



# Constitution of Ballymun United Football Club

The club shall be called Ballymun United Football Club.

1. The objects of the club are the playing and furtherance of Association Football. All other games, past-times, or athletic activities, whether indoors or outdoors, lawfully permitted by the club committee in or on the club's property shall be functions of the Ballymun United's Football Club's Social section and shall be incidental or ancillary amenities, subservient in all respects to association football and its best interest in the club.

*(The intent of this Rule is that in the event of any conflict, financial, administration, social or otherwise arising in the Club as between Association Football and any such games, past-times, athletic activity or other function of the Club's social section the interest of Association Football in the Club shall be paramount, and it shall be the duty of the Club Committee to rule and act accordingly)*

2. The registered address of the club shall be at Ballymun United Soccer Complex, St Margaret's Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11.
3. The Club colours shall be Amber Jersey with black hoop or stripe, black shorts and amber socks with second choice colours of Blue Jersey with Blue or white shorts and blue or white socks.
4. The officers of the club shall be the President, Chairman, Trustees, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Fixtures Secretary (if any), and Public Relations Officer. Officers can hold office for a maximum period of three years. They can be re-elected as an officer two years after they previously held office.
5. The committee of the club shall consist of the officers, and six ordinary members. The quorum of committee meetings shall be six. The committee shall have power to co-opt such additional members as may be required for special purposes and also to appoint sub-committees, (including selection committees). The trustees shall be members, ex-officio of all sub-committees concerned with administration of the club.
6. The committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the club and shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting unless otherwise disqualified under these rules. The Committee shall hold not less than one meeting per month during the Football season. No officer or member of the committee shall be removed from office save with the consent of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a special meeting.
7. The committee shall exercise general management and control and shall conduct all the business and affairs of the club. No member of the committee, or manager or servant employed in the club, shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein, or in the profits arising from such sale. Correct accounts and books shall be kept showing the financial affairs and the receipts and disbursements of the club. The committee shall have power to make regulations from time to time touching all matters affecting the club and its property, and such regulations shall have the same force and

effect as these rules. Every member of the club shall be bound by these rules and all regulations made there under.

8. The Trustees shall be not less than three and not more than five in number.  
All property of the club shall vest in the Trustees of the club. No personal liability shall be attached to the Trustees or to any Trustee acting in the ordinary and proper force of the club's business.  
The club shall not incur any single expenditure exceeding €10,000 without the consent in writing of the Trustees of the club. The club and/or the trustees are authorised and empowered to borrow from time to time such sums of money to an extent not exceeding such amount, and upon such terms and conditions as may be authorised from time to time by a resolution of the Executive Committee of the club.  
The Trustees of the Club can only be removed from office by a majority of the club.
9. Every General Meeting shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary who shall give each member due notice (minimum of seven days) in writing of the hour, date and place thereof and the reason for convening thereof, the quorum for a General Meeting shall be 12.
10. The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held in the month of July each year. Detailed reports concerning the working of the club for the previous year and its financial position shall be presented by the appropriate officers.
11. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time at the request of the committee or on a requisition to the Honorary Secretary, signed by not less than 12 paid up full members of the club, giving detailed particulars of the business for which the meeting is required. The Honorary Secretary shall within 14 days from receipt of such requisition convene a Special General Meeting of the club.
12. The President, or his nominee shall be chairman of all meetings and in the absence of the President or his nominee, a chairman may be appointed by those present and entitled to vote.
13. If, at a meeting, a quorum has not assembled within 30 minutes after the time appointed for such meeting, the Honorary Secretary may, at his discretion, declare such meeting abandoned.
14. The voting at every General Meeting shall be by ballot (or at the Chairman's discretion, by show of hands) and in the event of a tie the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Only bona fide full members of the club as defined below and adult playing members can vote at such meetings and hold office in the club.
15. **MEMBERSHIP**
  - (a) Any person playing and/or training for or with any club teams shall be considered de facto a playing member of the club for that season. Such membership can, however, be cancelled, by a decision of the club committee. Persons under 18 years of age shall not be eligible to vote at General Meetings, nor to be sold or supplied with excisable liquors.
  - (b) Non playing members shall be in the following categories:
    1. Full members

2. Family members
3. Clubhouse/Pavilion members

Such membership shall be granted at the absolute discretion of the club committee and any member who has paid an appropriate subscription shall be considered a bona fide member of the club unless such membership has been refused by a final decision of the club committee. The Committee reserves the right to have each application for membership vetted.

- (c) Waiver of legal rights: pursuant to the provisions of section 34(1)(b) of the Civil Liability Act 1961 members waive their legal entitlement to claim against a fellow member, Officer of the Board or Committee member, compensation for personal injury, loss or damage, however caused.

## **16. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

The Committee may from time to time as they think fit recommend entrance and membership fees to the Annual General Meeting. Annual subscriptions fall due on the 1st January and any paying member whose subscription is 2 months overdue shall forthwith cease to be a member of the club, unless they have contacted the club committee explaining exceptional circumstances in their failure to pay due fees.

