

**Constitution and Rules of Athenry Golf Club.**  
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**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 playing 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 playing golfers operating under a constitution acceptable for 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 playing golfers defined in clauses 1.5 and 1.6 above, for the purposes of administering the affairs (other than the game of golf and it’s related activities) of both the Ladies’ Club and the Men’s Club. The Joint Club holds the property and 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 the Men’s Club, the Ladies’ Club or the Joint Club, or each of their Officers and Members where the context so admits or requires.*
- 1.9 *The name or title “Committee” and the Officers and Members thereof without qualification, shall mean the Men’s Committee, the Ladies’ Committee, or the Committee of Management, or each or their Officers and Members where the context so admits or requires.*

**2. TITLE AND OWNERSHIP.**

- 2.1 *The name of Club shall be Athenry 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 Palmerstown, Oranmore, in the County of Galway.*
- 2.3 *The ownership of the Club property 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 11.2.1. 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 male playing Members who are Life Members, Full Ordinary Members and other subscribing playing Members as may be elected from time to time under clause 10.2 and such Honorary Members (including life) as may be elected from time to time by the Men’s Committee subject as provided in Sub-Clause 11.2.8.*
- 3.2 *The Membership of the Ladies’ Club shall consist of female playing Members who are Life Members, Full Ordinary Members and other subscribing playing Members as may be elected from time to time under clause 10.2 and such Honorary Members (including life) as may be elected from time to time by the Ladies’ Committee subject as provided in Sub-Clause 11.2.8.*
- 3.3 *The Membership of the Joint Club shall consist of all Members of each of the Men’s and Ladies’ Clubs and such Social or House Members as may be elected from time to time by the Committee of Management.*

**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.*

- 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 recognize 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 *Authorize the Joint Club to act in the administration of the affairs (other than the game of Golf and its related activities) on behalf of such 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 Western District.*
- 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 recognize 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. *Authorize the Joint Club to act in the administration of the affairs (other than the game of golf and its related activities) on behalf of such Club subject to and as provided in these rules.*

**4.2 The Joint Club shall:**

- 4.3.1. *Provide facilities for the playing and promotion of the amateur game of golf by Men, Women, Students and Juniors and generally promote amateur games and other social activities amongst it's members.*
- 4.3.2. *Accept and uphold this Constitution and be bound by its provisions*
- 4.3.3. *Act in the administration of the affairs of both the Men's and the Ladies' Clubs which shall include:*
  - 4.3.2.1. *Finance.*
  - 4.3.2.2. *Bar and Catering facilities.*
  - 4.3.2.3. *Provision and responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the course and clubhouse and their environs to the standard required by Club Members.*
- 4.3.4. *Adhere to the maximum number of Members of the different categories of playing Members which can be elected to each of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs. Any alteration in the number permitted in each category as per 10.1 shall be decided at an Annual General or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Joint Club.*
- 4.3.5. *Capital levy, Catering Vouchers and other levy being paid by Members of the different categories of Members in each of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs and by Social or House Members of the Joint Club shall be decided at an Annual General or Extraordinary Meeting of the Joint Club*
- 4.3.6. *The Club Entry Fee and Annual Subscription shall increase/ decrease in line with current Consumer Price Index as published in general press for year ending September 30<sup>th</sup> of the Financial year, **plus 2%** and only if any alteration in any of the rates shall the matter be decided at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Joint Club.*
- 4.3.7. *Generally to act in the promotion and advancement of the affairs of the Club and the improvement of the facilities available to members.*

**5. TRUSTEES.**

- 5.1 *The Trustees shall not be more than 6 and not less than 4 individual 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 Meeting of the Joint Club, or until 31<sup>st</sup> December following seventy-fifth birthday*

- 5.3 *The Club premises and such other property of the Club as the Committee of Management of the Joint Club (hereinafter called 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 property 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 and Extraordinary General Meeting and a resolution is passed at 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 property and assets in respect of all transactions directed by a resolution of the Committee of Management and against all liabilities and expenses necessarily incurred as a result of their Trusteeship and in the event of the Joint Club property and assets being deficient, such deficiency shall be made good by the Full Ordinary Members on whose behalf the property and assets of the club are held.*

