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NEW ROSS GOLF CLUB

CONSTITUTION & RULES

1. PRELIMINARY, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

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

2 TITLE & OWNERSHIP

- 2.1 The name of the Club shall be New Ross Golf Club and this name shall be the common name by which the Men’s Club, the Ladies Club and the Joint Club shall be individually and collectively known.
- 2.2 The Official address of the Club is Tinneranny, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- 2.3 The ownership of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees for the time being of the Club on behalf of the Full Ordinary Members as defined by Sub-Clause 11.3.1. The Full Ordinary Members only shall have control of the affairs of the Club.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The Membership of the Men’s Golf Club shall consist of
- 3.1.1 All categories of Male Members who are Life Members, Full Ordinary Members or other subscribing Members and Honorary (Life and Annual) Members each of whom has been elected to Membership of the Club by the Management Committee of the

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Club in accordance with the provisions of the immediate preceding or an earlier Constitution of the Club and

- 3.1.2. All categories of Male Members who are Life Members, Full Ordinary Members or other subscribing Members and Honorary (Life and Annual) Members each of whom have been elected to membership of the Men's Golf Club in compliance with the provisions of Sub-Clause 10.1.1 hereof.
- 3.2 The Membership of the Ladies Golf Club shall consist of
 - 3.2.1 All categories of Female Members who are Life Members, Associated Members or other subscribing Members and Honorary (Life and Annual) Members each of whom has been elected to Membership of the Club by the Management Committee of the Club in accordance with the provisions of the immediate preceding or an earlier Constitution of the Club and
 - 3.2.2 All categories of Female Members who are Life Members, Associated Members or other subscribing Members and Honorary (Life and Annual) Members each of whom has been elected to membership of the Ladies Golf Club in compliance with the provisions of Sub-Clause 10.1.2 hereof
- 3.3 The Membership of the Joint Club shall consist of
 - 3.3.1 All categories of Male and Female Members each of whom has been elected to membership of the Club in accordance with the provisions of the immediate preceding or an earlier Constitution of the Club and
 - 3.3.2 All categories of Members of the Men's Golf Club and the Ladies Golf Club each of whom shall have been elected to the Club in compliance with the provisions of Sub-Clause 10.1.3 hereof.
- 3.4 The number of Members electable to each category shall be decided from time to time at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 3.5 Only Full Ordinary Male Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 3.1.1 and 11.3.1 shall be
 - 3.5.1 Entitled to attend and vote at all Annual, Special or Extraordinary General Meeting and
 - 3.5.2 Entitled to nomination for and election to Office and General Committee of the Men's Club.
- 3.6 Only Full Ordinary Female Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.1. and Lady Associate Ordinary Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.2 and as prescribed by Sub-Clause 3.2.1 shall be
 - 3.6.1 Entitled to attend and vote at all Annual, Special or Extraordinary General Meetings and
 - 3.6.2 Entitled to nomination for and election to Office and General Committee of the Ladies Club.
- 3.7 Only Full Ordinary Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 3.1.1 and 11.3.1 shall be
 - 3.7.1 Entitled to attend and vote at all Annual, Special or Extraordinary General Meetings and
 - 3.7.2 Entitled to nomination and for the election to Office and General Committee of the Joint Club subject always to the provisions of Sub-Clause 7.1.3 and 18.4.1

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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 the Bye-Laws of the Union and the Bye-Laws of the Leinster Branch of such Union in whose province the course is situated.
- 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 there under 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 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 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 the Bye-Laws of the Irish Ladies Golf Union and the Bye-Laws of the Mid Leinster District in which the course is situated.
- 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 by Men, Women and juniors and generally promote amateur games and social activities amongst its members.
- 4.3.2 Manage matters of common interest of both the Men's and the Ladies Clubs which shall include
 - 4.3.2.1 Provision of and responsibility for the maintenance and the upkeep of the course and clubhouse and their environs to the standard required by the members
 - 4.3.2.2 Provision of bar and catering facilities and all that these entail.
 - 4.3.2.3 Collection of Annual Club Subscriptions and other Club Levies payable by members.

