



Director Information Pack – 2023

Introduction

Volleyball Ireland have vacancies for three Directors to join the Board of Administration. The position of Director is an integral part of good governance.

The roles:

1. Ordinary Board Member

- to be nominated by two member clubs, one proposer and one seconder

2. Independent Board Member

- To be recommended by the Volleyball Ireland Nominations Committee. The nominated candidate will be approved by the Board and put forward for ratification by members at the AGM.

3. Honorary Treasurer

- To be nominated by two member clubs, one proposer and one seconder.
- Due to a vacancy arising in 2022, Volleyball Ireland co-opted Doris Enright of Dublin Volleyball Club into the role until the 2023 AGM. Doris is eligible for re-election.

About Volleyball Ireland

The Volleyball Association of Ireland t/a Volleyball Ireland is a Company Limited by Guarantee with the mission to *support, promote and grow our sport and community in a sustainable way*. We have an ambitious vision to be **recognised as a leader in inclusion, whilst becoming the fastest-growing Volleyball federation in Europe**.

There are currently a myriad of programmes, competitions and projects that contribute to Volleyball Ireland's most recent strategic plan, *Feel the Buzz*.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the strategic direction and governance of the company with sub-committees and commissions established to further support the strategic development of the organisation. Four full time staff are employed to manage day-to-day operations and carry out the execution of strategic objectives.

All board members receive a comprehensive induction pack.

The Roles

Honorary Treasurer

The Treasurer will actively participate on the board, working in close partnership with the President, Chief Executive and other Board members of Volleyball Ireland to safeguard the organisation's finances. You will be responsible for ensuring that effective financial systems and procedures have been established, are being consistently followed and are in line with best practice & legal requirements.

Main Responsibilities

- Oversee and present budgets, accounts and financial statements to the management committee on a monthly basis

- Liaise with the Chief Executive and Board about financial matters
- Ensure that appropriate financial systems and controls are in place
- Ensure that record-keeping & accounts meet the conditions of funders or statutory bodies
- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation
- Oversee preparation of accounts
- Present accounts at the AGM
- Ensure best practice is followed in all aspects of financial management of the company

Independent Director

An Independent Director is defined as someone who is not currently, or recently been, a member of Volleyball Ireland member club or committee.

Based on a skillset analysis of the current board, we are particularly interested to hear from candidates with the any of the following skills:

- Commercial
- Marketing
- Sponsorship
- Communications

Deadline for applications is April 30th.

Ordinary Board Member

The ordinary Board Member may be provided with a specific role or Commission to oversee dependent on their skill set and experience. They are nominated by two member clubs before Saturday June 3rd.

Term of Appointment

In-line with the Constitution, your appointment will be for an initial term of 3 years, which is renewable twice by the membership, except for the Independent Director whose term is renewable once.

Time Commitment Envisaged

As a Board member you will be involved in a number of Board and Committee meetings throughout the year. Generally, the Board participates in up to ten meetings per year which are currently held online. These typically last around 2 hours.

There is an expectation that you will attend and participate in all of the scheduled Board meetings as well as the company AGM normally held in Quarter 2 each year. There may also be other meetings events where attendance is necessary, such as strategic plan review and planning meetings.

Volleyball Ireland will provide you with adequate notice of the proposed Board and Committee meeting dates. By accepting this appointment, you are confirming that you are able to allocate adequate time to meet the expectations of your role as a director of the Company.

Board Roles and Responsibilities

The Board of the Volleyball Association of Ireland Limited t/a Volleyball Ireland (the “Company”) meets regularly so as to provide strategic leadership to the Company, exercise effective control over the organisation, and monitor executive management and performance.

The Board is wholly non-executive and comprises nominees of the Membership, through election, co-option by the Board and independent Directors. The primary responsibility of all Directors is to act in the best overall interest of Volleyball Ireland at all times – it is appropriate to recognise, however, the particular importance of the contribution of the independent Directors in this area.

