

SHANNON GOLF CLUB

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1. PRELIMINARY, DEFINITIONS, 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 to the Irish Ladies Golf Union and to which such club is affiliated.

1.7 The "Joint Club" shall mean the Club formed through the amalgamation of the two groups of amateur playing golfers defined in Clauses 1.5 and 1.6 above for the purpose of managing matters of common interest (other than the game of golf and its related activities) of both the Men's Club and the Ladies' Club including the provision and maintenance of the facilities owned by or available for use by the members. The Joint Club holds the 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 as 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 Board of Management or each of their Officers and Members as the context so admits or requires.

2. TITLE AND OWNERSHIP

2.1 The name of the Club shall be Shannon 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 known.

2.2 The official address of the Club is Shannon Golf Club, Shannon, in the County of Clare.

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 Voting Members. The Voting Members shall have control of the affairs of the Club.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The membership of the Men's Club shall consist of Male Members who are Ordinary Members including Life Members, other subscribing Members and such Honorary Members as may be elected from time to time under Rule 10.2.

3.2 The membership of the Ladies' Club shall consist of Female Members who are Ordinary Members including Life Members, other subscribing Members and such Honorary Members as may be elected from time to time under Rule 10.2.

3.3 The membership of the Joint Club shall consist of all Members of each of the Men's and the Ladies' Club.

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 Munster Branch of such Union in whose Province the course is situated.

4.1.2.1. In compliance with the Union Bye-Law 2, pay on every 1st 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, University/Student and Junior/Juvenile) of the club at the end of its last financial year.

4.1.3 Accept and apply the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme as prescribed by the Council of National Golf Unions and such rules thereunder as may require to be implemented from time to time by the Golfing Union of Ireland.

- 4.1.4 Accept and recognise the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status.
- 4.1.5 Authorise the Joint Club to manage matters of common interest (other than the game of golf and its related activities) which the Men's Club has with the Ladies' Club subject to and as provided in these rules.
- 4.2 The Ladies' Club shall:-
- 4.2.1 Promote the Amateur game of golf amongst its Members.
- 4.2.2 Accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Irish Ladies Golf Union and the Bye-Laws of the Southern District in which the course is situated.
- 4.2.2.1 In compliance with such constitution pay on a date specified by the I.L.G.U., a per capita subscription on every female playing member of the club, in accordance to the rule by the governing body, at the end of its last financial year.
- 4.2.3. Accept and apply the Handicapping System as prescribed by the Irish Ladies Golf Union and such rules there under as may require to be implemented from time to time by such Union.
- 4.2.4. Accept and recognise the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status.
- 4.2.5 Authorise the Joint Club to manage matters of common interest (other than the game of Golf and its related activities) which the Ladies' Club has with the Men's Club subject to and as provided in these rules.
- 4.3 The Joint Club shall:-
- 4.3.1 Provide facilities for the playing and promotion of the amateur game of golf and generally promote other social activities amongst its members.
- 4.3.2 Manage through the Board of Management matters of common interest to both the Men's and the Ladies' Clubs which shall include:-
- 4.3.2.1 Provision of and responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the course and Clubhouse and their environs to the standard required by club members.
- 4.3.2.2. Provision of Bar and Catering facilities and all these entail.
- 4.3.2.3. Collection of Annual Club Subscriptions and other Club Levies payable by members.
- 4.3.2.4. The Rate of Green Fee payable by visitors to the club.
- 4.3.3 Adhere to the maximum number of members of the different categories of playing member which can be elected to each of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs. Any alteration in the number permitted in each category shall be decided by the Board of Management.
- 4.3.4. Adhere to the existing rate of
- (i) Club Entrance Fee
- (ii) Annual Subscription (individual and family)

- (iii) Capital Levy (if any)
- (iv) Compulsory Spending (if any) being paid by members of different categories of playing members in each of the Men's and the Ladies' and Joint Clubs.

4.3.5. Any alteration in any of the rates in Sub-Clauses 4.3.4 shall be decided at an Annual General or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Joint Club.

4.3.6 Generally to act in the promotion and advancement of the interests of the Club and the improvement of the facilities available to members.

4.3.7 Adhere to the basic course layout as designed by John D. Harris which cannot be changed other than in the manner herein prescribed. Should any fundamental or major alteration of the course be necessary, the Board of Management will engage the services of a recognised Golf Course Architect whose drawings, once approved at a General Meeting, will form the basis of any future alterations to the course. It is recognised that ongoing improvements will continue at the discretion of the Board of Management.

5. TRUSTEES

5.1 Trustees shall be no more than 4, shall be appointed for a five year term and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms. Any casual vacancy occurring shall be filled by a Full member, appointed by the Board of Management for the remainder of the five year term, and ratified by resolution at the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.

5.2 The Club premises and such other property of the Club as the Board of Management shall determine shall be vested in and under the legal control of the Trustees. Such Trustees shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by a resolution of the Board of Management of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence. The Trustees shall be indemnified in respect of all transactions so directed by a resolution of the Board of Management out of the Joint Club property. In addition, the Trustees of the Club (and each of them) shall be indemnified at all times by the members for the time being of the Club, against all or any liabilities and expenses that they may incur or suffer arising from their position as Trustees of the Club or from any acts or omissions undertaken by them or any of them which are not in themselves in breach of the rules of this constitution.