17. No person shall be allowed to become an honorary or temporary member of the club or be relieved of payment of the regular subscriptions save that the members and officials of visiting teams (including the match official's), shall be deemed to be temporary honorary members for the day on which they are playing/visiting and shall be entitled to enjoy the amenities of the Club.
18. The Executive Committee shall have power to elect honorary life members.
19. Should a member conduct himself in the manner that in the opinion of the committee is derogatory to the club the committee may call for an explanation and, if they think fit, remove such a person from membership without any obligation to refund his subscription.
20. The Committee reserve the right to have all applications for membership vetted.
21. Data Protection: Pursuant to the provision of the Data Protection Act 1988-2003 members consent to the club obtaining, recording, holding and retaining their personal data (including sensitive personal data) solely for club purposes, either on its computer or its manual filing system, and consent to the use of all such data, including disclosure to third parties, for the proper and effective management of the club.

## **22. THE SALE AND SUPPLY OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

- 22.1 The sale and supply of intoxicating liquor to the club members should be controlled by the Executive Committee on behalf of the members.
- 22.2 No member of the committee and no manager or servant employed in the club shall have any personal interest in sale of excisable liquor in the Clubhouse or in the profits arising from such sale.

- 22.3 No excisable liquor shall be supplied any person (other than a member of the club lodging in the club premises) or be consumed on those premises by any person (other than a member)
- (a) At any time on Christmas Day or
  - (b) On any other day, outside the hours specified in respect of that day in section 2(1)(b) (as amended) of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1927.
- 22.4 Nothing in the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 to 2018, or contained, by virtue only of the operation of subsection (1) of Section 56 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1927, as amended, in the Club Rules shall operate to prohibit the supply for consumption on the premises of excisable liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable liquor on those premises by any person:
- (a) on Christmas Day between 12 midday and 10 pm, or,
  - (b) on any other day for one hour after the expiry of any period in respect of that day during which it is lawful for the club by virtue of section 2(1)(b) (as substituted by section 3 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1927, to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the club premises.

If in each case the excisable liquor is:-

(a) ordered by that person at the same time as a substantial meal as ordered by him or her,

(b) consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended

- 22.5 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the club except to members of the club between 8 am and 10 pm.
- 22.6 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied on the club premises to any person under the age of 18 years.
- 22.7 A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the clubhouse unless on the invitation and in the company of a member, and the member shall, with the admission of such visitor to the clubhouse or immediately on his being supplied at such liquor, enter his name and the name and address of the visitor in the Visitor's Book which shall be kept for that purpose and which shall show the date of such visit.
- 22.8 Members of the group who are members of the club (whether registered or unregistered), society or organisation and who are visiting the club for the purposes of taking part in any pastime, sport, game or recreation there, or organising or taking part in the organisation of, or arrangements for, any such activity, may be supplied with intoxicating liquor a the request and in the presence of an officer of the Club on the occasion of such visit. Such officer shall enter the name of the group concerned, and the number of persons in it, in the Visitor's book.



# Rules of the Club

All club members will pay annual fees as laid down by the Executive Committee, for season 2017/2018 the fees are set at €280 for Senior teams and youths from Under 13s up, Under 9s to Under 12s fees are €210, to be paid as follows €50 deposit followed by €20 per week over the following 11 weeks for seniors and €15 per week over the following 11 weeks for those Under 12s. All players will report for training at times and dates designated by each teams respective managers. Try your best at all times.

All members will show good example at all times and help to promote the interests of the club. All players will be respectful at all times, co-operate with committee members / managers and coaches. Members under the age of 18 must report any matter of concern to them to the Children's Liaison Officer – Mr Pat Daly who will take whatever action he deems necessary.

## Members **MUST NOT**:-

- a. Strike or attempt to strike an opponent, club member, supporter or match official.
- b. Use foul / abusive or racist remarks against any person.
- c. Bully or abuse any person.
- d. Abuse the trust the club shows in you.
- e. Fail to comply with the clubs drug policy – **NO Drugs**.
- f. Disrespect those employed in the facility.
- g. Throw litter on or damage any part of the facility

Areas **OUT OF BOUNDS** for those under the age of 18 years.

- a. The attenuation site behind the youth pitch.
- b. The Kitchen area
- c. Senior dressing rooms
- d. Upstairs (All areas out of bound for under 18s)
- e. Kit Room.
- f. Match Official Rooms.

**Not Allowed** inside the facility or clubhouse

- a. Dogs (with exception ie Dogs for the visually impaired)
- b. Smoking – of any type is NOT acceptable
- c. Bicycles- if you cycle up then you enter the complex at your own risk, you must have a lock for your bike, it will not be allowed in the clubhouse. You must not cycle across pitches or beyond the car park.
- d. Alcohol unless purchased under licence in the social area
- e. Friends who cause disruption or trouble and who are not members.
- f. Members who have not paid registration fees.

For playing rules and code of conduct please contact the club office at 01 8427311 or ballymununited@eircom.net.

***Warning:- Please be careful when using the road into our Complex this is a busy road . Never cycle, drive or run straight out from our complex onto this road as you have Dublin Bus and IKEA customers using it. SLOW down and STOP -look left and right before entering the road.***