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- 4.3.3 Adhere to the maximum number of members of the different categories of member which can be elected to each of the Men's And Ladies Clubs. Any alteration in the number permitted in each category shall be decided at an Annual General or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 4.3.4 Adhere to the existing rate of –
 - (1) Club Entrance Fee (if any)
 - (2) Annual Subscription
 - (3) Capital Levy (if any)
 - (4) Compulsory spending (if any) being paid by members of different categories of member in each of the Men's and Ladies Clubs.
- 4.3.5 Any alternation in any of the rates in Sub-Clause 4.3.4 shall be decided at an Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 4.3.6 Determine the rate of green fee payable by visitors to the Club
- 4.3.7 Generally to act in the promotion and advancement of the interests of the Club and the improvement of the facilities available to members.

5. TRUSTEES

- 5.1 The property of the Club shall be vested in up to four Trustees, who shall be appointed at an A.G.M. or Special Meeting for a term of five years or until they are replaced.
- 5.2 Only Ordinary or Honorary Members, of at least five years standing are eligible as Trustees. A Trustee shall hold office as long as he or she remains a member. A Trustee may only be removed from office by a resolution passed at a Special or Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- 5.3 The Trustees shall not have any proprietary rights to or claim upon the Club, its property or funds.
- 5.4 The Trustees shall be indemnified out of the Joint Club property or assets in respect of all transactions directed by a resolution of the Committee of Management and against all liabilities and expenses necessarily incurred as a result of their trusteeship and in the event of the Joint Club property and assets being deficient, such deficiency shall be made good by the Full Ordinary Member on whose behalf the property and assets of the Club are held.
- 5.5 If for any reason the Management of the Club as set out in this Constitution fails to operate within the Constitution, then the Management of the Club shall revert to the Trustees, who shall manage the Club until the next Special or Annual General Meeting.
- 5.6 The Trustees shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Committee of Management without voting rights in their capacity as Trustees.
- 5.7 The borrowing of monies
 - 5.7.1 That the Trustees for the time being of the Club be and hereby authorised to borrow in their own names on behalf of the Club as Trustees such sums of money upon such terms and conditions as may be authorised from time to time by the management committee of the Club.
 - 5.7.2 That the said Trustees be and hereby authorised to open an account or accounts in their own names on behalf of the Club with any bank, banks or financial institution.
 - 5.7.3 That the said Trustees be authorised to delegate to the management committee or to such members as the management shall authorise, the operation of any bank accounts in the name of the Trustees

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- 5.7.4 That the Trustees for the time being of the Club be and are hereby authorised to give security for the aforementioned borrowings by mortgaging or charging all or any of the property and assets of the Club to whatever extent and in whatever manner as may be authorised by a resolution of the Management Committee.

6. OFFICERS

- 6.1 The Officers of the Men's Club shall consist of a President, a Captain, a Vice Captain, an Outgoing Captain, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer / Competitions Secretary and Handicapping Secretary, all of whom shall be Full Ordinary Members.
- 6.2 The Officers of the Ladies Club shall consist of a President, a Captain, a Vice Captain, an Outgoing Captain, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, Competitions Secretary and Handicapping Secretary,
- 6.3 The Officers of the Joint Club shall consist of the Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Men's Club Captain and Ladies Club Captain.

7. MANAGEMENT

7.1 Allocation of Functions

- 7.1.1 The business and affairs of the Men's Club shall be under jurisdiction and control of The Men's Committee consisting of the Officers of the Men's Club and 4 other voting members of the Men's Club elected under Sub-Clause 7.2.3 and Clause 19.7.
- 7.1.2 The business and affairs of the Ladies Club shall be under jurisdiction and control of The Ladies Committee consisting of the Officers of the Ladies Club and 4 other voting members of the Ladies Club elected under Sub-Clause 7.2.4 and Clause 19.7.
- 7.1.3 The business and affairs of the Joint Club shall be under jurisdiction and control of a Management Committee consisting of Officers of the Joint Club, as per Sub-Clause 6.3 plus the Vice Captains of the Men's and Ladies Clubs plus 4 ordinary members elected under Sub-Clause 7.2.5.
- 7.1.4 Each of the aforementioned Committees may exercise its powers notwithstanding that there might be vacancies in its membership.
- 7.1.5 Nothing in this rule shall preclude a member of either the Men's or Ladies Committee being also a member of the Committee of Management or vice versa.
- 7.1.6 At meetings of the above Committees 50% of those entitled to attend and vote shall form a quorum
- 7.1.7 At meetings of the Men's or Ladies Committee the Chair shall be taken by the Captain or, if absent, by the President of the Club concerned. At meetings of the Management Committee the Chair shall be taken by the Chairperson. In the absence of the above Officers at a particular meeting, those in attendance, having votes, shall elect a Chairperson.
- 7.1.8 The Chairperson at a meeting shall, in addition to a deliberative vote, have and shall exercise a casting vote.