5.3 The Trustees, when directed by resolution of the Board of Management to perform a certain act may consider that the performance of such act is one of such importance that the members of the Joint Club should first be consulted. The Trustees may then refuse to perform such act until the members of the Joint Club have been consulted at a General or an Extraordinary General Meeting and a resolution is passed at such meeting authorising or refusing to authorise the Trustees to perform such act as was originally directed by the Board of Management.

5.4. The Trustees of the Club are hereby authorised to borrow in their own names and on behalf of the Club as Trustees such sums of money to an extent not exceeding such amounts and upon such terms as may be authorised by the Board of Management.

To secure the aforementioned borrowings, the Trustees are hereby authorised to give such security as may be authorised by the Board of Management.

5.5 The Trustees of the Club are hereby authorised and empowered to guarantee the obligations and contracts of members not exceeding such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as may be authorised from time to time by resolution of the Board of Management passed in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

5.6 The Trustees may as required, call for a meeting with the Board of Management to discuss or review the Financial Affairs of the club.

5.6.1 One of the Trustees, selected from and agreed by the Trustees, may attend the meetings of the Board of Management in a non-voting capacity. The selected Trustee will serve on the Board of Management for a period not exceeding one year following which the Trustees shall meet, select and agree a fellow Trustee to serve for the following year. If the selected Trustee is unable to attend any meeting of the Board of Management, a substitute Trustee may attend in his/her place.

5.7 Minutes of all Board of Management meetings along with Financial Reports will be forwarded to the Trustees following such meetings.

6. OFFICERS

6.1 The Officers of the Men's Club shall be Captain, Vice Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

6.2 The Officers of the Ladies' Club shall be Captain, Vice Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

6.3 The Officers of the Joint Club shall be President, Captain of the Men's Club, Captain of the Ladies' Club, Chairperson of the Board of Management and Honorary Treasurer. The President, Captain and Lady Captain shall have the right to attend and vote at all meetings of the Board of Management. The President of the Club, together with the Captains, shall represent the Club at all official functions.

6.4 The Officers of the Club, members of the Board of Management and the Men's and Ladies' Committees shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Club, for all acts done or approved by them in good faith on behalf of the Club, in exercise of the powers and functions conferred on them hereunder and shall not by virtue of their holding such office incur any personal liability.

7. 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 (herewithin referred to as "the Men's Committee") consisting of the Officers of the Men's Club, the ex-Officio and five other members of the Men's Club elected under Rules 7.3 and 20.7.

7.1.2. The business and affairs of the Ladies' Club shall be under the jurisdiction and control of a General Committee (herewithin referred to as "the Ladies' Committee") consisting of the Officers of the Ladies' Club, the ex-Officio and five other members of the Ladies' Club elected under Rules 7.3 and 20.7.

7.1.3. The business and affairs of the Joint Club will be the responsibility of the Board of Management. It shall comprise of 9 members including the Honorary Treasurer of the Club and a Trustee and shall hold meetings at periodic intervals of not more than two months. The President, Captain and Lady Captain shall be voting members of the Board of Management for the duration of their respective office. The remaining four positions will be filled by Full members who will each be elected at the Annual General Meeting, for a term of 3 years to manage specific portfolios. The specific portfolios are (1) Chairperson, (2) Course, (3) Development (4) Property and House.

The Chairman and members of the Board of Management will serve a three year term and a retiring member can offer himself/herself for re-election for one period of three years. The longest serving member will retire each year and in the year in which the Chairman must retire, the longest serving of the remaining elected members must also retire. In the event of members service being of equal duration, the retiring member (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) shall be chosen by lot.

Continuous service on the Board of Management, in any capacity, shall be limited to a maximum of six years. However if, because of the continuous tenure limitations imposed herein or for any other reason, a situation does arise that the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and the longest standing of the elected members are retiring at the same time, the Board of Management may nominate one of these members to remain in office, without having to offer himself/herself for re-election, for a further period of one year

7.1.4 Each of the aforementioned Committees may exercise its powers notwithstanding that there might be a vacancy or vacancies in its membership.

7.1.5 At meetings of the Committees of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs, four members one of whom shall be an officer shall form a quorum. At meetings of the Board of Management five of those entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

7.1.6 At Meetings of the Men's and the 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 Board of Management the Chair shall be taken by the Chairperson or, if absent, by ballot of the members present.

7.1.7 The Chairperson at a Meeting shall, in addition to a deliberate vote, have, and shall exercise, a casting vote only in a ‘tie’ situation.

7.2 General Manager

The General Manager will report and be responsible to the Board of Management and in that capacity will attend meetings of the Board of Management, and General Meetings of the Members.

His responsibilities will include:

The implementation of the decisions of the Board of Management and the regular reviewing of all activities of the club, the making of recommendations as appropriate and the management of the day to day affairs of the Club.

7.3 ELECTIONS - Officers and Committees.

7.3.1 The Captains of the Men’s and Ladies' Clubs shall retire after one years service and be succeeded by the Vice Captains. However, the relevant committee may propose that the members re-elect the outgoing Captain for a further period of not more than one year. In such event the tenure of office of the Vice-Captains shall be extended for a similar period.

