

# **Strokestown Golf Club**

## **Constitution**

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# **STROKESTOWN GOLF CLUB**

## **CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

### **1. PRELIMINARY, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

- 1.1 Rules herein contained are indicated by consecutive numbers.
- 1.2 Clauses are indicated by consecutive numbers preceded by Rule numbers.
- 1.3 Sub-Clauses are indicated by consecutive numbers preceded by Rule and Clause Numbers.
- 1.4 Sub-Sub-Clauses are indicated by consecutive numbers preceded by Rule, Clause and Sub-Clause numbers.
- 1.5 The “Men’s Club” shall mean the group of male amateur golfers operating under a constitution acceptable to the Golfing Union of Ireland and to which such club is affiliated.
- 1.6 The “Ladies’ Club” shall mean the group of female amateur golfers operating under a constitution acceptable to the Irish Ladies Golf Union and to which such club is affiliated.
- 1.7 The “Joint Club” shall mean the Club formed through the amalgamation of the two groups of amateur golfers defined in Clauses 1.5 and 1.6 above for the purpose of managing matters of common interest (other than the game of golf and its related activities) of both the Men’s Club and the Ladies’ Club including the provision and maintenance of the facilities owned by or available for use by the members. The Joint Club holds the assets of the club in trust on behalf of the Full Ordinary members of the Club. The Joint Club cannot become affiliated to either the Golfing Union of Ireland or the Irish Ladies Golf Union.
- 1.8 The name or title “Club”, without qualification, shall mean either the Men’s Club, the Ladies Club or the Joint Club where the context so admits or requires.
- 1.9 The name or title “Committee” and the Officer and Members thereof, without qualification, shall mean either the Men’s Committee, the Ladies’ Committee or the Committee of Management or each of their Officers and Members where the context so admits or requires.

### **2 TITLE AND OWNERSHIP**

- 2.1 The name of the club shall be **STROKESTOWN GOLF CLUB** and this name shall be the common name by which the Men’s Club, the Ladies’ Club and the Joint Club shall be individually and collectively known.
- 2.2 The official address of the Club is **BUMLIN, STROKESTOWN** in the County of **ROSCOMMON**.
- 2.3 The ownership of the Club assets shall be vested in the Trustees for the time being of the Club on behalf of the Full Ordinary Members as defined by Sub-Clause 11.3.1. The Full Ordinary Members only shall have Control of the affairs of the Club.

### **3 MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1 The membership of the Men’s Club shall consist of
  - 3.1.1 All categories of Male Member who are Life Members, Full Ordinary Members or other subscribing Members and Honorary (Life and Annual) Members each of whom has been elected to Membership of the Club by the General Committee of the Club in accordance with the provisions of the immediate preceding or an earlier Constitution of the Club and
  - 3.1.2 All categories of Male Member who are Life Members, Full Ordinary Members or other subscribing Members and Honorary (Life and Annual) Members each of whom has been elected to membership of the Men’s Golf Club in compliance with the Provisions of Sub-Clause 10.1.1. hereof.
- 3.2 The membership of the Ladies’ Club shall consist of

- 3.2.1 All categories of Female Member who are Life Members, Associate Members or other subscribing Members and Honorary (Life and Annual) Members each of whom has been elected to Membership of the Club by the General Committee of the Club in accordance with the provisions of the immediate preceding or an earlier Constitution of the Club and
- 3.2.2 All categories of Female Member who are Life Members, Full Ordinary Members, Associate Members or other subscribing Members and Honorary (Life and Annual) Members each of whom has been elected to membership of the Ladies Golf Club in compliance with the Provisions of Sub-Clause 10.1.2. hereof.
- 3.3 The Membership of the Joint Club shall consist of
  - 3.3.1 All categories of Male and Female Members each of whom has been elected to membership of the Club in accordance with the provision of the immediate preceding or an earlier Constitution of the Club and
  - 3.3.2 All categories of Member of each of the Men's Golf Club and the Ladies' Golf Club each of whom shall have been elected to the Club in compliance with the provision of Sub-Clause 10.1.3 hereof.
- 3.4 The number of Members electable to each category shall be decided from time to time at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 3.5 Only Full Ordinary Male Members as prescribed by Sub-Clauses 3.1.1 and 11.3.1 shall be
  - 3.5.1 entitled to attend and vote at all Annual, Special or Extraordinary General Meetings and
  - 3.5.2 entitled to nomination for and election to Office and General Committee of the Men's Club.
- 3.6 Only Full Ordinary Female Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.1 and Lady Associate Ordinary Members as prescribed by Sub-Clauses 3.2.1 and 11.3.2 shall be
  - 3.6.1 entitled to attend and vote at all Annual, Special or Extraordinary General Meetings and
  - 3.6.2 entitled to nomination for and election to Office and General Committee of the Ladies' Club.
- 3.7 Only Full Ordinary Members as prescribed by Sub-Clauses 3.1.1 and 11.3.1 shall be
  - 3.7.1 entitled to attend and vote at all Annual, Special or Extraordinary General Meetings and
  - 3.7.2 entitled to nomination for and election to Office and General Committee of the Joint Club subject always to the provisions of Sub-Clauses 7.13 and 19.4.1.

#### **4. OBJECTS**

- 4.1 The Men's Club shall:
  - 4.1.1 Promote the Amateur Game of Golf amongst its members.
  - 4.1.2 Accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Golfing Union of Ireland to which the Club is affiliated and the Bye-laws of the CONNACHT Branch of such Union in whose province the club is situate.
    - 4.1.2.1 In compliance with the Union Bye-laws to pay, on every 1<sup>st</sup> January,
      - (i) a per capita subscription to the Union and
      - (ii) a per capita levy to its Provincial Council on every male playing member of the Club at the end of its last financial year in the categories prescribed by such Bye-law.

