



CHEERSPORT

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CHEER SPORT IRELAND

CONSTITUTION

AMENDED VERSION | Article A8 updated following the 2026 AGM

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IRISH CHEER SPORT ASSOCIATION

140 Lissadyra, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam, Co. Galway

A1. The name of the organisation shall be “IRISH CHEER SPORT ASSOCIATION” also known as “CHEER SPORT IRELAND” & CSI within this Manual

A2. The organisation shall have a seal which shall be in the following form:

A3. V shapes with Circle on top, 2 Green swirls each side, Cheersport in bold black print & Ireland in smaller grey colour

A4. The organisation may at its pleasure by a vote of the membership body change its name.

A5. ARTICLE OF PURPOSES

These statutes relate to the general conduct of the affairs of Cheer Sport Ireland, a Company Limited by Guarantee. Cheer Sport Ireland has been established as the National Sport Organization for Cheerleading in Ireland. Pursuant to the purpose, Cheer Sport Ireland may engage in activities that include but shall not be limited to:

To form a committee who will make decisions regarding the future of Irish Cheerleading.

Manage, direct, promote, organise and assist the activities and disciplines associated with Cheerleading in Republic of Ireland

Provide Cheer Sport Ireland members - coaches, teachers, and educators with the tools for researching trends, technology, ideas, issues and solutions to problems associated with cheer.

To ensure our members are all safe and protected whilst in a cheerleading environment.

To implement a system that monitors the growth and development of all involved within Cheer Sport Ireland.

Encourage, support and promote Ireland at all national and international events. Including north and south in this statement.

Provide or arrange for professional development for coaches and officials for the Sport

Purpose and support bids for international competitions in Ireland

To act as responsible, mature ambassadors for Irish Cheerleading

Encourage and promote the moral standards which are enhanced through sports experiences and sports education.

Work with the BOM, to have Cheerleading officially recognized as a Sport

Recognized the ICU as the sole international governing body for the Sport of Cheer

Follow and support the programs that are endorsed by the IOC and the BOM pursuant to the rules and the regulations of WADA and all those rules that are consistent with the best interest of the Athletes involved in Cheer.

A6. ARTICLE MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organisation shall be open to all who are permanent residents in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland.

We will be governed under the tricolour flag of the Republic of Ireland.

A7. ARTICLE OF MEETINGS

Types of meetings are Quarterly, Special and Annual.

All decisions of Members at the Annual and Special meetings of Members are final.

The annual membership meeting of this organisation shall be held August - September every year except if such day is a legal holiday, then and in that event, the Board of Directors shall fix the day but it shall not be more than two weeks from the date fixed by these By-Laws.

The Board has the authority to make the following decisions:

Set the Dues for the new oncoming year

Admit and agree Members

Approve the suspension/termination of a Member

National team/s agreements to include Team Ireland subcommittee recommendations

Amend Statutes, make policies and procedure while managing the affairs of the Association In accordance with the Act and Statutes

Open discussion on subjects set on agenda

Allocate responsibility to subject criteria within a fixed time frame to report back or act on

How best to move forward to enhance Members and support all member clubs

The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organisation.

Employ or engage under contract such people as it deems necessary to carry out the work of Cheer Sport Ireland

Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organisation when it shall be regularly convened by its chairman after due notice to all the directors of such meeting.

Special meetings of this organisation may be called by the chair person when he/she deems it for the best interest of the organisation.

Notices of such meeting shall be e mailed or set on the common media location to all members at their addresses as they appear in the membership roll book at least ten (10) days before the scheduled date set for such special meeting.

Such notice shall state the reasons that such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting and by whom it was called.

At the request of 50% percent of the members of the Board of Directors or 65% percent of the members of the organisation, the chairperson shall cause a special meeting to be called but such request must be made in writing at least ten (10) days before the requested scheduled date.

The Secretary shall cause to be mailed to every member in good standing at his address as it appears in the membership roll book in this organisation a notice telling the time and place of such annual meeting.