7.3.2 The President of the Joint Club shall be eligible for election to serve a term of one year only.

7.3.3 All Honorary Secretaries, and Honorary Treasurers shall retire annually and may be eligible for re-election always provided that the same office shall not be held by the same officer for six consecutive years.

7.3.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing if, in any of the Clubs, the offices of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are due to expire at the same Annual General Meeting the Committee of such Club may, in the interest of continuity of administration, extend the term of office of one of these Officers for a further year. In the absence of agreement the decision shall be by drawing lots.

7.3.5 The election of Office Bearers, Auditors and Members of Committee shall be made at the respective Annual General Meetings.

7.3.6 The Men’s and Ladies' Committees shall nominate for election candidates for Committee vacancies of their respective Clubs for the ensuing year.

7.3.7 The Board of Management shall nominate for election the President, Honorary Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board of Management and members for specific portfolios.

7.3.8 Full Members may (with the consent of the nominee) nominate for election to Committee vacancies of each of the Men’s and Ladies' Committees and the portfolio vacancies with the exception of the Chairperson, on the Board of Management. Full Members may nominate,(with the consent of the nominee) for

the office of President. Such nominations shall be given to the Secretary of the Club concerned and in the case of the Board of Management to the General/Manager by the 1st November prior to the Annual General Meeting of that Club. All nominees must be properly proposed and seconded by Full Members of at least 3 years standing of the Club concerned.

7.3.9 A complete list of nominees (Officers and Committee) together with their proposers and seconders must be posted on the Club Notice Board for at least seven days prior to the date of the particular Annual General Meeting.

7.3.10 The respective Committees shall have power to fill vacancies in any of these offices (including membership of its Committee) during any year. The persons so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the particular Club. Such appointment shall not be construed as forming part of the time limit provided in rules 7.3.2 and 7.3.3.

7.3.11 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 numbers already nominated for membership of the Committee.

7.3.12 Each member of the Men's and Ladies' Committees other than office Bearers shall hold office for a period of 3 years from the time of election and shall then retire, and shall not be eligible for re-election in that capacity on the same Committee until the following year.

7.3.13 Notwithstanding the foregoing (Rule 7.3.10) at least one member of each Committee shall retire each year. Where it is necessary to determine between members of equal service as to who should retire to fill the quota, this shall be done by drawing lots.

7.3.14 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.

7.4 Meetings

7.4.1 Stated Meetings of the Men's and the Ladies' Committees shall be held at least once in every month between February and September and not less than once in every two months between October and January.

7.4.2 Stated Meetings of the Board of Management shall be held at least once in every 2 months and Special Meetings on such dates as may be found convenient for the transaction of business on at least three days notice being given by the Chairperson or General Manager, or less by agreement of all Board Members.

7.4.3 Upon a requisition signed by no less than 50% of the members of the Mens or Ladies Committees, 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. If the Officers designated above neglect or refuse to call such Meeting within seven days the same may be convened by notice signed by 5 members of such Committee.

7.4.4 Any member of a Committee who is absent for three consecutive meetings, or five in any one year, without an acceptable reason shall be deemed to have resigned from that Committee and the vacancy shall be filled under Sub Clause 7.3.10.

7.5 Employment

7.5.1 The Board of Management shall have power to appoint a paid Manager and other employees upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine; to terminate such appointments and to appoint substitutes from time to time, in accordance with the job specification and contracts, decided by the Board of Management.

7.6 Management Regulations

7.6.1 The Board 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.

7.6.2 In consultation with both the Men's and the Ladies' Committees, the Board of Management is 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.

7.6.3 Every member of every category, and every visitor, or other person using the Clubhouse or Course, shall be subject to, and must comply with, all Rules, Bye Laws and Regulations in force.

7.7 Appointment of Sub-Committees

7.7.1 The Men's and the Ladies' Committees and the Board of Management, shall each have power to appoint Sub-Committees, to define the scope of their authority, to delegate and confer upon such Sub-Committees the powers necessary for the discharge of the function or functions for which such Sub-Committees were formed.

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

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

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

7.7.5 No Sub Committee can be appointed to elect members.

8. ADMINISTRATION

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

8.1.1 The Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club shall be responsible for the every-day affairs of that Club, except such duties as are specifically assigned to another officer of the Men's Club, or to the General Manager.

8.1.2 The Honorary Secretary of the Ladies' Club shall be responsible for the every-day affairs of that Club, except such duties as are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Ladies' Club, or to the General Manager.

8.1.3 The General Manager of the Joint Club shall be responsible for the every-day affairs of that Club, except such duties as are specifically assigned to a member of the Board of Management.

8.1.4 All written complaints shall be dealt with under Rule 17.2.

8.1.5 The Captains of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs shall act as liaison officers between the Men's and Ladies' Clubs and the Board of Management.

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 be responsible for ensuring the proper books of accounts are maintained.

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 Board of Management may, from time to time, determine. All cheques shall be signed by the General Manager, or an authorised Officer, and shall require a second signature, by one other authorised Officer, for amounts as directed by the Board.

9.1.3 The Honorary Treasurer of the Joint Club, shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Joint Club, for the financial year ended 30th September, for consideration by the Board 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 31st December following.