#### **OFFICERS.**

- 6.1 *The officers of the Men's Club shall be the President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant and Handicapping Secretary.*
- 6.2 *The Officers of the Ladies' Club shall be the President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Handicapping Secretary.*
- 6.3 *The Officers of the Joint Club shall be the Chairperson of the Committee of Management, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.*
- 6.4
- 6.4.1 **Roles : The Chairman:** *The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the management committee and general meetings of the members. The Chairman shall perform such duties as customarily appertain to the office of chairman or as he/she may be directed to perform by the committee of Management, not inconsistent with the provisions of the law or these roles. He/She shall ensure that the committee of management fulfils its responsibilities in directing, controlling and managing the affairs of the golf club in accordance with the rules as set out in this constitution. The Chairman shall act as liaison officer between the management committee and the secretary/manager*
- 6.4.2 **Honorary Secretary of Management:** *He/she shall prepare the agenda for meetings in consultation with the chairman, the captain and lady captain. He/She shall ensure the minutes of the previous meeting are recorded accurately. These minutes to be posted to members of the Committee of Management at least five days in advance of meetings. Any changes to minutes to be agreed and amended in the minutes of the next meeting. He/She shall act as liaison officer between the three clubs. The Secretary shall ensure that proper procedures are followed in preparation of notices in relation to the annual AGM of the club and Committee Meetings as required by this constitution. The Hon. Secretary shall have responsibility for maintaining a master list of all members by category.*
- 6.4.3 **Honorary Treasurer:** *The Treasurer shall ensure that proper accounting procedures are followed in all matters relating to the financial affairs of the club. He/She shall regularly inspect and audit all accounting procedures in consultation with the secretary manager. The treasurer shall collect or cause to be collected, all annual subscriptions and shall authenticate their accuracy. The Treasurer will present the annual accounts to the Annual General Meeting.*

**MANAGEMENT.**

**7.1 Allocation of Functions:**

- 7.1.1** *The business and affairs of 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 4 other members of the Men's Club elected under Sub-Clause 7.2.4. and Clause 21.7.*
- 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 5 other members of the Ladies' Club elected under Sub-Clause 7.2.4. 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 of 9 Full Ordinary Members. The Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Joint Club, Captain, Vice-Captain, of each of the Men's and the Ladies' Clubs and two other Full Ordinary Members elected under Sub-Clause 7.2.3 and Clause 21.7 as required.*
- 7.1.4** *The Committee of Management will delegate to the Secretary/Manager, responsibility for the management of the Business Affairs of the Club. He/she will produce Annual Business Plan, incorporating the short, medium and long- term objectives for ratification at the January Meeting of the Committee of Management. The Annual Business Plan will be posted on the Club Notice Board after ratification, for the information of the members. The Secretary/Manager will have operational responsibility for club finances.*
- 7.1.5** *Each of the aforementioned Committees may exercise it's powers notwithstanding that there might be a vacancy or vacancies in it's Membership.*
- 7.1.6** *Nothing in this rule shall preclude a member of either the Men's or Ladies' Committees being also a member of the Committee of Management or vice versa.*
- 7.1.7** *At meetings of the men's and the lady's committee 50% + 1 of those entitled to attend and vote shall form a quorum. At meetings of the Management Committee, five of those entitled to attend and vote shall form a quorum*
- 7.1.8** *At meetings of the Mens' and Ladies' Committees the Chair shall be taken by the Captain or, if absent, by the Vice-Captain of the Club concerned. At meetings of the Committee of Management the Chair shall be taken by the Chairperson or if absent, those in attendance having votes shall elect a Chairperson.*
- 7.1.9** *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 be succeeded by the Vice-Captain. The outgoing Captains shall be members of their respective Committees for the following year, without requiring election, if they so wish.*
- 7.2.2** *All Honorary Officers shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election always provided that the same office shall not be held by the same Officer for more than 3 consecutive years.*
- 7.2.3** *The election of Officer Bearers and Members of Committee shall be made at the respective Annual General Meetings.*
- 7.2.4** *The Vice-Captains in Office shall each have the right to nominate for election the Vice-Captain of their respective Clubs, for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the Men's and Ladies' Committees concerned. The Presidents in Office shall have the right to nominate for election The President for the ensuing year subject to the approval of the Men's and the Ladies Committees concerned.*

- 7.2.5 *Nominations (with the consent of the nominee) for election to any Honorary Office or as an Ordinary Member of the Committee shall be made by any two ordinary voting Members of that particular Club.*
- 7.2.6 *The Hon. Secretary of the club concerned shall post a notice, on the club notice board, at least 21 days prior to the AGM of the club concerned, to facilitate nominations and motions for the meeting. This notice shall be closed seven days before the meeting but shall remain posted.*
- 7.2.7 *The respective Committees shall have power to fill vacancies in any of these Offices (including Membership of its Committee) during the year. The persons so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the particular Club.*
- 7.2.8 *At any Annual General Meeting, if the election of a continuing member of the Committee to a position as an Office Bearer will leave a vacancy on the Committee, then such vacancy shall be filled at that Annual General Meeting from the candidates already nominated for membership of the Committee.*
- 7.2.9 *No candidate shall be eligible for election unless they have been Full ordinary Members for a minimum of two years immediately prior to the date of the election.*
- 7.2.10 *The office of any Office Bearer shall be vacated by such Office Bearer resigning therefrom or on ceasing to be a member of the Joint Club or being removed by a resolution at an Annual General or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the appropriate Club.*
- 7.2.11 *In the event of two or more candidates receiving the same number of votes for the last place or places on a club committee, the presiding chairperson shall decide by lottery which candidate or candidates shall be elected.*