- 4.1.3 Accept and apply the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme as prescribed by the Council of National Golf Unions and such rules thereunder as may require to be implemented from time to time by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
  - 4.1.4 Accept and recognise the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status.
  - 4.1.5 Authorise the Joint Club to manage matters of common interest (other than the game of Golf and its related activities) which the Men's Club has with the Ladies' Club subject to and as provided in these rules.
- 4.2 The Ladies' Club shall:
- 4.2.1 Promote the Amateur Game of Golf amongst its members.
  - 4.2.2 Accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Irish Ladies' Golf Union and the Bye-laws of the CONNACHT District in which the club is situate.
  - 4.2.3 Accept and apply the handicapping system as prescribed by the Irish Ladies Golf Union and such rules thereunder as may require to be implemented from time to time by such Union.
  - 4.2.4 Accept and recognise the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status.
  - 4.2.5 Authorise the Joint Club to manage matters of common interest (other than the game of Golf and its related activities) which the Ladies' Club has with the Men's Club subject to and as provided in these rules.
- 4.3 The Joint Club shall:
- 4.3.1 provide facilities for the playing and promotion of the amateur game of golf by Men, Women and Juniors and generally promote amateur games and other social activities amongst its members.
  - 4.3.2 manage matters of common interest of both the Men's and the Ladies' Clubs which shall include:
    - 4.3.2.1 provision of and responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the course and clubhouse and their environs to the standards required by members.
    - 4.3.2.2 Provision of Bar and Catering facilities and all these entail.
    - 4.3.2.3 Collection of Annual Club Subscriptions and other club levies payable by members.
  - 4.3.3 Adhere to the maximum number of members of the different categories of member which can be elected to each of the Men's and the Ladies' Club. Any alteration in the number permitted in each category shall be decided at an Annual General or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.
  - 4.3.4 Adhere to the existing rate of
    - (i) Club Entrance Fee
    - (ii) Annual Subscription (individual and family)
    - (iii) Capital Levy (if any)
    - (iv) Compulsory Spending (if any)
 being paid by members of different categories of member in each of the Men's and the Ladies' Club.
  - 4.3.5 Any alteration in any of the rates in Sub-Clause 4.3.4 shall be decided at an Annual General or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.
  - 4.3.6 In consultation with the committees of both the Men's and the Ladies' Clubs decide on the rate of Green Fees payable by visitors to the club.
  - 4.3.7 Generally to act in the promotion and advancement of the interests of the Club and the improvement of the facilities available to members.

- 4.3.8 Promote an environment which is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of their members. Every individual in golf should at all times, show respect and understanding for member's rights, safety and welfare. When dealing with juniors they should conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club and the guidelines contained in the Club's Code of Ethics for Golf for Young People.

## **5. TRUSTEES**

- 5.1 The Trustees shall be not more than seven and not less than four Full Ordinary Members of the Joint Club. Such Trustees shall be appointed by the members at a General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 5.2 Each Trustee shall hold office until resignation or removal from office by resolution of the members at a General or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 5.3 The Assets of the club as the Committee of Management of the Joint Club (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee of Management") shall determine shall be vested in and under the legal control of the Trustees and such Trustees shall deal with the Assets of the Club as directed by a resolution of the Committee of Management of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be sufficient evidence.
- 5.4 If the Trustees, when directed by a resolution of the Committee of Management to perform a certain act, consider that the performance of such act is one of such importance that they consider that the members of the Joint Club should be consulted, then the Trustees may refuse to perform such act until the members of the Joint Club have been consulted at a General or Special General Meeting and a resolution is passed at such meeting authorising or refusing to authorise the Trustees to perform such act as was originally directed by the Committee of Management.
- 5.5 The Trustees shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Committee of Management, without voting rights, in their capacity as Trustees.
- 5.6 The Trustees shall be indemnified out of the Joint Club Assets in respect of all transactions directed by a resolution of the Committee of Management against all liabilities and expenses necessarily incurred as a result of their trusteeship and in the event of the Joint Club assets being deficient, such deficiency shall be made good by the Full Ordinary Members on whose behalf the assets of the Club are held.

## **6. OFFICERS**

- 6.1 The Officers of the Men's Club shall be a Captain, a Vice-Captain, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Match and Handicapping Secretary.
- 6.2 The Officers of the Ladies' Club shall be a Captain, a Vice-Captain, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Match and Handicapping Secretary.
- 6.3 The Officers of the Joint Club shall be a President, Chairperson of the Committee of Management, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Registrar.

## **7. MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 Allocation of Functions.
- 7.1.1 The business and affairs on the Men's Club shall be under the jurisdiction and control of a General Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The men's Committee") consisting of the Officers of the Men's Club and one (1) further member if elected.
- 7.1.2 The business and affairs of the Ladies Club shall be under the jurisdiction and control of a General Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The Ladies' Committee") consisting of the Officers of the Ladies' Club and three (3) other voting Members of the Ladies' Club elected under Sub-Clause 7.2.3 and Clause 21.7.

- 7.1.3 The business and affairs of the Joint Club shall be under the jurisdiction and control of a Committee of Management consisting of The President, Chairperson of the Committee of Management, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Registrar, Captain of the Men's Club, Captain of the Ladies' Club and a further addition of up to a maximum of four (4) members if elected in accordance with rules 7.2.3 and 21.7 hereof.
- 7.1.4 Each of the aforementioned Committees may exercise its powers notwithstanding that there might be a vacancy or vacancies in its membership.
- 7.1.5 Nothing in this rule shall preclude a member of either the Men's or the Ladies' committees being also a member of the Committee of Management or vice versa.
- 7.1.6 At meetings of any of the above Committees fifty percent (50%) of those entitled to attend and vote shall form a quorum.
- 7.1.7 At meetings of the Men's or the Ladies' Committees the Chair shall be taken by the Captain or, if absent by the Vice Chairperson of the Club concerned. At meetings of the Committee of Management the Chair shall be taken by the Chairperson or if absent by the Vice Chairperson in the absence of the above Officers at a particular meeting those in attendance, having vote, shall elect a Chairperson
- 7.1.8 The Chairperson at a meeting shall, in addition to a deliberative vote, have, and shall exercise, a casting vote.