9.1.4 The Board of Management may make annual grants to each of the Men's and Ladies' clubs and additional grants to cover exceptional circumstances.

9.2 The financial affairs of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs shall be operated as follows:-

9.2.1 The Honorary Treasurers of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of their respective clubs.

9.2.2 The Banking account shall be kept in the name of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs (and shall be clearly identified as such) in such Bank as their respective committees may, with the approval of the Board of Management, from time to

time decide. All cheques shall be signed by any two of the following:- The Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the General Manager or one other authorised member of their respective committees.

9.2.3 The Men's and Ladies' Committees shall be entitled to charge entry fees in Club and Open Competitions under their control and management, and for which they have arranged for the provision of prizes.

9.2.4 The Honorary Treasurers of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs shall issue a financial statement of the affairs of the their Clubs for the financial year ended 30th September for consideration by their Committees, and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the respective clubs, which shall be held not later than 30th November following.

9.2.5 Following the Meeting of the Men's and Ladies' Committees, at which the financial accounts are considered, the Honorary Treasurer shall immediately forward a copy of the financial accounts to the Honorary Treasurer of the Board of Management for information.

9.2.6 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.

9.2.7 The Ladies' Committee shall be responsible for the payment to the Irish Ladies Golf Union, of the annual per capita subscription on Members, as required by the Bye-Laws of that Union.

10. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

10.1 Subject to the agreed limitations as to the number of members electable to the different categories of member in 4.3.3.

10.1.1 The election of all Male playing members shall be in the hands of the Men's Committee.

10.1.2 The election of all Female playing members shall be in the hands of the Ladies' Committee.

10.1.3 The elections of all House or Social Members shall be in the hands of the Board of Management.

10.2 The procedure for the election of members shall be as follows:-

10.2.1 Each candidate for admission (except in the case of Honorary or Honorary Life Members) must be proposed by one voting member of the appropriate Club and seconded by another.

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 seconder, must each know their candidate personally, and shall each write a letter, addressed to their Committee, stating their personal knowledge of their candidate.

10.2.4 A voting member shall not propose or second more than two candidates in any one year.

10.2.5 A voting member, wishing to propose a candidate for election, shall obtain from the General Manager, an Application for Membership Form. He/she shall, in due course, return to the General Manager, such form, duly completed and signed, by the proposer and seconder, together with the letters required under Sub-Clause 10.2.3 above, and shall provide such additional information, as might be required.

10.2.6 The application shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary of the relevant Club, whose Committee shall make a decision, as provided in Clause 10.1. The application form of the selected candidates shall be posted on the Club house notice board. In the absence of any objections, by a Member within 7 days, the applicant (s) shall be deemed to be elected.

10.2.7 Any omission or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to any candidate shall render election voidable, at the discretion of the Committee.

10.2.8 Immediately upon election of a candidate to membership, notice in writing, shall be dispatched to such candidate by the General Manager. A copy of the Club Rules shall also be dispatched, with a request to remit to the General Manager, or the Club'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. On payment thereof, the candidate shall become a member of the Club in that category, and be entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership, and be bound by its Rules.

10.2.9 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.

10.2.10 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.

11. MEMBERSHIP

11.1 The following shall be the categories of member which may be elected to the Club:-

11.1.1 (1) Ordinary Members shall comprise men and women, who have paid the Entrance Fee, Annual Subscription, and Capital Levy (if any) applicable to this category.

11.1.1(1a) Special ordinary members shall comprise men and women who have not paid the Entrance Fee but have paid the Annual Subscription and Capital Levy (if any) applicable to this category. Such members shall have all the entitlements of Ordinary Members except that they will not be eligible to receive any reductions in the Annual Subscription under Rule 15.

11.1.1 (2) Life Members shall comprise men and women, who have paid the Entrance Fee, Life Membership Subscription, and Capital Levy (if any) applicable to this category. Life Membership shall be for the life of the Member, or until he,

or she, resigns or be duly expelled. In the construction of these rules, except such as provide for the payment of Annual Subscriptions, and the consequence of non payment of same, the term Ordinary Member shall include Life Member where the context so admits or requires.

11.1.1 (3) Ordinary Members and Life Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Annual General, and at all Special General, Meetings of either the Men's or Ladies' Clubs of which each such Member has been elected a voting Member, or all Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings of the Joint Club, and enjoy all outdoor and indoor facilities prescribed by sub-clause 4.3.1 hereof. Only Ordinary Members and Life Members shall have an interest in the Club property, which interest shall cease on such Member leaving these categories, unless the Member has been elected an Honorary Member of the Club. Ordinary Members and Life Members are often known and referred to as Full Members.

11.1.2 Honorary Life Members shall comprise persons, whom either the Men's or Ladies' Committee, 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. Such nominations shall need prior approval of the Board of Management and shall be ratified by a general meeting of the members.

11.1.3 Five Day Members shall comprise persons who wish to enjoy the Membership facilities of the Course only from Monday to Friday each week and the facilities of the Clubhouse from Monday through Sunday. On week-ends/Public Holidays they are required to pay an agreed green fee charge for the facility of the Course.

11.1.4 Student Members shall comprise undergraduates and students of such Institutes of learning as the Board of Management may decide. Such membership shall cease on 31st of December following graduation or qualification or on 31st December 5 years after the date of election whichever period shall be the shorter. The Board of Management can extend the above limits in exceptional circumstances.

