

*Lee Valley Golf Club*

*Constitution and Rules*

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# Constitution and Rules

## **1. PRELIMINARY**

- 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 name or title “Committee” and the officers and members thereof, without qualification, shall mean either the Men’s Committee, their Officers or Members where the context so admits or requires.
- 1.6 The name or title “Club”, without qualification, shall mean the Men’s Club.

## **2. TITLE**

- 2.1 The name of the Club shall be Lee Valley Men’s Golf Club.
- 2.2 The official address of the Club is Clashanure, Ovens, in the County of Cork.
- 2.3 The Club accepts that the name and logo is exclusively reserved for a Club licensed to use the facilities.

## **3. OWNERSHIP**

- 3.1 The land on which the Golf Course and Clubhouse have been constructed is the property of Lee Valley Golf & Country Club, whose address (Registered Office) is Clashanure, Ovens, in the County of Cork, hereinafter called ‘the Owner’ which expression shall include his/its successors and assigns.

## **4. LICENCE**

- 4.1 The Club uses the facilities under Licence from the Owner of the facilities.
- 4.2 The Club accepts that the licence granted by the Owner to use the facilities will not entitle the Club to any legal interest in the property.
- 4.3 The licence shall stand in the name of the Owner, the Club or its Trustees appointed by the Club under these rules. The Club acknowledges the granting of a licence to use such lands as are deemed necessary for its activities from

Lee Valley Golf & Country Club, and that the relationship between the Club and the Owner is that of Licensee and Licenser. In the event of the Licence being withdrawn, the Club shall notify the Golfing Union forthwith.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

- 5.1 The Membership of the Club shall consist of male amateur golfers who are:-
  - 5.1.1 Ordinary
  - 5.1.2 Family
  - 5.1.3 Honorary
  - 5.1.4 Overseas
  - 5.1.5 Student/Junior
  - 5.1.6 Juvenile
  - 5.1.7 Associate of Lee Valley Golf Club
- 5.2 The number of members electable to each category in each Club shall initially be fixed in consultation with the Owner. Any subsequent alteration will be by agreement with the Owner.
- 5.3 Only Ordinary Members, or Members having the same rights and privileges as an Ordinary shall be:-
  - 5.3.1 Entitled to attend and vote at all Annual General and Special General Meetings, and,
  - 5.3.2 Entitled to nominate for, and election to, Office and General Committee in the Club.

## **6. OBJECTS**

- 6.1 The Club shall promote the amateur game of Golf amongst its members.
  - 6.1.1 Shall be affiliated to the Golf Union of Ireland and undertake, to accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-Laws of such Union and the Bye-Laws of the Branch in whose Province the Club is situated.
  - 6.1.2 In compliance with Union Bye-Law, pay on every 1<sup>st</sup> of January,
    - (i) A per capita subscription to the Union, and,
    - (ii) A per capita levy to its Provincial Council on every male playing member (except, Honorary, Student/Junior and Juvenile) of the Club at the end of its last financial year.

6.1.3 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.

6.1.4 Accept and apply the Standard 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.

## **7. TRUSTEES**

7.1 The Club shall have at least two voting members as Trustees. Such Trustees shall be appointed by the members at Annual General Meetings.

7.2 Each Trustee shall hold office until resignation or removal from office by resolution of members of the Club which appointed him at an Annual General Meeting and shall be replaced by another Appointee at the next or same Annual General Meeting.

7.3 The licence being granted by the Owner of the Club shall be in the names of the Owner and the appointed Trustees or their successors in office.

## **8. OFFICERS**

8.1 The Officers of the Club shall be:-  
President, Captain, Vice Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Competition Secretary and Honorary Handicapping Secretary.

## **9. MANAGEMENT**

### **9.1 ALLOCATION OF FUNCTIONS**

9.1.1 The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the jurisdiction and control of a General Committee consisting of the Officers and five other members of the Club elected under Sub-Clause 9.2.4 and Clause 19.7.

9.1.2 The Committee may exercise its powers notwithstanding that there might be a vacancy in its membership.

9.1.3 At meetings of the Committee:-  
Six of those entitled to attend and vote shall form a quorum.

- 9.1.4 At Committee meetings the Chair shall be taken by the Captain, or, if absent, by the President. In the absence of both of these Officers those in attendance shall elect a Chairperson.
- 9.1.5 The Chairperson at a meeting shall, in addition to a deliberative vote, have, and shall exercise a casting vote.