## 7.2 Elections – Officers and Committees

- 7.2.1 The Captain of each of the Men's Club and the Ladies Club shall retire after one years service, and shall be succeeded by the Vice-Captain, provided always that the members at Annual Meeting may vote that the outgoing Captain should serve in that capacity for a longer period. Should the out-going Captain consent and be re-elected the tenure of Office of the Vice-Captain shall be extended for a similar period.
- 7.2.2 The other Honorary Officers and Ordinary Members of Committee shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election provided always that the same Office or Committee ranking shall not be held by such Officer or Committee Member, for more than ten (10) consecutive years.
- 7.2.3 With the exception of the Chairperson of the Committee of Management of the Joint Club the election of Office Bearers, Members of Committees and Auditors shall be made at the respective Annual General Meetings.
- 7.2.4 The Vice-Captains shall be nominated by the respective Men's and Ladies' Committees.
- 7.2.5 Nominations (with the consent of the nominee) for election to any Honorary Office or as an Ordinary Member of Committee shall be made, except as heretofore provided:
  - 7.2.6.1 by the General Committee of the particular Club
  - or
  - 7.2.6.2 by any two Full Ordinary Members of the particular Club.
- 7.2.6 All nominations shall be given to the Honorary Secretary of the particular Club at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of that Club.
- 7.2.7 A complete list of Nominees (Officers and Committee) together with the names of their proposers and seconders must be posted on the Club Notice Board for at least seven days prior to the date of the particular Annual General Meeting.
- 7.2.8 The respective Committees shall have power to fill vacancies in any of these Offices (including membership of its Committee) during any year. The persons so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the particular Club. Such appointments shall not be construed as forming part of any time limit provided for in Sub-Clause 7.2.2.
- 7.2.9 The office of any Office Bearer shall be vacated by such Office Bearer resigning therefrom or on ceasing to be a member of either the Men's or the Ladies' Clubs or

being removed by a resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the appropriate Club.

### 7.3 Committee Meetings

- 7.3.1 Stated meetings of the Men's and Ladies' Committees shall be held not less than eight (8) times per annum.
- 7.3.2 Stated meetings of the Committee of Management shall be held not less than four (4) times per annum and Special Meetings on such dates as may be found convenient for the transaction of business on at least seven (7) days notice being given by the Chairperson or Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club.
- 7.3.3 Upon a requisition signed by not less than three (3) members of a Committee, stating the nature of the business to be transacted, the Captain, Chairperson or Honorary Secretary of the particular Club shall call a Special Meeting of such Committee for the consideration thereof; and if the Officers designated above neglect or refuse to call such meeting within seven days the same may be convened by notice signed by three (3) members of such Committee.

### 7.4 Employment of Staff

- 7.4.1 The Committee of Management shall have power to appoint employees upon such terms and conditions as such Committee may determine; to terminate such appointments and also to appoint substitutes from time to time.

### 7.5 Management Regulations

- 7.5.1 The Committee of Management is empowered to make, and from time to time alter, such Bye-laws and regulations for the management of the Joint Club as it may consider necessary.
- 7.5.2 In consultation with both the Men's and the Ladies' Committees the Committee of Management is also empowered to make such Local Rules (provided same are not at variance with the Rules of Golf) and regulations for the use of the course as are required in the interest of all members.
- 7.5.3 Every member of every category and every visitor or other person using the clubhouse or course shall be subject to, and must comply with, all Rules, Bye-laws and regulations in force.

### 7.6 Appointment of Sub-Committee

- 7.6.1 The Men's and the Ladies' Committees and the Committee of Management shall each have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to appoint members of their respective clubs to act on such Sub-Committees and to define the scope of their authority and to delegate and confer upon such Sub-Committees the powers necessary for the discharge of the function or functions for which such Sub-Committees were formed. No Sub-Committee may be formed to elect members. (See Clause 10.1)
- 7.6.2 Each Sub-Committee shall retire annually on the date of the Annual General Meeting of its respective club or when the function for which it was appointed is completed.
- 7.6.3 The quorum of each Sub-Committee shall be defined at the time of appointment.
- 7.6.4 The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall, in addition to a deliberative vote, have, and shall exercise a casting vote.

## 8. ADMINISTRATION

- 8.1 The three sections of the Club shall be administered as follows:



- 8.1.1 The Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club shall be responsible for the every-day affairs of that Club except such duties which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Men's Club or to the Secretary/Manager.
- 8.1.2 The Honorary Secretary of the Ladies' Club shall be responsible for the every-day affairs of that Club except such duties which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Ladies' Club or to the Secretary/Manager.
- 8.1.3 The Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club shall be responsible for the every-day affairs of that Club except such duties which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Joint Club or to the Secretary/Manager.
- 8.1.4 All written complaints concerning matters under the jurisdiction and control of the Committee of the particular Club shall be referred primarily to the Honorary Secretary of that Club who, if unable to resolve same, shall place the complaint on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee of such Club for investigation and decision. (See Rule 17,18)
- 8.1.5 The Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club shall also act as Liaison Officer between the Committee of Management and each of the men's and the Ladies' Committees.

## **9. FINANCE**

- 9.1 The financial affairs of the Joint Club shall be administered as follows:
  - 9.1.1 The Honorary Treasurer of the Joint Club shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Joint Club.
  - 9.1.2 The Banking Account shall be kept in the name of the Joint Club (and shall be clearly identified as such) in such Bank as the Committee of Management may from time to time determine. All cheques shall be signed as authorised by resolution of the Committee of Management.
  - 9.1.3 The Honorary Treasurer of the Joint Club shall issue a statement of the affairs of the Joint Club for the financial year ended October for consideration by the Committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club which shall be held not later than two (2) months following.
- 9.2 The financial affairs of the Men's Club shall be administered as follows:
  - 9.2.1 The Honorary Treasurer of the Men's Club shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Men's Club.
  - 9.2.2 The Banking Account shall be kept in the in the name of the Men's Club (and shall be clearly identified as such) in such Bank as the Men's Committee may, in consultation with the Committee of Management, from time to time determine. All cheques shall be signed as authorised by resolution of the Committee
  - 9.2.3 The Men's Committee shall be responsible for the payment to the Golfing Union of Ireland of the annual per capita subscription and Provincial Levy on members as required by the Bye-laws of the union.
  - 9.2.4 The Men's Committee shall be entitled to charge and retain all entry fees in Club and Open competitions under its control and management for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes.
  - 9.2.5 The Honorary Treasurer of the Men's Club shall issue a statement of the affairs of the Men's Club for the financial year ended October for consideration by the Men's Committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club which shall be held not later than two (2) months following.

