

Rules of the Old Columban Society

[as revised following the AGM on Wednesday 8th June 2011]

1. The Society shall be called the Old Columban Society.
2. The Objects of the Society shall be:
 - a) to keep past pupils of the College of Saint Columba in touch with the College and with each other by means of gatherings at the College on special occasions, periodic dinners, sporting activities and the regular dissemination of news concerning Old Columbans.
 - b) to promote the welfare of the College.
3. All Old Columbans shall be eligible as members of the Society, also Fellows of the College and past and present members of the Staff.
4. The Society shall be under the management and direction of a Committee, which shall consist of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Society, the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Registrar, Old Columban Society Bulletin Editor, Hon. Secretaries for games and a maximum of twenty other members, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Five shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.
5. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be members of all Committees; the Warden shall be an ex-officio Vice-President, and all past Presidents shall be Vice-Presidents.
6. Any vacancy on the Committee after the Annual General Meeting shall be filled by the Committee.
7. The election of members shall be by the Committee.
8. The subscription for membership shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee.
9. No newly-elected member of the Society shall be entitled to any of the advantages or privileges of the Society until his or her subscription shall have been paid.
10. The Committee may at its discretion and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit elect, either temporarily or permanently, as Honorary Members of the Society, any friends or supporters of the Society. No person elected under this Rule shall have the right of voting at meetings of the Society.
11. It shall be the duty of the Hon. Registrar to keep a register of the members and their addresses, and every member shall communicate any change of address either to the Hon. Secretary or a local Secretary.
12. At all General meetings the Chair shall be taken by the President or, in his absence, by a chairman chosen for the occasion. The President, or Chairman, shall in the event of votes on any question being equally divided, be entitled to a casting vote
13. The Committee may make grants of money for any purposes that fall within the objects of the Society. When considering educational grants the Committee shall give preference to the children of Old Columbans, or their near relatives, and may require from the Warden a report on the progress and conduct of any pupil in receipt of such assistance prior to its renewal. Total grants made by the Committee may not exceed the Society's annual revenue from all sources in any given year without the consent of the Annual General Meeting or of a General Meeting called for that purpose.
14. The Old Columban Society Bulletin Editor shall be responsible for the publication of all Old Columban news. Local Secretaries may be appointed to help the Old Columban Society Bulletin Editor in such work and generally to act on behalf of the committee in their locality.

15. The Hon. Treasurer shall at the Annual General Meeting present the Statement of Accounts which shall have been previously audited by two members of the society elected for that purpose by the Committee.

16. A copy of the Rules shall be sent on request by the Hon. Secretary to each member of the Society, who shall also be entitled to receive a copy of the Old Columban Society Bulletin and all ordinary circulars of the Society.

17. The Old Columban Colours, such as tie and scarf, are the exclusive privilege of members who may purchase them from the authorised suppliers.

18. The Committee may request any member to resign whose conduct may be injurious to the Society and if the member does not resign within one month from the date of such request his or her name shall be removed by the Committee.

19. At any General Meeting seven shall form a quorum, except as provided in Rule 21.

20. The Committee may summon a General Meeting of the Society when it thinks necessary and shall do so on the written request of at least ten members. At least fourteen days' notice must be given by the Hon. Secretary of any General Meeting, with the Agenda to be considered.

21. The Rules may be repealed, altered or added to, only at a General Meeting by two-thirds of those present, the quorum being ten. Amendments to such proposed alterations, etc., shall be allowed at the Meeting at the discretion of the Chairman.