Regular meetings of this organisation shall be based at a central location suitable to those attending where possible.

A8. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS – Amended 11/10/26

A club may be admitted as a Member of Cheer Sport Ireland (CSI), subject to the following requirements:

1. Application and Documentation

The club must submit a completed membership application through the designated CSI application process and provide all documentation required by CSI, including:

- Garda Vetting documentation, where applicable;
- Relevant coaching and credentialing certificates;
- First Aid certification, where required; and
- Evidence of insurance cover, whether through the CSI Umbrella Insurance Scheme or another insurer.

2. Club Affiliation Fee

The annual club affiliation fee shall be determined by the Board of Management (BOM) from time to time. The applicable fee must be paid in accordance with the payment instructions issued by CSI.

3. Individual Membership and Registration

There is no minimum number of individual members required for a club to apply for affiliation with CSI.

All clubs affiliated with CSI must register every relevant individual involved in the club's activities, including athletes, coaches, staff and volunteers, for the appropriate CSI individual membership category, regardless of whether the individual is covered by the CSI Umbrella Insurance Scheme or by another insurance arrangement. Applicable individual membership fees must be paid in accordance with the fee schedule determined by the BOM.

4. Insurance

Affiliated clubs must provide evidence of appropriate insurance cover. Participation in the CSI Umbrella Insurance Scheme is not a condition of affiliation, provided the club maintains suitable alternative insurance cover and supplies the required evidence to CSI. Clubs participating in the CSI Umbrella Insurance Scheme must comply with the scheme's terms, conditions and registration requirements.

5. Approval of Membership

Club affiliation applications shall be considered by the BOM. Admission shall be approved by a majority decision at the relevant BOM meeting, in accordance with CSI's governance procedures.

6. Ongoing Compliance

Affiliated clubs must keep their club details, individual registrations, required documentation, payments and insurance information accurate and up to date throughout their period of affiliation with CSI.

A9. SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dispute Template to be available

Welfare Sub-Committee for complaints first step before BOM

A member may be suspended by Ordinary Resolution of the Board of Directors pending a Termination vote for the following reasons –

Repeated non payment of dues, noncompliance of rules or Statutes, unethical conduct of business or business dealings, unfair treatment of athletes, failure to be in good standing, conduct unbecoming of a Member, negative or improper behavior displayed.

Proof of reasons for termination must be available for committee

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By Special Resolution – a Member must be given 30 days' notice and the Member is provided with reasons and the opportunity to be heard. Notice will set out the reasons for termination of membership and the member receiving the notice will be entitled to submit a

written submission opposing the termination. Termination of a Member required no less than 75% of voting members.

A10. Withdrawal of Membership

The Member dissolves its club activities

The Member fails to maintain any of the qualifications or conditions of membership

The Member resigns from Cheer Sport Ireland by giving written notice to the Secretary – this becomes recognized as from the date specified in the resignation

All fees outstanding will remain due

Transfer of Membership

Any interest arising out of membership in Cheer Sport Ireland is not transferable

A11. QUORUM

The presence of not less than 1 Director and 2 members (2 or more provinces should be present) shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this organisation; but a lesser percentage may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than 4 weeks from the date scheduled by these Statutes and the secretary shall cause a notice of this scheduled meeting to be sent to all those members who were not present at the meeting originally called. A quorum as herein before set forth shall be required at any adjourned meeting.

No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such a special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting.

B1. ARTICLE VI ORDER OF BUSINESS

AGENDA – The agenda for the AGM will be established by the Board and will include

Call to order

Determination of a Quorum

Reading of previous minutes -

Approval of Agenda first and seconded

Declaration of any interests which would interfere with voting

Board, committee reports

Business as specified in the meeting agenda

AOB detailed

Election of new directors if required

Adjournment - Date for next meeting

B2. ARTICLE VOTING

At all meetings, except for the election of officers and directors, all votes shall be by voice or email if confirmed by the Secretary and full confirmation is also received on phone

Each Club hosts one vote

For election of officers, ballots/voices/show of hands shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.

