



ÉIRE

Irish Republican Brotherhood

CONSTITUTION

AS REVISED TO DATE

2022

This Constitution supersedes and replaces all previous Constitutions of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

General

- 1st. The Irish Republican Brotherhood (**IRB**) is and shall be composed of Irishmen and Irishwomen, irrespective of class or creed, resident in Ireland, England, Scotland, America, Australia and in all lands where Irishmen and Irishwomen live. The IRB welcomes all who are willing to labour for the establishment of a free and Independent Republican Government in Ireland.
- 2nd. Other men and women who are resident in Ireland and who can commit loyalty to all Articles and Principles of the 1919 Sovereign Constitution of the Republic of éire may also be eligible.
- 3rd. The IRB shall at all times promote the genius and traditions of the Old Irish Culture.
- 4th. The IRB shall exercise its moral influences for the cultivation of union and brotherly harmony amongst all Irishmen and Irishwomen and their neighbours.
- 5th. The IRB shall propagate principles so as to spread knowledge of the Sovereign Rights of the Sovereign People of the Sovereign Republic of éire for the benefit of all.
- 6th. The mode of initiating members into the IRB shall be the rendering of the following Declaration of Allegiance; ***“In the presence of God. I hereby undertake to do my utmost to help to firmly establish the national independence of Ireland by upholding the integrity of the 1916 Proclamation, the 1919 Declaration and the 1919 Sovereign Constitution in allegiance with the Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood”***
- 7th. No one shall be inducted into, or allowed to continue membership of, the IRB, whose character, for truth, valour, good behaviour or allegiance to the cause of sovereignty, cannot bear scrutiny. All members are expected to uphold the fundamental principles of Natural Law.
- 8th. In the Irish Republic there shall be no State religion, but every man and woman shall be free to worship God in accordance with his/her conscience.

The Supreme Council

- 9th The Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood is the Governing Body of the IRB and shall be comprised of 12 members. The Council may increase in affiliates from time to time, for a defined period of time in each instance, provided that the Council will constitute no more than 15 men and women at any one time. The quorum for a meeting of the Supreme Council is 9 and the Council will meet a minimum of 4 times per year.
- 10th There is and shall be an Executive of the Supreme Council, composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary of that body, the decision of any three of whom shall be binding on all. The President and/or Vice President of the IRB may from time to time, by their own volition or on request, immerse in certain decision-making processes with the Supreme Council and during such processes the decision of the majority of the collective will be binding on all.
- 11th The duty of the Chairman shall be to take responsibility for leading the Board and focusing in on strategic matters, and to direct the workings of the Irish Republican Brotherhood in all its departments subject to the control of the Supreme Council.
- 12th The appointment, continuation, suspension and removal of all departmental officers shall be vested in the Executive, subject to the approval of the majority of the Supreme Council.
- 13th No member of the Supreme Council or officer in the service thereof shall be in receipt of any salary from the funds of the Supreme Council or the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
- 14th The authority of the Supreme Council shall be unquestioned by those who have become or who may hereafter become members of the IRB by the mode of initiation. The IRB Supreme Council will retain all of its rights and responsibilities in relation to Governance of the Sovereign Republic of éire as stated and enshrined and upheld in previous Constitutions of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
- 15th The Supreme Council continues to reserve to itself the right of treating with all Nations, Powers and Institutions, on all matters concerning the welfare of Ireland's Territory, in the advancement of the cause of Irish Independence.
- 16th Whether the President of the IRB be inside or outside the 12 members of the Supreme Council, all members will continue to recognise the President of the IRB as the natural and rightful President of the Sovereign Republic of éire as stated and enshrined and upheld in previous Constitutions of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
- 17th In the event of the Supreme Council being unavoidably reduced in number, the remaining member or members shall exercise the authority of the Supreme Council until such time as the vacancies shall have been filled up, which shall be done as soon as possible, and the same for the executive.
- 18th All members of the Supreme Council including the Executive Officers will be automatically put forward for re-election at the AGM of the organisation and will continue in service subject to the majority vote of the quorum in each instance.

The Sovereign Seals

- 19th Only the Sovereign President of the Irish Republican Brotherhood may affix the Sovereign Wax Seal to any document.
- 20th The Sovereign President and the General Secretary and the Chairman of the Supreme Council may affix the embossed seal to documents.
- 21st No other man or woman other than the Sovereign President of the IRB (current Billy McGuire), the General Secretary of the IRB (current John Robinson) and the Chairman of the IRB Supreme Council (current John Flanagan) has authority to affix any seal purporting to reflect the position or endorsement of the Irish Republican Brotherhood to any document.

The GAA

- 22nd The Supreme Council acknowledge their responsibility in upholding the integrity of the Gaelic Athletic Association which was founded by the Irish Republican Brotherhood. The Supreme Council will intervene as necessary to ensure that the assets and facilities and acknowledgments of participation within the GAA, are presented and utilised and maintained in the highest moral manner and fashion, in the best interests of the genius and traditions of the Nation and of the Association, for the better enjoyment of the men and women and their sons and daughters of the Sovereign Republic of éire.

Subject to the fundamental principle of upholding the 1919 Sovereign Constitution of éire, the Supreme Council shall have the power to alter or revise the foregoing Constitution of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, but whenever it is contemplated to make any alterations it shall be necessary to give at least 22 days' notice of a meeting of the Supreme Council at which such alteration is proposed to be effected, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the Supreme Council to make the proposed change(s).

**By Order of,
THE SUPREME COUNCIL
17th March 2022.**

“Ár son na hÉireann agus a Clainne”