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- 7.1.9 Should any Officer or elected committee member of the Ladies Club not be a Full Ordinary Member as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.2, she shall become an ex-officio member of the Joint Club with voting rights during her time in office.

7.2 Elections – Officers and Committee

- 7.2.1 The Captain of each of the Men's Club and Ladies Club shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election.

- 7.2.2 The other Honorary Officers and Ordinary Members of the Men's and Ladies Committee are elected at an A.G.M.

- 7.2.3 Men's Club: The Captain of the Men's Club shall be nominated by the Committee and elected at the Men's A.G.M.

The Captain having been duly elected shall have the right to nominate for election, the Vice-Captain for the ensuing year provided the members at the A.G.M. so vote.

To be eligible for the Men's Committee a candidate must

- A Be a Full Ordinary or an Honorary Member who has previously been a Full Ordinary Member
- B Be proposed and seconded by a Full Ordinary Member or an Honorary Member who has previously been a Full Ordinary Member.
- C If unable to attend the A.G.M. agree in writing to their nomination.

- 7.2.4 Ladies Club: The Captain of the Ladies Club shall be nominated by the Committee and elected at the Ladies A.G.M.

To be eligible for election as Lady Captain or Lady Vice-Captain, the candidate must have been a Full Ordinary Member or Full Associate Member of the Club for a full five years.

The Captain having been duly elected shall have the right to nominate for election, the Vice-Captain for the ensuing year provided the members at the A.G.M. so vote.

To be eligible for the Ladies Committee a candidate must

- A Be a Full Ordinary or Associate Member of the Ladies Club for a minimum of 3(three) years i.e. 3(three) fully paid up years.
- B Be proposed and seconded by a Full Ordinary Member or an Honorary Member who has previously been a Full Ordinary Member.
- C If unable to attend the A.G.M. agree in writing to their nomination.
- D No Officer or Committee Member shall hold office for more than 4(four) consecutive years.

7.2.5 Joint Club:

- 7.2.5.1 Any Ordinary, Life or Honorary Member seeking the Position of Chairperson of the Joint Club shall be proposed and seconded by Ordinary, Life or Honorary Members of the Club and their names posted on the Notice Board 14 days before the A.G.M. of the Joint Club.

- 7.2.5.2 In the event of no prior nominations, candidates for the position of Chairperson may be proposed and seconded at the A.G.M. of the Joint Club.

- 7.2.5.3 The Captain's and Vice Captain's of the Men's and Ladies Clubs are members of the Management Committee for their term in office.

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7.2.5.4 All other members of the Joint Club Committee are elected at the A.G.M.

7.2.5.5 The tenure of elected members to the Joint Committee is two years.

7.2.5.6 Two of the elected Committee members shall resign annually but are eligible for re-election.

7.2.6 The respective Committees shall have power to fill vacancies in any of these offices (including membership of its committee) during any year. The person to fill the vacancy shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of that particular Club.

7.3 Committee Meetings

7.3.1 Stated meetings of the Men's and Ladies Committees shall be held not less than 12 times per annum for the Men and not less than 9 times per annum for the Ladies.

7.3.2 Stated meetings of the Management Committee shall be held not less than 12 times per annum and Special Meetings on such dates as may be found convenient the transaction of business on at least 7 days notice been given by the Chairperson or Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club.

7.3.3 Upon a requisition signed by not less than 4 members of a Committee, stating the nature of the business to be transacted, the Captain, Chairperson and Honorary Secretary of that Particular Club shall call a Special Meeting of such Committee for the consideration thereof; and if the Officers designated above neglect or refuse to call such a meeting within seven days the same may be convened by notice signed by 4 members of such Committee.

7.4 Employment of Staff

7.4.1 The Committee of Management shall have power to appoint a paid Secretary / Manager and other employees upon such terms and conditions as such Committee may determine; to terminate such appointments and also to appoint substitutes from time to time.

7.5 Management Regulations

7.5.1 The Committee of Management is empowered to make, and from time to time alter, such bye-laws and regulations for the management of the Joint Club as it may consider necessary.

