



## ARTICLE 1 - TITLE, OBJECTS AND COLOURS

1. The Club shall be called Den Haag GAA and can also be referred to as the Hague GAA.
2. The objects of the Club shall be the promotion of the aims of the Gaelic Athletics Association – GAA and to promote Gaelic games for all members of the public.
3. The colours of the Club shall be Yellow and Black.

## ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP AND VOTES

1. All classes of members of the club shall be elected by the committee, and such classes shall consist of, Full, Honorary, Social and Youth.
2. The Membership year will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and finish on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December.
3. Full Membership shall be open to all persons of eighteen years of age and over.
4. Honorary membership shall be open to all persons who have rendered exceptional service to the Club. They may be elected for life or for any defined period but, unless otherwise stated in the minute made on the occasion of their election, their membership shall terminate at the close of the current year but may be renewed by the Executive Committee from year to year. Honorary Members shall have all the privileges of Full Members except in the management or control of the Club, and they shall not be obliged to pay the subscription as provided for in Club Constitution Rule 14.
5. Social Membership shall be open to all persons actively involved in such additional activities as may be promoted by the Club. They shall not be entitled to vote or engage in the management or control of the Club.
6. Youth Membership shall be open to all persons under eighteen years of age. They shall not be entitled to vote or engage in the management or control of the Club (See Art5.2).
7. All persons seeking admission as a member of any class, (except Art2.4) shall provide their full name and contact details to the Club Secretary or Registrar.
8. All persons seeking membership *should* pay membership at the start of the membership year, but all persons *shall* pay membership (except Art2.4) before participation in matches.
9. A person seeking admission as a member partway through the membership year may pay a reduced fee at the discretion of the chairperson or committee.
10. Membership fees for all classes shall be determined by the committee at the AGM or the same as the previous year.

## ARTICLE 3 SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

1. The committee shall have the power to expel or suspend from the Club activities any member or person whose actions are, in the opinion of the Committee, prejudicial to the interests of the Club.
2. Such persons, if registered as members, shall have the right to appeal to the committee in the form of written text and ask the committee to revisit the decision.
3. The duration of suspension shall be determined by the committee. Expulsion shall be permanent unless the decision is revised.
4. Suspended and expelled members shall not have voting rights unless the decision is revised.

## ARTICLE 4 COMMITTEE, MEETINGS AND VOTING

1. The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the management of the Committee, and it shall be the controlling body of the Club in accordance with the aims and objects specified in the Constitution, and shall have all such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the aims and objects of the Club.



2. The Committee shall be elected by the registered members from the previous year and present year who are entitled to vote that attend the Annual General Meeting.
3. The Committee shall hold office for a period of one year or until the following Annual General Meeting is held.
4. The Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and each sports officer provided the club is partaking in activities related to that sport, such as LGFA officer, Mens Football Officer, Hurling Officer, Camogie Officer, etc.
5. Members may fill multiple committee role if necessary.
6. The Committee should elect roles such as Vice-Chairperson, Registrar, Public Relations Officer, Development Officer, Charity Officer, Welfare Officer, Youth officer etc and may introduce roles as seen fit by the committee to fulfill objectives of the club.
7. The Committee shall have the sole right to appoint sub-committees and its members as required. It shall define the duties of such subcommittees and retain control in all matters and activities which it considers of importance to the general welfare of the Club, including the disposal of any funds in the hands of such subcommittees.
8. The Committee should hold at least three meetings throughout the year.
9. Each member shall have the right to present official complaints in writing to the committee.
10. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Committee unless absent where instead the Vice-Chairperson shall preside, If both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, the committee may elect a member present to preside over the meeting.
11. Should any member of the committee resign, or their position otherwise lapse due to continued lack of attendance at meetings (minimum three consecutive meetings without explanation), the remaining committee shall have to power to fill the vacancy with a registered member as an interim position.
12. Meetings shall be in person and/or online at the discretion of the chairperson (except Art4.14).
13. Voting shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot at the discretion of the chairperson.
14. The Chairperson of each committee, in the event of a tie will have a casting vote in addition to their own vote as a member.
15. In all disputes concerning votes not provided for in the statutes, the chairman shall decide.
16. A minimum of ten days notice shall be given for the Annual General Meeting.
17. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in person and not online.
18. The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the 31<sup>st</sup> of January of each year.
19. The Annual General Meeting shall state the Financial Statement of the previous year, the elected members of the committee the general roles of the club in the new year.
20. Minutes shall be taken at the Annual General Meeting. Minutes should be taken at all meetings.