## **9.2 ELECTIONS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.**

- 9.2.1 The Captain and President of the Club, shall, on leaving office, become Ex-Officio Members of the Incoming Committee.
- 9.2.2 The other Officers and the Ordinary Members of the Committee shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 9.2.3 No Member shall serve on the General Committee for a period longer than five consecutive years, excepting the positions of President and Captain for whom the maximum period shall be seven years, or more than three consecutive years in one office.
- 9.2.4 The election of Office Bearers, members of the General Committee and Auditor, shall be made at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.2.5 Nominations (with the consent of the Nominee) for election to any Honorary Office, or as an Ordinary Member of the Committee shall be made:-
  - 9.2.5.1 By the General Committee of the Club, or,
  - 9.2.5.2 By any two Ordinary Members of the Club.
  - 9.2.5.3 All Nominations shall be given to the Honorary Secretary of the Club at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- 9.2.6 A complete list of Nominees (Officers and Committee) together with their Proposer and Seconder must be posted on the Club Notice Board for at least seven days prior to the date of the particular Annual General Meeting.
- 9.2.7 The Committee 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.

- 9.2.8 At any 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 candidates already nominated for membership of the Committee.
- 9.2.9 The office of any Office Bearer shall be vacated by such Office Bearer resigning therefrom or on ceasing to be a member of the Club or being removed by a resolution at an Annual General Meeting.

### **9.3 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 9.3.1 Stated Meetings of the Committee shall be held no less than ten times per annum.
- 9.3.2 Upon a requisition signed by not less than three members of a Committee stating the nature of the business to be transacted, the Captain or Honorary Secretary of the 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 a Meeting within seven days the same may be convened by notice signed by four members of such Committee.

### **9.4 OWNERS STAFF**

- 9.4.1 The Committee of the Club shall co-operate with such staff as are employed by the Owner in the maintenance, service and upkeep of the Course and Clubhouse and shall direct the members to facilitate such staff in the execution of their duties in the interest of both the Owner and the Club.

### **9.5 LIAISON COMMITTEE**

- 9.5.1 The requirement of Sub-Sub-Clauses 9.5.2.1 and 9.5.2.2 shall be implemented by a Liaison Committee, the members of which shall comprise of three nominees from each of the Men's and Ladies Committee and the Owner's Representative. This Committee shall elect its own Chairperson who shall have a casting vote. The Owner's Representative shall have no vote.

9.5.2 The Liaison Committee shall:-

9.5.2.1 Make and from time to time to alter, such Bye-Laws and Regulations as are considered necessary in the interest of the members of both Clubs.

9.5.2.2 Make such Local Rules (provided they are not at variance with the Rules of Golf) and Regulations for the use of the Course as required.

9.5.3 Every member of every category and every visitor introduced by a member shall be subject to, and must comply with, all Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations in force.

## **9.6 APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

9.6.1 The Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to define the scope of their authority and to delegate and confer on such Committees the powers necessary for the discharge of the function or functions for which such Sub-Committee was formed, with the exception of Election of Members.

9.6.2 Each Sub-Committee shall retire annually on the date of the Annual General Meeting or when the function for which it was appointed is completed.

9.6.3 The quorum of each Sub-Committee shall be defined at the time of appointment.

9.6.4 The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall, in addition to a deliberate vote, have, and shall exercise a casting vote.

9.6.5 The Club as of right and obligation under the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme of the Council of Golf Unions shall appoint a Handicap Committee to administer the rights and obligations involved with this scheme as set forth therein.

The Sub-Committee shall consist of five members of the General Committee as defined in Clause 9.1. The Chairperson shall be the Honorary Handicapping Secretary, and its quorum shall be three.

## **10. ADMINISTRATION**

10.1 The Club shall be administered as follows:-

- 10.1.1 The Honorary Secretary of the Club shall be responsible for the every day affairs of the club except such duties which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Club.
- 10.1.2 All written complaints concerning matters under the jurisdiction and control of the Committee of the Club shall be primarily referred to the Honorary Secretary who, if unable to resolve same, shall place the complaint on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Committee for investigation and decision. (See Clause 16.)

