official Guide.

POLICY STATEMENT

16. Watty Graham's G.A.C. aim to promote the participation of children and adults in our club by creating a culture of safety and fun. We are fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of all our members. Every individual in Watty Graham's G.A.C. should, at all times, show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club and the guidelines contained within the GAA "Code Of Best Practice for Youth Sport" and the Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland.

(Refer to Watty Graham's GAC 'Youth Membership Booklet' for codes of conduct)

CODES OF CONDUCT

Watty Graham's G.A.C. wish to ensure that PLAYERS, PARENTS / GUARDIANS, COACHES, MENTORS, OFFICIALS and SPECTATORS understand and apply the principles of FAIR PLAY. We therefore ask that all those involved in sport within our club familiarise themselves with the established club policies and Codes of Conduct.

(Refer to Watty Graham's GAC 'Youth Membership Booklet' for codes of conduct)

INTERPRETATION OF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES

17. The Executive Committee shall be the sole authority for the Interpretation of this Club Constitution and Rules (with the exception of Rules 5.11.1 ; 5.11.2 and 5.11.3) and of any bye-laws 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, shall be final and binding on the members, subject to appeal to the Management Committee of the County Committee in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5.11.2, and shall not under any circumstances be subject to appeal to any Court of Law.

GENERAL

18.1 A Notice may be given by the Club to any Member either personally or by sending it by post or electronically to him at his last known address.

18.2 Where a Notice is sent by post, service of this Notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the Notice, and shall be deemed to have been effected at the time which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

18.3 The failure to give notice of any meeting or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

18.4 This Constitution and Rules shall be taken as an amendment of and in substitution for any existing Constitution and Rules of Watty Graham's G.A.C. as of the 25th day of Jan. 2012.

Having been properly presented to the Annual General Meeting of Members (25 / 01 / 12), accepted and approved for adoption by the Members, we, the designated officers named below hereby sign this Constitution on behalf of Watty Graham's GAC, as that binding upon Members.

Chairman : Gerry McEldowney 25/01/2012

Signed : _____ :

Hon. Secretary : Roisin Lagan 25/01 2012

Signed : _____

**FOR THE ADOPTION OF CLUBS WHICH OWN/OPERATE LICENSED
BARS IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Distribution of Intoxicating Liquor

19.1 No Member, Officer, Committee Member, Manager or Employee of the Club shall have any personal interest in the supply of intoxicating liquor therein, or in the profits arising from such supply of intoxicating liquor.

19.1.1 No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to the purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.

19.1.2 No person shall, directly or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club, or members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

19.2 Except in the case of a group visiting the Club, as provided for by rule, a visitor shall not be admitted to or supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member of the Club, and that such member shall upon the admission of such visitor to the Club Premises enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book kept for that purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.

19.3 No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for consumption outside the Premises of the Club.

19.4 No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied on the Club Premises to any person under eighteen years of age.

19.5 Subject to the exceptions specified in paragraph 19.2 of this Rule, no intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club Premises to any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club Premises) or be consumed on the Club premises by any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club Premises)

19.5.1 Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied, obtained or consumed in the Club premises except during permitted hours. Any bar on the premises of the Club shall be kept closed except during permitted hours. Permitted Hours:

(i) On weekdays, other than Good Friday and Christmas Day, from 11.30 a.m to 11.00 p.m.

(ii) Good Friday from 5.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

(iii) Sundays and Christmas Day from 12.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Exception: As provided in Article 25 of the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996, the Club shall not prohibit the consumption of intoxicating liquor during the first 30 minutes after the conclusion of permitted hours. The Club shall not supply intoxicating liquor outside permitted hours unless it has obtained the necessary permission as described in Article 26 of the Registration of Clubs Order (NI) 1996. The same person, except where that person is a parent, husband, wife or child of a member, shall not be admitted as a guest of a member to the Club premises on more than 20 days in any period of 12 months.

A person, on the payment of a fee to the Club in respect of any day may use on that day such facilities as the Executive Committee or the governing body of the Club may determine and paragraph 18.2 shall not apply to that person in respect of that day.

Intoxicating liquor shall not, in a registered Club, be supplied or obtained or consumed by, any person other than a member or a guest of a member or an employee of the Club.

A member shall be responsible for his guest strictly observing the rules and shall not leave the club premises before his guest and a guest, shall not be supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless upon invitation and in the company of a member.

Admission of visiting teams etc:

Notwithstanding paragraphs 12 and 14 of Schedule 1 Registrations of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 or any rule required to be made by those paragraphs by the Club, where a team or a body of persons who are, as members of another club (whether registered or not), society or organisation, visiting the Club for the purpose of taking part in or in the organisation of or arrangements for, any pastime, sport, game or recreation at the Club, an official of the Club may enter in the book required to be kept by that paragraph 12 the name of the club, society or organisation visiting the Club and number of persons without specifying their names and addresses, and intoxicating liquor may be supplied to such persons at the request and in the presence of an official of the Club on the occasion of the visit.