- 9.2.6 Following the meeting of the Men's Committee at which the accounts are considered the Honorary Treasurer shall immediately forward a copy of the accounts to the Honorary Treasurer of the Committee of Management for information.
- 9.3 The financial affairs of the Ladies' Club shall be administered as follows:
- 9.3.1 The Honorary Treasurer of the Ladies' Club shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Ladies Club.
- 9.3.2 The Banking Account shall be kept in the in the name of the Ladies' Club (and shall be clearly identified as such) in such Bank as the Ladies Committee may, in consultation with the Committee of Management, from time to time determine. All cheques shall be signed as authorised by resolution of the Committee
- 9.3.3 The ladies' Committee shall be responsible for the payment to the Irish Ladies Golf Union of the annual per capita subscription as required by the Constitution of the Union.
- 9.3.4 The Ladies Committee shall be entitled to charge and retain all entry fees in Club and Open competitions under its control and management for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes.
- 9.3.5 The Honorary Treasurer of the Ladies Club shall issue a statement of the affairs of the Ladies' Club for the financial year ended October for consideration by the Ladies' Committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Club which shall be held not later than two (2) months following.
- 9.3.6 Following the meeting of the Ladies' Committee at which the accounts are considered the Honorary Treasurer shall immediately forward a copy of the accounts to the Honorary Treasurer of the Committee of Management for information.

## **10.0 ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

- 10.1 Subject to the agreed limitation as to the number of members electable to the different categories of member:
- 10.1.1 The election of all Male Members shall be in the hands of the Men's Committee.
- 10.1.2 The election of all Female Members shall be in the hands of the Ladies' Committee.
- 10.1.3 The Committee of Management shall elect all members of each of the Men's and the Ladies' Club to the Joint Club.
- 10.2 The procedure for the election of members to each of the Men's Club and the Ladies' Club shall be as follows:
- 10.2.1 Each Candidate for election (except in the case on Honorary Members) must be proposed by one voting member of the particular Club and seconded by one other voting member of such Club.
- 10.2.2 In each Club the Committee may prescribe the minimum number of year's membership required before a member is entitled to avail of the provisions of Sub-Clause 10.2.1.
- 10.2.3 The proposer and seconder must each know their candidate.
- 10.2.4 A voting member of either the Men's or the Ladies' Club wishing to propose a candidate for election shall obtain from the Honorary Secretary of the Committee of Management a form know as an Application for Membership form and shall in due course return to the same Honorary Secretary such form duly completed and signed by the proposer and seconder, in addition forward to the Committee of Management such additional information as might be required.
- 10.2.5 If the Committee of Management decides that the name of the candidate for election should go forward for consideration it shall forward the name and address to the

Honorary Secretary of the appropriate club whose committee shall make the final decision as provided in Clause 10.1. The name and address of such candidate shall be posted on the Clubhouse Notice Board for at least 7 days before the meeting at which the application is to be considered.

- 10.2.6 Any omissions from or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to any candidate shall render election voidable at the discretion of the Committee.
- 10.2.7 Immediately on election of a candidate to membership to the Men's or the Ladies' Clubs such club shall notify the Committee of Management of the name, address and category of the elected candidate. Notice in writing shall be dispatched to all elected candidates by the Secretary and a request to remit to the Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club its Bankers within one calendar month from the date of such request the amount of the Entrance fee, Capital Levy (if any) and first subscription and any other charges payable by the category of member to which the candidate has been elected.
- 10.2.8 Should the requested payment not be made within one calendar month of the date of such request as aforesaid, the election shall be void unless the candidate shall satisfy the Committee that the delay in payment was due to some unavoidable cause.
- 10.2.9 If a candidate is not elected to membership and at a later date wishes to make a further application for membership, the same procedure, as set out above must be followed on any subsequent application.
- 10.2.10 It shall be the duty of every elected member to acquaint himself/herself of the Constitution, Rules and Bye-laws of the Club and each such member shall be bound by same and by all acts and deeds of any person or persons acting for or on behalf of the Club under any power, authority or discretion conferred by or pursuant to such Constitution, Rules or Bye-laws.
- 10.2.11 No person shall be considered a member (except Honorary) until his/her Entrance fee (if any) and subscription shall have been paid. By such payment a member
  - 10.2.11.1 Shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership of the category of member to which he/she shall have been elected.
  - 10.2.11.2 Acknowledge that he/she submits and is bound by the Constitution, Rules and Bye-laws of the Club and every renewal of subscription by him/her shall be deemed to be a similar acknowledgement.

## 11. CATEGORIES OF MEMBER

11.1 The Joint Club, shall at Annual General Meetings, decide on the categories of member, which will operate within the Club and be empowered to limit the number of members in each category of membership.

11.2 Voting and Non-Voting Members may be elected to the Men's Club and to the Ladies' Club.

11.3 The following shall be

### VOTING MEMBERS

11.3.1 FULL ORDINARY MEMBERS shall comprise Men and Women who, having paid the Entrance Fee, Annual Subscription and Capital Levy (if any) applicable to this category, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Annual General and all Special General Meetings of either the men's or the Ladies' Clubs of which each such member has been elected a voting member and at all Annual General and all Special General Meetings of the Joint Club. This category shall include Full Ordinary or Ordinary Male Members elected as such under an earlier Constitution of the Club.

11.3.2 LIFE MEMBERS shall comprise persons who have discharged a specified sum as determined by the committee of management; shall remain a full ordinary member for their natural life (subject to these rules) and enjoy all the same rights and privileges of a full ordinary member.

