

AMITY FRIEND'S INTERNATIONAL
CLUB OF NIGERIA

THE CONSTITUTION

MOTTO: *Friends Forever*

MISSION: *Love, togetherness, and prosperity.*

DIARY OF AMITY FRIEND'S INTERNATIONAL
CLUB OF NIGERIA

ARTICLE ONE:

PREAMBLE:

SECTION A:

We the members of **Amity Friends International Club of Nigeria**, establish this constitution as the guiding framework for our club. Amity friends international club is a social Democratic Organization based on principles of unity, fairness, and mutual support. This constitution shall be binding on all members and authorities under its jurisdiction. As the name "Amity" signifies, we stand for equity, friendship, and enduring unity among all members.

SECTION B:

Name: The organization shall be known as the Amity Friends International Club of Nigeria. Its headquarters shall be located in Owerri Imo State of Nigeria name shall remain, called and referred to as Amity Friends International Club of Nigeria.

SECTION C:

Motto: Love, togetherness and prosperity.

SECTION D:

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

Our objectives are as follows:

1. To foster a strong sense of brotherhood and shared responsibility among all members.
2. To enhance the social lives of members and contribute to development efforts within Nigeria and beyond.
3. To promote and uphold peace, unity, and prosperity, irrespective of members' tribal, religious, or cultural backgrounds.
4. To encourage and support members in pursuing progressive and impactful ventures.

5. To provide support and assistance to members during their lowest moments, particularly in times of sickness and personal challenges.

SECTION E: PROGRESSIVE NATURE OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution of the Amity Friends International Club of Nigeria is progressive and flexible in nature. It is designed to adapt and evolve with the changing needs and aspirations of the club and its members. Amendments and modifications may be made as necessary to ensure that the Constitution remains relevant, effective, and aligned with the club's mission of promoting unity, support, and growth among members.

ARTICLE TWO:

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A:

Section A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all Nigerians and non-Nigerians who have shown commitment to the club's goals, and membership are of two Categories:

- ❖ Financial Membership
- ❖ Honorary-Membership

SECTION B: FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Prospective members may apply for Financial Membership with a non-refundable application fee of ~~₦~~100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) only

SECTION C: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION INCLUDE:

1. Nigerian citizenship by birth or marriage, or demonstrated interest by non-Nigerians.
2. Verified means of livelihood.
3. Screening by the Screening Committee, followed by final approval by the President.
4. Payment of a ~~N~~**1,200,000.00** (One Million, Two Hundred Thousand Naira) registration fee upon approval.
5. Post-Registration Attendance Requirement: After registration, the new member must attend at least two physical club meetings to confirm their commitment.
6. This physical presence is mandatory to complete the membership process.
7. Hosting of the club

SECTION D: Incubation Period for New Members
Newly registered members will undergo an incubation period of two months after their official registration. During this incubation period:

1. New members shall observe and familiarize themselves with the club's framework, values, and operational structure.
2. They are not yet eligible to actively contribute comments or opinions on the club's activities or decisions. Critical issues not directly affecting them.
3. After completing the two-month incubation period, new members may begin active participation and contributing to discussions, bringing their insights and support to the club's activities.

SECTION E: HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Membership may be granted by the General Assembly or upon specific recommendation by the President. Such members are

often high-profile figures, including but not limited to prominent government officials, respected members of the armed forces, influential public figures, or religious leaders. Honorary Membership is reserved for individuals who hold distinguished positions and have demonstrated values aligned with those of the club. These individuals may serve as Honorary Members or in the capacity of an Extended Patron.

SECTION F: RE-REGISTERED MEMBERS

Former members who previously left the club and wish to re-register must adhere to the following guidelines to maintain or regain their status within the club:

1. Application for Re-Registration: Submit a formal application to the General Secretary.
2. Re-Registration Fee: Determined by the executive body and may differ from the standard registration fee.
3. Screening and Approval: Must undergo the same screening process as new members, with final approval by the President.
4. Attendance Requirement: Required to attend at least two physical meetings after re-registration.
5. Financial Standing: All outstanding dues from previous membership must be settled before readmission.

SECTION G: MEMBERSHIP LIMITATIONS

1. Membership Cap: The total membership of Amity Friends International Club shall be limited to one hundred and thirty (130) members. This cap ensures that the club remains closely knit, effective, and manageable.
2. Age Requirements: The guiding age range for membership shall be between twenty-eight (28) and fifty-seven (57) years of age. This age range supports the club's objectives by encouraging

active, engaged, and capable members who can contribute to the club's growth and mission.