### **7.3 Committee Meetings.**

- 7.3.1. *Stated meetings of the Men's and the Ladies' Committees shall be held once in every month between February and September and not less than once in every two months between October and January.*
- 7.3.2. *Stated meetings of the committee of Management shall be held at least once in every month and Special Meetings on such dates as may be found convenient for the transaction of business on at least 2 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 50% of members of a Committee, stating the nature of the business to be transacted, the Captain, Chairperson or Honorary Secretary of the Committee concerned 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 not less than 50% of Members of such Committee.*

### **7.4 Employment of Staff.**

- 7.4.1. *The Committee of Management shall have power to appoint a paid Secretary Manager and other employees upon such terms and conditions as the 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, Byelaws and Regulations in force.*

### **7.6 Appointment of Sub-Committees.**

- 7.6.7 *The Mens' 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 the Sub-Committees were formed. Each Sub-Committee shall retire annually on the date of the Annual General Meeting of its respective Club.

- 7.6.8 *The quorum of each Sub-Committee shall be defined at the time of appointment.*
- 7.6.9 *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 Hon. 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, if any.*
  - 8.1.2 *The Hon. 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, if any.*
  - 8.1.3 *The Hon. 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, if any.*
  - 8.1.4 *All written complaints concerning matters under the jurisdiction and control of the Committee of the Club concerned 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.*

## **9. FINANCE**

- 9.1 **The financial affairs of the Joint Club shall be operated 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 authorized by resolution of the Committee of Management*
  - 9.1.3 *The Honorary Treasurer of the Joint Club shall issue and audited statement of the affairs of the Joint Club for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September for consideration by the Committee of Management and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club which shall be held not later than 31<sup>st</sup> December following.*
  - 9.1.4 *The Committee of Management shall pay to the Men's Committee not later than April each year, a sum to be used for the general finances of the Men's Club.*
  - 9.1.5 *The Committee of Management shall pay to the Ladies' Committee not later than April each year, a sum to be used for the general finances of the Ladies' Club.*
  - 9.1.6 *The Committee of Management shall also make grants to each of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs from time to time, on request being made, to defray the expenses incurred by the particular Committee when entertaining visiting teams and officials in home matches and expenses incurred in away matches by team Members and Officials when representing the Club, and for such other events or occasions when it is considered to be in the interest of the Club to do so.*
- 9.2 **The financial affairs of the Men's Club shall be operated 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 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 authorized by resolution of the Committee. The Men's Committee shall be entitled to charge and retain all*

entry fees in Club and Open Competitions under it's control and management and for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes.

- 9.2.3 The Honorary Treasurer of the Mens' Club shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Men's Club for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 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 30<sup>th</sup> November following.
- 9.2.4 Following the Meeting of the Men's Committee at which the audited accounts are considered the Honorary Treasurer shall immediately forward a copy of the audited accounts to the Honorary Treasurer of the Committee of Management for information, together with any surplus funds.
- 9.2.5 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 that Union

**9.3 The financial affairs of the Ladies' Club shall be operated 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 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 authorized by resolution of the Committee.
- 9.3.3 The Ladies' Committee shall be entitled to charge and retain all entry fees in Club and Open Competitions under it's control and management and for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes.
- 9.3.4 The Honorary Treasurer of the Ladies' Club shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Ladies' Club for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 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 30<sup>th</sup> November following. Following the Meeting of the Ladies' Committee at which the audited accounts are considered the Honorary Treasurer shall immediately forward a copy of the audited accounts to the Honorary Treasurer of the committee of Management for information together with any surplus funds.
- 9.3.5 The Ladies' Committee shall be responsible of the payment of the Irish Ladies Golfing Union of the annual per capita subscription on Members as required by the Constitution of that Union.

**10. ELECTION OF MEMBERS.**

**The 'baseline' numbers of members as of November 2003 are as follows:**

**Full Ordinary 806 (including overseas 15) (Men 575, Ladies 231)**

**Country 10**

**Junior 225 (Boys 150, Girls 75)**

**Temporary Junior 50**

**Student 180(Male 120, Female 60) Optimum number in this category to be reached by 2010**

**Overseas 1**

**Honorary; no limit**

**Social Members No Limit**

Subject to the agreed limitations as to the number of Members electable to the different categories of Member:

- 10.1.1 The election of Male Playing Members shall be in the hands of the Men's Committee.
- 10.1.2 The election of Female Playing Members shall be in the hands of the Ladies' Committee.
- 10.1.3 The election of Social and House Members shall be in the hands of the Committee of Management.
- 10.1.4 All elected members of Men's and Ladies' Clubs become members of the Joint Club.

