

gaelcon irish games association

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Memberships and Fees Policy

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1. Background – Who we are and what we do

For information on the Gaelcon Irish Games Association (hereafter referred to as The IGA), Refer to our Vision and Missions Statement and our website.

2. Statement of Policy

This policy lists the membership process The IGA is using, and how we interact with members.

We use membership as a channel (and not our only channel) to provide information to, and where appropriate, engage directly with The IGA members.

This policy shall be amended as required and the Executive will review this policy as part of its organisation-wide policies review process outlined in the matrix for reviewing all IGA policies.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all membership options operated by The IGA.

4. Membership Information

4.1. Fees

Membership with The IGA can be conveniently purchased through our website's 'Shop' page. Simply visit the 'Shop' section to find the membership options, proceed with your selection, and complete the purchase to become a valued member of our community. If you encounter any issues or have questions, feel free to reach out to us through the 'Contact Us' section for assistance.

There is a fee of €5 (five euro) due at the time you sign up and lasts until the end of the current membership year as outlined in 4.2 Duration of Membership.

Membership fees are to be paid annually.

Membership may also be included as part of Gaelcon Weekend Membership for the year, as decided on a year-to-year basis.

Our fees may change from time to time. We will do our best to notify members in advance of any such changes.

4.2. Duration of Membership

Membership is to run from 1st November to 31st October of each year. Each membership purchased is valid until the end of the current membership year.

Transfer of membership from year-to-year is not permissible.

When the end of the membership year is approaching, people may elect to have their membership begin at the start of the next membership year instead of the moment of purchase, to be noted at the moment of purchase.

Memberships purchased in combination with Gaelcon tickets, when available, shall be applied from Gaelcon and for the next membership year commencing on the 1st November.

4.3. Conditions of Membership

Membership is membership in a Company Limited by Guarantee and is subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts which may change from time to time. In the event of the Company Limited by Guarantee being wound up, the liability of each individual member does not exceed €1.

You must be at least 18 years of age and agree to be bound by The IGA Code of Conduct (CoC) and Membership Policies. The CoC and IGA Policies may be amended from time to time.

Agreeing to be bound by the CoC and Policies is a condition of membership with The IGA.

Your IGA membership is for you alone; it cannot be transferred or sold. It may be terminated or suspended for violation of the CoC or Policies.

If you cancel your membership or let your membership lapse for a period of more than three years, you will need to restart the probationary period before becoming eligible for voting or positions as outlined in the Constitution and Executive Committee Membership Policy.

Except as provided in Section 4.4., the membership is non-refundable.

By giving The IGA your details, you grant The IGA permission to contact you using the provided contact information in accordance with the Data Protection Policy.

All member details will be handled in strict accordance with our Data Protection Policy. We are committed to ensuring the privacy and security of member information, adhering to established data protection practices outlined in our policy. Members can refer to the Data Protection Policy for comprehensive details on how their information is collected, stored, and processed.

4.4. Membership Refunds

A purchase made in error may be refunded upon request and review.

If a duplicate payment is received for the same person, the duplicated membership can be refunded upon request.

If a membership is found to have been purchased by a person under 18, this membership will be refunded.

Refund requests, including those related to membership fees, can be submitted through the 'Contact Us' section on our website. We encourage members to use this channel for prompt and efficient processing of refund inquiries. Our team will review each request and respond accordingly, ensuring transparency and adherence to our refund policy.

Refund of Membership will not be granted in the case that Membership is included in the cost of Gaelcon tickets. A person can still elect to revoke their membership in accordance with Section 4.5.

4.5. Removal of Membership

Any member may choose to revoke their membership and all associated benefits at any time. This can be done by emailing secretary@iga.ie.

Membership of The IGA may be removed when a member is found to be in violation of the CoC or Policies; this may only be actioned following review and assessment of the violation.

Membership may also be removed following a review whereby the member in question has been the subject of complaint as outlined in the Complaints Policy.

5. Membership Benefits

- Addition to the membership mailing list and inclusion on all membership communications.
- Access to the AGM and any “All Members” meetings.
- Right to vote in elections for Directors and for the Executive Committee after a six-month membership period.
- The right to vote on policy changes and any other votes required during the running of The IGA.
- Right to stand for election as a member of the Executive Committee after six months of membership.
- The right to stand for election as a Director after a full year of membership.
- Access to company reports and minutes of “All Members” meetings.
- Rights to propose motions at the AGM and extraordinary general meetings, subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts on notice of motions.