11.1.5 Junior Members attending a full time educational facility shall comprise young persons whose ages at the date of election, shall not be less than ten years, or more than eighteen (unless otherwise determined by the relevant Committee).

11.1.6 Country Membership shall comprise persons, whose permanent residence and place of employment is fifty miles distant from the Club, and are Full Members of an affiliated Golf Club. Such membership shall terminate, as and when, the member comes to reside within a fifty mile radius of the Club, or ceases to be a Full Member of another Affiliated Golf Club.

11.1.7 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.

11.1.8 House Members shall comprise persons who wish to enjoy the facilities of the Clubhouse.

11.1.9 Life Members may be elected at the discretion of the Board of Management, and subject to the agreed limitations as to the numbers electable in this category.

11.1.10 The cost of Life Membership may be part refundable in circumstances of

- (a) Transfer of employment out of the Shannon area.
- (b) Serious illness.
- (c) Death within 10 years.
- (d) Exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Board of Management.

11.1.11 Young persons in the age category 18-30, who are the designated age on or before Jan 1 in the year of application, and who are no longer attending a full time educational facility, shall be given the following categories of transitional membership, which shall all be non-voting:

Junior-Full 23 (JF23)
Junior-Full 24 (JF24)
Junior-Full 25 (JF25)
Junior-Full 26 (JF26)
Junior-Full 27 (JF27)
Junior-Full 28 (JF28)
Junior-Full 29 (JF29)

11.1.12 Under 30s Ordinary Membership shall comprise Men and Women who have not paid the Entrance Fee but have paid the Annual Subscription and Capital Levy (if any) applicable to this category. Such members shall have all the entitlements of Ordinary Members except that they will not be eligible to receive any reductions in the Annual Subscription under Rule 15. To qualify for this category intending members must be under 30 years on the 1st January in the year of application,

12. ENTRANCE FEE

12.1. On election, the following category of member are required to pay an entrance fee, Ordinary, Life, Five Day, Country, Overseas and House.

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

12.3 When a Student or Junior Member is obliged to relinquish either category, and seeks election to one of the Transitional Membership categories in Clause 11.1.11, the Board is authorised to offer to such persons or those joining in any of the above categories of transitional membership a 12.5% entrance fee reduction for each continuous year of Junior membership.

12.4 Should a Five Day, Country, Overseas or House Member apply to become an Ordinary or Life Member, the amount of the entrance fee payable shall be the appropriate amount payable at the date of election as an Ordinary or Life Member, less the amount of any entrance fee paid by such member on election to the other category.

12.5 The amount of entrance fees payable by the different categories of member shall initially be fixed by the Board of Management under Rule 4.3.4 and ratified or altered at the next Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club. Thereafter such entrance fee shall remain in operation until altered at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.

13. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

13.1 All Categories of members, except the Captain of the Men's Club, the Captain of the Ladies' Club, the President of the Club, the Honorary Treasurer of the Joint Club, Honorary Members, Honorary Life, and Life Members shall be required to pay an Annual Subscription.

13.2 The amount payable by the different categories shall initially be fixed by the Board of Management under Rule 4.3.4 and ratified or altered at the next Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club on which Life members are not entitled to vote. Thereafter such subscriptions shall remain in operation until altered at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.

13.3 All subscriptions are due on the 1st January each year, and the General Manager shall send out reminder notices, early in February, quoting the remainder of this Rule. Any member, whose subscription for the current year is in arrears on the 1st of March, shall be ineligible to enter for any competition held by the club, or to make use of the course, or the club premises, or to take part in any meetings of the Club, so long as such subscriptions remain unpaid. A member, whose subscription is in arrears on the 31st of March, shall cease to be a member of the club, but, within nine months of the date when the subscription was due, shall be considered for re-election as a member, upon an available vacancy, on payment of all arrears, and without payment of an entrance fee. Members who are paying their subscriptions by Standing Order set up by the Club, are deemed to be paid up members.

13.4 The General Manager shall notify the Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club and the Ladies' Club of the name of any unpaid member, and the Committee concerned shall not be entitled to allow such person to compete in any Club or Open Competition under its control.

14. CAPITAL LEVY

14.1 The Board of Management shall be empowered to impose (subject to approval at a Special General Meeting), a capital levy on Ordinary Members and any other categories of members, as it sees fit, to fund any construction work or improvement to the Course,

Clubhouse or its environs. Life members are not entitled to vote on this motion for 15 years after the election to Life Membership.

14.2 The amount of such levy shall be payable on a date set by the Board of Management and approved by Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.

15. REDUCTION OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

15.1: The board is authorized to offer, to retired qualified ordinary members (voting members) aged 70 years on the 1st of January in the year they apply, a reduction in the annual subscription of €150.00 off the ordinary membership rate.

15.2: The board is authorized to offer, to retired qualified ordinary members (voting members) aged 80 years on the 1st of January in the year they apply, a special over 80's rate which will not exceed one third of the ordinary membership rate.

15.3: The board is authorized to excuse qualified ordinary members (voting members) aged 80 years or over from all levy charges with the exception of ILGU and GUI levies and the bar contribution.

