Meta Constitution of /r/MHOir

I. Definitions

1. The Sim
    a. “The Sim” shall refer to all simulated aspects of /r/MHOir and all related subreddits
2. Lower House
    a. For the purposes of this document “Lower House” will refer to the Dáil Éireann except where defined otherwise
3. President
    a. For the purposes of this document “President” will refer to the President of the Irish Republic
4. The Triumvirate
    a. “The Triumvirate” shall be the body of three moderators responsible for the oversight and running of the sim as well as the enforcement of the rules and the Meta Constitution
5. The Constitution
    a. “The Constitution” shall refer to the constitution of the Republic of Ireland as enacted in 1937 and subsequently amended
        i. It will be differentiated from this document which will be known as the “Meta Constitution”
    b. The Constitution will apply in all legal matters save those with other meta provisions in the Meta Constitution
        i. These will principally include matters pertaining to the running of the sim but may include any other matters that the Triumvirate deem that the Meta Constitution should overrule

II. Political Parties

1. Political Parties should generally function independently from the Triumvirate
2. Official party status will be conferred upon candidates for official party status subject to the following requirements:
    a. The candidate must have at least 4 active members
    b. The candidate must be sufficiently politically original
    c. The candidate must not impede the greater good of the sim
3. Candidates elected on an official party list will not retain their seats if they defect to another party
4. Party status can be lost in two ways
    a. If two thirds (66%) of a party vote to disband
        i. In this case all of the party’s deputies will become independents and can either
            a. Join another party

            i. In which case their seat transfers to the party
        b. Or remain independent
    b. Or the triumvirate can revoke party status for any of the following reasons:
        i. If the party has fewer than 4 active members for a term of three months or longer
        ii. If the Triumvirate lose moderator status on the party subreddit for a period of three or more consecutive days or more than once in a month
        iii. If the Triumvirate believe that the existence of the party poses a significant risk to the health of the sim and that there is no alternative but the dissolution of the party
            a. This power can only be exercised with the unanimous agreement of the triumvirate
5. Any person not in a party will be said to be an independent
    a. Independents will be eligible to stand for all the elections parties are eligible to stand for election on the same terms as official parties

III. The Lower House

1. The Lower House, Dáil Éireann, shall be the primary legislative body
    a. It shall sit for terms not exceeding 3 months
        i. At the end of a 3 month term, the Lower House will be dissolved and an election will be held
    b. It shall consist of a number of seats determined by the Triumvirate and filled by an election
        i. The election will use an open list, constituency based STV method
            a. Seats will be allocated to constituencies devised by the triumvirate
        ii. In the event that a candidate elected as an independent vacates their seat, there will be a byelection to that seat
            a. The byelection will use the same open list STV method as general elections to the Lower House

IV. The President

1. The President of Ireland is the head of state of Ireland and Supreme Commander of the Irish Defence Forces.
2. The President shall hold office for 4 months, and may stand for reelection once.
3. The President may exercise the following powers in absolute discretion.
    a. Refusal of a Dáil dissolution
    b. An address to the nation
    c. Reference of bills to the people

4. The President will perform the following ordinary duties and functions
    a. Appointment of the Government
    b. Supreme Commander of the Defence Forces
    c. Convenes and dissolves the Dáil
    d. Signs bills into law.

V. Government & Opposition

1. Upon the election of the Dáil there will be three days of coalition forming talks before a government is formed. The largest voting bloc will immediately enter government and the second largest party or coalition will immediately enter opposition.
2. Governments must have the following ministries filled in order to assume government
    a. Taoiseach
    b. Tanaiste
    c. Minister of Defence
    d. Minister of Finance
3. The Opposition cabinet must also have spokespersons for each of the previously mentioned ministries.
4. A government that has not submitted a piece legislation in two weeks will be declared inactive and will be requested to dissolve the Dáíl.

VI. The Triumvirate

1. The Triumvirate (council of three) consist of the Head Moderator, Ceann Comhairle and Discord Administrator
2. The Triumvirate are the executive body of MhOir and all matters of the subreddit and related discords ect.
3. The Triumvirate are the executive committee and all meta things pertaining to MhOir require their approval.
4. No member of the Triumvirate may hold more than one position at any time.
5. All Triumvirate members must be full moderators on all official party subreddits, independent groupings and All-Party Parliamentary Groupings, as well as any official campaign subreddits for events such as referenda.