ARTICLE THREE: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION A: GOVERNING COUNCIL

The club shall have an elected governing council comprising:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. General Secretary
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Financial Secretary
6. Treasurer
7. Director of Social Affairs and Public Relations
8. Welfare Officers (1 and 2)
9. Sergeants-at-Arms (Security Officers 1 and 2)
10. Representative of Floor Members

SECTION B: PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES

The President serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the club, overseeing all activities and ensuring that the club's mission and values are upheld. The President's responsibilities include:

1. Chief Executive Role: Acts as the primary spokesperson for the club.
2. Meeting Leadership: Presides over all general and executive meetings.
3. Emergency Meetings: Has the authority to call emergency meetings as necessary.
4. Policy and Bylaw Authority: May create temporary bylaws or policies to address unforeseen circumstances.

5. Vice President Oversight: Holds the authority to replace the Vice President if actions are deemed contradictory to the club's vision, provided justifiable reasons are documented.

SECTION C: VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President supports the President and assists in the administration and coordination of club activities, with responsibilities that include:

1. Supportive Role: Assists the President in all duties and takes on delegated responsibilities.
2. Leadership in Absence: Acts on behalf of the President in his absence, presiding over meetings and representing the club.
3. Chair of Committees: Serves as the head of specific committees, such as the Disciplinary or Special Events Committee.
4. Advisory Role: Offers counsel to the President, contributing to decision-making processes that align with the club's mission and objectives.

SECTIONS D-I: OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS

Responsibilities for other elected positions (General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Social Affairs and Public Relations, Welfare Officers, Sergeants-at-Arms) are clearly outlined to ensure smooth operations, accurate record-keeping, and welfare for members.

SECTION J: REPRESENTATIVE OF FLOOR MEMBERS:

The Representative of Floor Members serves as a direct voice for the general membership within the executive body. Elected solely by floor members, their responsibilities include:

1. *Member Advocacy*: Represents the general members' views, concerns, and needs in executive meetings.
2. *Communication*: Acts as a liaison between the executive and floor members.
3. *Feedback Collection*: Gathers feedback from floor members and presents it to the executive council.
4. *Participation in Decision-Making*: Provides input from the general membership perspective in executive meetings.

ARTICLE FOUR: FINANCES AND DUES

Section A: Sources of Finance

Funds come from dues, levies, registration fees, fines, donations, and income from club projects.

SECTION B: DUES AND LEVIES

1. Annual dues: ~~N~~50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira) per member.
2. Foundation levy: ~~N~~ 100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) for all members.

ARTICLE FIVE: RIGHTS AND BENEFITS

Section A: Life Rights

Members who have completed a minimum of five years of active membership are entitled to a ~~N~~ 3,000,000 (Three Million Naira) Life Right benefit, awarded during a significant event organized by the member.

SECTION B: SUPPORTING RIGHTS

Provides club support for significant life events, including child dedications, weddings, housewarmings, child education milestones, and chieftaincy titles. Standard support is ~~N~~ 500,000.00 (Five

Hundred Thousand Naira) with potential for increase based on member commitment.

DEATH BENEFITS:

1. Death of a Member: A total of ~~N~~ 10,000,000 (Ten Million Naira) shall be provided as a death benefit of ~~N~~ 5,000,000 (Five Million Naira) will be managed by a committee set up by the executive to handle expenses related to the member's funeral and support arrangements. The remaining ~~N~~ 5,000,000 (Five Million Naira) will be handed over directly to the deceased member's next of kin.
2. Death of a Member's Parent: ~~N~~ 2,000,000. (Two Million Naira).
3. Death of a Member's Child: ~~N~~ 500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira).
4. Death of a Member's Spouse: ~~N~~ 3,000,000. (Three Million Naira).

ARTICLE SIX: CODE OF CONDUCT

All members, including the President, BOT members, and Patrons, must adhere to ethical standards. Violations may result in removal, with justifiable reasons required for actions against executive members.

ADDITIONAL CLAUSES:

1. Members are strictly restrained from joining or forming any association or club derived from Amity Friends International Club if such association or club is established with the intent to undermine the peace and progress of Amity Friends International Club.
2. Any member or group of members found guilty of violating this provision shall face expulsion from the club.
3. Any member found conversing with or persuading Amity members to join another club or association with the intention of ridiculing

or undermining Amity Friends International Club shall be expelled from Amity.