16. VISITORS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS

16.1 Any member may introduce visitors.

16.2 It shall be a condition precedent, that the member effecting the introduction, shall enter each visitors name, address and date of visit immediately on entering the clubhouse, in a book to be kept for the purpose called a "Visitors Book" and such entry must be attested by the signature of the introducing member.

16.3 No visitor shall be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation of and in the company of the introducing member.

16.4 The charge for visitors shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Management, who are also empowered to make regulations for the admission of non-playing visitors.

16.5 Every playing visitor must display a numbered Green Fee Voucher, bearing the visitor's name, and the date on which the visitor may use the facilities of the Course and Clubhouse.

16.6 On the issue of each Green Fee Voucher, the name of the Visitor, the number and amount of the Green Fee Voucher, and the name of the introducing member, must be immediately entered in a Green Fee Record.

16.7 In addition, the General Manager or his representative, or any past or present member of either the Men's or Ladies' Committee or of the Board of Management, having

made and attested the necessary entry may permit a person or group, not having an introduction from a member, to play on the Course and use the Clubhouse as a visitor on payment of the current Green Fee.

16.8 The payment of the Green Fee shall entitle the visitor to temporary membership of the Club for the day.

16.9 Members introducing visitors, shall ensure that green fees are paid, and recorded, and shall be responsible for conduct of said visitor both on and off the course.

16.10 The Board of Management shall have power to suspend the rules permitting the introduction of visitors, or temporary members, at any time, and refuse permission for any particular visitor, or temporary member, to use the 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 for the competition, and on such fee being accepted by the Committee in charge of the competition, be eligible to use the Course and Clubhouse, as Temporary Members for every day during the continuance of such competition.

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

16.13 Any Office Bearer, the General Manager, or other person delegated by him, (and without assigning any cause if they so think right) may 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.

16.14 The fee paid by any such Temporary Member may be either forfeited or refunded.

17. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

17.1 The Board of Management shall delegate authority to a Special Committee to investigate reported breaches of

- (1) Any rule of the Constitution of the Club
- (2) Any Bye Law of the Club
- (3) The Etiquette of Golf.

The membership of the Committee shall comprise of 3 persons; a Trustee; a past Captain and a member of the Board of Management.

The General Manager shall attend all meetings to record minutes of proceedings and shall maintain files of all matters investigated.

17.2 Written allegations received of misconduct by members, staff or visitors shall be placed before the Special Committee for consideration. The Committee shall make whatever enquiries are considered necessary to obtain all relevant details, and shall decide on the course of action necessary.

If, in the opinion of the Special Committee the conduct warrants suspension or expulsion the matter shall be referred to the Board of Management for decision.

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

17.4 If after making such further enquiries, as it considers necessary, into the conduct of the member, and hearing such explanation, if any, as he or she may offer, the Board 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 Board may instead, by a majority, suspend the member for a period not exceeding three months. If the member is a playing member, the Board shall notify the Men's or the Ladies' Committee, which elected such member, of its decision with which such Committee shall abide. Should a majority of the Board of Management not be satisfied that the charges of misconduct have been proved no further action shall be taken.

17.6 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 Chairman of the Board, or other authorised Officer, of his or her club of the decision, by registered post or by delivery of such notice to his or her last known address. Such person shall have the right of appeal against the decision, within fourteen days of the date of decision. The appeal shall be made, in writing, to the Chairman of the Board of Management.

17.7 Notice of an appeal under Clause 17.6 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 or Ladies' Committee shall be notified of such appeal.

17.8 The member shall have the right to have the appeal heard by a Committee of Appeal consisting of the Captain of the relevant club, i.e. Men's Club, Ladies' Club, the Chairman of the Board of Management and five past Captains of the Men's or Ladies' Club as appropriate. The past Captains shall be drawn by lot from the list of surviving past Captains living in the catchment area of the Club and who are current members. The Committee of appeal shall elect a chairperson who in the event of a tied vote, will have the casting vote.

17.9 During the period of suspension the member shall not be entitled:

17.9.1 To enter upon the club property, in the company of another member save only to collect any of his or her property or, for the purposes of attending any General Meeting which may be held during the period of suspension.

17.9.2 To a refund or rebate of the whole or any 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.

- 17.10 A person who has been expelled from membership shall be entitled:
- 17.10.1 To enter upon the Club's property in the company of another member, only to collect any of his or her property which must be removed within 7 days of expulsion.
 - 17.10.2 To a refund or rebate at the discretion of the Board of Management of the whole or any 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.
 - 17.10.3 To the refund or rebate of part of his or her Life Membership subscription, if appropriate, at the discretion of the Board of Management.
- 17.11 All voting under this Rule shall be by secret ballot.

18. MEETINGS

18.1 The Men's Club

18.1.1 The Annual General Meeting shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be held in the month of November for receiving the Committee's Annual Reports and the Financial Statements for the year ended the previous 30th September, for electing Office Bearers, members of Committee, and transacting such other business of the Men's Club as may be on the Agenda.

18.1.2 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.

18.1.3 Notices of the A.G.M. shall be posted in 2 local newspapers, the club website and a notice in the clubhouse shall be accompanied by a copy of the reports and the financial statements. These shall also be available to members from the office".