7.5.2 In consultation with both the Men's and Ladies Committees the Management Committee is also empowered to make such local rules (provided same are not at variance with the Rules of Golf) and regulations for the use of the course as are required in the interest of all members.

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

7.6 Appointment of Sub-Committees

7.6.1 The Men's And Ladies Committees and the Management Committee shall each have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to appoint members of their respective Clubs to act on such Sub-Committee and to define the scope of their authority and to delegate and confer upon such Sub-Committees the powers necessary for the discharge of the function or functions for which the Sub-Committee was formed. No Sub-Committee may be appointed to elect members (see Clause 10.1).

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- 7.6.2 Each Sub-Committee shall retire annually on the date of the Annual General Meeting of its respective Club or when the function for which it was appointed is completed.
- 7.6.3 The quorum of each Sub-Committee shall be defined at the time of appointment.
- 7.6.4 The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall in addition to a deliberate vote, have and shall exercise a casting vote.

8 ADMINISTRATION

- 8.1.1 The Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club shall be responsible for the every day affairs of that Club except such duties which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Men's Club or to the Secretary Manager.
- 8.1.2 The Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Club shall be responsible for the every day affairs of that Club except such duties which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Ladies Club or to the Secretary Manager.
- 8.1.3 The Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club shall be responsible for the every day affairs of that Club except such duties, which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Joint Club or to the Secretary Manager.
- 8.1.4 All written complaints concerning matters under the jurisdiction and control of the Committee of the particular Club shall be referred primarily to the Honorary Secretary of that Club who, if unable to resolve same, shall place the complaint on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee of such Club for investigation and decision (see Rule17).
- 8.1.5 The Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club shall also act as Liaison Officer between the Management Committee and of each of the Men's and Ladies Committees.

9. FINANCE

- 9.1 The financial affairs of the Joint Club shall be administered as follows:-
 - 9.1.1 The Honorary Treasurer of the Joint Club shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Joint Club.
 - 9.1.2 The Banking Account shall be kept in the name of the Joint Club (and shall be clearly identified as such) in such a bank as the Management Committee may from time to time determine. All cheques shall be signed as authorised by resolution of the Management Committee.
 - 9.1.3 The Honorary Treasurer of the Joint Committee shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Joint Club for the financial year ended 31st October for consideration by the Committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting which shall be held not later than 31st December following.
 - 9.1.4 The Management Committee shall pay the Ladies Committee each year a sum as required to be used for the general finances of the Ladies Club.
 - 9.1.5 The Management Committee shall also make grants as required to each of the Men's and Ladies Clubs from time to time, on request being made, to defray expense incurred by the particular Committee when entertaining visiting teams and officials in home matches and expenses incurred in away matches

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by team members and officials when representing the Club, and for such other events or occasions when it is considered to be in the interest of the Club to do so.

9.1.6 The Joint Club shall be responsible for the payment to the G.U.I. and I.L.G.U. of the annual per capital subscription and provincial levy on members as required by the Bye-laws of both Unions.

9.2 The financial affairs of the Men's Club shall be administered as follows:-

9.2.1 The Honorary Treasurer / Competition Secretary of the Men's Club shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Men's Club.

9.2.2 The banking account shall be kept in the name of the Joint Club and shall be clearly identified as the Men's Competition Account. All cheques shall be signed as authorised by resolution of the Management Committee of the Joint Club. The Men's competition account shall be funded from the Joint Clubs Bank Accounts, as required.

9.2.3 The Men's Committee shall be entitled to charge entry fees in club and open competitions under its control and management and for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes. All monies received in respect of Competition fees, sponsorship or other receipts must be lodged immediately to the Joint Clubs Bank Account.

9.2.4 The Honorary Treasurer / Competition Secretary of the Men's Club shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Men's Club for the financial year ended 31st October for consideration by the Men's Committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting which shall be held not later than 30th of November.

9.2.5 Following the meeting of the Men's Committee at which the audited accounts are considered the Honorary Treasurer / Competition Secretary shall immediately forward a copy of the audited accounts to the Honorary Treasurer of the Management Committee for information.

9.3 The financial affairs of the Ladies Club shall be administered as follows:

9.3.1 The Honorary Treasurer of the Ladies shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursement of the Ladies Club.

9.3.2 The banking account shall be kept in the name of the Joint Club and shall be clearly identified as the Ladies account. All cheques shall be signed as authorised by resolution of the Management Committee of the Joint Club.