(2) The admission of persons to whom paragraph (1) applies shall be disregarded for the purposes of paragraph 11 of

Schedule 1 of the Registration of Clubs Order (NI) 1996.

Any supply or consumption of intoxicating liquor in the buildings or grounds of the club permitted under the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 and any extensions and amendments thereto shall be lawful and not a breach of the Rules of the Club.

A list, in alphabetical order, of the names and addresses of every official and member shall be kept on the premises of the Club.

APPENDIX A.....TRUSTEES

The following is the list of current (2012) Trustees and their designation:

Club Representatives (4) :- (in alphabetical order)

1 Kearney, Frank 2 McGrath, Christopher 3 McKeefry, Michael

Representative of Derry County Board (1):- Patsy Mulholland

Representative of Ulster Council (1):- Danny Murphy

APPENDIX B - CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The club subscribes to the G.A.A. "Code Of Best Practice for Youth Sport". All coaches and team members at underage will be vetted and registered in line with current ACCESS NI policy. The club Child Protection Officers, and Chairperson will be the designated persons who will deal with all Child Protection issues.

To ensure that best practice is followed by Watty Graham's G.A.C, we shall work closely with our governing body and in order to promote best practice in children's sport, we shall comply with the guidelines of the *Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland* as set out in section 2.7, which are...

- Adopt and implement the *Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland* as an integral part of our policy on children in the club
- Have our club constitution approved and adopted by club members at an AGM
- Permit all members over 16 years of age to vote, where possible. One parent/guardian should have one vote for all their children under 16 years of age, where relevant.
- Ensure that the club executive committee is elected or endorsed by registered club members at an AGM.
- Adopt and consistently apply a safe and clearly defined method of recruiting and selecting sports leaders.
- Clearly define the role of committee members, all sports leaders and parents/guardians.
- Appoint at least one Youth Officer (Children's Officer) as outlined in section 2.6.1 of the *Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland*.
- Designate the club chairperson to act as liaison with the statutory authorities in relation to the reporting of allegations or suspicions of child abuse. Any such reports should be made according to the procedures outlined in the *Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland / Children First / Our Duty to Care*
- Ensure best practice throughout the club by disseminating the codes of conduct, including the disciplinary, complaints and appeals procedures in operation within the club, to all members. The club's codes of conduct should also be posted in all facilities used by the club.
- Have in place procedures for dealing with a concern or complaint made to the statutory authorities against a committee member or sports leader or other members of the club. Regulations should stipulate that a sports leader who is the subject of an allegation, which has been reported to the statutory authorities, should stand aside, while the matter is being examined. S/He should be invited to resume full duties immediately if s/he is vindicated.
- Ensure that relevant sports leaders report to the club executive committee on a regular basis.
- Encourage regular turnover of committee membership while ensuring continuity and experience
- Develop effective procedures for responding to and recording accidents
- Ensure that any unusual activity (high rate of drop-out, transfers etc.) is checked out and reported by the club chairperson to the governing body.
- Ensure that all club members are given adequate notice of AGMs and other meetings
- Ensure that all minutes of all meetings (AGMs, EGMs, Committee) are recorded and safely filed.

(Refer to Watty Graham's GAC 'Child Protection Policy')

APPENDIX C.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

The aim of Watty Graham's GAC is to ensure that no job applicant, member or client receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, class, religious belief, ethnic origin, political or personal opinion. No job applicant should be disadvantaged by conditions or requirements, which are neither justified nor relevant to the job or service provided.

Watty Graham's GAC will, to the best of its ability, fulfil its legal obligations under the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Acts 1976 and 1989; the Equal Pay Acts (Northern Ireland) 1970 and 1984; The Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Orders 1976 and 1988; the Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Employment Acts 1945 and 1960; the Disability Discrimination Act 1996, the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 and other relevant legislation and codes of practice.

Watty Graham's GAC states that all employees, clients and persons associated with the Organisation have a right to be treated with dignity and that discrimination, harassment or bullying will not be permitted or condoned. Allegations of discrimination, harassment or bullying will be dealt with seriously and confidentially. Persons who complain will be protected against victimisation or retaliation for bringing a complaint. Appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken against persons found guilty of discrimination, harassment or bullying.

Members, employees, client and any persons connected with Watty Graham's GAC have a clear role to play in helping to create a climate in which discrimination, in any form, harassment or bullying is totally unacceptable. All persons can contribute to preventing these issues through awareness and sensitivity and by ensuring that standards of conduct for themselves and colleagues do not cause offence.