11.4 The following, of either gender shall be

## NON-VOTING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- 11.4.1 FIVE-DAY MEMBER shall comprise persons who wish to enjoy the facilities of the course and clubhouse from Monday to Friday only each week. (Optional addition) Subject to the proviso that Public Holidays are excluded from the facility of the course.
  - 11.4.2 UNIVERSITY AND STUDENT MEMBERS shall comprise undergraduates and students of Irish Universities and Medical Schools or of some Institute of Learning as either the Men's or Ladies' Committees decide. Such membership shall cease on 31<sup>st</sup> December following graduation or qualification or on 31<sup>st</sup> December six years after the date of election whichever period shall be the shorter.
  - 11.4.3 JUNIOR AND JUVENILE MEMBERS shall comprise young persons whose age at the date of election shall not be more than eighteen years.
  - 11.4.4 COUNTRY MEMBERS shall comprise persons whose residence is 12 miles distant from the course provided each applicant for this category is already a voting member of another golf club which is affiliated to either Union. Such membership shall terminate as and when the member comes to reside permanently within 12 miles of the course or ceases to be a voting member of another affiliated golf club.
  - 11.4.5 OVERSEAS MEMBERS shall comprise persons whose permanent residence is outside Ireland. Such membership shall terminate as and when the member comes to reside permanently in Ireland.
  - 11.4.6 SOCIAL OR HOUSE MEMBERS shall comprise persons who wish to enjoy the facilities of the clubhouse. Such members shall not be entitled to use the course without payment of the appropriate green fee.
  - 11.4.7 HONORARY MEMBERS shall comprise persons who either the men's or the Ladies' Committees wish to acknowledge as having rendered exceptional service to the Club or to the game of golf or whose distinguished position or public service would render their membership of special advantage to the Club.
  - 11.4.8 DISTANT MEMBERS shall comprise persons whose residence is 50 (fifty) miles distant or more from the course. Such membership shall terminate as and when the member comes to reside within 50 (fifty) miles of the course. Distant Members shall be entitled to attend at all AGM's or Special General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 11.5 The following shall be the categories of member, which are transferable within the membership structure.
- 11.5.1 UNIVERSITY AND JUNIOR MEMBERS on ceasing to be eligible for these categories and wishing to be elected to another category shall be treated with priority at the next election meeting.
  - 11.5.2 FIVE DAY MEMBERS wishing to be elected to another category shall be treated with priority at the next election meeting after any application under Sub-Clause 11.5.1 has been dealt with.
  - 11.5.3 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP any two co-habiting adults who are elected voting members shall be entitled to apply to the Committee of Management to become family members which will provide the following rights and privileges.
    - 11.5.3.1 Each of the co-habitants shall continue to enjoy the rights and privileges of their respective categories.
    - 11.5.3.2 Each son and daughter under 12 years of age shall enjoy the rights and privileges of Junior Members.
    - 11.5.3.3 Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
    - 11.5.3.4 Children over 12 years of age shall cease to be family members at 31<sup>st</sup> December following their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday but may apply for junior membership.

- 11.5.3.5 The Committee of Management shall decide on the annual membership subscription to apply to the co-habiting couple and their qualifying children. The co-habiting couple shall have joint and several liability to discharge the annual membership subscription.
- 11.5.3.6 Where one partner of a co-habiting couple is elected a Social or House Member, the Committee of Management shall decide on an annual membership subscription payable by co-habiting couple to enable them to avail of the rights as granted in accordance with the provision of the existing constitution.

## **12. ENTRANCE FEE**

- 12.1 On election the following categories of member may be required to pay an Entrance Fee: Full Ordinary, Lady Associate Ordinary, Five-Day, Country, Overseas, Distant and Social or House.
- 12.2 University/Student and Junior/Juvenile Members shall not be required to pay an entrance fee.
- 12.3 When a University/Student or Junior/Juvenile Member is obliged to relinquish either category and seeks election to another category within the club the appropriate entrance fee shall be payable on election to the new category.
- 12.4 Should a Five-day, Country, Distant or Overseas Member apply to become a member of another category the amount of the entrance fee payable shall be the appropriate amount payable at the date of election as a member of the other category less the amount of the entrance fee paid by such member on election to the previous category.
- 12.5 Should a Social or House Member wish to apply for election as a playing member under either of Clauses 3.1 or 3.2 such member must have an application submitted in compliance with Clause 10.2 and as and when elected the applicant shall receive the benefit of Clause 12.4 in so far as the category of member warrants.
- 12.6 The amount of the entrance fee payable by the different categories of member shall initially be fixed by the Committee under Sub-Clause 4.3.4 and ratified or altered at the next Annual or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club. Thereafter such entrance fee shall remain in operation until altered at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.

## **13. ANNUAL CLUB SUBSCRIPTION**

- 13.1 All categories of member, except Honorary Member, shall be required to pay an Annual Club Subscription.
- 13.2 The amount payable by the different categories shall initially be fixed by the Committee of Management under Sub-Clause 4.3.4 and ratified or altered at the next Annual or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 13.3 All subscriptions shall be payable on 1<sup>st</sup> January in any year.
- 13.4 Any member whose subscription shall be unpaid on 31<sup>st</sup> March in any year shall cease to be a member of the Club.
- 13.5 The Secretary/Manager shall notify the Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club of the name of any such member and the Committee concerned shall not be entitled to allow such member to compete in any Club or Open Competition under its control or represent the Club in Team Matches, Union, Branch or District Events.

## **14. CAPITAL LEVY**

- 14.1 The Joint Club may vote to introduce a Capital Levy on such categories of Members as it considers appropriate to fund any additional acquisition of land or buildings, construction work or improvements to the course, clubhouse or its environs.

- 14.2 The amount of such levy shall be payable at the same time as the Annual Subscription and the same penalties shall apply.
- 14.3 The levy shall also be made payable by Full Ordinary Members availing of the provisions of Sub-Clause 11.5.4.
- 14.4 The Joint Club may vote to introduce a compulsory spending charge for catering within the clubhouse on such categories of member, as it considers appropriate.

## **15. FREEZING OF ANNUAL CLUB SUBSCRIPTION**

- 15.1 The Committee of Management may freeze the rate of subscription payable by any member who reaches the age of 65 years provided the member:
  - 15.1.1 Has retired from business or profession and
  - 15.1.2 Is no longer engaged in full time gainful employment or
  - 15.1.3 Is mainly engaged in household duties.
- 15.2 Thereafter the Club Subscription payable by such member shall remain the same as that paid in the year such member advises the Committee of Management of qualification under Clause 15.1.
- 15.3 The Committee of Management shall also be empowered to grant similar facilities to Widows irrespective of age.
- 15.4 Full Ordinary Members whose subscriptions are frozen shall thereafter not be liable for payment of any Capital levy or Compulsory Spending Charge.

