D.U.R.C. Constitution

May 16, 2001

The Constitution of Dublin University Rifle Club as passed by the members of the Club at The Annual General Meeting on the Ninth day of May, Two Thousand and One.

Article 1

The titles, headings and marginal notes in this document are for the purpose of explaination only, and do not form part of this Constitution.

Object and Structure of Club

Article 2

The Club shall be called “Dublin University Rifle Club” with its headquarters at The Range, Trinity College Dublin.

Article 3

The object of the Club shall be to instil an abiding interest in marksmanship among its members.

Article 4

The Club shall be affiliated to, or associated with, such organisations as the Committee may specify.

Article 5

The Club shall consist of

- a President
- any number of vice-Presidents, subject to Article 6
- a Captain
- a Secretary
- a Treasurer
- up to five Ordinary Members of Committee
- up to twenty Range Officers and
- the Ordinary Members

Article 6

The posts of President and vice-President shall be filled at the invitation of the Committee.

Article 7

The Committee shall consist of the Captain, the Secretary, the Treasurer (referred to collectively as "the Club Officers") together with the Ordinary Members of Committee.

Article 8

Article 8.1

The Committee shall meet at least once a week during Arts Lecture Term, and as often as possible outside term.

Article 8.2

The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be four, two of whom must be Club Officers.

Article 8.3

The Committee shall be chaired by the Captain, or in the absence of the Captain another Club Officer.

Article 9

The Club Officers, in addition to any other duties specified in the Constitution, shall

1. constitute the Selection Committee which shall pick all teams to represent the Club and

2. where the need arises interpret this Constitution by a majority decision.

Responsibilities, Duties and Powers of Committee and Club Officers

Article 10

Article 10.1

The Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Club and shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution take such actions and effect such rules, regulations, or other instruments as it may deem necessary to realise the object of the Club.

Article 10.2

Any question put to a committee meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present, subject to the provision that, whereas each other member of the Committee shall have one vote, the Captain shall have one and a half votes.

Article 11

It is the duty of the Committee

1. to realise the object of the Club

2. to act, if called upon to do so, as the Disciplinary Committee

3. to appoint Range Officers, and supervise them through the Chief Range Officer, who shall be a member of the Committee

4. to regulate and supervise the opening of the Range to members

5. to regulate and supervise the purchase and use by the Club of ammunition and equipment
6. to fill, by co-option, any vacancies as may occur in the Committee between Annual General Meetings and
7. to legislate upon any point not provided for in this Constitution

Article 12

It is the duty of the Captain to supervise the management of the Club, to act as chairman of the Selection Committee and to promote the object of the Club at all levels, in addition to duties outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

Article 13

It is the duty of the Secretary to attend promptly to all correspondence of the Club, insofar as particular correspondence is not espressly the province of another member of Committee. It is also his duty

1. to report to the Committee all Club correspondence transmitted and received by him.
2. to record the proceedings of Committee and General Meetings and
3. to preserve in an easily retrievable fashion all important Club documents.

Article 14

It is the duty of the Treasurer

1. to attend promptly to all matters relating to the Club's finances and
2. to report to the Committee, and at the Annual General Meeting to the Club, details of all monies received or transmitted by the Club.

Article 15

Article 15.1

It is the duty of the Range Officers to instruct and supervise members in the Range. The Range Officers must comply with the directions of the Committee and the Chief Range Officer as regards safety and security in the Range, and the operation of the Range.

Article 15.2

The Range Officers have the power to refuse access to the Range to any person, whether member or not, who they believe presents athreat to safety or security; they may eject from the Range any person who behaves in an unseemly or dangerous manner.

Article 15.3

Upon taking such action as provided for in paragraph “b” of this Article, a Range Officer shall, without further delay, report the matter to the Captain or Chief Range Officer, who shall in turn report the matter to the General Services Officer, and if necessary to the public authorities.

Article 16

The Captain and the Chief Range Officer shall, within one month of the beginning of Michaelmas Term in the year of their election to Committeem make themselves personally known to the following individuals:

1. the Agent
2. the General Services Officer
3. the Superintendent, or the officer in charge of the firearms section, B district, Garda Siochana, Dublin Metropolitan Area.

Article 17

The Club Officers, and the Chief Range Officer, shall each have the power to take actions appropriate to their particular province of administration, without reference to the Committee, provided that

Article 17.1

such actions are not contrary to the provisions of this Constitution; and

Article 17.2

such actions are patently in the interests of the Club, and

Article 17.3

such actions are reported to the Committee within one week of their commission.

Meetings

Article 18

Article 18.1

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in Trinity Term, at least seven days notice being given to the members; the following business shall be transacted:

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous AGM
2. Election of Committee
3. Captain's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Other Committee Reports
6. Amendments of the Constitution and other rules of the Club
7. Any Other Business

Article 18.2

Questions and motions put to an Annual General Meeting, or any other General Meeting of the Club, shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present

Article 18.3

If a motion put to a General Meeting, either Special or Annual, is a motion to amend the Constitution or Rules of the Club, such a motion shall not be debated or considered unless:

1. The motion has been duly proposed, seconded in writing, and has been given to the Secretary at least seven full days prior to the meeting; and,
2. The motion has been duly posted on the notice board for the seven days immediately prior to the meeting;

Article 18.4

Notwithstanding Article 18b of this Constitution, a motion to amend the Constitution or rules of the Club must be approved by three quarters of the members present at a General Meeting.

Article 19

Article 19.1

Should the conduct of any member, in any premises occupied by the Club, or elsewhere be likely to bring the Club into disrepute it is the duty of the Captain, or failing him the Secretary, to convene a Special Committee Meeting which shall serve as a Disciplinary Committee Meeting. The member in question must be present to present his case; failure on his part to be present without good reason shall be sufficent grounds for his immediate expulsion from the Club. The member in question shall be given at least seven days' notice of such a meeting, On hearing the full facts of the case, the Committee shall pass one of the following motions:

1. Total absolution from all blame on the part of the member
2. Slight criticism of his conduct
3. Severe criticism of his conduct
4. His suspension from the Club for not longer than the remainder of the University Year
5. His immediate expulsion from the Club

Article 19.2

In paragraph a of this Article, the phrase *"conduct. . . likely to bring the Club into disrepute"* shall particularly, but not exclusively, refer to conduct likely to endanger the safety of others, or conduct contrary to the provisions of the Firearms Acts.

Article 19.3

The member shall have the right of appeal to a Special General Meeting of the Club, convened solely for the purpose of hearing such an appeal.

Article 20

Article 20.1

Upon requisition in writing, duly setting out the purpose, signed by twelve members and delivered to the Secretary, the committee shall, within fourteen days, convene a Special General Meeting of the Club, at least seven days notice being given to the members, in accordance with Article 21 of this Constitution. Upon such requisition being duly served and not complied with, the requisitionists may themselves convene a Special General Meeting of the Club by giving seven days' notice to the members, duly setting out the purpose. Any resolution passed at such a meeting shall have the same effect as if they were passed at a General Meeting convened by the Committee.

Article 20.2

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph ”a” of this Article, no General Meeting of the Club, of whatever sort, shall take place between the months of June and September, inclusive.

Article 21

Where in this Constitution it is stipulated that notice must be given for a general meeting, such notice:

1. must be posted during Arts Lecture Term and
2. must be posted on the Club notice board

Article 22

In this Constitution, and in any rules or regulations of the Club’s making terms in the masculine gender are to be understood as applying to either sex.

Article 23

This Constitution revokes and repeals any previous Constitutions of the Club.

D.U.R.C. Committee, 2000