## **11. FINANCE**

- 11.1 The financial affairs of the Club shall be administered as follows:-
  - 11.1.1 The Honorary Treasurer shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Club.
  - 11.1.2 The Banking Account shall be kept in the name of the Club (and clearly identified as such) in such Bank as the Committee may, from time to time determine. All cheques shall be signed and authorised by resolution of the Committee.
  - 11.1.3 The Committee shall collect and remit to the Golfing Union of Ireland the annual per capita subscription and Provincial Levies on members as required by the Bye-Laws of that Union.
  - 11.1.4 The Committee shall be entitled to charge and retain all entry fees in Club and Open Competitions under its control and management and for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes.
  - 11.1.5 The Honorary Treasurer shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Club for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October, for consideration by the Committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting which shall be held before the last day of December following.

## **12. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

- 12.1 Subject to the agreed limitation as to the number of members electable to the different categories of members:-
  - 12.1.1 The election of all members shall be in the hands of the Committee.

- 12.2 The procedure for the elections of members shall be as follows:-
- 12.2.1 Each candidate for election (except in the case of Honorary Members) must be Proposed by one Ordinary Member of the Club and Seconded by another Ordinary Member of the Club.
  - 12.2.2 Such Ordinary Member proposing and seconding a Candidate must themselves be members of the Club for a minimum of one year.
  - 12.2.3 The Proposer and Secunder must each know their candidate personally and shall write a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Membership Committee stating their personal knowledge of their candidate.
  - 12.2.4 An Ordinary Member wishing to propose a Candidate for election shall obtain from the Chairman of the Membership Committee a form known as an Application for Membership Form and shall in due course return it to the Chairman of the Membership Committee duly completed and signed by the Proposer and Secunder together with the letters required under Sub-Clause 12.2.3 above and shall, in addition, forward to the Chairman of the Membership Committee such additional information as may be required.
  - 12.2.5 If the Chairman of the Membership Committee decides that the name of the candidate for election should go forward, the name and address of the candidate shall be posted on the Clubhouse Notice Board for at least 15 days before the meeting at which the application is to be considered.
  - 12.2.6 Any omission from or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to any applicant shall render election voidable at the discretion of the Committee.
  - 12.2.7 Notice in writing shall be dispatched to all elected candidates by the Honorary Secretary of the Club together with a copy of the Club Constitution and Rules and a request to remit to the Honorary Treasurer of the Club within one calendar month from the date of such request the amount of the Annual Golf Subscription, and other charges payable by the category of member to which the candidate has been elected and Handicap Certificate (if applicable). On payment thereof the candidate shall become a member of the Club in that category and

entitled to the benefits and privileges of such membership and be bound by its Rules.

12.2.8 Should the requested payment not be made within one calendar month of the date of request as aforesaid, the election shall be void unless the candidate can satisfy the Committee that the delay in payment was due to unavoidable cause.

12.2.9 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.

### **13. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP**

13.1 Voting and non-voting members may be elected to the Club.

13.2 The following shall be voting members:-

13.2.1 Ordinary Members who have paid the Entrance Fee (if any) and Annual Subscription (if any) to the Owner, and the Annual Golf Club Subscription, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Annual General and all Special General Meetings of the Club.

13.3 The following shall be non-voting members of the Club:-

All members in these categories, except Honorary Members, shall be required to pay the Annual Subscription applicable to each category.

#### **13.3.1 FAMILY MEMBERS**

They shall comprise of husband and wife and two named children between the ages of twelve and eighteen. The husband will be categorised as an Ordinary Member in the Club, and the Children will be categorised as Juvenile Members.

#### **13.3.2 STUDENT/JUNIOR MEMBERS**

These shall comprise of Undergraduates and Students of Irish Universities and Medical Schools or of some other Institution of Learning as the Committee decides. Such membership shall cease on the 31<sup>st</sup> December following graduation or qualification or on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, six years after the date of election, whichever period shall be shorter.

### **13.3.3 JUVENILE MEMBERS**

Juvenile Members shall comprise young persons under 18 years of age. Such membership shall cease on the Juveniles 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### **13.3.4 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.

### **13.3.5 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

Shall comprise persons whom the Committee wish to acknowledge as having rendered exceptional service to the Club or the game of Golf or whose distinguished position or public service would render their membership of special advantage to the Club.

13.3.6 The procedure for electing an Honorary Member shall be:-

- (i) A written proposal shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary.
- (ii) The General Committee shall, as its next succeeding meeting, refer such a proposal to a Special Sub-Committee which shall be established to consider the proposal.
- (iii) This Sub-Committee shall give a recommendation on the proposal to the General Committee in sufficient time for the General Committee to reach a decision on whether or not to proceed with the proposal at the next Annual General Meeting.