**10.2 The procedure for the election of Members shall be as follows:**

- 10.2.1** Each candidate for election (except in the case of Honorary Members) must be proposed by one voting Member of the appropriate Club and seconded by two other voting Members for such Club.
- 10.2.2** A member proposing or seconding a candidate for Membership must be a voting Member of at least 3 years standing.
- 10.2.3** The Proposer and Secunder must each know their candidate personally and shall write a letter addressed to their Committee stating their personal knowledge of their candidate. A voting member may not propose or second more than two candidates in any one-year. The Captain/Lady Captain may put forward for consideration for election an applicant of their choice, to the men's/lady's club
- 10.2.4** The Secretary of the respective Club shall keep a list of applicants for Membership. When vacancies for membership arise the Secretary of the Joint Club shall notify the secretaries of the men's and the lady's club of the number of memberships available for each club. The name and address of the candidates shall be posted on the Clubhouse Notice Board for at least 7 days before the meeting to consider the application.
- 10.2.5** Any omission from or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to any candidate shall render election voidable at the discretion of the Committee concerned.
- 10.2.6** Immediately on election of a candidate to Membership of the Men's Club of Ladies' Club the Club concerned shall notify the Committee of Management of the name, address and category of the election candidates. Notice in writing shall be dispatched to all elected candidates by the Hon. Secretary, together with a copy of the Club Constitution and Rules and a request to remit to the Hon. Treasurer of the Joint Club or it's Bankers within one calendar month from the date of such request the amount of entrance fee, capital levy (if any) and first subscription payable by the category of member to which the candidate has been elected and on payment thereof the candidate shall become a Member of the Club in that category and shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges of such membership and be bound by it's rules.
- 10.2.7** 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 concerned that the delay in payment was due to some unavoidable cause.

**11. CATEGORIES OF MEMBER.**

**11.1** The following shall be the categories of Member which may be elected to the Club:

**11.2** **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 Special General Meetings of the Joint Club. Only a Member of this category shall have an interest in the Club property which interest shall cease on such member leaving this category unless the Member has been elected an Honorary Member of the Club.

**11.2.1** **Senior Members** shall comprise **full ordinary members** who have reached the age of 70 years and have been 10 years as full ordinary members on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the year prior to their applying for this category of membership.

**Senior members** shall enjoy all the rights of Full Ordinary Members except that their entitlement to the use of the club's playing facilities shall be limited to Mondays to Fridays unless further inhibited by the non-availability of the Course due to its being granted to an outside agency (eg GUI or ILGU).

**Senior Members** may play in weekend competitions only if such competition is deemed by the appropriate committee to be an open or semi-open competition, or if invited to participate in the appropriate Captain's or President's prize competitions.

- 11.2.2 Junior Members** shall comprise young persons whose ages at the date of election shall not be less than ten years or more than eighteen years. Such membership shall cease on 31<sup>st</sup> December next after such Junior has attained the age of 18 years.
- 11.2.3 Student Members** shall comprise persons in full time education and as either the Men's or Ladies' Committees may decide. Such Membership shall cease on 31<sup>st</sup> December following graduation or qualification or 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, whichever is earlier.
- 11.2.4 Temporary Junior Members** shall comprise of young persons who shall be accepted as a Junior member annually. This membership shall cease on December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Temporary Junior Members must re-apply for temporary membership annually.
- 11.2.5 Junior and Student Members** on ceasing to be eligible for these categories and wishing to be elected to Full Ordinary Membership shall be considered, at the discretion of the Committee, with priority. Any other category of playing member wishing to become a Full Ordinary Member shall likewise be treated with priority.
- 11.2.6 Country Members** shall comprise persons whose permanent residence is 30 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 a radius of 30 miles of the Course or ceases to be a voting Member of another affiliated Golf Club. Country members shall be excluded from competing in Captain's Prize, President's Prize and in such other competitions as the Men's or Ladies' Committees decide within each club.
- 11.2.7 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. Such members shall enjoy the same playing rights as Country Members.
- 11.2.8 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, nor have any vote at a General Meeting of the Club
- 11.2.8 Honorary Members** shall comprise persons whom the Committee concerned wishes 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. No one shall be appointed an Honorary Member until:
- a) Recommended by at least two-thirds of the entire Committee concerned voting in secret ballot.
  - b) Subsequently ratified by a simple majority of the Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club voting by secret ballot.
- Honorary Members who have been Full Ordinary Members shall have all the entitlements of Full Ordinary Members. Honorary Members who have not been Full Ordinary Members shall have all the entitlements of Ordinary Members except that they shall not have voting rights or any interest in the Club's property.
- 11.3** Full Ordinary Members who wish to seek a reduction in their annual subscription may do so in the circumstances and under the conditions set out in articles 11.3.1 to 11.3.4 following.
- 11.3.1 Temporary transfer overseas:** The member may, at the time of renewal of membership by paying the Annual Subscription, apply to change his/her category of membership to either **Overseas or Social or House Member**, and retain his/her membership of the club by paying the subscription appropriate to their new category. On return from overseas, the member may apply to be reinstated as a Full Ordinary Member and shall be elected, without entrance fee, to fill the first available vacancy in the Men's and Ladies Club as appropriate.
- 11.3.2 Inability to play golf due to serious illness:** The member, at the time of renewal of membership by paying the Annual Subscription, may apply to change his/her category of membership to **Social or House Member**, and retain his/her membership of the club by paying the annual subscription appropriate to this new category. On return to health, the member may apply to be