9.3.3 The Ladies Committee shall be entitled to charge and retain entry fees in Club and Open Competitions under its control of management and for which it has arranged the provision of prizes.

9.3.4 The Honorary Treasurer of the Ladies' Club shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Ladies' Club for the financial year ended 31st October for consideration by the Ladies' Committee and for the presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club which shall be held not later than 30th November following.

9.3.5 Following the meeting of the Ladies' Committee at which the audited accounts are considered the Honorary Treasurer shall immediately forward a

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copy of the audited accounts to the Honorary Treasurer of the Management Committee for information

- 9.4 All funds pertaining to Men's and Ladies' Clubs shall be the property of the Joint Club.

10. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- 10.1 Subject to the agreed limitation as per clause 3.4 as to the number of members electable to the different categories of members:-

- 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 election of Pavilion Members (if any) shall be in the hands of the Management Committee.

- 10.2 The procedure for the election of members to each of the Men's Club and the Ladies' Club shall be as follows: -

- 10.2.1 Each candidate for election (except in the case of Honorary Members) must be proposed by one voting member of either Club and seconded by one other voting member(s) of either Club.
- 10.2.2 The proposer and seconder must be a member of their Club for 3 years.
- 10.2.3 The proposer and seconder must each know their candidate personally and shall write a letter addressed to their Committee stating their personal knowledge of their candidate.
- 10.2.4 A voting member of either the Men's or the Ladies' Club wishing to propose a candidate for election shall obtain from the Honorary Secretary of the Management Committee a form known as an Application for Membership Form. They shall in due course, return to the same Honorary Secretary such form duly completed and signed by the proposer and seconder together with the letters required under Sub-Clause 10.2.3 together with relevant entry deposit and shall in addition, forward to the Management Committee such additional information as might be required.
- 10.2.5 If the Management Committee decides that the name of the candidate for election should go forward for consideration it shall forward the name and address to the Honorary Secretary of the appropriate Club who's Committee shall make the final decision as provided in Clause 10.1. The name and address of such candidate shall be posted on the Clubhouse Notice Board for at least 14 days before the meeting at which the application is to be considered.
- 10.2.6 Any omission from or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to any candidate shall render the election violable at the discretion of the Committee.
- 10.2.7 Immediately on election of a candidate to membership of the Men's or Ladies' Clubs such Club shall notify the Management Committee of the name, address and category of the elected candidate. Notice in writing shall be dispatched to all elected candidates by the Secretary/ Manager together with a copy of the Club Constitution and rules and a request to remit to the

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Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club or its bankers within one calendar month from the date of such request the amount of entrance fee (if any), capital levy (if any) and first subscription and any other charges payable by the category of member to which the candidate has been elected.

- 10.2.8 Should the requested payment not be made within one calendar month of the date of such request as aforesaid, the election shall be void unless the candidate shall satisfy the Committee that the delay in payment was due to some unavoidable cause.
- 10.2.9 If a candidate is not elected to membership and at a later date wishes to make a further application as aforesaid, the election shall be void unless the candidate shall satisfy the Committee that the delay in payment was due to some unavoidable cause.
- 10.2.10 It shall be the duty of every elected member to acquaint himself/ herself of the Constitution, Rules and Bye- Laws of the Club and each such member shall be bound by same and by allocated and deeds of any person or persons acting for or on behalf of the Club under any power, authority or discretion conferred by or pursuant to such Constitution, Rules and Bye- Laws.
- 10.2.11 No person shall be considered a member (except Honorary) until his/ her entrance fee (if any) and subscription has been paid. By such payment a member
- 10.2.11.1 Shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership of the category of member to which he/ she shall have been elected.
- 10.2.11.2 Acknowledges that He/ She submits and is bound by the Constitution, Rules and Bye- Laws of the Club and every renewal of subscription by him/ her shall be deemed to be similar acknowledgement.

