

Irish Language and Culture Regulations for members of Naomh Uinsionn CLG



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1 Background and Purpose

The GAA's Official Guide (An Treoir Oifigiúil CLG), especially Part 1, contains several rules that formalise the Association's commitment to the Irish Language and Culture, and impose certain requirements on Clubs regarding same. See Appendix 1 for details.

St Vincents GAA Club's Constitution, (Section 7), further supports Irish Language and Culture, by the appointment of an Officer for Irish Language and Culture. As a member of the Executive Committee, the Officer for Irish Language and Culture is responsible for the promotion of the Irish language and Cultural activities.

The Irish language is a core part of the GAA's identity and heritage. The Club recognises it's responsibility to foster and normalise the use of Irish in its operations, communications, and environment. Practical bilingualism will be promoted, ensuring accessibility for all members while supporting the visibility of the Irish language in our community.

The purpose of this document is to lay out the regulations which have been approved by the Executive regarding the Irish Language and Culture.

2 Regulations

2.1 Signage (Ní mór comharthaíocht oifigiúil an Chlub a bheith i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla)

- 2.1.1 All permanent signage within Club grounds (e.g. entrance signs, facilities, room names, health and safety notices, etc.) shall, where practicable, be displayed bilingually in Irish and English
- 2.1.2 All commercial signage (e.g. sponsor signs etc.) shall, where practicable, be displayed bilingually in Irish and English
- 2.1.3 Temporary signage (for events, fundraisers, etc.) shall include Irish wording wherever feasible
- 2.1.4 When new signage is being commissioned or replaced, where practicable, bilingual text shall be the default standard
- 2.1.5 Before printing, all bilingual signage shall be reviewed by the Officer for Irish Language and Culture

2.2 Communication and Correspondence (Cumarsáid agus Comhfhreagras)

- 2.2.1 Official Club social media, newsletters, etc, shall include Irish language elements (headings, greetings, or full bilingual versions), where possible.
- 2.2.2 Routine Club correspondence (e.g. notices, posters, tickets, etc.) shall incorporate Irish language where appropriate and practicable.
- 2.2.3 The Club shall encourage Officers and Volunteers to use Irish greetings and terminology in meetings and public address announcements.
- 2.2.4 Club announcements, (e.g. notice of an AGM etc.), shall be generally in English and Irish.

2.3 Club Identity (Aitheantas an Chlub)

- 2.3.1 The official Club name and crest shall be in Irish and consistent with GAA naming conventions.
- 2.3.2 Team gear, jerseys, and publications shall use the Irish version of the Club name, in line with guidance from Croke Park.

2.4 Education and Promotion (Oideachas agus Cur Chun Cinn)

- 2.4.1 The Club shall support initiatives that promote spoken Irish among members, including Irish-language events, or collaborations with local Irish language groups.
- 2.4.2 The Club will make use of resources provided by GAA Gaeilge, Glór na nGael, and the County Irish Language Officer, etc.

APPENDIX 1

Below are the current GAA Official Guide sections, which reference Irish Language and Culture.

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Chapter	Chapter Name	Section	Sub Section	Notes
1	AIMS AND ETHOS	1.4 Additional Aims	(a) The Association shall actively support the Irish language, traditional Irish dancing, music, song, and other aspects of Irish culture. It shall foster an awareness and love of the national ideals in the people of Ireland and assist in promoting a community spirit through its Clubs. (b) The Association shall promote its aims amongst communities abroad through its International Units and World GAA. (c) The Association shall support the promotion of Camogie and Ladies Gaelic Football. (d) The Association shall use all practical endeavors to support Irish Industry especially in relation to the provision of trophies and playing gear and equipment.	These are foundational principles — not just symbolic, but one of the core aims.
1	AIMS AND ETHOS	1.6 Irish/English Versions of Rules and Codes	The Rules and Codes of the Association shall be published in Irish and in English.	This reiterates the above, indicating that both language versions are authoritative.
3	ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES: COMPOSITION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS	3.2 The Club	A Club shall not be named after a living person or after any existing political or semi-political organisation. It must bear a name in the Irish language. A motion to change the name of a Club requires a three-fifths majority of members present, entitled to vote and voting at a General Meeting.	