*restated as a Full Ordinary Member and shall be elected, without entrance fee, to fill the first available vacancy in the Men's or Ladies Club as appropriate.*

**11.3.3** *A member who has accepted a change of membership category under the above articles 11.3.1 or 11.3.2 shall be deemed to have resigned his/her full ordinary membership of the club, and all of the rights associated with full ordinary membership. These rights shall be restored on reinstatement as full ordinary members.*

**11.3.4** *Time spent by members outside of the category of Full Ordinary Membership under the terms of articles 11.3.1 and 11.3.2 shall be considered as Full Ordinary Membership for the purposes of articles 11.2.1 and 15.1.*

## **12. ENTRANCE FEE.**

**12.1** *On election the following categories of Member shall be required to pay an entrance fee:*

**12.2** *Full Ordinary, Country and Overseas.*

**12.3** *Student and Junior Members shall not be required to pay an entrance fee.*

**12.4** *When a Student or Junior Member is obliged to relinquish either category and seeks election to any other category within the Club an appropriate entrance fee shall be payable on election, at the discretion of the Joint Committee.*

**12.5** *Should a Country 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.*

## **13. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.**

*The Annual subscription rate payable in 2003 was: Full Ordinary €436. Junior €109.*

*Temporary Junior €109. Student €145. Country €318. Overseas €318.*

*Social Members €45. The entrance Levy set in 2003 was €3,000*

## **13.**

**13.1** *All categories of members, except Honorary Members, shall be required to pay Annual Subscription. The per capita subscription and provincial levy due to the Golfing Union of Ireland and The Irish Ladies Golf Union shall be charged separately and shall be payable at the same time as the annual 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.*

**13.2.1** *The annual subscription for a Senior Member shall be 35% of the subscription of Full Ordinary Member*

**13.3** *All subscriptions shall become payable on 1<sup>st</sup> January in any year.*

**13.4** *Any member whose subscription shall be unpaid on 31<sup>st</sup> January in any year shall cease to be a member of the Club, but the Committee concerned may re-elect such member without entrance fee, re-nomination or re-posting, within three months from the date when the subscription was due, on payment of all subscriptions and other monies due to the Club, and in addition to a fine of 5% per month and any part thereof.*

**13.5** *The Hon. Treasurer 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.*

## **14 Capital Levy**

**14.1** *A capital levy shall only be imposed by a resolution at a General Meeting of the Joint Club.*

**14.2** *The amount of such levy shall be payable at such time or times and in such manner as the General Meeting of the Joint Club shall resolve.*

**15. MODIFICATION OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

- 15.1** *A member on reaching 65 years of age and with 5 years continuous prior membership and who has retired from full- time employment on 31<sup>st</sup> December on the year prior to the renewal of his/her membership by payment of the annual subscription shall apply for a reduction in his/her annual subscription to 70% of the appropriate annual subscription. Once granted, this reduction shall apply from the date of application and in subsequent years unless the member resumes full time employment, and it shall be the duty of the member to notify the club of such resumption.*
- 15.2** *When both spouses are Ordinary Members there will be a 10% discount on full subscriptions payable.*
- 15.3** *When both parents are Ordinary Members there will be a 50% discount on subscription payable for Junior Membership. When one parent is an Ordinary Member there will be a 25% discount on subscription payable for Junior membership.*
- 15.4** *The Committee of Management has the right to waive or modify the subscription, or levy, of any member in exceptional circumstances, as they see fit.*

