



Corrib Rowing & Yachting Club

Incorporating the Royal Galway Yacht Club

Rules

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CHANGE HISTORY FROM AGM 1994 AND THEREAFTER:

1. 2004 AGM: Rule 4: (e) Death in membership of Life, Honorary or Full member. (Succession of membership) Motion Rule 4(e) Succession of membership. Motion passed.
2. 2004 AGM: Rule 6: 6. (a) No member shall hold any office for more than three (3) consecutive years. Rule 6(a). Motion passed.
3. 2012 AGM: Rule 7: Update Rule 7 Trustees. Motion passed.
4. 2012 AGM: Rule 20: Licensing Regulations terminate bar licence. Motion passed.
5. 2014 AGM: Rule 18: Change of name from Storekeeper to Caretaker. Motion passed.
6. 2014 AGM: Rule 20: Licensing Regulations, the members attending A.G.M., instructed the officers and committee to remove licensing regulations from the rule book. Motion passed.
7. 2020 AGM: Incorporation of Royal Galway Yacht Club, Objectives, Name, Election of member, Committee of Management, Trustees, Sub-Committee, Fund Raising, Annual General Meeting/Extraordinary General Meeting, Standing Order at A.G.M /E.G.M., Subscription, Responsibility of Member and Visitors. Motions passed.
8. 2022 AGM: Amendment to wording on Membership Application form / Members may only nominate (propose / second) max. 2 new applications per year / Members shall not store or possess any boat or property within club grounds without prior Committee approval / Amendment to Student Membership / Adopted Committee Meeting minutes to be placed on noticeboard. Motions passed.
9. 2023 AGM: Amendment to Rule 3 'Election of Members' / Amendment to Rule 14 'Subscriptions' / Amendment to Rule 22 ' Responsibility of Members' / Amendment to Rule 25 'Boat / Vessel Storage' / Removal of Membership Category 'Junior Member'. Motions passed.

INAUGURATION OF THE CORRIB CLUB

The inauguration of a Rowing Club, formed by a large number of the young gentlemen of Galway, was then celebrated in the premises of the Club, Wood Quay.

There were twenty-four members of the club present. Rules of a very admirable character were framed, and a chairman, vice-chairman, and treasurer were appointed. Mr. Lambert was elected chairman.

After a very agreeable soiree, during which many eloquent speeches were made, the club was declared an established fact and the members separated highly pleased with the proceedings of the evening.

We have no doubt the members of the club will provide much amusement for the public during the summer months and we trust the young gentlemen themselves will find the manly sport of boating both pleasant and profitable."

The Club opened at Wood Quay for a short time, then transferred to land beside the weir, and remained there until 1903 when it opened in its present premises.

CORRIB ROWING AND YACHTING CLUB

Incorporating the Royal Galway Yacht Club.

RULES

1. NAME

The name of the Club is the "Corrib Rowing and Yachting Club" (herein referred to as "the Club"). It is an amateur Sports Club, non-political and non-sectarian. The principal object of the Club is the promotion of boating in all its aspects. All other lawfully permitted activities in or on the Club's premises, indoor or outdoor, shall be, incidental or ancillary amenities subservient in all respects to the principal object. The Club Colours are Scarlet and Black. The club year is taken to being the first day of March each year.

2. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules, unless inconsistent with the subject or context - "full Members" are persons referred to in Rule 4 as Ordinary, Life and/or Honorary Members.

(Note: The spouse / partner / child / children of a full Member are not a full Member).

"Month" refers to calendar month.

Words importing the singular include the plural, and vice versa.

Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender, and vice versa.

3. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Each candidate for admission to membership of the Club shall be proposed and seconded in writing by two full Members each of at least 24 months standing in the Club, and to each of whom the candidate is personally known as a person they believe to be suitable for election to the Club.

The proposal shall be submitted on the official Nomination Form prescribed by the Club, setting out the name and address of the candidate and duly signed by the candidate.

All Membership Applications shall include a cover letter where-by the applicant shall introduce themselves and offer any additional information on how they hope to be of assistance to the club.

The Form shall also be signed both by the proposer and the seconder and shall state the category of membership sought. The Proposer / Seconder of all Membership Applications shall act as Guarantor for said applicant for a period of 12 months on the acceptance of membership. In the event of disciplinary action taken against a new member within a 12 month probationary period, the Proposer / Seconder may also be subject to disciplinary action, at the discretion of the Committee.

The Honorary Secretary shall ensure that the completed 'Nomination Form, duly posted on the Club Notice Board, shall remain on display for at least one week prior to the next ensuing Meeting of the Committee.

An interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between the nomination and election by the Committee of ordinary Members.

No candidate shall be admitted to Membership unless three fourths of the Committee present and voting shall have voted in their favour.

No application for membership shall be considered unless and until the candidate's entry fee and appropriate annual subscription have been received by the Honorary Treasurer.

All new members shall be subject to a 12-month Probationary Period. If the Committee deem any new member to be in breach of Rules/Regulations/Safety Statement, the Committee is empowered to revoke membership.

The overall Membership of the Club shall be capped at 220.

4. NOMINATION OF MEMBERS

To encourage diverse membership, members may only nominate (Propose / Second) 2 membership applications per year.

5. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

Ordinary Members are persons over 18 years of age, payment of whose annual subscriptions, plus other monies (if any) due to the Club, shall entitle their spouse (but without voting rights) and children under 16 years to freely avail of the Club.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Members are persons exempt from payment of any subscription by virtue of Rule 5, their spouses (but without voting rights) and children under 16 years of age being entitled to freely avail of the amenities of the Club.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Student Members are persons currently attending full time education (but not entitled to voting rights). Student members must provide valid Student ID with expiration date (or written confirmation from Educational Institute confirming status for the current academic year) upon application and annually upon renewal. Student Members shall graduate to Full Membership upon reaching the age of 25, where-by the discounted Student Fee shall no longer apply. Joining Fee will be paid upon graduation to Full Membership.

DEATH IN MEMBERSHIP OF LIFE, HONORARY OR FULL MEMBER
(SUCCESSION OF MEMBERSHIP)

In the event of death of a Life, Honorary or Full member the surviving partner shall be entitled to apply for full membership in accordance with Rule 3.

The surviving partner shall not be obliged to have their name on a waiting list.

On payment of the annual subscription or any other monies due to the club they may be elected to Full membership and their children shall be entitled to avail of the amenities of the club.

The children of the surviving partner will have no voting rights.

In the event of the surviving partner being unable to accept the succession of membership they may nominate an immediate member of the family to an appropriate category of membership to be agreed and sanctioned by the committee.

In the event of there being no surviving partner to the deceased member the committee at its discretion may offer the succession of membership to an immediate member of the deceased family at an appropriate category of membership to be agreed and sanctioned by the committee.

In all cases, the application for, or offer of membership must be made or sanctioned in the current membership year.

Motion Rule 4(e) Succession of membership passed at 2004 A.G.M.

6. HONORARY MEMBERS

The Committee may, at its discretion, declare a person who, in the unanimous opinion of the Committee, has rendered exceptional voluntary service to the Club to be an Honorary Member for their life relieved of obligation to pay annual subscription.

7. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the management of a committee (herein referred to as "the Committee") elected for not less than a year by the general body of Members and subject to annual re-election.

The Committee shall be comprised of the Officers and the Committee Members, The Officers, consisting of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, together with not more than ten Ordinary Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next ensuing Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall meet as and when necessary (but at not less than monthly intervals) for the purposes of the efficient and expeditious management of the Club and its affairs on behalf of the General Membership.

Five shall form a quorum.

The Committee shall have power to make Club Regulations from time to time as the welfare and best interests of the Club may so require and such Regulations shall have the same binding effect on all Members as these Rules.

The committee is empowered to maintain order in the club and maintain the state of repair of the club property.

A Member of the Committee failing to attend three consecutive Meetings without showing acceptable due cause therefore shall have their name automatically struck off the List of Committee Member, the Committee being at liberty to co-opt a Member in their stead.

No gratuities shall be sought by or given to any contractor employed by the club by a committee member or members of the committee.

(a) No member shall hold any office for more than three (3) consecutive years. Rule 6(a) was passed at 2004 A.G.M.

Synopsis of approved minutes of the committee meetings to be displayed on the official club noticeboard no later than 10 days after a committee meeting.

Decisions of the committee is binding on the membership.

8. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Upon adoption of committee meeting minutes, they will be placed on the notice board for a period of no less than one week.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES

Sub-committees may be appointed from time to time.

Sub-committees are appointed by the decision of the committee, and all previously established sub-committees cease to hold their terms of reference on the expiry of the period of tenure of the committee.

Sub-committee are required to submit their terms of reference to the committee for approval within one month of establishment.

All sub-committees shall appointment as a minimum a chairperson. The President of the club is the de-factor member of all sub-committees.

Two members of the committee are required to sit on all sub-committees. The designation of these two members is a matter for the committee.

All members of the club are eligible for post on the sub-committee.

