



Drumcondra AFC

One Club – One Community

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide local footballers at both junior and schoolboy/girl level the facility to play within and represent their community/club at all levels. To provide such facilities on a voluntary basis under democratic control of the membership. To carry on the historical heritage of Drumcondra Association Football Club from 1924 to the present day. To foster and promote the “One Club, One Community” philosophy and to liaise with other local groups for the betterment of all. To encourage solidarity, team spirit and fun through association football. To assist all managers, trainers and players who wish to follow the FAI’s coaching pathway by whatever means possible.

CLUB CONSTITUTION

The name of the club is and shall be Drumcondra Association Football Club (Drumcondra AFC) herein after referred to as the Club. The Club colours are blue and yellow. The Club is and shall be affiliated to and bound by the rules of the Football Association of Ireland and whatever leagues, at schoolboy/girl and junior level that the club fields teams in.

Objectives

1. The object of the Club is to arrange football games and training/coaching for each of the playing members of the Club.
2. The Club is committed to encouraging the highest ethical standards. All individuals involved in the Club should conduct themselves with integrity, transparency, accountability and in a fair and equitable manner.

Rules and Regulations

1. The club shall have the status of an Affiliated Member Club of the Football Association of Ireland.
2. The Club will abide by the Football Association of Ireland’s Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.

Structure

The Club is run by the Committee, herein after referred to as the Committee which shall be elected annually at the Club’s Annual General Meeting (AGM). All members of the Committee shall serve for a period of one year, whereupon they shall have to submit themselves for re-election at the next AGM. The Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Child Welfare Officer, IT developer, Data Protection Officer, Admin Secretary and as many other members as the AGM deems fit. It will be possible for Committee members to hold more than one but not more than two positions on the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt people to the committee if they so wish between AGM’s. The elected members of the Committee shall be

considered the trustees of the Club, co-options shall not be considered trustees of the Club. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club. Decisions of the Club Committee Meeting shall be made by simple majority and in the event of a tie, the Club Chairperson will have the casting vote. Committee meetings shall be chaired by the Club Chairperson and in their absence the Club Secretary or Treasurer. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be four. Minutes of the meetings will be recorded by the Admin Secretary. Committee Meetings should be held at least monthly during the football season and as often as required by the Committee thereafter. The Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising within and concerning the Club.

The Committee shall have the power to expel any member considered to have conducted themselves in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Club.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Club shall be owned and run by the members who shall meet annually at the AGM which shall be Spring of each year.

The purpose of the AGM shall be to:

1. Approve the minutes of the previous AGM.
2. Receive reports from the Chairperson, Club Secretary and Treasurer and approve the annual accounts.
3. Elect the incoming Committee.
4. Consider changes to the constitution, if any.
5. Deal with all other relevant business.

Notification of the holding of the AGM shall be made at least 14 days prior to the meeting by text, email and/or in writing.

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

An extraordinary general meeting may be called by simple majority of the Committee. 10% of the membership may also call for such a meeting with the same notification requirements as an AGM.

The Admin Secretary will record minutes for the AGM or EGM.

Each member present will have a vote and in the event of a tie the Chairperson will have casting vote. Resolutions will be passed on a simple majority. Notice of any resolutions should be made in writing to the Club Secretary within 7 days of the date of the meeting.

Membership

Membership shall consist of the following categories:

- A. Player Members; All adult players registered to play for the club on the official league registration form. This includes members who are involved in the management and coaching of the Club's representative teams.
- B. Family Members; All schoolboys/girls who are properly registered shall be deemed members and one adult member of their family shall be free to attend, vote and seek position at all AGM's or EGM's. Where more than one player from the same family is registered to one family, one vote statute will apply.
- C. Committee Members; All members of the Committee

- D. Associate Members; All members who pay the annual membership fee. Associate members will have full voting rights.
- E. President for Life: Fr. Frank Duggan.
- F. All members should be registered on the Club's Easy Payment online system.

Finance

The financial year of the Club shall run from 1st January to 31st December. The treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts of the Club. These accounts should be certified by an appropriate independent person. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the treasurer and lodged to the Club's bank account. No monies should be drawn from the account unless co-signed by either one or two Committee members, one of whom should be the treasurer.

The Committee may borrow money on behalf of the Club from time to time at their own discretion for the general upkeep of the Club, or with the sanction of a general meeting, for any other expenditure. The Committee have not got the power to pledge the personal liability of any member of the Club for the repayment of any sums so borrowed.

Membership Fees

The Committee shall fix the fees for the new season at the Committee Meeting following the AGM.

Club Teams

Managers are responsible for the running of their teams.

Property

All property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees (Committee) of the Club.

Child Welfare

All volunteers with Drumcondra AFC must be Garda Vetted and must complete a safeguarding course with the FAI. Both of the above are mandatory to work/volunteer in the Club.

Data Protection

All 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/website or its manual filing system. Furthermore, all members consent to the use of all such data, including its disclosure to third parties for the proper and effective management of the Club. The Club has its own Data Protection Policy put together by the Data Protection Officer and can be viewed on the Club's website.

Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at an EGM and shall only be carried by a majority of three quarters of the members present. The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club. Any property remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be divided equally among the members of the club at the date of final dissolution.