

SOCIETY OF IRISH FIELD ARCHERS

CONSTITUTION

With amendments from 02.10.2016

1. NAME

The name of the Society is "Society of Irish Field Archers" and shall be abbreviated to "SIFA"

2. OBJECTIVES

- The Society exists to foster and promote all forms of Archery and to establish uniform rules, regulations, procedures, conditions and methods of practising such activities.
- The Society believes that Field Archery was originally devised to simulate hunting and to provide as much pleasure as possible in the practice of the sport, all courses should be constructed with this in mind.
- The Society believes that, in the true spirit of field archery, the archer is competing against himself, the field, the peculiarities of the terrain, the organiser's design and layout of the round with the natural objects and obstacles that have been included.
- The Society will support the concept of diversity and inclusiveness to bring individuals together in the sport of field archery, as laid down by Irish Law and any appropriate Sports Authority.

3. MANAGEMENT

Affiliation

All SIFA members must be members of an affiliated club. Affiliation of clubs to the Society is free and mandatory via an application process and must be renewed annually in September, prior to the Associations annual renewal date of the 1st October for membership fees.

The Delegate Group will vote as to whether a Club's Affiliation is renewed or not.

A Club and their members must undertake to comply with the Constitution and the Regulations of SIFA.

4. DELEGATES

The Society is a non-profit making, voluntary private members' society administered on behalf of its members by a Delegate Group consisting of a maximum of 2 delegates from each of the affiliated clubs. Each club is entitled to one vote only at a Delegate Meeting.

Affiliated clubs with voting rights who are compliant with SIFA Regulations can be represented by 2 Delegates at a Delegate meeting but only 1 can vote. There will be no proxy voting.

5. OFFICERS

The delegates will appoint officers being any adult SIFA members to voluntarily undertake to manage one or more specific areas of responsibility for the administration of the Society's needs.

Officers are subject to control by the delegates. Delegates will determine, at any time by vote, which members are to hold the positions of Officers.

The Delegate Group may at any time vote to amend the roles of Officers, or introduce new roles, or dispense with any officer's services.

The mandatory officers shall be, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Safety Officer, Child Protection Officer and Webmaster whose responsibilities, and those of any other appointees, shall be defined in the SIFA Regulations.

Office may be held in conjunction with any one other office except that no officer may be both Membership Secretary and Treasurer.

All Officers are required to stand down each year and all current offices must be filled by election or re-election at a Delegate Meeting that must take place during the month of September.

The meeting in September will include the review of the Club Affiliations and membership fees applicable for the next year, before the renewal date of the 1st of October.

6. DELEGATE MEETINGS

The Delegate Group shall conduct society business at delegate meetings or otherwise by electronic communication.

7. CHILD PROTECTION

When dealing with children under the age of 18 or people of any age who are to be considered vulnerable all SIFA clubs should have a child protection officer in place, this person is to be Garda Vetted and have the appropriate Child protection qualifications in place.

This also applies to any member of SIFA or a Non-SIFA member acting as a volunteer, who is involved in the training or instruction of children or vulnerable people.

8. INSURANCE

The SIFA secretary will engage an insurance broker, authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, to advise and arrange such suitable insurance for the Society, its members and non-member volunteers, as is deemed necessary and appropriate by the Delegate Group. Insurance will include, but not be limited to Public Liability insurance for the Society, its members and non-member volunteers.

9. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

If a Resolution for the dissolution of the Society shall be validly passed at a meeting of the Delegate Group then the Society and the "entity" shall be wound up (and in the case of the "entity" by such means as the Trustees of the "entity" shall resolve) and the assets of the Society and the "entity" after payment of all the Society's debts shall be transferred to another organisation proposed by the Delegate Group and approved by the members with objectives which are as similar as possible to the objectives of the Society. If no such organisation can be identified or agreed on by the delegates, to a charity approved by the delegates.

10. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution can only be amended by the majority vote of the Society Delegates.