

# Dublin City University Fencing Club

## Constitution

### **1. Name of Club:**

1.1. The name of the Club shall be 'Dublin City University Fencing Club', hereinafter referred to as the Club.

### **2. Aims and Objectives:**

2.1. To encourage an interest in the sport of fencing.

2.2. To provide training in fencing, including appropriate fitness training.

2.3. To provide an opportunity to participate in fencing competitions.

2.4. To participate in the development of fencing in Ireland through involvement in competitive and social activities

### **3. Membership:**

3.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to all students, staff, former students and former staff of Dublin City University or of the National Institute for Higher Education Dublin, subject to compliance with the rules of the Club.

3.2. Associate Membership shall be open to individuals who do not meet the requirements for membership, subject to compliance with the rules of the club. Associate members shall not have a vote in electing club officers or in deciding other club matters.

3.3. Membership shall be obtained by paying the appropriate fee and signing the Roll of Members for the current academic year.

3.4. Associate members must be proposed and seconded by members of the club, and can then be accepted by the Club Committee on payment of the appropriate fee and signing the Roll of Associate Members.

3.5. Membership or Associated Membership may be refused or withdrawn by the Club Committee, who must give its reasons in writing. Their decision may be appealed to an extraordinary general meeting of the club, where a simple majority of the members will decide the issue. It may be further appealed to the DCU Sports Clubs Committee (SCC) whose decision will be binding

3.6. All members and associate members shall be bound by this constitution and by such rules as the Club may adopt.

#### **4. Club Committee**

- 4.1. The Club shall have a governing Club Committee (the Committee) made up of members or associate members of the Club.
- 4.2. The Committee shall manage the Club on behalf of the members and associate members in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Club.
- 4.3. Two-thirds of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 4.4. In the absence of consensus, committee decisions will be determined by simple majority voting, with the Captain having a casting vote.
- 4.5. The committee will include
  - 4.5.1. A Captain, responsible for the overall running of the Club. The Captain will chair Club Committee meetings.
  - 4.5.2. A Secretary, responsible for all correspondence and publicity, including the Club's web page, and for the maintenance of club records.
  - 4.5.3. A Treasurer, responsible for the club finances and for organising competitions and social events
  - 4.5.4. An Armourer, responsible for maintaining the Club's equipment and ensuring is used safely.
  - 4.5.5. A President, who must be a staff member of Dublin City University.
  - 4.5.6. Such other members or associate members as the club members may elect.
- 4.6. The Term of Office of these elected officers shall be one academic year.
- 4.7. With the exception of the President, no person shall hold the same office for more than two successive years

#### **5. Annual General Meeting**

- 5.1. The Club will hold a General Meeting in each academic year
- 5.2. The meeting will receive reports from the club officials
- 5.3. The meeting will elect new Club Committee members for the coming year
- 5.4. The meeting will adopt the Club Rules that will apply in the coming year.

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## **6. Election of the Club Committee**

- 6.1. The Club Committee will be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- 6.2. Any member or associate member of the Club shall be eligible for election to the Club Committee if proposed and seconded by two members in good standing.
- 6.3. The committee shall be elected by the Club members, not including associate members. If no candidate receives a majority of those voting, the weakest candidate will be eliminated and the vote retaken. In the event of a tie between two candidates the Club President shall have a casting vote

## **7. Dismissal and Resignation of Committee Members**

- 7.1. No member of the committee shall be dismissed from office unless written notice of a resolution to seek such a dismissal, signed by 10% of the members of the Club is received four working days prior to a general meeting at which such a resolution shall be debated.
- 7.2. A resolution to dismiss a committee member shall be passed by a simple majority of the membership of the Club, not including the associate members.
- 7.3. A committee member wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Committee, who will arrange for an appropriate re-allocation of responsibilities and election of a replacement if appropriate.

## **8. Meetings**

- 8.1. There shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) held each year.
- 8.2. An extraordinary general meeting of the club will be called by the committee within three weeks of receiving a request in writing to do so signed by at least ten club members and accompanied by an agenda item for such a meeting.

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## **9. General**

- 9.1. There shall be a President of the Club who shall be a staff member in compliance with the regulations set down by the Sports Clubs Committee.
- 9.2. The membership and associate membership fees for the Club shall be in compliance with the conditions set down by the Sports Clubs Committee of Dublin City University.
- 9.3. Each member and associate member of the Club shall be entitled to receive a copy of this Constitution, on demand, free of charge.
- 9.4. In the event of a clash with the Sports Clubs Committee Constitution, the Sports Clubs Committee Constitution shall take precedence above this constitution.
- 9.5. The Club shall conform to Sports Clubs Committee Policy at all times.
- 9.6. In joining the Club, members and associate members agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Club as laid down in this constitution and by such rules as may be adopted by the Club.
- 9.7. Members violating this constitution or breaking such rules as the Club may adopt may have their membership revoked and no monies refunded.

## **10. Amendments to this Constitution**

- 10.1. Notice of a proposal to seek an amendment to this Constitution shall be given to the members at least 4 working days prior to the meeting at which such a proposal shall be considered
- 10.2. A proposal to amend this Constitution must receive the approval of at least two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at the relevant meeting.