## **14. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

- 14.1 All Categories of members except Honorary shall be obliged to pay an Annual Club Subscription along with the Annual Company Subscription.
- 14.2 The amount payable by different categories shall be fixed in consultation with the Owner.
- 14.3 All Company Subscriptions should be made payable to the Owner at the beginning of the licence period.

14.3.1 All Golf Club Subscriptions must be paid to the Club Treasurer on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> April following the Annual General Meeting.

14.4 After the 1<sup>st</sup> April following such Annual General Meeting, persons who have not paid the Golf Club Subscriptions shall not be eligible to play in Club Competitions.

14.4.1 Such persons may be re-instated as full members on payment of their Golf Club Subscriptions, together with such administration fee as may be required, at the discretion of the Committee.

## **15. VISITORS**

15.1 Prior to playing on the Course, a visitor introduced by a member shall pay the appropriate Green Fee.

## **16. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS FROM THE CLUB AND SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS**

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

16.2 If in the opinion of the Committee the Conduct in question may warrant suspension (by temporary withdrawal of the privileges of Membership) or expulsion of such Member he 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.

16.3 If after making such further enquiries as it considers necessary into the conduct of the member and on hearing such explanation, if any, as he may offer, the Committee decides that his conduct has not been explained or accounted for to its satisfaction but was not such as to warrant the expulsion of the member, the Committee may instead, by a simple majority, suspend the member for a period not exceeding three months. Should such a majority of the Committee not be satisfied that the charges of misconduct have been proved, no further action should be taken.

- 16.4 If no explanation of his conduct shall be given by the member, or if such explanation shall be considered unsatisfactory by the Committee, it may expel the member, provided that not less than two thirds of the Members of the Committee present vote for such a course of action.
- 16.5 If on the taking of a vote under Clause 16.4 less than 4 members vote for the expulsion, the Committee shall make a decision in accordance with the provisions of Clause 16.3.
- 16.6 When the Committee has resolved that a member be suspended or expelled, such Member shall, within seven days of the date of decision, be given notice in writing by the Honorary Secretary of the decision of the Committee, by registered post, or by delivery of such notice to his last known address. Such person shall have the right to appeal against the decision, within fourteen days of the date of the decision. The appeal shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary.
- 16.7 Notice of appeal under Clause 16.6 having been given, the decision shall not take effect for a period of twenty one days from the date of the decision and the Member shall have the right to have his appeal heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting requisitioned under Sub-Clause 17.3.1 provided that the necessary signatures for such requisition are procured either by the member in question or any other voting member. This meeting shall, by a simple majority, decide whether the expulsion shall be confirmed or repealed, or whether the period of suspension shall be confirmed, reduced, or repealed. Should the signatures provided for in Sub-Clause 17.3.1 not be obtained within twenty one days from the date of the decision, the Committee shall have power to deem the appeal to have lapsed and to enforce the decision forthwith or to allow an additional appeal should it decide by a simple majority, that the circumstances warrant it.
- 16.8 A decision of the Committee under this Rule shall stand unless and until a notice of appeal is received, by an Officer of the Club. Provided notice of an appeal has been received, and an Extraordinary General Meeting duly requisitioned, the expulsion or suspension shall not take effect, pending the holding of the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 16.9 During the period of suspension the Member shall not be entitled:-

- 16.9.1 To any of the privileges of the Clubhouse or Course afforded to Members, save only to attend any General Meeting which may be held during the period of his suspension.
- 16.9.2 He shall not be entitled to the refund or rebate of the whole or any part of his annual subscription or other sum paid or payable to the Club in respect of the year during which the suspension occurs.
- 16.10 A person who has been expelled from Membership shall not be entitled:-
- 16.10.1 To any of the privileges of the Clubhouse or Course afforded to Members.
- 16.10.2 To the refund or rebate of the whole or any part of his annual subscription or other sum paid or payable by him to the Club in respect of the year during which the expulsion occurs.
- 16.11 All voting under this rule shall be by secret ballot.