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

18.1.5 Such notices and nominations shall be posted promptly in the main entrance hall of the Clubhouse.

18.1.6 Notices of Motion and nominations not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

18.1.7 At all Annual General Meetings and all Special General Meetings 7% of those entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

18.2 The Ladies' Club

18.2.1 The Annual General Meeting shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be held in the month of November for receiving the Committee's Annual Reports and the Financial Statements for the year ended the previous 30th September; for electing Office Bearers, Member of Committee, and transacting such other business of the Ladies' Club as may be on the Agenda.

18.2.2 Fourteen days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Female Ordinary Members of the Club who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club.

18.2.3 Notices of the A.G.M. shall be posted in 2 local newspapers, the club website and a notice in the clubhouse shall be accompanied by a copy of the reports and the financial statements. These shall also be available to members from the office.

18.2.4 Notices of Motion and nominations of Officers and members of Committee of the Ladies' Club must be made to the Honorary Secretary in writing by the 1st November in each year.

18.2.5 Such notices and nominations shall be posted promptly in the main entrance hall of the Clubhouse.

18.2.6 Notices of Motion and nominations not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

18.2.7 At all Annual General Meetings and all Special General Meetings 7% of those entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

18.3 The Joint Club.

18.3.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be held not later than 31st of December for receiving the Board of Management's Annual Reports and the Financial Statements for the year ended the previous 30th September; for electing Office Bearers, Auditors, members of the Board of Management, revising rules and transacting such other business of the Club as may be on the Agenda.

18.3.2 Fourteen days notice at least of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Members of the club entitled to attend and vote. Such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the Reports and duly audited Financial Statements.

18.3.3 Notices of Motion and nomination of Officers and Members of the Board of Management must be made to the General Manager in writing at least seven days before the day of such meeting.

18.3.4 Such notices and nominations shall be posted promptly in the main entrance hall of the Clubhouse.

18.3.5 Notices of Motion and nominations not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting except as provided in Clause 18.4.3 hereof.

18.3.6 At all Annual General Meetings and all Special General Meetings 7% of those entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

18.4 Notification to Joint Club

18.4.1 Immediately following the Annual General Meetings of each of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs the respective Honorary Secretaries shall notify the General Manager of the name of the Captain of their Club who should attend the Board of Management Meetings for the ensuing year.

18.4.2 Each Honorary Secretary shall also forward to the General Manager for submission such recommendations as such Club wishes to submit for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club.

18.4.3 Any such recommendations shall be discussed, if necessary, under the heading of "Any Other Business" at such Meeting if it is not received in time for inclusion on the Agenda for the Meeting.

18.5 Special General Meeting

18.5.1 Special General Meeting of any of the Clubs may be called at any time by direction of the Committee / Board of Management of the Club concerned or on a requisition to the General Manager, signed by at least 50 members entitled to vote at such Meeting, stating the business to be brought forward.

18.5.2 On receipt of such requisition it shall be the duty of the Committee of such Club/Board of Management to have a General Meeting called without delay. Notice calling such Meeting not being issued by direction of the Committee concerned within fourteen days after receipt of the requisition by the General Manager, any 50 members who have signed the requisition may issue notice of a General Meeting. Such notice shall be sufficient if published in the local press and the club website at least ten days before the date fixed for such meeting.

18.6 Chairperson at General Meeting

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

18.6.2 The Chairperson of the Board of Management, or if absent, the President shall preside at all General Meetings of the Joint Club.

18.6.3 If any of the foregoing Officers are absent or decline to preside any other Chairperson may be appointed by the members of the appropriate committee.

18.6.4 Each Chairperson in addition to a deliberative vote, shall have and shall exercise a casting vote only in a 'tie' situation.

19. NOTICES OF GENERAL MEETING

19.1 Fourteen days' notice of every General Meeting convened by order of a Committee (except Meetings called under Clause 18.5 when ten days' notice is required) shall be given to the members entitled to vote by electronic mail and by

notices in the Clubhouse, Club Website and Club App stating date, time and venue of the General Meeting.

20. MODE OF VOTING AT GENERAL MEETING

20.1 No proxies shall be allowed

20.2 Voting shall be either by a show of hands or by ballot

20.3 Ballot shall mean a vote on voting paper

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

20.5 In the event of a tie the Chairperson shall have and shall exercise a casting vote as provided in Rule 18.6.4.

20.6 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 show of hands or by ballot shall be decided by a show of hands.

20.7 An election of candidates for membership of the Committee of either the Men's or Ladies' Club or for membership of the Board of Management shall be by ballot, and all members voting must vote for full number of vacancies, otherwise such voting papers shall be invalid.

21. MINUTE BOOKS

21.1 The Men's Club, the Ladies' Club and the Joint Club shall each keep:-

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

21.1.2 A Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes of all Board and Committee Meetings held in compliance with Rule 7.4

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

21.1.4 The Men's club and the Ladies' Club shall each submit its Minute Books to the Board of Management when required.

22. RULES OF GOLF & LOCAL RULES

22.1 The Rules of the game of golf for the Men's and Ladies' Clubs shall be the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

22.2 In addition the Board of Management, in consultation with the Men's and Ladies' Committees in compliance with Rule 7.6.2 shall from time to time prescribe such Local Rules as it considers necessary having regard to the nature of the Course, or otherwise provide such Local Rules which are not contrary to or at variance with the Rules of Golf or directives issued by the respective Union to which the Men's or Ladies' Club is affiliated.