## **16. VISITORS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

- 16.1 Any member may introduce visitors.
- 16.2 It shall be a condition precedent that the member effecting the introduction shall enter each visitors name, address and date of visit immediately on entering the clubhouse in a book to be kept for the purpose called a "Visitors Book" and such entry must be attested by the signature of the introducing member.
- 16.3 No visitor shall be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation of and in the company of the introducing member.
- 16.4 The charge for visitors shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee of Management under Sub-Clause 4.3.7 who are also empowered to make regulations for non-playing visitors.
- 16.5 Every playing visitor must procure a Green Fee Voucher.
- 16.6 On the issue of each Green Fee Voucher the name of the visitor, the number and amount of the green fee and the name of the introducing member must be immediately entered in the "Green Fee Book".
- 16.7 In addition the Secretary/Manager or his representative, having made and attested the necessary entry in the Visitor's Book, may permit a person or group not having an introduction from a member, to play on the course and use the clubhouse as a visitor on payment of the current Green Fee.
- 16.8 The payment of the Green Fee shall entitle the visitor to temporary membership on the club for the day.
- 16.9 A member who fails to enter a visitor's name in the Visitors Book shall be liable to a fine to be determined by the Committee of Management and shall be personally responsible for the payment of the appropriate Green Fee where applicable.
- 16.10 The Committee of Management shall have the power to suspend any rules permitting the introduction of visitors or temporary members at any time and refuse permission for any particular visitor or temporary member to use the course or clubhouse.
- 16.11 Competitors in Club Open Competitions held on the course and extending for more than one day shall, on payment of the entry fee and green fee (if chargeable) for the competition and on such fee(s) being accepted by the committee in charge of the competition, be eligible to use the course and clubhouse, without further payment or nomination for election, as temporary

members for a period not exceeding one day prior to the date fixed for such competition, and for every day during the continuance of such competition.

16.12 Competitors in Open Competitions limited to one day shall likewise be eligible for Temporary Membership status on the day of the competition only.

16.13 The Committee of Management may (and without assigning any reason if they so think right) cancel the admission of any Day Visitor or Temporary Member whose admission may be irregular or whose presence or conduct they deem objectionable, or who deliberately breaks any of the Rules, Bye-laws or Regulations of the Club.

16.14 The fee paid by such Visitor or Temporary member may, at the discretion of the Committee of Management, be either forfeited or refunded.

## **17. FINES**

17.1 The Committee of Management is empowered to impose fines for breaches of the Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the Joint Club in force for the time being or for breaches of the etiquette of golf, and may also at any time (either instead of, or in addition to, fines) temporarily withdraw the use of the clubhouse and course from any member whose conduct or breaches of the Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations may, in the opinion of the Committee of Management, justify this course.

17.2 Any member refusing or failing to pay a fine so imposed within one month after notification thereof may not be permitted to use the clubhouse or course until such fine has been paid.

17.3 Each of the Men's and Ladies' Committees shall report any member of their club to the Committee of Management for investigation and penalty under this rule if they, in their absolute discretion, consider the breach warrants it.

## **18. REMOVAL OF MEMBER FROM THE CLUB AND SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS**

18.1 If any allegation of misconduct by a member be submitted to an Officer, in writing any officer shall make such enquires as are considered necessary to obtain all relevant details. Such information shall be placed before the Committee of Management, which shall, in meeting, enquire into such conduct.

18.2 If in the opinion of the Committee of Management the conduct in question may warrant the suspension (by the temporary withdrawal of the privileges of membership) or expulsion of such member he or she shall be so informed in writing. The member shall have the right to appear and speak at and/or to make a written submission which shall be read at any subsequent meeting at which the conduct in question shall be considered and all related information shall be placed before the Committee of Management.

18.3 If after making such further enquiries as it considers necessary into the conduct of the member and hearing such explanation, if any, as he or she may offer, the Committee of Management, decides that his or her conduct has not been explained or accounted for to its satisfaction but was not such to warrant expulsion of the member, such Committee may instead, by a majority, suspend the member for a period not exceeding three months and it shall notify the Men's or the Ladies' Committee concerned of its decision with which such Committee will abide. Should a majority of the Committee of Management not be satisfied that the charges of misconduct have been proved no further action shall be taken.

18.4 If no explanation of his or her conduct shall be given by the member, or if such explanation shall be considered unsatisfactory by the Committee of Management it may, provided that not less than a two-third majority of the members of the Committee vote for such course of action

18.4.1 Recommend to the Committee of the Golf Club concerned that such member be expelled by that Committee, which may, in its absolute discretion, decide to act on or reject such recommendation.

18.4.1.1 Should the Committee concerned decide to act on such recommendation it may only do so provided not less than a two-third

of such Committee vote in favour of expulsion provided always that on taking such vote less than one-third members vote for expulsion the recommendation shall be deemed to have been rejected.

18.4.1.2 The committee concerned shall notify the Committee of Management of its decision and, if it is to reject the recommendation it shall request the Committee of Management to proceed in accordance with Clause 18.3.

- 18.5 When the Committee concerned has resolved that a member be suspended or expelled, such member shall, within seven days of the date of the decision, be given notice, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary, or other authorised Officer, of his or her club of the decision, by registered post or by delivery of such notice to his or her last known address.
- 18.6 Notice of an appeal under Clause 18.5 having been given, the decision shall not take effect for a period of twenty one days from the date of notification by the Club to the member and the relevant Men's or Ladies' Committees notified of such appeal.
- 18.7 The member shall have the right to have the appeal heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting of his or her Golf Club requisitioned under Sub-Clause 19.5.2 provided that the necessary signatures for such requisition are procured either by the member in question or by any other Full Ordinary Member. This meeting shall, by a majority, decide whether the expulsion shall be confirmed, reduced or repealed. Should the signatures provided for in Sub-Clause 19.5.2 not be obtained within twenty one days from the date of the notification by the Club to the member, the Committee concerned shall have the power to deem the appeal to have lapsed and to enforce the decision forthwith, or to allow an additional period should it decide, by a simple majority, that the circumstances warrant it.
- 18.8 A decision by the Committee of Management or other Committee concerned under the Rule shall stand unless and until an appeal is received, by an Officer of the Committee of Management, against it. Provided an appeal has been received, and an Extraordinary General Meeting duly requisitioned, the expulsion or suspension shall not then take effect, pending the holding of the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 18.9 During the period of suspension the member shall not be entitled:
- 18.9.1 to enter upon the Club property, whether in the company of another member or otherwise.
- 18.9.1.1 save only to collect his or her property or,
- 18.9.1.2 for the purpose of attending any General Meeting which may be held during the period of suspension.
- 18.9.2 to a refund or rebate of the whole or any part of his or her annual subscription or other paid or payable by him or her to the club in respect of the year during which the suspension occurs.
- 18.10 A person who has been expelled from membership shall not be entitled:
- 18.10.1 to enter upon the Club property, whether in the company of another member or otherwise.
- 18.10.1.1 save only to collect his or her property.
- 18.10.2 to a refund or rebate of the whole or any part of his or her annual subscription or other paid or payable by him or her to the club in respect of the year during which the expulsion occurs.
- 18.11 Any member expelled by his or her Golf Club under this Rule shall automatically cease to be a member of the Joint Club.
- 18.12 All voting under this Rule shall be by secret ballot.