#### ARTICLE 5 – ASSETS AND TRUSTEES

1. The members of the committee do not receive any remuneration for their work. They are, however, entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.
2. Members of the committee are also entitled to receive gifts of small monetary value from the club or on behalf of the club and those members shall make the whole committee aware of those gifts.
3. The committee is authorised to enter into agreements, to buy, dispose of or encumber registered property.



4. The committee shall have a bank account on behalf of the Club from which all transactions shall be monitored and accounted for by Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary.
5. Correct accounts and books shall be kept, showing the financial affairs and receipts, and disbursement of the club.
6. At the end of each financial year (January 1 to December 31), the books of the foundation are closed. The Treasurer shall provide a statement of income and expenses for the financial year ended.

#### ARTICLE 6 - AMENDMENT

1. The committee has the authority to amend the articles in this Club Constitution. The decision to do so must be taken unanimously at a meeting at which all the members of the committee are present, without there being any vacancy on the committee.
2. The committee shall announce the amendments made to the club members and what it entails for their responsibilities and actions as club members upon the amendment of one of these articles. The new and previous version shall be included in the announcement to make the difference clear to all club members.
3. Amendments may be brought forward by any committee member to the committee throughout the year, general members of the club may also bring forward an amendment of these articles to the Committee however they must gather the signature of 10 other fully paid members with no outstanding debts to the club. The committee then votes on the proposed amendment.

#### ARTICLE 7 – DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

1. All club members, the GAA, and Gaelic Games Europe shall be notified of a decision to dissolve club thirty days prior to taking a vote on the matter.
2. Only the committee has the authority to dissolve and perform the liquidation of the Club. The decision to be taken for this purpose shall be subject to the provisions of Article 10.1 and Article 10.2.
3. The foundation will continue to exist after its dissolution insofar as it is necessary for the liquidation of its assets along with these articles in force.
4. Any surplus of the dissolved foundation will be spent in accordance with the foundation's principle of developing the Gaelic games in the Netherlands and Europe.
5. At the end of the liquidation, the books and records of the dissolved foundation remain in the possession of the youngest liquidator for thirty years.

#### ARTICLE 6 – RULES, FINAL PROVISIONS AND SIGNATURE

1. The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Club Rules (Except Art3), and of any bye-laws and regulations made thereunder; and the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by these Club Rules or by the bye-laws and regulations made thereunder shall be final and binding on the members, subject to appeal to a General Meeting, and shall not under any circumstances be subject to appeal to any Court of Law
2. These articles shall be adopted by the committee each year with each formation of a new committee.
3. The Constitution shall be made accessible to all club members.
4. The Committee should present this constitution or its amended form at each Annual General Meeting.



CLUB CONSTITUTION  
Den Haag GAA

Second Draft 10/01/26

This Constitution has been adopted on the xx<sup>th</sup> of January 202X, by the following members:

1.      Role:      Chairperson  
Full Name:  
Signature:
2.      Role:      Secretary  
Full Name:  
Signature:
3.      Role:      Vice-President  
Full Name:  
Signature:
4.      Role:      Treasurer  
Full Name:  
Signature:
5.      Role:      Public Relations Officer  
Full Name:  
Signature:
6.      Role:      Youth Officer  
Full Name:  
Signature:
7.      Role:      Hurling Officer  
Full Name:  
Signature:
8.      Role:      Camogie Officer  
Full Name:  
Signature:
9.      Role:      Football Officer  
Full Name:  
Signature:
10.      Role:  
Full Name:  
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