Watty Graham's GAC will positively promote, observe and pursue the objectives set out in these statements by the following actions:

- Maximising publicity to ensure that as many people as possible are aware of the services,
- Making a complaints procedure available to all service users who are not satisfied with the services offered,
- Consultation with service users regarding service provision to ensure this policy is seen to be effective,
- Working with all relevant groups in the promotion of equality of opportunity for all.

A neutral working environment will be maintained in which no member, employee or client feels under threat or intimidation. The display of flags, emblems, posters, graffiti or the circulation of materials or articulation of slogans and songs, which are likely to give offence among particular groups, is prohibited.

Watty Graham's GAC seeks to give all members equal opportunity and encouragement to progress within the Organisation by providing equality of access to training, development and promotion opportunities.

Watty Graham's GAC will maintain and review the employment records of all employees in order to monitor the progress of this policy.

Monitoring may involve the collection and classification of information regarding race in terms of ethnic / national origin, religion and sex of all applicants and current employees, in accordance with Fair Employment legislation.

Appropriate disciplinary action, including dismissal for serious breaches, will be taken against any member of staff who violates Watty Graham's GAC's Equal Opportunities Policy.

APPENDIX D



Watty Graham's GAC
An Gleann, Machaire Ratha
Co. Doire



Cumann Luthchleas Gael Full (Adult) Membership - Application

Aisín/Name (PRINT): _____

Seoladh/Address: _____

Phone/Mobile/Fax: _____ / _____ / _____

Email (if available): _____

Date of Birth: _____ (Day) / _____ (Month) / _____ (Year) (e.g. 06/02/65)
(G.A.A. make this info compulsory to provide insurance cover for all ACTIVE MEMBERS)

I hereby apply to: **WATTY GRAHAM'S G.A.C.** For Membership and for Membership of Cumann Luthchleas Gael (The Gaelic Athletic Association)

I subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and of Cumann Luthchleas Gael (The Gaelic Athletic Association), and abide by its Rules.

I attach the membership fee as determined by the Club (OR completed An Club Gleann form)

Name (PRINT) _____ Síniú/Signed _____ Data/Date _____

I am familiar with the POLICIES & CODES OF CONDUCT as established by Watty Graham's G.A.C.

I am aware that Watty Graham's G.A.C. have implemented a Child Protection and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults' Policy which is designed to protect all who join the club.

I commit to assisting the club in any way I can with regard to the promotion and development of Gaelic games and the implementation of the Codes of Conduct.

Please Tick!

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I wish / do not wish to be part of the club's TEXT MESSAGING to hear about club events.

I am /am not willing to join a HELP ROTA to assist in various Club events.

Are you a current, active member of An Club Gleann? Yes / No

If "No" do you wish to support your Club by joining Club Gleann? Yes / No

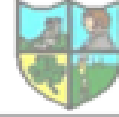
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| Membership Application approved/ rejected by Club Executive on Data/Date): _____ |
| Síniú/Signed): _____ Club Rúnaí (Secretary) |
| Registered in Croker Park Central Membership Database on _____ |
| G.A.A. MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____ |

APPENDIX E:



Watty Graham's GAC
An Gleann, Machaire Ratha
Co. Donegal



Cumann Luthchleas Gael Youth Membership - Registration Form

Name/Name (of Youth Member) _____

Seoladh/Address: _____

Phone/Mobile/Fax: _____ / _____ / _____

Email (if available): _____

School: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (Day) / _____ (Month) / _____ (Year) (e.g. 06/02/90)

I hereby apply to: **WATTY GRAHAM'S G.A.A. Club** for Membership and for Youth Membership of Cumann Luthchleas Gael (The Gaelic Athletic Association)

I subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and of Cumann Luthchleas Gael (The Gaelic Athletic Association), and to abide by its Rules, and I attach herewith the appropriate membership fee as determined by the above Club.

Signature/Signed _____ Date/Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s), on behalf of the above named: -

Please Initial

We have been supplied with a Youth Membership Booklet from Watty Graham's G.A.A. Club and are familiar with the POLICIES & CODES OF CONDUCT as established by the club.

We are aware that Watty Graham's G.A.A. Club have implemented a Child Protection Policy which is designed to protect Youth Members & all others who join the club.

We'll consent to my/our child taking part in away trips, matches, events & activities and undertake to pay the required sums if requested.

We'll commit to assisting the club in any way I can with regard to the promotion and development of Gaelic games and the implementation of the Codes of Conduct.

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We/I consent to the above Application and to undertakings given by the Applicant.

Signature/Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian): Date/Date _____

Print Name: _____

Signature/Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian): Date/Date _____

Print Name: _____

✚ For Official Use only:

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| Youth Membership Application approved by Club Executive on | Date/Date: _____ |
| Signature(Signed): _____ | Club Kunoil (Secretary) |
| Registered in Central Membership Database on _____ | |
| MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____ | |



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