VII. The Head Moderator

1. The Head Moderator is the supreme decision maker across MhOir, who can overturn all decisions made by the Triumvirate, each Ceann Comhairle team, and if necessary can take action within parties. They cannot be removed from office while their term lasts.
2. The Head Moderator has supreme authority over all aspects of MhOir

3. The Head Moderator holds all VoNC's and handles all complaints against members of the Triumvirate.
    a. In order for a VoNC to take place a justified request for a VoNC must be submitted to the Head Moderator for consideration; the VoNC will only go ahead if the Head Moderator deems the reasons sufficient
4. The Head Moderator cannot be VoNCed.
5. The Head Moderator must, along with the Triumvirate, be a full moderator on all MhOir related subreddits.
6. The Head Moderator is the sole, official representative of MhOir in all meta affairs.

VIII. Ceann Comhairle

1. The Ceann Comhairle has overall authority of Dáil Éireann.
2. The Ceann Comhairle can select any member of the MhOir community to become a Leas-Ceann Comhairle.
3. The Ceann Comhairle, in conjunction with the Head Moderator is to run all elections within the subreddit.
4. The Ceann Comhairle must be a moderator on all official subreddits and all party discords.
    a. Responsibility falls on party leaders to ensure the Ceann Comhairle has proper permissions.
5. The Ceann Comhairle must, upon appointment, resign from all positions and sever all ties to political parties, etc.
6. The Ceann Comhairle will only vote in the event of a tie, in such case the Ceann Comhairle will vote in favour of the status quo.

IX. Discord Administrator

1. The Discord Administrator has overall authority of all MhOir discords.
    a. The Discord Administrator will have the same powers and responsibilities within Discord as the Ceann Comhairle on /r/MhOir
2. The Ceann Comhairle must be a moderator on all official discords and all party discords.
    a. Responsibility falls on party leaders to ensure the Discord Administrator has proper permissions.
3. The Discord Administrator must, upon appointment, resign from all positions and sever all ties to political parties, etc.

X. VoNCs

1. A binding vote of no confidence in a government may be requested by the Leader of the Opposition

    a. Such a request should be submitted to the triumvirate along with supporting evidence to justify the case for a VoNC
2. If the Triumvirate deem the justifications for the VoNC valid then it will be debated and voted on as with any other motion
    a. If the motion is carried, the government will be dissolved and the opposition will assume governance

XI. Rules & Bans

1. Any reddit account may be banned from all MhOir subreddits for one or more of the following reasons for any length of time at the discretion of the triumvirate:
    a. Breaches of the rules of reddit
    b. Breaking election rules (Electoral fraud)
    c. Having access to more than one account that actively participates in MhOir
    d. ‘Doxxing; or threatening to ‘doxx’ another member, or otherwise interfering in their lives beyond the sim without their permission
    e. Engaging in other activities found by the triumvirate to be damaging to the community in any other way.
2. Additionally the triumvirate may ban discord accounts for any duration at their own discretion for any of the following reasons (as well as any of the above reasons that apply):
    a. Spamming
    b. Personal abuse or bullying of other members
3. The triumvirate may issue probations in place of or as well as bans, which may last for a definite or indefinite period and during which further violations of the rules will be treated with greater severity
4. The following constitutes a violation of a user's ban:
    a. Participating, posting or interfering in /r/MhOir and all other /r/MhOir subreddits during your ban.
    b. Harassing other members of /r/MhOir during your ban.
    c. Using other people to further your own self interests or exert influence over or in /r/MhOir.
    d. Otherwise participating in or attempting to participate in the community

XII. Leas-Ceann Comhairle

1. LCC’s handle the day to day running of the community, from posting bills, announcing results and more.
2. An individual VoC in each LCC must be held by the Triumvirate in which only TD’s may vote.
3. **When acting within their powers**, LCC’s must be held to the standards of impartiality the Ceann Comhairle is held to.
4. Actions taken by LCC’s can be overridden by the Triumvirate at any time.

5. LCC’s can be introduced by the Ceann Comhairle at any time.