**16. VISITORS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS.**

- 16.1** *Any Full Ordinary or Honorary Member may introduce Visitors.*
- 16.2** *It shall be a condition that the Member effecting the introduction shall enter each Visitors name, address and date of visit immediately on entering the Clubhouse in a book 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 4.3.4 who are also empowered to make regulations for the admission of non-playing Visitors.*
- 16.5** *Every playing Visitor must procure a numbered Green Fee voucher bearing the Visitors name and the date on which the visitor can use the facilities of the Course and Clubhouse.*
- 16.6** *On the issue of each Green Fee Voucher the name of the Visitor and introducing Member must be immediately entered in a "Green Fee Book".*
- 16.7** *In addition the Secretary Manager or his/her representative or any past or present member of the Men's or Ladies' Committees or of the Committee of Management, having made and attested the necessary entry in the Visitors' Book, may permit a person or a 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 of 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 decided 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 power to suspend the rules permitting the introduction on visitors or temporary members at any time and refuse permission for any particular visitor or temporary member to use the Clubhouse or Course.*
- 16.11** *Competitors in Club Open Competitions held on the course and extending for more than one day shall, on payment of the entrance fee and green fee, if any, for the competition and on such fee being accepted by the Committee in charge of the Competition, be eligible to use the course and the Clubhouse, without further payment or nomination for election as Temporary Members and for every day during the continuance of such competition.*

- 16.12** *Competitors in Club Competitions limited to one day shall likewise be eligible for Temporary Membership status on the day of the competition only.*
- 16.12** *Any Office Bearer or any two Members of the Committee of Management may (and without assigning any cause 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 may deem objectionable, or who deliberately breaks any of the Rules, Bye-Laws, or regulations of the Club.*
- 16.13** *The fee paid by any such Visitor or Temporary Member may, at the discretion of the Committee of Management, be either forfeited or refunded.*

**17. FINES AND SUSPENSIONS.**

- 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 or 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 4 weeks after notification thereof shall be suspended from the use of the Clubhouse and Course until such fine has been paid.*
- 17.3** *Each of the Men's and the Ladies' Committee 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. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP.**

- 18.1** *If any allegation of misconduct by a Member be submitted to an Officer, in writing, any Officer shall make such inquiries as are considered necessary to obtain all relevant details. Such information shall be placed before the Committee of Management, which shall, in meeting, inquire into such conduct.*
- 18.2** *If in the opinion of the Committee of Management the conduct in question may warrant the suspension (by 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/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 inquiries 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 as to warrant expulsion of the Member, such Committee may instead, by a majority, suspend the Member for a period not exceeding 3 months and if the Member is a playing member, it shall notify the Men's or Ladies' Committee that elected such Member of its decision with which such Committee shall abide. Should a three-quarters majority of the Committee of Management present at a meeting and voting by secret ballot, not be satisfied that the charges of misconduct have been proved, no further action shall be taken*
- 18.4** *If the Member shall give no explanation of his or her conduct, or if the Committee of Management shall consider such explanation unsatisfactory, it may, provided that not less than three-quarters of the Members present at a meeting vote for such course of action.*
- 18.4.1** *Recommend to the Committee concerned, if the Member is a playing Member, that such Member be expelled by that Committee which may, in its' absolute discretion, decide to act upon or reject such recommendation. The Committee shall notify the Committee of*

*Management of its' decision and, if it rejects the recommendation it shall request the Committee of Management to proceed in accordance with Clause 18.3.*

**18.4.2** *Expel the member if such Member is a social or house Member.*

**18.5** *If on taking a vote under Clause 18.4 less than three-quarters of the Members present vote for expulsion, the Committee of Management shall make a decision in accordance with Clause 18.3.*

**18.6** *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 Hon. Secretary, or other authorized 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. Such person shall have the right of appeal against the decision within fourteen days of the date of the decision. The appeal shall be made, in writing, to the Hon. Secretary of the Committee of Management.*

**18.7** *Notice of an appeal under Clause 18.6 having been given, the decision shall not take effect for a period of twenty-one days from the date of the decision and the relevant Men's and Ladies' Committees notified of such appeal.*

**18.8** *The Member shall have the right to have the appeal heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting requisitioned under sub-clause 19.5.1 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 19.5.1 not be obtained within twenty-one days from the date of decision, the Committee of Management shall have the power to deem the appeal to have lapsed and to enforce the decision, forthwith.*

**18.9** *A decision by the Committee of Management under this 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 E.G.M.*

**18.10** *During the period of suspension the Member shall NOT be entitled:*

**18.10.1** *To enter upon the Club property, whether in the company of another Member or otherwise, save only to collect his or her property or for the purposes of attending any General Meeting which may be held during the period of suspension.*

**18.10.2** *To the refund or rebate of the whole or part of his or her annual subscription or other sum paid or payable by him, or her to the club in respect of the year during which the suspension occurs.*

**18.11** *A person who has been expelled from Membership shall not be entitled:*

**18.11.1** *To enter upon the Club property, whether in the company of another Member or otherwise, save only to collect his, or her property.*