11. CATEGORIES OF MEMBER

- 11.1 The Joint Club shall, at its Annual General Meeting, decide on the categories of member which will operate within the Club.
- 11.2 Voting and Non- Voting Members may be elected to the Men's Club and to the Ladies' Club
- 11.3 The following shall be

VOTING MEMBERS

- 11.3.1 **Full Ordinary Members** shall comprise of Men and Women who, having paid the Entrance Deposit (if any), Annual Subscription and Capital Levy (if any) applicable to this category, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Annual General and all Special General Meetings of either the Men's or the Ladies Clubs of which each such member has been elected a voting member, and at all Annual General and all Special General Meetings of the Joint Club. This category shall include Full Ordinary, Life or Ordinary Male Members elected as such under an earlier Constitution of the Club. A Full Ordinary Member elected as an Honorary Member of his/ her Club shall retain the rights and privileges of membership of this category.
- 11.3.2 **Lady Associate Ordinary Member** shall comprise of women who, having paid the Entrance Deposit (if any), Annual Subscription applicable to this category, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Annual General and all Special General Meetings of the Ladies' Club. This category shall include Lady Associate Members elected as

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such under an earlier Constitution of the Club. Members in this category and women who are Full Ordinary and Life Members shall have equal status in the affairs of the Ladies' Club and as such are entitled to be elected to Office or to the Committee of the Ladies' Club. Should a member in this category wish to become a Full Ordinary Member. The Management Committee, shall in receipt of the request accompanied by payment of the difference of Entrance Fee (if any) and Annual Subscription between the two categories and the Capital Levy (if any), effect the transfer.

11.3.3 **Honorary Members** shall comprise of persons who either the Men's or Ladies' Committees wish to acknowledge as having rendered exceptional service to the Club or to the game of golf or whose distinguished position or public service would render their membership of special advantage to the Club may on the recommendation of the Joint Committee be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Men's and Ladies' Club.

11.4 The following of either gender shall be

NON VOTING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

11.4.1 **Junior Members**

Young Persons may be elected as Junior Members in the manner as described in Rule 10 and remain Junior Members until they attain the age of 18 years. The Junior Members are regulated by the Club's Junior Policy of Rules and Regulations as set out by the Junior Committee. The Joint Committee shall have the power to limit the number of Junior Members, and to make such regulations with regard to their use of the Club premises, as they think fit.

11.4.2 **Student Members**

Young Persons maybe elected Student Members when they have attained the age of 18 years and continue to attend school or college on a full-time basis up to their 26th Birthday. All other young persons aged 18 years or over must apply for Ordinary Membership.

11.4.3 **Overseas Members**

Overseas Membership is available to anyone who is resident outside the country for at least six months of the calendar year, at the appropriate fee. These Members have no voting rights.

11.4.4 **Social or House Members**

These Persons shall comprise of persons who wish to enjoy the facilities of the clubhouse. Such members shall not be entitled to use the course. Non golfing spouses of all members and former members with not less than 15 years of Membership shall be allowed pavilion membership free of charge.

11.5 The following shall be the categories of members, which are transferable within the Membership structure.

11.5.1 Lady Associate Ordinary Members (see Clause 11.3.2)

11.5.2 Student and Junior Members on ceasing to be eligible for these categories and wishing to be elected to another category shall be treated with priority at the next election meeting.

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11.5.3 Family Members.

11.5.3.1 This category is now closed but the existing family members may remain. Family members shall comprise of husbands and wives and their children under the age of 18 years.

Juvenile members of a family are governed by Clause 11.4.1.

12. ENTRANCE FEE

- 12.1 On election, the following category of Member shall be required to pay an Entrance Fee (if any):-Full Ordinary.
- 12.2 Student and Junior / Juvenile Member 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 another category within the Club, if that Junior or Student member has four or more years continuous membership at the time of application, he/she shall be entitled to full membership on payment of an entrance fee (if any) (payable in full) with Annual Subscription.
- 12.4 Should a Social or House Member wish to apply for election as a playing member under either of Clauses 3.1 or 3.2 such members must have an application submitted in compliance with Clause 10.2
- 12.5 The amount of the Entrance Fee payable by the different categories of member shall initially be fixed by the Management Committee under Sub- Clause 4.3.4 and ratified or altered at the next Annual or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club. Therefore such Entrance Fee shall remain in operation until altered at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.