4. Members must maintain decorum and uphold the club's values in all interactions, both within and outside of club activities.
5. The Amity Friends International Club of Nigeria as different persons of different spirit and ideologies has today join hands together and become one entity.
6. We declared that every member is expected to show high sense of responsibility maturity and social at all times, and also shall have respect and love for one another, show sincerity and accountability in all our dealings with the club and members.
7. During the time of meetings noise making attract a fine of **~~N~~500.00 (Five Hundred Naira)**.
8. Fighting between two members within and outside the club premises attract a fine of **~~N~~50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira)** and after the matter is decided the guilty member shall pay a further fine of **~~N~~100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira)** and one bottle of Jameson black barrel.
9. Any member who absents him/herself from any functions of the club while in Nigeria without cogent excuses shall pay a fine of **~~N~~30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Naira)** only.
10. Any member who is found constituting nuisance or smoking during the session of meeting or behaved in any way that could be interpreted to constitute nuisance shall pay a fine of **~~N~~5,000.00 (Five Thousand Naira)** and if in a public gathering the person shall pay the sum of **~~N~~20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Naira)**.

ARTICLE SEVEN: DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Misconduct includes, but is not limited to, fraud, violence, unauthorized

disclosures, disrespect toward the executive, and unconstitutional actions. Disciplinary measures include:

1. Investigation: Any alleged misconduct will be investigated by a committee appointed by the executive council.
2. Hearing: The member(s) in question will be given an opportunity to present their defense.
3. Consequences: Depending on the severity of the offense, consequences may include suspension, fines, or expulsion, subject to a popular vote by the General Assembly.
Appeal Process: Members have the right to appeal decisions through a formal process overseen by a separate committee.
4. If a member of the club is found stealing after thorough-lawful investigation shall be liable on conviction of the followings, eight (8) months suspension and on readmission shall bring one bottle of Jameson black barrel and one he goat with an apology letter.
5. Any member of the club convicted for the offence of armed robbery shall be expelled from the club without any right.
6. Any club member confirmed to have greedily, purposely, and enviously sponsored or participated in plotting any trick against the progress of another member shall go on six months suspension and after which pays a fine of ~~N~~200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) with an apology letter.
7. Incase of dispute between members any member who takes a fellow-member to an external body without first reporting the matter to the club, the member shall pay a fine of ~~N~~200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira).
8. Any member who betrays his confidence with his (A members wife) or property shall go on suspension for six months, and on re-

admission brings a letter of apology one bottle Jameson black barrel with the sum ~~N~~**300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira)**.

9. Any member who engages himself/herself in dishonorable act by exposing the official duties of the club, if found doing so the member shall pay a fine of ~~N~~**200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira)**.
10. Any member found in dishonorable act or disrespect to the club while in session given insult generally to the members shall go on two months suspension with one he-goat, and pay the sum of ~~N~~**100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira)** fine and an apology letter.
11. If a member is proved beyond doubt to have fabricated lies as to tarnish the image of a fellow member, shall pay a fine of ~~N~~**50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira)** with an apology letter.
12. Members are restrained from joining any association/club formed from Amity Friends International Club and which club is formed with the intension to undermine the peace and progress of the Amity Friends International Club. And if anybody or group of person(s) is found guilty of this paragraph the person/persons shall be expelled from the club.
13. Any member or group of persons who sabotage or gang up against the leadership or sales out privilege information of the club to any non member or group of persons, the person shall be liable to a fine of ~~N~~**500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira)** upon being found guilty.
14. The officers of this club shall be duly respected by all members, and any act of disrespect from a member or members shall attract a fine of ~~N~~**20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Naira)**.
15. Any physical act on an officer or property of the club by a member of the club shows an act of unruly behavior, this will attract three

months suspension with a fine of ~~N~~50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira).

16. Arbitrary use of powers by any officer without the order of the president or non constitutional order will attract a fine of ~~N~~50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira).

ARTICLE EIGHT: TRUSTEES

Section A: Board of Trustees (BOT).

The Board of Trustees of Amity Friends International Club shall consist of a maximum of eight (8) members. Eligibility is restricted to past Presidents or Vice Presidents who have demonstrated commitment and integrity. Positions on the Board are permanent, and BOT members provide strategic advice and oversee critical decisions.

SECTION B: INTERNAL AND EXTENDED PATRONS

1. Internal Patrons: Selected club members who have shown exceptional dedication and impact within Amity Friends International.
2. Extended Patrons: Distinguished individuals outside the club who hold significant positions in society and support the club's objectives.

ARTICLE NINE: ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

Section A: General Election Process

Elections for executive positions are held every four years. The President will select the Vice President as a running mate prior to the election. The selection of the Vice President is at the discretion of the President, ensuring alignment with the President's vision and goals for the club.