## **19. GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **19.1 The Men's Club**

- 19.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be held in the month of December for receiving the Men's Club



Committee's Annual Report and the Financial Statement for the year ended the previous October, for electing Office Bearers, Members of Committee and Auditors, revising its rules and transacting such other business of the Men's Club as may be on the Agenda.

- 19.1.2 Fourteen days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Male Full Ordinary Members of the Club who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the men's Club.
- 19.1.3 Notices of Motion and nominations of Officers and members of the Committee of the Men's Club must be made to the Honorary Secretary of the Club, in writing, at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting.
- 19.1.4 Such notices and nominations shall be promptly posted on the Club Notice Board.
- 19.1.5 Notices of Motion and nominations not made as required may not (at the sole discretion of the committee) be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

## 19.2 The Ladies' Club

- 19.2.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be held in the month of December for receiving the Men's Club Committee's Annual Report and the Financial Statement for the year ended the previous October, for electing Office Bearers, Members of Committee and Auditors, revising its rules and transacting such other business of the Ladies' Club as may be on the Agenda.
- 19.2.2 Fourteen days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Female Full Ordinary Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.1, and to the Lady Associate Ordinary Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.2 who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at a General meeting of the Ladies' Club.
- 19.2.3 Notices of Motion and nominations of Officers and members of the Committee of the Ladies Club must be made to the Honorary Secretary of the Club, in writing, at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting.
- 19.2.4 Such notices and nominations shall be promptly posted on the Club Notice Board.
- 19.2.5 Notices of Motion and nominations not made as required may not (at the sole discretion of the committee) be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

## 19.3 The Joint Club

- 19.3.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be held in the month of December for receiving the Committee of Management's Annual Report and the Financial Statement for the year ended the previous October, for electing Office Bearers, Members of Committee of Management and Auditors, revising its rules and transacting such other business of the Men's Club as may be on the Agenda.
- 19.3.2 Fourteen days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the to the Full Ordinary Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.1 who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 19.3.3 Notices of Motion and nominations of Officers and members of the Committee of Management must be made to the Secretary/Manager, in writing at least twenty-one days before the date of such meeting.
- 19.3.4 Such notices and nominations shall be promptly posted on the Club Notice Board.
- 19.3.5 Notices of Motion and nominations not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting except as provided in Clause 19.4 hereof.

## 19.4 Notification to Joint Club

- 19.4.1 Immediately following the Annual General Meeting of each of Men's and Ladies' Clubs, the respective Secretary's shall forward to the Honorary Secretary of the

Parent Club, a report on the proceedings at their respective Annual General Meetings.

#### 19.5 Special and Extraordinary General Meetings

19.5.1 In addition to the Statuary Annual General Meeting.

19.5.1.1 The Committee of the Clubs may, at its discretion, convene a Special General Meeting of the voting Members of such Club to consider and decide on any matter, which the Committee considers is of such urgency that it cannot be held over until the Statuary Annual General Meeting.

19.5.1.2 A group of not less than seven voting members of any of the Clubs may submit a requisition to the Honorary Secretary of such Club requesting that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the voting Members of such Club be convened. The requisition shall state the business to be brought forward and this matter will be the only business to be considered at such Meeting.

19.5.1.3 On receipt of such requisition it shall be the duty of the Committee of the particular Club to have an Extraordinary General Meeting convened without delay and failing notice of such meeting being issued by direction of the Committee within fourteen days after receipt of such notice by the Honorary Secretary, any seven members who have signed the requisition may issue notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting, which notice will be sufficient if published in three consecutive issues of a daily newspaper circulating in the locality of the Club at least ten days before the date fixed for such meeting.

#### 19.5 Chairperson at General meetings

19.6.1 The Captain, or if absent the Vice-Captain shall preside at all General Meetings of the Men's and the Ladies' Club respectively.

19.6.2 The Chairperson or if absent, the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of Management shall preside at all General Meetings of the Joint Club.

19.6.3 If any of the forgoing Officers are absent or decline to preside any other Chairperson may be appointed by the meeting.

19.6.4 Each Chairperson in addition to a deliberative vote, shall have and shall exercise a casting vote.

### **20. NOTICES OF GENERAL MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

20.1 Fourteen days notice of every General Meeting convened by order of a Committee (except Meetings called under Sub-Clause 19.5.1.2 when ten days notice is required) shall be given to the members entitled to attend and vote at such meetings by a circular specifying the time and place of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

20.2 All notices calling meetings may be sent by post or electronic means and addressed to members at such addresses as may be recorded in the Club Books.

20.3 No business shall commence or continue unless there is a quorum of ten members entitled to vote in attendance at a General Meeting.

### **21. MODE OF VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

21.1 No proxies shall be allowed.

21.2 Voting shall be either by a show of hands or by ballot.

21.3 Ballot shall mean a vote on voting paper.

- 21.4 A majority of one shall be sufficient to decide any question under discussion unless a greater majority is required by some Club Rule.
- 21.5 In the event of a tie the Chairperson shall have and shall exercise a casting vote as provided in Sub-Clause 19.6.4.
- 21.6 If any member at a General Meeting proposes that the mode of voting on any particular matter should be by ballot and this is seconded by another member, then the question of whether voting should be by a show of hands or by ballot shall be decided by a show of hands.
- 21.7 An election of candidates for membership of the Committee of either the Men's or the Ladies' club or for membership of the Committee of Management shall be by simple majority of those members in attendance and entitled to vote in accordance with these rules.

