

## **APPENDIX III: Club Licensing Contract – Domestic Licence:**

In connection with the application of [INSERT NAME IF APPLICABLE] limited trading as [INSERT CLUB NAME IF APPLICABLE] for a Licence for the League of Ireland season [INSERT YEAR], the applicants authorised signatories have agreed to enter into and be bound by the terms and conditions of this contract with the FAI on behalf of the Licensee.

1. We confirm we have read and fully understand the current FAI Club Licensing Manual (the “Manual”) and Confidentiality Agreement and agree to abide by and comply with the requirements and conditions of the Licensing System contained therein.
2. We confirm that all Licensing Documents submitted by us to the FAI acting as Licensor will be complete, accurate, up to date, duly certified where necessary and submitted in a timely manner.
3. We accept that the Licensing Bodies will base their decisions on the documentation submitted by us to the FAI Club Licensing Department as part of this application only and that previous submissions, documents or information provided by us to the FAI for any other reason or as part of any other application will not be deemed to have fulfilled any of the Licensing Requirements herein unless otherwise agreed in writing between the parties herein.
4. We confirm that we fully authorise the Licensing Manager and Licensing Decision Making Bodies to examine all documentation pertaining to our application for a Licence and appeal (if applicable) and to seek clarification, further evidence, explanations and all other information from any relevant public authority or private body relevant to the issuance of the licence and appeal (if applicable) and in accordance with Irish law.
5. We recognise that we are legally bound by the rules, statutes and regulations of FIFA, UEFA, the FAI and the League of Ireland. We further acknowledge that this contract shall be governed by these rules, statutes and regulations. We understand that the FAI Constitution and Regulations contained within the FAI Handbook regarding Arbitration will not apply to any licensing decisions.
6. We agree to respect at all times the statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA, UEFA, FAI and the League of Ireland as well as to recognize the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration of Sport.
7. We understand that the FAI Club Licensing Committee is empowered to take a first instance decision on our licence application and that the FAI Club Licensing Appeals Body is empowered to take a final and binding decision on whether a licence is issued. We accept the powers of these bodies as outlined in the Manual and agree to be bound by the decisions of these bodies that affect us as the License Applicant.
8. We confirm that we are legally based in the territory of the FAI and will play our home matches only within that territory (an exception to this rule is allowed in the case of Derry City FC). We accept that a change in our designated stadium is subject to a decision of the competent body responsible for the respective competitions (UEFA if UEFA competition).
9. We confirm we have the right to use the name and brands of the club and agree not to change the name of the club for advertising/promotional purposes and agree to accept no clauses in

contracts with television, sponsors or other commercial partners that could restrict the club in its freedom of decision or affect its management. The FAI reserves the right to approve the name under which the football company participates in national Competitions.

10. We accept that only members of the FAI and non-members who have obtained board approval can apply and for and obtain a licence and that Members who are individuals cannot apply for or obtain a licence. We further accept that only licence applicants and the FAI Licensing Manager can appeal and be a party to appeal proceedings.
11. We accept that we must be fully responsible for and have the sole control over all the football activities that are related to the participation in national and international football competitions, as well as for the club licensing requirements.
12. We accept that we must be the sole beneficial owner of all the club's players' contracts and have sole control of football activities as specified in the Manual.
13. We accept that we are responsible for ensuring that all players of the club in the League of Ireland are registered with the FAI and, if non-amateur players, have a written player's contract with the club.
14. We accept that if we decide to change our legal entity, which is recognised as a member of the FAI, we must submit full details of the proposed change to the FAI Club Licensing Committee as outlined in the Manual.
15. We confirm we have provided evidence (if applicable) of any relationships (financial or otherwise) between our club and any other legal entities that are wholly owned, associated or affiliated to the licence applicant. We confirm we will inform the FAI of any such relationships which are formed during the life of our licence.
16. We confirm that we will inform the licensor about any significant change, event or condition of major economic importance and subsequent event occurred after the submission of the licensing documentation in accordance with the rules fixed in the Manual.
17. We confirm our acceptance of the form of confidentiality agreement contained within the Application Pack.
18. We confirm we will only play in competitions under the auspices of FAI and will participate in competitions at international level only with the written approval of the football bodies (FAI, UEFA and FIFA). For the avoidance of doubt this does not relate to training matches.
19. We accept that we must not further assign the right to participate in competition at national or international level. The right to participate in such competition shall cease to apply if the club's membership of the FAI ceases.
20. We accept that the Licensing Manger and UEFA or its nominated bodies will have the power to carry out spot checks on clubs by attending at the club or grounds without prior notice and shall be entitled to examine all documentation relating to licensing requirements and to carry out checks on any aspect of Club Licensing Requirements.
21. We accept that the commitments, plans and proposals addressed in the CIDP must be adhered to and cannot be continuously rolled over in order to satisfy Licensing Requirements. It will be

a matter for the Licensing Manager to be satisfied that genuine efforts are being made to ensure the CIDP is progressing.

22. We confirm that we have supplied details of the reporting perimeter, and accept that we are accountable for any consequences of an entity included in the reporting perimeter not abiding by and observing the requirements with 1 (above).

23. We authorise the FAI, UEFA and the UEFA Organs for the Administration of Justice to examine any relevant document and seek information from any relevant public authority or private body in accordance with Irish Law.

24. We confirm the club have and will maintain a minimum of two directors.

**Please sign this contract in line with your club's authorised signatory policy:**

Signed by an Authorised Signatory of the Club \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name:

Date:

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