## **17. GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **17.1 THE CLUB**

- 17.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall save in exceptional circumstances, be held before the last day of December for receiving the Club Committees Annual Report, the Financial Statement for the year ended the previous 31<sup>st</sup> October, the electing of Office Bearers, Members of the Committee and Auditors, revising the Rules, and transacting such other business of the Club as may be on the Agenda.
- 17.1.2 Twenty one days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Ordinary Members of the Club who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- Such notice shall be posted on the Notice Board, and one such notice published in a newspaper circulating in the locality of the Club. This shall be considered sufficient intimation to the Members of the Meeting.
- 17.1.3 Any General Meeting shall not start before 8.00pm.
- 17.1.4 Notices of Motion and Nominations of Officers and Members of the General Committee must be made to the Honorary Secretary in writing at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting.

17.1.5 Such Notices and Nominations shall be promptly posted in the Members Notice Board in the locker room of the Clubhouse.

17.1.6 Notices of Motions and Nominations not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

## **17.2 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

17.2.1 Special or Extraordinary General Meetings of the Club may be called at any time by direction of the Club or on a requisition to the Honorary Secretary signed by at least thirty members entitled to vote at such Meeting, stating the business to be brought forward and this matter will be the only business considered at that meeting.

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

## **17.3 CHAIRMAN AT GENERAL MEETING**

17.3.1 The Captain, or if absent, the President, shall preside at all General Meetings of the Club.

17.3.2 If any of the foregoing Officers are absent or decline to preside, any other Chairman may be appointed by the Meeting.

17.3.3 Each Chairman in addition to a deliberative vote shall have, and shall exercise a casting vote.

## **18. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

18.1 Fourteen days notice of every General Meeting convened by order of a Committee (except meeting called under Clause 17.1 and Clause 17.2) shall be given to members entitled to vote by a circular specifying the time and place of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

18.2 All notices calling such Meetings may be sent by post and addressed as such as may be recorded in the Club books.

## **19. MODE OF VOTING AT GENERAL MEETING**

19.1 No proxies shall be allowed.

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

19.3 Ballot shall mean a vote on voting paper.

19.4 A majority of one shall be sufficient to decide any question under discussion unless a greater majority is required by some other Club Rule.

19.5 In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have and shall exercise a casting vote as provided in Sub-Clause 17.3.3.

19.6 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, the question of whether voting should be by a show of hands or by ballot, shall be decided by a show of hands.

19.7 An election of candidates for membership of the Committee 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.

## **20. MINUTE BOOKS**

20.1 The Club shall keep:-

20.1.1 A Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes of Annual General and Special General Meetings and also,

20.1.2 A Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes from all Committee Meetings held in compliance with Clause 9.3.

20.1.3 The respective Minutes shall be read out at the next General Statutory or other Committee Meeting and, when approved as being a correct record, shall be signed and dated by the Chairperson.

## **21. PLAYING FACILITIES**

21.1 The Club, in conjunction with the Owner, shall decide the days and times when it shall have the use of the Course. All other times required by the Club shall be by agreement with the Owner in accordance with Clause 9.5 (Liaison).

## **22. PERSONAL PROPERTY**

- 22.1 The Club shall not be responsible for any personal belongings of members or members visitors 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). Such personal belongings shall be at the sole risk of the owners thereof, and neither the Club nor any Committee thereof, shall be responsible for any loss or damage thereto, howsoever 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. In addition the members shall have due regard for any relevant conditions imposed by the owner of the facilities.

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

- 23.1 No Rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered or new Rule made except at a General Meeting of the 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 with the names of the Proposer and Seconder attached at least three weeks previous to the Meeting at which same is to be considered.
- 23.1.1 No such Rule which directly or indirectly effects the rights and interests of the Owner can be repealed or altered or new Rule made without the consent of the Owner.
- 23.2 The Honorary Secretary shall place the proposal on the Club Notice Board and put the item on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Club.
- 23.3 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.
- 23.4 Any changes in the Rules of the Club shall not be in conflict with the Constitution of the Golfing Union of Ireland.

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

- 24.1 The Rules of the game of Golf for the Club shall be the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

24.2 The Committee and/or the Liaison Committee shall, in compliance with Sub-Sub Clause 9.5.2.2, 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 to which the Men's Club or the Ladies Club is affiliated.

**25. BYE-LAWS**

25.1 The Committee and/or the Liaison Committee shall have the power from time to time in compliance with Sub-Sub Clause 9.5.2.1 to make such Bye-Laws as it considers necessary and to alter and repeal same, subject at all times to the approval of the appropriate Committee.

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