**18.11.2** *To the refund or rebate of the whole or part of his or her annual subscription or other sum paid or payable by him or her to the Club in respect of the year during which the expulsion occurs.*

## **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 November for receiving the Men's Club Committee's Annual Report and the Financial Statement for the year ended the previous 30 September for electing Office Bearers, Members of Committee, Auditors, revising (subject to approval of the Joint Club) it's 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 Ordinary Members of the Club who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club.*

**19.1.3** *Such notices shall be accompanied by a duly audited Financial Statement.*

**19.1.4** *Notices of Motion and nominations of Officers and members of the Committee of the Men's Club must be made to the Hon. Secretary in writing at least seven days before the date of such Meeting.*

- 19.1.5 Such notices and nominations shall be promptly posted on the Club notice board.*
- 19.1.6 Should there be insufficient nominations for Officer or Committee posted as in sub-section 19.1.4, all those properly proposed and seconded candidates shall be automatically elected. The Chairman at the meeting shall call for and accept nominations for the remaining vacancies.*

**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 November for receiving the Ladies' Club Committee's Annual Report and the Financial Statement for the year ended the previous 30<sup>th</sup> September, for electing Office Bearers, Members of Committee, Auditors, revising (subject to approval of the Parent Club) it's 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 of the Club who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club.*
- 19.2.3 Such notice shall be accompanied by a duly audited Financial Statement.*
- 19.2.4 Notices of Motion and nominations of Officers and members of the Committee of the Ladies' Club must be made to the Hon. Secretary in writing at least seven days before the date of such Meeting.*
- 19.2.5 Such notices and nominations shall be promptly posted on the Club noticeboard.*
- 19.2.6 Should there be insufficient nominations for Officer of Committee posted as in sub-section 19.2.4, all those properly proposed and seconded candidates shall be automatically elected. The Chairwoman at the meeting shall call for and accept nominations for the remaining vacancies.*

**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 of the year ended the previous 30<sup>th</sup> September, for electing Office Bearers, Members of Committee, Auditors, revising rules and transacting such other business of the Club as may be on the agenda.*
- 19.3.2 Seven days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Full Ordinary Members of the Joint Club who are entitled to attend and vote. Such notice shall be accompanied by a duly audited Financial Statement.*
- 19.3.3 Notices of Motion and nominations of Officers and members of the Committee of Management must be made to the Secretary in writing at least seven days before the date of such Meeting.*
- 19.3.4 Such notices and nominations shall be promptly posted on the Club noticeboard.*
- 19.3.5 Should there be insufficient nominations for Officer of Committee posted as in sub-section 19.3.3, all those properly proposed and seconded candidates shall be automatically elected. The Chairperson at the meeting shall call for and accept nominations for the remaining vacancies.*

**19.4 Notification to the Joint Club.**

- 19.4.1 Immediately following the Annual General Meetings of each of the Men's and the Ladies' Clubs the respective Hon. Secretaries shall notify the Joint Club Secretary of their Club who shall represent that Club on the Committee of Management for the ensuing year.*
- 19.4.2 Each Officer shall also forward to the Joint Club Secretary for submission, such Notices of Motion or Recommendation as such Club wishes to submit for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club.*
- 19.4.3 Any such Notice of Motion or Recommendation shall be discussed, if necessary, under the heading 'Any Other Business' at such Meeting if it is not received in time for inclusion on the Agenda for the Meeting.*

**19.5 Special General Meetings.**

- 19.5.1** *Special General Meetings of any of the Clubs may be called at any time by direction of the Committee of the Club concerned or on a requisition to the Secretary of the particular club, signed by at least 20% of members entitled to vote at such Meeting, stating the business to be brought forward.*
- 19.5.2** *On receipt of such requisition it shall be the duty of the Committee of such Club to have a General Meeting called without delay and failing notice calling such Meeting being issued by direction of the Committee concerned within fourteen days after receipt of the requisition by the Secretary, any Members who have signed the requisition may issue notice of a General Meeting, which notice shall be sufficient if published in three successive issues of a daily newspaper circulating in the locality of the Club at least ten days before the date fixed for such Meeting.*
- 19.6** **Chairperson at General Meetings.**
- 19.6.1** *The Captain, or if absent, the Vice-Captain shall preside at all General Meetings of the Mens' Club and the Ladies' Club respectively*
- 19.6.2** *The Chairperson of the Committee of Management shall preside at all General Meetings of the Joint Club.*
- 19.6.3** *If any of the foregoing Officers are absent or decline to preside any other Chairperson may be appointed at the Meeting.*
- 19.6.4** *Each Chairperson in addition to a deliberative vote shall have and exercise a casting vote.*
- 19.6.5** *Standing Orders for every General Meeting must be adopted at the start of the meeting and shall bind that meeting unless suspended by vote of two-thirds of those present and voting.*