23. PLAYING FACILITIES

23.1 The Board of Management, in consultation with the Men's and the Ladies' Committees, shall prescribe the days and times when the members of the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club shall have the use of the Course for competition or when the Course is reserved for team matches or Union, Branch or District events.

23.2 The Board of Management shall also decide on the facilities to be afforded to Societies subject to the proviso that the 1st tee shall be reserved for Club members at agreed times which, may be reviewed from time to time, on any day a Society Outing is permitted or such other period more convenient to the members.

24. SANCTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

24.1 The Board of Management is empowered to impose sanctions 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, sanctions) temporarily withdraw the use of the clubhouse and course from any member whose conduct or breaches of the Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations may, in the opinion of the Board of Management, justify this course.

24.2 Any member refusing or failing to comply with any sanction within 4 weeks after notification thereof, shall not be permitted to use the clubhouse or course until such sanctions have been complied with.

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

25. PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

**26. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS ACTS, 1904/1999
INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACT, 2000**

26.1 No person other than a Member (as defined in 3.3. hereof) shall order or pay for refreshments in the Clubhouse. Payment must be made for every expense incurred in the Clubhouse before the person ordering leaves the premises.

26.2 No visitor shall be supplied with excisable liquor on the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a Member, and that Member, shall, upon the admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately upon 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 each visit.

26.3 The Committee 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.

26.4 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.

26.5 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club premises to any person under the age of eighteen years.

26.6 No member of the Committee 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 liquors, or in the profits arising from such sale.

26.7 No excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club premises) or be consumed on those premises by any person (other than such a member) -

(a) at any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday, or

(b) On any other day, as specified hereunder, outside the times so specified in respect of-

- (i) St. Patrick's Day between 12.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. the following day
- (ii) The 23rd December: if it falls on a Sunday between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30p.m.;
- (iii) Christmas Eve and the eve of Good Friday: between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30p.m.:
- (iv) The eve of any public holiday (other than Christmas Eve):

(I) if the Eve falls on a week day, between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 a.m on the following day, or

(II) if it falls on a Sunday between 12.30p.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day:

- (i) Any other Sunday (except a St. Patrick's Day which falls on a Sunday): between 12.30p.m. and 11.00p.m.:
 - (ii) Any other Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.
 - (iii) Any other Thursday, Friday or Saturday between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day.
- (1a) The hours specified in paragraph b above in respect of any date specified in that paragraph are in addition to the period between midnight and 12.30 a.m. on that day where that period is included in the hour so specified in respect of the eve of that day.
- (1b) In subsection (1) "Public Holiday" has the meaning given to it by the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997.
- 26.8 Nothing contained in Clause 26.7 herein which amends the Registration of Clubs Act, 1904 - 1999 shall operate to prohibit supplying for consumption on the Club premises of excisable Liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable Liquor on those premises by any person –
- (a) On Christmas Day between 12.00 midday and 10.00p.m, or
 - (b) On any other day for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of that day during which it is lawful for the Club, by virtue of Section (1)(b), to supply any excisable Liquor for consumption on the Club premises.

If in each case the excisable liquor is -

- (i) Ordered by or on behalf of that person at the same time as a substantial meal is so ordered, and
- (ii) Consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended, supplied and consumed in a portion of the Club premises duly set aside or apart for the supply of meals and paid for at the same time as a meal is paid for".

26.9 In Clauses 26.7 and 26.8 hereof ' period of summertime', 'weekday' and 'Sunday' have the meaning assigned to them by Section 1 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 2000.

27. CHANGE OF RULES

27.1.1 No rule of either the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club shall be repealed or altered or new rule made except at a General Meeting of such Club and by a vote of the majority of those present and voting at such Meeting. Written notice of the proposed change 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.

27.1.2 The Honorary Secretary shall place the notice on the Agenda of the Club concerned and acquaint the Board of Management of same.

27.1.3 Any repeal, alteration or new rule so passed is subject to approval of the Board of Management of the Joint Club.

27.2.1 No rule of the Joint Club shall be repealed or altered or new rules made except at a General Meeting and by a vote of the majority of those present and voting at such Meeting and written notice of the proposed change must be sent to the General Manager, with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least three weeks previous to the Meeting at which it is to be considered.

27.2.2 The General Manager shall place the notice on the Agenda.\1

27.3 Any change in the Constitution of the Club which effects Rule 10 of the Constitution of the Golfing Union of Ireland must be submitted to the Union for approval prior to adoption.

27.3.1 No change in the rules of the Men's Club shall be in conflict with the Constitution of the Golfing Union of Ireland.

27.3.2 No change in the rules of the Ladies' Club shall be in conflict with the Constitution of the Irish Ladies Golfing Union.

28. BYE-LAWS

28.1 The Board of Management shall have power from time to time in compliance with Sub Clause 7.6.1 to make such Bye-Laws as it considers necessary and to alter and repeal same.

28.2 Each of the Men's and Ladies' Committee shall have power from time to time to make such Bye-Laws as it considers necessary for matters under their respective jurisdictions.