Sub-committees may be dissolved by formal motion at a meeting of the committee. Where a vote is taken, a simple majority shall decide dissolution.

10. FUND-RAISING

It is a condition of membership that no fund-raising activities associated with the Corrib Rowing & Yachting Club shall be undertaken by any member or group of members except with the prior approval of the committee of the club recorded at a committee meeting.

11. TRUSTEES

The property of the Club is vested in the Club's Trustees who shall deal with such property as directed by Special Resolution of the Committee.

Each Trustee shall remain in Office for life or until they cease to be entitled to full membership of the Club pursuant to these Rules.

No trustee shall be removed from office save by a Special Resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.

No person having less than three years standing as a full Member of the club shall be elected a Trustee.

All Trustees are entitled, ex officio, to attend and participate at all meetings of the Committee (but without voting rights).

Trustees shall be fully paid up members for at least three years prior to their election and in the event of a trustee ceasing to be a member, they shall cease to be a trustee.

All property of the club is vested in the club Trustees who shall deal with such property as directed by special resolution of the general meeting.

A minimum of four trustees and a maximum of eight shall be in office at all times. The quorum for trustee meetings shall be three and their decision shall be by simple majority.

The committee shall propose new trustees who must be elected at an annual general meeting by a two-thirds majority. Trustees may be removed by a resolution at a general meeting by a three-fourths majority.

No trustee may be an Officer or member of the committee.

All Trustees are entitled, ex officio, to attend and participate at all Meetings of the Committee (but without voting rights).

The Trustees shall be indemnified by the members of the club against all liabilities properly incurred by them in the performance of their duties as trustees of the club.

The trustees of the club will have an oversight and finance responsibility as follows:

- Ensure the safety and integrity of the club deeds and land documents
- Liaise with the Honorary Treasurer regarding the club finances
- Be issued with club accounts immediately after approval by the committee and before the AGM.
- Upon written resolution signed by a majority of the trustees they may direct the Honorary Secretary to call an E.G.M.
- Have a representative at any A.G.M. who can, with the permission of the President, present an oversight report on club affairs.
- An expenditure of more than twenty times the annual membership subscription on any one item in any one financial year of the Club outside the normal running expenses of the Club shall not be permitted without formal consultation with the Trustees.

Motion passed at A.G.M. on the 29 of March 2012 to update Rule 7.

12. ANNUAL / EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March each year, The Captain, Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall submit full Reports detailing the work carried out by each of them in the performance of their respective responsibilities during the previous twelve months.

The Reports having been considered and duly ruled upon, the Annual General Meeting shall proceed to elect (voting by simple majority) the Officers and Committee Members for the next ensuing twelve months.

The quorum for all Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meeting shall be twenty.

Not less than ten days prior notice shall be given of the holding of an Annual General Meeting.

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called on receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition, signed by not less than twenty full Members, stating the object of the Meeting.

No person owing monies to the Club shall be permitted to vote at any Meeting. The persons referred to in Rule 4 (a), (b), (c) and (d) as being without voting rights may attend all General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

If at any Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting, the presiding Chairman is satisfied that at least ten of those present and entitled to vote require that voting shall be by secret ballot he shall rule accordingly.

No special Resolution of an Annual General Meeting shall be passed save by a majority of three-fourths of those present and voting.

13. STANDING ORDER AT A.G.M./ E.G.M.

Only Ordinary members whose annual subscription is fully paid up at the time of the A.G.M./E.G.M. Can attend A.G.M./E.G.M.

Honorary & Life Members can also attend the A.G.M.

The order of business at the A.G.M. is as follows:

- Formal opening of meeting
- Upstanding for a minute silence for deceased members.
- Apologies
- Approval of minutes from the previous annual general meeting or otherwise.
- President's address
- Approval of the Treasurers report. Proposed and Seconded.
- Approval of the Captain's report. Proposed and Seconded.
- Approval of the Secretary's report. Proposed and Seconded.
- Election of the Committee for the following year.
- Formal motions as tabled
- Other business
- A.G.M. formally closed.

All questions asked by the membership must go through the chair and only matters which have relevance to the club will be answered.

Whereas decisions on formal motions are binding on the club and must be executed by the committee, activities mandated under "Other Business" are considered to be recommendations are not binding.

The A.G.M. is chaired by the outgoing President (Vice President if President is absent) assisted by the outgoing Treasurer, Captain and Secretary until the meeting is adjourned.

E.G.M. of the club can also be convened by motion of the Trustees under the conditions set out in Rule 7, and by the petition of the membership to the committee in writing, and supported by the signatures of twenty full members of the club.