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

- 20.1** *Seven days notice of every General Meeting convened by order of a Committee (except Meetings called under Clause 19.5 when ten days are 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 Committee Meetings shall be sent by post to Members entitled to attend by the secretary of the respective club. The notice shall state the time, date and place of the meeting and shall be accompanied by the agenda for the meeting and a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting. Except in exceptional circumstances at least five days notice of the meeting shall be given to committee members.*

## **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 other 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 propose 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 Management shall be by ballot and all members voting must vote for the full number of candidates for whom there are vacancies otherwise such voting paper is invalid.*

**22. MINUTE BOOKS.**

- 22.1 *The secretary of the Joint Club shall keep a minute book in which shall be recorded the minutes of all Annual General Meetings .  
The secretary of the Men's Club and the Ladies' Club shall each keep a Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes of Annual and Special General Meetings  
The respective minutes shall be read out at the next General or Statutory Committee Meeting and, when approved as being a correct record, shall be signed and dated by the Chairperson.*
- 22.1.1 *The Men's Club and the Ladies' Club shall each submit its Minute Books to the Committee of Management when required.*

**PLAYING FACILITIES.**

- 23.1 *The Committee of Management, in consultation with the Men's and Ladies' Committees, shall prescribe the days and times when the Members of the Men's or Ladies' Club shall have use of the Course for competitions or when the course is reserved for team matches or Union, Branch or District events.*
- 23.2 *It shall also decide on the facilities to be afforded to societies subject to the provision that the 1<sup>st</sup> tee shall be reserved for Club members on any day a Society Outing is permitted for such periods as are considered necessary for the convenience of the members.*
- 23.3 *The Committee shall also be empowered to direct the days and times when fourballs or singles shall have priority, commencing play on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> tees, 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, or kept at, or left on the premises of the Club (either Clubhouse or outside in the Carpark or on the Course) shall be at the sole risk of the owners, and neither the Club nor any of the 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 against Insurance Companies in case of fire, or when otherwise covered by Insurance.*

**25. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS ACTS, 1904 / 1999.  
Section 7 of the INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACT, 2000.**

- 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 of and in the company of a Member, and that Members shall, upon the admission of 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 shall 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 member of the Committee of Management, or Officer, 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 in 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 other 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 on the Club premises).*
- (a) *On weekdays, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before 10:30 a.m. in the morning and after 11:30 p.m. in the evening.*
- (b) *On Thursday, Friday and Saturday before 10:30 a.m. in the morning and 12:30 a.m. in the evening.*
- 25.7.1 *On any Sunday, before 12:30 p.m. in the afternoon and after 11:00 p.m. in the evening.*
- 25.7.2 *On St. Patrick's Day, where that day falls on a weekday, before 12:30 p.m. in the afternoon or after 12:30 am in the evening.*
- 25.7.3 *At any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday.*
- 25.7.4 *Christmas eve and the eve of Good Friday between 10:30 a.m. in the morning and 11:30 p.m. in the evening.*
- 25.8 *Nothing contained in the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 – 1999, or contained by virtue only of the operation of Clause 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 (a) *On Christmas Day, between 12:00 midday and 10:00 p.m. in the evening,*  
(b) *On any other day, for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of that during which it is lawful for the club to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the club premises,*  
*if, in each case the excisable liquor is -*  
(1) *ordered by the person at the same time as a substantial meal is ordered by him or her.*  
(2) *consumed at the same time as and with the meal.*  
(3) *supplied and consumed in the portion of the club premises usually set apart for the supply of meals, and*  
(4) *paid for at the same time as the meal is paid for.*
- 25.9 *In Clauses 25.7 and 25.8 hereof 'weekdays' and 'Sunday' have the meanings assigned to them by section 1 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000*

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

- 26.1 *No rule of either the Men's or 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 Hon. Secretary with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least 7 days 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 by consent of at least two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at such meeting and written notice of the proposed change must be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Joint Club with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least 7 days previous to the meeting at which same is to be considered.*

- 26.3** *The Hon. Secretary shall place the proposal on the Club Noticeboard and put the item on the agenda of the next General Meeting of the Club concerned.*
- 26.4** *Any change in rules, which affects rule 10 of the Constitution of the Golfing Union of Ireland, must be submitted to the Union for approval prior to adoption .Any change in the rules of the Men's Club shall not be in conflict with the Constitution of the Golfing Union of Ireland.*
- 26.6** *Any change in the rules of the Ladies' Club shall not be in conflict with the Constitution of the Irish Ladies Golfing Union.*

**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.*
- 27.1** *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 issued by the respective Union of 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 but such bye-laws shall be subject to ratification, or otherwise, by the Committee of Management*