13. ANNUAL CLUB SUBSCRIPTION

- 13.1 All categories of member, except Honorary Member and Life Members shall be required to pay an Annual Club Subscription.
- The Amount payable by different categories shall initially be fixed by the Management Committee under Sub- Clause 4.3.4 and ratified or altered at the next Annual or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club. Thereafter such subscriptions shall remain in operation until altered at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 13.2 All subscriptions shall be payable by the 30th March in any year.
- 13.3 Any member whose subscription shall be unpaid on the 30th March in any year shall cease to be a Member of the Club, but the Committee concerned may re-elect such a Member without entrance fee, re-nomination or re-posting, within 1 month from the date when the subscription became due, on payment of subscription and other monies due to the Club.
- 13.4 The Secretary/ Manager shall notify the Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club of the name of any such member and the Committee concerned shall not be entitled to allow such member to compete in any Club or Open Competition under its control or represent the Club in Team Matches, Union, Branch or District Events.
- 13.5 Any individual member who has attained the age of 65 years on or before the 30th of March and has been a Member of New Ross Golf Club for 25 years shall pay half the Ordinary Full Member Annual Subscription for that year and all succeeding years.

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- 13.6 Full Ordinary Members whose subscriptions have been reduced under Clause 13.5 shall be liable for payment of any Capital Levy and/or Compulsory Spending Charge.
- 13.7 The Club Chairperson, Lady Captain, Lady President, Men's Captain and Men's President shall be Honorary Members for the term of their office.

14. CAPITAL LEVY

- 14.1 The Joint Club may vote to introduce a Capital Levy to fund any additional acquisition of land or buildings, construction work or improvement to the course, clubhouse or its environs.
- 14.2 The amount of such Levy shall be payable at a time as decided by an A.G.M or E.G.M of the Joint Club.
- 14.3 The Levy shall be made payable by Full Ordinary Members and all other categories of Member's except Students and Juniors.
- 14.4 The Joint Club may vote to introduce a compulsory spending charge for services within the clubhouse, as is considered appropriate.
- 14.5 Any member whose levy shall be unpaid on 30th March in any one year shall cease to be a Member of the Club, but the Committee concerned may re-elect such a member without entrance fee, re-nomination or re-posting, within 1 month from the date when the levy and other monies to the Club became due.

15 VISITORS & TEMPORARY MEMBERS

- 15.1 Any member may introduce visitors.
- 15.2 It shall be a condition precedent that the member effecting the introduction shall enter 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.
- 15.3 No visitor shall be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation of and in the company of an introducing member.
- 15.4 The charge of visitors shall be fixed from time to time by the Management Committee under Sub-Clause 4.3.6, which is also empowered to make regulations for non-paying members.
- 15.5 Every playing visitor must produce a Green Fee Voucher.
- 15.6 On the issue of a Green Fee Voucher the name of the visitor, the numbers and the amount of the Green Fee and the name of the introducing member must be immediately entered in the "Green Fee Book"
- 15.7 In addition the Secretary / Manager or his / her representative, having made and attested the necessary entry in the Visitors Book, may permit a person or group not having an introduction from a member, to play on the course and use the clubhouse as a visitor on payment of the current Green Fee.
- 15.8 The payment of Green Fee shall entitle the visitor temporary membership of the Cub for the day.
- 15.9 A member who fails to enter a visitor's name in the Green Fee's Book shall be personally responsible for the payment of the appropriate Green Fee where applicable.

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- 15.10 The Management Committee shall have the power to suspend the rules permitting the introduction of visitor's or temporary members at any time or refuse permission for any particular visitor or temporary member to use the Course or Clubhouse.
- 15.11 Competitors in Club Open Competitions held on the course and extending for more than one day shall, on payment of the Entry Fee and Green Fee (if chargeable) for the competition and on such fee(s) being accepted by the Committee in charge of the competition, be eligible to use the course and clubhouse, without further payment or nomination for election, as temporary members for a period not exceeding one day prior to the date fixed for such competitions and for every day during the continuance of such competitions.
- 15.12 Competitors in Open Competitions for one day shall likewise be eligible for Temporary Membership Status on the day of the Competition only.
- 15.13 The Management Committee may (and without assigning any reason if they so think right) cancel the admission of any day visitor or temporary member whose admission may be irregular or whose presence or conduct they deem objectionable, or who deliberately break any of the Rules, Bye-Laws or Regulation of the Club.
- 15.14 The fee paid by any such visitor or temporary member may, at the discretion of the Management Committee, be therefore forfeited or refunded

16 FINES

- 16.1 The Management Committee is empowered to impose fines for breaches of the Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Joint Club in force for the time being or the breaches of the etiquette of golf, and may also at any time (either instead of, or in addition to fines) temporarily withdraw the use of the clubhouse and/or course from any member whose conduct or breaches of the Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations may, in the opinion of the Management Committee, justify this course.
- 16.2 Any member refusing or failing to pay a fine so imposed within 2 weeks after notification thereof, shall not be permitted to use the clubhouse or course until such fine has been paid.
- 16.3 Each of the Men's and Ladies Committees shall report any member of their Club to the Management Committee for investigation and penalty under this rule if they, in their absolute discretion, consider the breach warrants it.

