



St. Malachys Old Boys Youth Football Club Constitution

1 Name

The Club will be called ***ST. MALACHYS OLD BOYS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB.***

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To offer coaching and hopeful opportunities in Soccer.
- To promote the club within the local community.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
- To introduce the basics of grassroots football via IFA coaching.
- Allowing the opportunity for the youth to interact socially.
- To feed the senior team with potential and stability.
- To give those that maybe labelled not good enough a chance.
- Showing the benefits of being physically active.
- In today's society giving the alternative for the youth to exercise/active rather than the new generation of modern technology/ social media which takes preference.

3 Affiliation / membership

- The affiliation between SMOBFC (Senior) and SMOBYFC (Youth) is a partnership, through a shared vision and purpose; however the two groups remain separately constituted groups with separate committees.
- Any differences / amendments between SMOBFC (Senior) and SMOBYFC (Youth) will be decided via their committees.
- To provide the opportunity of membership to the St Malachy's Old Boys Association.
- All members of SMOBYFC will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.

4 Committee

The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of:

- **CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY, VICE SECRETARY, TREASURER, VICE TREASURER, PUBLICITY OFFICER AND WELFARE OFFICER.** Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.
- The Management Committee will be convened by the Secretary of the club and held no less than **12** per year.
- The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be: **5**
- The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club.
- The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- The Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Management Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

5 Finance

- All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club. In absence vice takes on roll otherwise any transaction will be void.
- The financial period shall run in conjunction with playing season, August to May of the year.
- An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.
- Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to two other officers.
- All sponsorship / donations to be publicity acknowledged

6 Annual General Meetings

- Notice of AGMs will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice to be given to all members.
- The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Management Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.
- Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM. All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- The quorum for AGMs will be 25% of the Membership..
- The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

7 Safeguarding children

- This sports club/organisation is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. Every individual in the club/organisation should, at all times, show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation and the guidelines provided by our governing body and contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

8 Equity Policy

- This club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport Northern Ireland definition of sports equity:

“Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.”

- The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.
- Please refer to the club’s Equity Policy for more information.

9 Discipline and Appeals

- All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the club’s safeguarding children and young people policy and procedures. The club welfare/designated officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any safeguarding concerns.
- All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within **3** days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within **5** days of the hearing.
- There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within **5** days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

10 Dissolution

- A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of St Malachy’s Old Boys Football Club (Seniors).

11 Amendments to the Constitution

- The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.