At any regular or special meeting, if a majority so requires, any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for election of officers and directors. At all votes by ballot the chairman of such meeting shall, prior to the commencement of balloting, appoint a committee of three who shall act as "Inspectors of Election" and who shall, at the conclusion of such balloting, certify in writing to the Chairman the results and the certified copy shall be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting.

No inspector of election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

B3. ARTICLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Long time oversee of Committee

The business of this organisation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a minimum of 4 members, together with the officers of this organisation. At least one of the directors elected will be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland.

The directors to be voted in for the ensuing year shall be chosen at the annual meeting of this organisation in the same manner and style as the officers of this organisation and they shall serve for a term of 2 years. See below

If by special voting considerations this position can serve for 2 to 4 consecutive terms of 2 years each.

This must be in favour of the majority (half plus 1 of members voting) on the recommendation/voting and acceptance of the officer.

75% percent of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held 4 times per annum.

Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy. The board will recognize a representative to attend and vote on behalf of the Member club.

The President may not vote – however a representative of that club may vote so as not to refrain from the opportunity of that vote.

The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of most of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the year.

The President of the organisation by virtue of his office shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall select from one of their members a secretary.

A director may be removed when enough cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. A director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules for this hearing as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interests of the organisation.

B4. ARTICLE OFFICERS

Daily operations of the committee Eligibility of Directors

Must be 18 years of age or older

Resident of Republic of Ireland as defined in the Income Tax Act

Not been declared bankrupt

B5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Any nomination of an individual for election as a Officer will

Include the written consent of the nominee by signed

Individuals currently on the Board wishing to be re-elected do not need a nomination

Comply with the procedures established by the Nomination

Only Members can nominate individuals for the Director position

The nominee with the most votes will be elected – and will serve for 2 up to 4 years unless they resign, are removed, or vacate their office.

B6. THE INITIAL OFFICERS - of the organisation shall be as follows: President: Fiona Collumb

Secretary: Hayden McGurk **Welfare Officer:** Joan Heapes **Treasurer:** Hilton Holian

The President shall preside at all membership meetings

He/She shall by virtue of his office be Chairman of the Board of Directors.

He/She shall present at each annual meeting of the organisation an annual report of the work of the organisation.

He/She shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent.

He/She may be a signature on the account/cheques

She shall see all books, reports and certificates required by law are properly kept or filed.

He/She shall be one of the officers who may sign the checks or drafts of the organisation if agreed to do so.

He/She shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organisation.

He/She shall work with other industry leaders and develop relationships that will benefit the members of Cheer Sport Ireland

B7. THE SECRETARY - shall in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his/her office become acting president of the organisation with all the rights, privileges and powers as if she had been the duly elected president.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the organisation in appropriate books.

It shall be her duty to file any certificate required by any statute, to keep within the law.

He/She shall give and serve all notices to members of this organisation

He/She shall be the official custodian of the records and seal of this organisation.

He/She shall present to the membership at any meetings any communication addressed to him as Secretary of the organisation.

He/She shall submit to the Board of Directors any communications which shall be addressed to her as Secretary of the organisation.

He/She shall attend to all correspondence of the organisation and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

B8. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organisation and shall be solely responsible for such monies or securities of the organisation.

She shall cause to be deposited in a regular business bank or trust company a sum not exceeding €10,000 and the balance of the funds of the organisation shall be deposited in the associations account except that the Board of Directors may cause such funds to be invested in such investments as shall be legal for a non-profit corporation in this county

She must be one of the officers who shall sign checks or drafts of the organisation. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign the checks issued upon it.

She shall render at stated periods as the Board of Directors shall determine a written account of the finances of the organisation and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the Board of Directors of such meeting.

She shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Treasurer.

Officers shall by virtue of their office be members of the Board of Directors.

B9. SUSPENSION, RESIGNATION, & REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

Suspension - A Director may be suspended, pending the outcome of a discipline hearing in accordance with the Association policies related to discipline. Be Special Resolution of the Board at a meeting of the Board provided the Director has been given notice of and the opportunity to be heard at such meeting.