Section B: Conditions For Eligibility:

Candidates must be in good financial standing and actively engaged with the club. Board of Trustees and Patrons are ineligible to contest for elected positions. Executive officers are limited to two consecutive terms of service.

Section C: Voting Process and Term Limits

Voting is conducted by secret ballot to ensure transparency. Members who have served two terms in an executive role cannot run again for that position. The election shall be held in Imo State, Nigeria as decided by the electoral committee.

ARTICLE TEN: HOSTING OF AMITY FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL CLUB

SECTION A:

There shall be three types of meeting namely the General Assembly Meetings, the executive meetings and other meetings as may be called when necessary by the president.

- a) The General Assembly meeting shall be held in every month and shall be held for 12 times in a calendar year and shall be held in every 2nd Sunday of the Months.
- b) However the president or his executives may not withstanding paragraph A, summon or call for general meeting when the need arise.
- c) The General Assembly meeting shall be held in a particular place or at any other place that may be deemed fit by the executive.
- d) The General Assembly meeting shall start by 3pm on the above mentioned Sunday and the meeting shall start at list with the

presence of 12 Twelve members as a quorum with at least 7 members and 5 executive members.

- e) Any member who fails to attend the general Assembly meetings for 2 consecutive times while in Nigeria without any cogent excuses shall receive a warning letter or call from the club and where he or she fails to comply in the next general meeting, the person shall receive a suspension order of three months and when coming back to the club he or she shall come with an apology letter and with his or her old debts for clearance, and a fine of **~~N~~50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira)**.
- f) Any member who comes after the last meeting minutes has been read shall pay a fine of the sum of **~~N~~1000,00 (One Thousand Naira)** for lateness.
- g) Any member who absents himself or herself while in Nigeria from the General Assembly meetings without any excuse shall pay a fine of five **~~N~~5,000.00 (Five Thousand Naira)**.
- h) The entertainment/hosting of the General Assembly meetings. Shall be the responsibility of individuals of 5 members of the club or as may be agreed by members and shall be arranged from the clubs register.
- i) An individual may on his own willingly host the general meeting solely.
- j) Each new member is required to host the club independently as part of their initiation. Hosting includes:
 - ❖ Three and half cartons of Drostdy-Hof wine
 - ❖ One crate of Guinness beer
 - ❖ Two crates of Heineken beer
 - ❖ One crate of malt beverages
 - ❖ One cooler of cooked and garnished goat meat

- ❖ One cooler of jollof rice
- ❖ 15-20 portions of swallow with two types of native soup

PEACE/RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE:

There shall be a five man peace and reconciliation committee appointed by the executive, which shall be made up of two members of board of trustee, one patron and two other floor members, and shall be headed by the chairman of the board of trustee.

- a. Where there is any dispute arising between members or group of members and which the club is unable to settled, the matter shall referred to the Peace and Reconciliation committee.
- b. Members are not allowed to take any dispute arising from the club to any external body, or court without first allowing the Peace and Reconciliation committee to look into the matter.

Section B: Special Hosting Events

When Amity attends a member's event, a separate, well-decorated seating area should be provided, ensuring comfort and security. The Amity seating area must be ventilated and positioned prominently for visibility.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Section A: General Financial Responsibilities

Members are expected to fulfill all financial obligations, including dues, levies, and any other required contributions.

Section B: Indebtedness Limit

Members owing the club more than ₦ 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) only lose membership privileges, including voting rights and eligibility for office.

Section C: Debt Repayment Plan

A structured repayment plan may be offered at the discretion of the executive council for members who experience financial challenges.

Section D: Suspension for Financial Instability

Members with chronic debt issues and financial instability may face permanent suspension from the club.

ARTICLE TWELVE: RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED MEMBERS

Section A: President

The President serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Amity Friends International Club, overseeing all activities and ensuring that the club's mission and values are upheld. The President's responsibilities include:

1. **Chief Executive Role:** Acts as the primary spokesperson for the club.
2. **Meeting Leadership:** Presides over all general and executive meetings.
3. **Emergency Meetings:** Has the authority to call emergency meetings as necessary.
4. **Policy and Bylaw Authority:** May create temporary bylaws or policies to address unforeseen circumstances.
5. **Vice President Oversight:** Holds the authority to replace the Vice President if actions are deemed contradictory to the club's vision, provided justifiable reasons are documented.

Section B: Vice President

The Vice President supports the President and assists in the administration and coordination of club activities. The Vice President's responsibilities include:

1. **Supportive Role:** Assists the President in all duties and takes on delegated responsibilities.