The order of business for Extraordinary General Meeting is as follows:

- Formal opening of E.G.M.
- Approval of the minutes of the previous E.G.M. or otherwise.
- Formal motion or motions.
- E.G.M. formally closed

14. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions (and, where applicable, such dues as entry fees, locker fees, and levy charges etc.) may only be altered by the Members of the Club at an AGM or EGM, (with the exception of Electricity Service Charge which will be charged at the rate on the date which meter readings are taken (December)) and shall be payable in advance on the first day of January each year in respect of the ensuing twelve months.

A person whose annual subscription has not been paid by the end of February shall automatically cease to be a Member and may not be re-admitted except as provided in Rule 3.

Payment of annual subscription shall be deemed acknowledgment by the member that they are acquainted with, and bound by, the Rules and Regulations of the Club.

In the event that any duly sanctioned fee or levy or any other sum of any nature, kind or description shall not have been paid by the due date or in the event that arrangements, to the satisfaction of the Committee, shall not have been entered into for the discharge of such fee, levy or sum then, and in that event, the defaulting Member shall cease to be a Member and may not be re-admitted except as provided in Rule 3.

15. PRESIDENT

No person having less than three years standing as full Member shall be elected President and no President shall hold office for more than three consecutive years.

The President shall ensure that the Rules and Regulations of the Club are enforced at all times.

The President, throughout the twelve months immediately following their term of office shall be Immediate Past President and ex officio a Member of the Committee for that year.

16. VICE PRESIDENT

No person having less than three years standing as a full Member shall be elected Vice President and no Vice President shall hold office for more than three consecutive years.

In the absence of the President the Vice President shall officiate in their stead.

17. CAPTAIN

No person having less than three years standing as a full Member shall be elected Captain.

It shall be the duty of the Captain, subject to the overall control and direction of the President and Committee, to supervise the general running of the Club; to ensure the proper and efficient management of all Club activities; and in the event of any untoward happening within, or related to the Club, forthwith to notify the Committee of same.

For the avoidance of any doubt the Captain shall be empowered, subject to the overall control and direction of the President and Committee. inter alia to move, lift, re-site, remove or repair or in the event that the same shall seem to be abandoned or unused or of little value or use, having given twenty one days written notice to the owner or if unknown having posted notice on the Club noticeboard listing the property to which the enactment of this Rule shall apply, break up, dispose of and/or dump any boat, trailer, engine or any equipment of any nature, kind or description whatsoever within the club premises or grounds or on the waterway adjacent to the grounds and the Captain, Committee, Officers or Membership or any duly authorised servant or agent of any of the foregoing shall not be liable in respect of any damage or loss direct or consequential howsoever caused in the exercise of the powers hereby bestowed.

18. VICE -CAPTAIN

No person having less than two years standing as a full Member shall be elected as Vice-Captain. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Captain, subject to the overall control and direction of the Captain, President and Committee, to assist the Captain in their duties so as to ensure the proper and efficient management of all Club activities; and in the event of any untoward happening within, or related to the Club, forthwith to notify the Committee of same.

19. HONORARY SECRETARY

No person having less than two years standing as a full Member shall be elected Honorary Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary, as the principal administrative officer of the Club, to keep and maintain, faithfully and accurately, all books and records of the Club and to deal with all correspondence.

They shall convene all Meetings, as and when required by the Committee (including Extraordinary General Meetings in accordance with Rules 7).

They shall ensure that anything prejudicial to, or likely in any way to be inimical to the Club, shall forthwith be brought to the notice of the Committee.

20. HONORARY TREASURER

No person having less than two years standing as a full Member shall be elected Honorary Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a true and correct account showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club and duly presenting at every Meeting of the Committee an up-to-date statement with relevant vouchers.

They shall, as and when directed and authorised by the Committee, issue and sign all cheques for payment, duly countersigned by the President or Honorary Secretary.

They shall, with no undue delay, lodge to the Club's Bank Account all monies received by or on behalf of the Club.

They shall during the first fortnight of January each year submit to the Committee for their approval a detailed Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet showing the true fiscal position of the Club as at the immediately preceding 31st December.

They shall ensure that copies of the Accounts, as duly approved by the Committee, shall remain on display on the Club Notice Board for perusal by all Members, throughout the week immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

21. DISCIPLINE

Any Member wilfully infringing or violating the Rules or Regulations of the Corrib Rowing & Yachting Club, or whose conduct in or out of the Club premises is either inconsistent with, or injurious to, the interests, objectives and good name of the Club may be reported to the Committee.