Resignation – A director may resign from the Board at any time by presenting her written notice of resignation to the Board. If a Director who is subject to a disciplinary investigation or action of the Association resigns, that Director will nonetheless be subject to any sanctions or consequences resulting from the disciplinary investigation or action.

Removal - A Director may be removed by Special Resolution of the Members at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting, provided the Director has given notice and the opportunity to be heard at such a meeting. If the Director is removed and holds a position as an Officer, the Director will automatically and simultaneously be removed from his or her position as an Officer. This will be done by majority vote.

B10.VACATE OFFICE

The office of any Director will be acted automatically if the Director

Is found by a court to be of unsound mind

Is charged or convicted of any criminal offence related to the position

Changes their permanent residence outside of the Republic of Ireland or

Dies

B11.FILLING A VACANCY ON THE BOARD

Vacancy-Where the position of a Director becomes vacant and there is still a quorum of Directors the Board may appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy until the next Meeting of Members.

B12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Association a Director Officer or member of a Committee who has an interest or who may be perceived as having an interest or transacting with CSI will comply fully with CSI and will disclose fully and promptly the nature and extent of such interest to the Board as the case may be, will refrain from

voting or speaking in debate on such contract , will refrain from influencing the decision of such contract or transaction.

C1. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Fiscal year is January 1st to December 31st

Bank of Ireland, Castlebar is our main banking institution. Auditor – Mary McMahon

Mary McMahon, CPA Cuddihy & Co Station Road

Ennis Co. Clare

065 6820688

Accountant

Mr Eugene Hayes Chartered Accountants Limerick

Books and Records - All minutes plus the necessary books and records of the Association required by these Statutes will be kept up to date. They will be available when requested if given a time to bring said items up to date.

The Board of Directors shall hire and fix the compensation of any and all employees which they in their discretion may determine to be necessary for the conduct of the business of the organisation. No officers will benefit financially from dealings unless it is work on behalf of Cheer Sport Ireland - Delivering courses directly to Clubs and pre-agreed by the committee.

C2. FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES

In accordance with the sections of the Association applicable to Fundamental Changes - a Special Resolution with no less than 2/3 vote of the members is required in order to make the following Fundamental Changes to the Association Statutes

Change the Association name

Change the province in which the main address is held

Add, change or remove any restriction on the activities that the Assoc may carry on

Create a new class or group of Members

Change a condition required for being a member

Any change if voting rights or how voting is conducted

C3. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Association any funds or assets remaining after paying all debts will be distributed to an incorporated non-profit Republic of Ireland organisation as determined by the Board

C4. INDEMNIFICATION

Will Indemnify - The Association will indemnify and hold harmless out of the funds of the Association each Director and Officer, their heirs, executors, and administrators from and against any and all claims, demands, actions or costs which may arise or be incurred as a result of occupying the position or performing the duties of a Director.

Will not Indemnify – The Association will not indemnify a Director or an other person for illegal acts, acts of fraud, dishonesty or bad faith

Insurance - The Association will at all times maintain in force such directors and officers liability insurance as may be approved by the board for their protection.

C5. ADOPTION OF THESE STATUTES

Ratification of these statutes were ratified by the members of Cheer Sport Ireland entitled to vote at a meeting of the Board

Repeal of Prior Statutes – In ratifying these Statutes the members of the Association repeal all prior statutes of the Association provided that such repeal does not impair the validity of any action done pursuant to the repealed statutes

The permanent committees shall be decided at the Cheer Sport Ireland yearly AGM

C6. ARTICLE AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of not less than 75% percent of the members.

C7. ARTICLE DISCIPLINARY

All complaints from clubs/coaches will be handled by the Cheer Sport Ireland Committee as per their Rules and Regulations.

C8. ARTICLE XIV ANTI-DOPING

Cheer Sport Ireland fully supports and endorses the WADA Drug Testing of athletes as our Governing Body of International Cheer Union has implemented.