2. **Leadership in Absence:** Acts on behalf of the President in their absence, presiding over meetings and representing the club.
3. **Chair of Committees:** Serves as the head of specific committees, such as the Disciplinary or Special Events Committee, to ensure smooth operations in critical areas.
4. **Advisory Role:** Offers counsel to the President, contributing to decision-making processes that align with the club's mission and objectives.

Section C: General Secretary

The General Secretary is responsible for maintaining the club's records and handling all administrative duties. The responsibilities include:

1. **Documentation:** Records minutes of meetings, prepares agendas, and maintains the club's archives.
2. **Correspondence:** Manages official communications within and outside the club.
3. **Record Keeping:** Maintains an up-to-date member registry and oversees important documents.
4. **Supporting Role:** Provides administrative support to the President and Vice President as needed.

Section D: Assistant Secretary

The Assistant Secretary supports the General Secretary and steps in when they are unavailable. The responsibilities include:

1. **Documentation Assistance:** Helps in recording minutes and handling club correspondence.
2. **Administrative Support:** Assists in maintaining records and member information.
3. **Stand-In Role:** Assumes the duties of the General Secretary in their absence.

Section E: Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary is responsible for managing the financial contributions and records of the club. The responsibilities include:

1. **Collections:** Collects dues, levies, and other payments from members.
2. **Financial Records:** Maintains accurate records of all financial transactions.
3. **Reporting:** Provides quarterly and annual financial reports to the club.

Section F: Treasurer

The Treasurer manages the club's funds, ensuring safekeeping and proper disbursement. The responsibilities include:

1. **Fund Custody:** Holds and manages the club's cash and bank accounts.
2. **Disbursements:** Issues payments based on the President's approval and Financial Secretary's record.
3. **Record Keeping:** Maintains receipts and ensures all financial transactions are documented.

Section G: Director of Social Affairs and Public Relations

This position oversees social events and maintains the club's public image. The responsibilities include:

1. **Event Coordination:** Plans and organizes social gatherings and special events for the club.
2. **Public Relations:** Promotes the club's image and communicates its activities to the public.
3. **Member Engagement:** Ensures active participation and engagement in club activities.

Section H: Welfare Officers (1 and 2)

The Welfare Officers are responsible for member welfare and ensure that members' needs are addressed. The responsibilities include:

1. **Member Welfare:** Oversees the wellbeing of members, providing support during personal challenges.
2. **Hospitality:** Manages food, drink, and hospitality during meetings and events.
3. **Event Assistance:** Assists in preparing arrangements for club events and gatherings.

Section I: Sergeants-at-Arms (Security Officers 1 and 2)

The Sergeants-at-Arms maintain order during meetings and oversee security arrangements. Their responsibilities include:

1. **Order and Discipline:** Ensures meetings and events run smoothly without disruption.
2. **Security Management:** Provides security for club events and protects the club's assets.
3. **Protocol Enforcement:** Enforces club protocols and assists the Welfare Officers as needed.

Section J: Representative of Floor Members

The Representative of Floor Members serves as a direct voice for the general membership within the executive body. This position is chosen solely by the floor members to ensure their interests and concerns are represented. Responsibilities include:

1. **Member Advocacy:** Represents the general members' views, concerns, and needs in executive meetings.

2. **Communication:** Acts as a liaison between the executive and floor members, ensuring transparent communication on club decisions and policies.
3. **Feedback Collection:** Gathers feedback and suggestions from floor members, presenting them to the executive for consideration.
4. **Participation in Decision-Making:** Participates in executive meetings, providing input from the general membership perspective, without necessarily holding voting power unless specified by the executive council.

CLOSING REMARKS SECTION FOR THE CONSTITUTION:

CLOSING REMARKS

- ❖ This Constitution of the Amity Friends International Club of Nigeria represents our collective commitment to unity, support, and progress within our esteemed organization. It serves as a guiding document to uphold the values of friendship, love, and prosperity that define our club.
- ❖ As members, we are entrusted with the responsibility to respect, uphold, and protect the principles set forth in this Constitution. Our dedication to these principles ensures the continued growth and strength of our club, fostering an environment where every member can thrive and contribute meaningfully.
- ❖ Amendments to this Constitution may be made as necessary to reflect the evolving needs of the club and its members, always aligning with our shared vision of togetherness and mutual support.
- ❖ Together, as friends forever, we pledge to uphold this Constitution with integrity and commitment.

**MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUTION DRAFTING COMMITTEE
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Signed:

SignedChairman Constitution drafting committee

Signedsecretary constitution drafting committee

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President on behalf of Executive Council of Amity Friends
International Club of Nigeria.