If satisfied that the conduct of the Member concerned is prima facie reprehensible, such Member may be invited to attend before a special Meeting of the Committee, being afforded due and proper opportunity to make such submissions as they may wish.

The Committee shall have power, after careful consideration of all relevant circumstances, to decide (by a majority of not less than three-fourths of its Members present and voting) to suspend all Membership rights of the Member concerned for a period not exceeding three months.

In the event of such suspension (or lesser sanction) being imposed the Member concerned shall be entitled, by way of appeal, to have an Extraordinary General Meeting convened to consider and rule upon the case in question.

At such Meeting the decision of the Committee may be confirmed, altered, amended, or set aside as a three-fourths majority of those present and voting may rule.

Power to expel a person from Membership shall be the prerogative solely of a General Meeting and shall be exercised only on a Resolution of the General Meeting passed by a majority of not less than three fourths of those present and voting.

No such expulsion shall have effect unless the Member concerned shall have first been afforded due and proper opportunity of being present (or represented at) the General Meeting to make their submissions provided always that, in the event of the member concerned declining to attend or be represented, the General Meeting shall be entitled to exercise power of expulsion in their absence.

FOR NEW MEMBERS WHO ARE SUBJECT TO PROBATIONARY PERIOD AS PER RULE 3 'ELECTION OF MEMBERS', RULE 3 'ELECTION OF MEMBERS' TAKES PRECEDENCE OF RULE 21.

22. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

Members (which, for the purposes of this Rule, include their guests and persons, family or otherwise, in their charge or care) shall be responsible for damage done by them, or any of them, to Club property or to the property of fellow Members lawfully present, or moored, in the Club premises.

Members must obey the Rules and Regulations of the club.

All members shall adhere to the Safety Statement and furthermore must ensure any vessel / boat stored on the CRYC grounds is adequately insured. At the request of the Committee, a Member shall produce proof of insurance for any vessel stored on CRYC grounds.

Members must comply with Irish statutory laws, EU directives and Irish bye-laws.

23. VISITORS

All visitors must be accompanied at all times by the full member or non-members who have the Captain's permission to be on the premises for either a valid business purpose or an event.

All visitors must sign the visitors' book with the exception of the Spouse / Partner /Child/Children of the full members. Spouse/Partner/Child/Children of full member cannot be on grounds of club without the full member been present.

Visitors who are not a Spouse/Partner/Child/Children of a full members are limited to 4 visits per year.

24. CARETAKER

The Residential Storekeeper in accordance with the terms of their Service Agreement is accountable for all matters, affairs and things specifically in their charge as such Caretaker.

They shall not permit non-members to enter the Club premises save as provided in Law 17, nor shall they permit boats, vehicles or other property owned by non-members to be brought into any part of the club premises or grounds.

It is their duty to report to the Captain all infringements of Club Rules or regulations coming to their notice.

They are responsible for keeping in a state of repair and readiness for safe use all boats owned by the Club.

A Member duly authorised to take out a Club boat shall, before leaving the Club precincts, inform the Caretaker of their intentions and estimated time of arrival back to the Club.

In the event of any untoward happening the same shall forthwith be reported by the Caretaker to the Captain (or, in that at Officer's absence, directly to a Member of the Committee).

Change of name from Storekeeper to Caretaker passed at A.G.M. on 5th of March 2014

25. BOAT / VESSEL STORAGE

A member shall not store any boat / property, including any acquisition of a boat / property already on-site without prior Committee approval, unless the member is replacing said boat / property of similar stature that has previously been removed from the premises. The Committee are empowered to remove said boat / property if prior permission has not been approved.

Any member in possession of a boat / vessel stored in the water at CRYC which the Committee deem to be unused / interfering with berthage for regular boat users / non-compliance with 'Launch & Retrieve' (any of the above) shall be required to remove said boat / vessel. The Committee shall contact member offering reasonable time to remove boat / vessel from water. Failure to do so shall empower the Committee / Caretaker to remove boat / vessel from the water which shall be subject to a €100 fee. Boat / Vessel shall not be re-launched until all fees /dues are paid in full.

26. ALTERATION OF RULES

No alternation, amendment or abrogation of these Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting pursuant to these Rules.

Notice of intention to propose such change shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary together with written statement of the proposed change.

Having obtained the approval of the Committee, the Honorary Secretary shall ensure that the intended proposal, posted on the Club Notice Board, shall remain on display for at least ten days immediately prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the proposal falls due to be considered.

There shall be no change in these Rules unless passed by a three-fourths majority present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.