## **22. MINUTE BOOK**

- 22.1 The Men's Club, the Ladies' Club and the Joint Club shall keep:
  - 22.1.1 A Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes of Annual General, Special; General and Extraordinary General Meetings and also.
  - 22.1.2 A Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes of all Committee Meetings held in compliance with Clause 7.3.
  - 22.1.3 The respective Minutes shall be read out at the next General or Statutory or other Committee Meeting and, when approved as being a correct record, shall be signed and dated by the Chairperson.
  - 22.1.4 The men's Committee and the Ladies' Committee shall each submit their Minute Books to the Committee of Management when required.

## **23. PLAYING FACILITIES**

- 23.1 The Committee of Management, in consultation with the Men's and the Ladies' Committees shall prescribe the days and times when members of the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club shall have the use of the course for competitions or when the course is reserved for team matches, Union, Branch or District events.
- 23.2 It shall also decide on the facilities to be afforded to Societies.
- 23.3 The Committee of Management shall also be empowered to direct the days and times when fourballs or singles shall have priority commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and generally regulate the use of the course for the benefit of members.

## **24. PERSONAL PROPERTY**

- 24.1 Any personal belongings of members, visitors and others, brought to, kept at, or left on the premises of the Club (either in the Clubhouse or outside in the car park or on the Course) shall be the sole risk of the Owners thereof, and neither the Club nor any Committee shall be responsible for any loss or damage thereto however arising; but this rule shall not prejudice any claims by the Club or the Owners of the property, against Insurance Companies in case of fire, or when otherwise covered by insurance.

## **25. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS ACTS 1904/1988 INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACT 1988**

- 25.1 No person other than a member (as defined in Clause 3.3 hereof) shall order or pay for refreshments in the Clubhouse. Cash must be paid for every expense incurred in the clubhouse before the person ordering leaves the premises.

- 25.2 No visitor shall be supplied with excisable liquor on the club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member, and that member shall, upon the admission of such visitor to the club premises or immediately upon his being supplied with such liquor, enter his or her own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book which shall be kept for the purpose and which shall show the date of such visit.
- 25.3 The Committee of Management may prohibit the admission of any visitor to the Club premises and no member shall bring any person whose admission is prohibited into the Club premises.
- 25.4 No excisable liquor may be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club, except to members of the Club, between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and ten o'clock at night.
- 25.5 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club Premises to any person under the age of eighteen years.
- 25.6 No Officer or Member of the Committee of Management, and no manager or servant employed by the Club, shall have any personal interest in the sale to the Club of supplies of excisable liquor, or the profits arising from such sale.
- 25.7 Subject to the exceptions contained in Clause 25.8 no excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club premises) or be consumed on the Club premises by any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club premises)
- 25.7.1 On any week-day, before the hour of half past ten o'clock in the morning or,  
 (i) during a period of summer time, after the hour of half past eleven o'clock in the evening, or  
 (ii) during a period which is not a period of summer time, after the hour of eleven o'clock in the evening, or
- 25.7.2 On any Sunday, before the hour of half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon or between the hours of two o'clock and four o'clock in the afternoon or after the hour of eleven o'clock in the evening, or
- 25.7.3 On St. Patrick's Day, where that day falls on a week-day, before the hour of half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon or after the hour of eleven o'clock in the evening, or
- 25.7.4 At any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday.
- 25.8 Nothing contained in the Registration of Clubs Acts, 1904 – 1988, or contained by virtue only of the operation of 25.7 hereof, shall operate to prohibit the supplying for consumption of excisable liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable liquor on the Club premises by any person.
- 25.8.1 During a period of summer time, between the hours of half past eleven o'clock in the evening on any week-day and half past twelve o'clock in the morning on the following day, or
- 25.8.2 During a period which is not a period of summer time, between the hours of eleven o'clock in the evening on any week-day and half past twelve o'clock in the morning of the following day.
- 25.8.3 On any Sunday, between the hours of two o'clock and three o'clock in the afternoon, or
- 25.8.4 On Christmas Day, between the hours of one o'clock and three o'clock in the afternoon or the hours of seven o'clock in the evening if, in each case, the excisable liquor is  
 (i) ordered by the person at the same time as a substantial meal is ordered by him,  
 (ii) consumed at the same time as and with the meal  
 (iii) supplied and consumed in the portion of the Club premises usually set apart for the supply of meal's, and  
 (iv) paid for at the same time as the meal is paid for.

25.9 In Clauses 25.7 and 25.8 hereof ‘period of summer time’, ‘week-day’ and ‘Sunday’ have the meanings assigned to them by Section 1 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1988.

## **26. CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

- 26.1 No rule of either the Men’s Club or the Ladies’ Club shall be repealed or altered or new rule made except at a General Meeting of such Club and by consent of at least two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at such meeting and written notice of the proposed changes must be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the particular Club with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least three weeks previous to the meeting at which same is to be considered.
- 26.2 No rule of the Joint Club shall be repealed or altered or new rule made except at a General Meeting of such Club and by consent of at least two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at such meeting and written notice of the proposed changes must be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least three weeks previous to the meeting at which same is to be considered.
- 26.3 The Honorary Secretary shall place the proposal on the Club Notice Board and put the item on the agenda for the next General Meeting of the Club concerned.
- 26.4 Any change in the Constitution of the Club which affects Rule 10 of the Constitution of the Golfing Union of Ireland must be submitted to the Union for approval prior to adoption.
- 26.5 No changes in the rules of the Men’s Club shall be in conflict with the Constitution of the Golfing Union of Ireland.

## **27. RULES OF GOLF AND LOCAL RULES**

- 27.1 The Rules of the game of Golf for the Men’s and the Ladies’ Clubs shall be the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- 27.2 In addition the Committee of Management, in consultation with the Men’s and the Ladies’ Committees in compliance with Sub-Clause 7.5.2 shall from time to time prescribe such Local Rules as it considers necessary having regard to the nature of the course or otherwise provided such Local Rules are not contrary to or at variance with the Rules of Golf or directives by the respective Union to which the Men’s Club or the Ladies’ Club is affiliated.

## **28. BYE-LAWS**

- 28.1 The Committee of Management shall have power from time to time in compliance with Sub-Clause 7.5.1 to make such Bye-Laws as it considers necessary and to alter and repeal same.
- 28.2 Each of the Men’s and the Ladies Committees shall have power from time to time to make such Bye-Laws as it considers necessary for matters under their respective jurisdiction.