



ÉIRE

Irish Republican Brotherhood

CONSTITUTION

AS REVISED TO DATE

2025

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 age, 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 abroad and who can commit loyalty to the Programme of the Brotherhood 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 of Independence and the 1919 Sovereign Constitution in allegiance with the Supreme Council and the Programme 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 9-13 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 2 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 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, to direct the workings of the Irish Republican Brotherhood in all its departments, and to stand as Envoy for the President, 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 including but not limited to those specified in the First Schedule.
- 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 9-13 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 of Supreme Council Members in each instance. The relevant Member being put forward in each instance will abstain from voting for him/herself.

The Sovereign Seals

- 19th Seals of the IRB, Óglaigh na hÉireann, Dáil Éireann and the Dáil Éireann Courts are specified in the Second Schedule.
- 20th Only the President, the Vice-President and the Chairman may affix the Presidential Sovereign Seal to any Document.
- 21st Only the President, the Chief Justice, the Master of the Courts and the Secretary for Justice (when authorised by the Chief Justice) may affix the Seal of the Chief Justice and/or the Dáil Éireann Courts Seal to any Document.
- 22nd Only the Chairman may affix the Mark of the Chairman Seal (M.C.) to any Document.
- 23rd The President, the Chairman, the General Secretary, and other Members of the IRB Supreme Council appointed by Resolution for Secretarial Duty from time to time, may affix the Embossed Sovereign Seal to any Document.
- 24th The Vaughans Hotel Dáil Éireann/Dáil Éireann Courts Sovereign Seal will be retained at GHQ and will be available for officialdom as required by the President and/or the Supreme Council and/or Dáil Éireann and/or Dáil Éireann Courts.
- 25th Only the Commander-In-Chief may affix the Óglaigh na hÉireann 7 String Maid of Éireann Harp Seal/Stamp to any Document.
- 26th Only the appointed Secretary for the relevant Dáil Department may affix any of the Dáil Éireann Departmental Seals to any Document.

The GAA

- 27th 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.

The Military Council

- 28th The Military Council is a Post of Peace and will automatically stand for Ceremonial Day Events for purpose of conducting affairs and managing procedures at location. All Members of the IRB Supreme Council can be considered for ceremonial duty on the day of the event. The Military Council of the IRB is in fidelity and consonance with the Constitution of Óglaigh na hÉireann as updated on 17th June 2023 and continuing and in fidelity and consonance with the Flag Charter as set out in the Third Schedule.

Syntax Grammar

- 29th There is and shall be a Triumvirate of the Supreme Council to progress the Trivium of CORRECT-SENTENCE-STRUCTURE-COMMUNICATION-PARSE-SYNTAX-GRAMMAR-PERFORMANCE . All decisions made in relation to the progression of documentation via syntax must be made unanimously by the Triumvirate and the adoption of any C-S-S-C-P-S-G-P documents by the IRB can only be sanctioned by the Executive of the Supreme Council.

Licences

- 30th Licence Applications may be offered to any Member for presentation to the Supreme Council. A Licence can only be granted on consensus of at least 9 members of the Supreme Council unless the Application be otherwise dealt with by the Executive as provided for under this Constitution. Any licence granted will automatically expire on January 19th each year.

As regards Licences for Sitting Judge(s), these Licences will be granted for the duration of the Court Matter and are only applicable in alignment with the particular Case Number which must be clearly stated on each Licence granted. Once so granted, by consensus of at least 9 Members of the Supreme Council, the Office Administrator may affix electronic signature(s) to give effect to said Licence.

Dáil Éireann and the Dáil Éireann Courts

- 31st Given the paramount of importance of duty during times when the powers and responsibilities for the Governance of the Irish Republic have reverted to the Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood any Member of the Ministry who fails to addend 3 scheduled meetings consecutively will be automatically removed from their position on the Ministry and the Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

The IRB Supreme Council will take whatever steps are necessary to give full power and effect to the relevant Dáil Departments so established on 21st January 1919 and will ably assist as required or requested to give power and effect to the Dáil Éireann Courts and the Department of Justice so established on 22nd January 1919.

Succession of President

- 32nd In the event of a current Presidents demise, the Vice President will automatically fill the role for a period of one year and a day and after the passing of one year and a day the Sovereign People of Éire will vote to elect a President to sit for a maximum of 3 years and after the passing of the 3-year term there will be another election for President and so on and so forth.

In keeping with the Democratic Spirit of the Organisation, the Standing Vice President must firstly be formally nominated by the Executive for the vacant position of President and the Nomination must then be put before a full quorum of the Supreme Council and passed by unanimous decision of the Board. If no unanimous decision is forthcoming then the position of the President of the Organisation will rest *Sede Vacante* until such time as the /a Nomination is passed unanimously by a full quorum of the Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

The Presidential Seal shall continue to hold position as per the Principals of the IRB Foregoing Constitution at all material times.

The Chairman as Envoy of the President can only be authorised for Duty by majority vote of the Supreme Council at a full quorum meeting.

Subject to the fundamental principle of upholding the Programme of the Brotherhood, 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
19th December 2025.



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"Ár son na hÉireann agus a Clainne"