Specific responsibilities of the Board are:

- To provide vision, leadership and direction for the Company, normally through the consideration and approval of Strategic Plans
- In this context, to define the Company’s mission, decide its strategic goals and approve policies to achieve those goals
- To ensure that the Company is well managed and that a proper balance is maintained between the respective roles of the Board and the General Manager and staff
- To set performance targets and, in particular, to approve and monitor the Annual Operating Plan and Budget
- To ensure that the Company behaves ethically and in a manner that accords with its core values as determined in the Strategic Plan
- To define and promote the Company’s role in the community by consulting its stakeholders and informing the public in an open accountable manner
- To agree the Chief Executive’s performance objectives in consultation with him/her

Expectations of Directors

As a Director, you will be required to:

- act for the benefit of Volleyball Ireland at all times
- regularly attend Board meetings
- be well informed on agenda items
- participate fully and openly in meetings, sharing insights, ideas and suggestions
- contribute knowledge and express opinions based on experience, which in turn will assist the Board to make sound decisions
- exercise your powers and duties with reasonable care and diligence
- exercise your powers and duties in good faith in the best interests of the Company and for a proper purpose

- apply independent judgement in the exercise of your powers
- avoid conflicts between your duties to the Company and your personal interests or your duties to others
- observe standards of good corporate governance.

Board Commissions and Committees

Volleyball Ireland Commissions are established to support the operation of Volleyball activities specific to that area. At present there are 3 Volleyball Ireland Commissions;

1. Competitions and Development Commission – this oversees the implementation and administration of Volleyball Competitions
2. Training and Education – this oversees the development of effective education and training systems for coaches, referees and volunteers.
3. High Performance – this oversees the running of Volleyball Ireland National Squads.

Other Committees are formed as necessary and when it enables efficient decision making. You may be requested to serve on one or more Board Committees. At present, there are three (3) standing Board Committees:

- Audit & Risk Committee
- Child Welfare Panel
- Disciplinary Committee
- Commercial & Marketing Committee
- Protests, Appeals, Disciplinary & Complaints Committee

From time to time, we may setup a working group to deliver a specific project or event. You may be asked to support one of these groups.

Directors' Expenses

There is no remuneration paid to members of the Board. The Company will reimburse you for all reasonable and properly documented expenses incurred in performance of your duties as a Director of the Company.

Disclosure of Interests

Directors have a duty to avoid any conflicts of interest between their duty to Volleyball Ireland and their own interests. Conflicts of interest and any material personal interests must be declared at the time of your appointment to the Board. In addition, any conflicts of interest and personal interests must be declared by a Director at the time they occur and, unless the Board resolves otherwise, they may not participate in boardroom discussions, decision making or both on matters on which they face a conflict.

An interest register is tabled at each Board and Committee meeting. Please ensure that the Company is kept informed of any changes to your interests so that the interests register can be maintained up to date.

Fellow Directors

Under Volleyball Ireland's Constitution, the Board consists of five directors elected by the Members and up to four directors appointed by the Board, including two Independent Directors.

Currently these are: Clodagh NicCanna (President) Regina Halpin (Secretary), Doris Enright (until AGM) (Treasurer), Alfredo Aloï (Vice President), Stephen Moreton (Co-opted), Cliona Boland (Independent), Lochlann Walsh (co-opted).

Induction & Training

An induction programme is provided for Directors, which would ideally involve a visit to the Volleyball Ireland Office in Dublin to meet our staff and gain an overview of Volleyball Ireland programmes.

Where possible, Directors are encouraged to attend special training courses by various professional bodies to ensure that all of us as Directors are refreshed and equipped to perform our role to the highest standards and performance possible. With this in mind, Volleyball Ireland will be organising a one day development course for board members in the coming calendar year.

Independent Professional Advice

You may seek independent professional advice, at the expense of the Company, on any matter connected with the discharge of your responsibilities. Prior to requesting advice, the established protocol is that the matter be discussed with the President. Copies of the advice will be made available to, and for the benefit of, all Board Members.

Indemnity and Insurance

The Company provides all its Directors with, and pays the premiums for, indemnity and insurance cover while acting in their capacities as Directors.

Confidentiality and Access to information

Directors have unrestricted access (subject to conflicts of interest) to company records and information and receive regular detailed financial and operational reports from management. Directors are entitled to consult with the General Manager and Company Secretary at anytime.

All information acquired during your term on the Board is confidential to the Company and should not be released either during your appointment or following termination (by whatever means), to third parties without prior written consent from the President.

Company Constitution and Strategic Plan

Prospective Board Members are encouraged to become familiar with Volleyball Ireland's Strategic Plan and Constitution, which can be found on the VLV. website or requested from the Chief Executive.

To Apply

All applicants for the Treasurer and Ordinary Director positions must be nominated and seconded, by a member club of Volleyball Ireland. Club Secretaries must submit nomination forms by midday Saturday June 3rd.

Independent Directors must apply with a Nominations Committee making a recommendation to the Board, which is ratified by members at the AGM.

For more information please contact Volleyball Ireland CEO, Gary Stewart via email; gm@volleyballireland.com or call for an informal chat 0857650867.