

THE FELLOWSHIP OF IRISH GUIDES AND SCOUTS

Member of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship
(An organisation for adults)



Constitution and Bye-Laws

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Article 1- Name

The National Organisation in Ireland shall be known as:-

Fellowship of Irish Guides and Scouts

Article 2- Principles and Aims

The Principles and Aims are those given in the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship and are as follows:-

The Principles:

- Respect for life and human rights.
- Work for justice and peace in order to create a better world.
- Contribution to international understanding especially through friendship, tolerance and respect for others, as laid down in the aims.

The Aims:

- Personally, to keep alive the spirit of the Promise and Law as laid down by Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout and Guide movements.
- To bring that spirit into the communities in which the members live and work;
- Actively support Scouting and Guiding

Article 3 – Membership of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF)

The Fellowship of Irish Guides and Scouts is the only National Organisation recognised for Membership of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship. It will comply with the requirements, criteria and conditions given in the International Fellowship Constitution.

Article 4- Affiliated Groups

The Affiliated Groups are:

- The Irish Trefoil Guild (parent organisation The Irish Girl Guides)
- Scouting Ireland Fellowship Network (parent organisation Scouting Ireland)
- Le Chéile (parent organisation Catholic Guides of Ireland)

Each Affiliated Group shall keep its own identity

Article 5- The Committee

The Committee is the Executive Body of the Fellowship of Irish Guides and Scouts. It shall consist of the officers elected by the Annual General Meeting plus two members nominated from each Affiliated Group who will serve for a minimum of one year.

5.1 Officers of the Committee

- a) The officers shall consist of Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, each to hold office for three years but eligible for re-election for one further term of three years. Only one of the three officers is to be elected (or re-elected) each year over a three year cycle so that only one Officer steps down each year. The three officers should be drawn from a minimum of two of the affiliated groups.
- b) The election of the Officer specified for that year shall take place by secret ballot at the Annual General meeting. Each Affiliated Group may send one nomination for that office to the Secretary six weeks prior to the meeting.
- c) If, for any reason, an officer fails to complete his/her term of office, the Committee shall in consultation with the Chairperson be entitled to elect or co-opt a person to complete the remainder of the term.

- d) The Chair shall chair meetings and attend ISGF World Conference and International meetings if possible.
- e) The Honorary Secretary, in consultation with chairperson, shall arrange a minimum of three Committee Meetings per annum, notifying members at least ten days in advance
- f) The Honorary Secretary shall keep records, deal with correspondence, act as International Secretary and attend ISGF World Conference and other International meetings if possible. If the Honorary Secretary is unable to attend, the Committee shall appoint a substitute.
- g) The Honorary Treasurer shall keep accounts and records of all funds entrusted to him/her and annually produce a Balance Sheet and statement of accounts as at the 30th September.
- h) Functions to augment the funds shall be arranged by the Committee when necessary.
- i) A quorum for the Committee meetings shall be arrived at by dividing the total membership of the committee by two and adding one.
- j) Each committee member has one vote.
- k) Committee can co-opt additional members for specific purposes as and when required.

5.2 Functions of the Committee

The functions of the Committee shall include the following

- a) To put into practice the aims and objectives of ISGF
- b) To prepare the agenda and proceedings for the AGM
- c) To accept the responsibility of both raising and using funds and to submit Balance Sheets and Accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
- d) To notify the Affiliated Groups of any proposed alteration to this Constitution and take note of their comments.

- e) To submit any alterations to this Constitution for ratification and approval to the Annual General Meeting

Article 6- The Annual General Meeting
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The Committee shall arrange for and notify the Affiliated Groups of the Annual General Meeting to be held on or near Fellowship day (25th October)

The Annual General Meeting will-

- a) Receive and approved reports from Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
- b) Elect new officers as required
- c) Approve the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts
- d) Approve any changes to the Constitution
- e) In the unfortunate event of the dissolution of the Fellowship of Irish Guides and Scouts, decide on the disposal of assets.

Article 7-Finance

- a) Each affiliated Group shall inform the Honorary Treasurer of the number of its members annually by the 1st May.
- b) Each affiliated Group shall pay an annual subscription in proportion to its numbers, the amount to be decided annually by the Committee.

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- a) Each Affiliated Group shall decide annually on the tenure of office of its own representatives on the Committee.
- b) Each Affiliated Group shall forward the name, contact details of their representatives on the Committee to the Honorary Secretary by 15th January each year.
- c) In the event of a member of the Committee not being able to attend a meeting, another member of that affiliated group may be substituted.
- d) Each Affiliated Group shall accept responsibility for being fully and correctly insured.

Constitution and Bye Laws Approved by AGM