17 CLUB'S DISPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 17.1 All voting under this Rule shall be by secret ballot.
- 17.2 If any allegation by a member be submitted to an Officer, in writing, the Officer shall make such enquiries as are considered necessary to obtain all relevant details.
- 17.3 Such information shall be placed before the Management Committee, which shall, in meeting, enquire into such conduct.
- 17.4 If in the opinion of the Management Committee that 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.
- 17.5 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 Management Committee.

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- 17.6 If after making such further enquiries as it considers necessary into the conduct of the Member in question and after hearing such explanation, if any, as he or she may offer, if the Management Committee 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, it shall notify the Men's and Ladies Committee concerned of its decision with which such Committee shall abide.
- 17.7 However should a majority of the Management Committee not be satisfied that the charges of misconduct have been proved, no further action shall be taken.
- 17.8 **Expulsion of Members**
- 17.8.1 If no explanation of his or her conduct shall be given by the Member, or if such explanation shall be considered unsatisfactory by the Management Committee it may, provided that not less than a majority of the Members of the Management Committee vote for such course of action,
- 17.8.1.1 Recommend to the Committee concerned, if the Member is a playing member, that such Member be expelled by that Committee which may, in its absolute discretion decide to act on or reject such recommendation.
- 17.8.1.2 Ask the relevant Committee to notify the Management Committee of its decision and if it rejects the recommendation of expulsion it shall request the Management Committee to proceed in accordance with Clause 17.9 or Clause 17.7
- 17.8.1.3 Expel the Member if such member is a social / house Member.
- 17.8.2 When the Committee concerned has resolved that a member be expelled, such member shall, within seven days of the date of the decision, be given notice in writing, by the Honorary Secretary, or other authorised Officer, of his / her Club of the decision, by registered post or by delivery of such notice to his / her last known address.
- 17.8.3 Such person shall have the right of appeal against the decision within fourteen days of notification. The appeal shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Management Committee.
- 17.8.4 Provided an appeal has been received, and an Extraordinary General Meeting duly requisitioned the expulsion shall not take effect, pending the holding of the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 17.8.5 Notice of appeal under Clause 17.8.3 having been given, the decision shall not take effect for a period of twenty one days from the date of the notification by the Club to the Member and the relevant Men's or Ladies Committee notified of such appeal.
- 17.8.6 The Member shall have the right to have the appeal heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting of his or her Golf Club requisitioned under Sub-Clause 18.1.7 if male or 18.2.7 if female provided that the necessary signatures for such requisition are procured either by the member in question or by any other Full Ordinary Member.
- 17.8.7 This meeting shall, by a majority, decide whether the expulsion shall be confirmed or repealed. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Should the signatures provided for under Sub-Clause 18.1.7 if male or 18.2.7 if female not be obtained within the twenty one days from the date of notification by the Club to the Member, the Committee concerned shall have power to deem the appeal to have lapsed and to enforce the decision forthwith, or to allow an additional period should it decide by a simple majority that the circumstance warrant it.

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17.8.8 A decision by the Management Committee or other Committee concerned under this Rule shall stand unless and until an appeal is received, by the Honorary Secretary of the Management Committee, against it.

17.8.9 A person who has been expelled from membership shall not be entitled:

17.8.9.1 to enter upon the Club property, whether in the company of another member or otherwise save only to collect his or her property

17.8.9.2 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.

17.8.10 Any Member expelled by his or her Golf Club under this rule shall automatically cease to be member of the Joint Club.

17.9 **Suspension of Members**

17.9.1 If, on the taking of a vote under Clause 17.6 less than four members vote for the expulsion, the Management Committee shall make a decision in accordance with 17.6 to

17.9.1.1 Recommend to the Committee concerned, if the Member is a playing member, that such Member be suspended by that Committee which may, in its absolute discretion decide to act on or reject such recommendation.

17.9.1.2 The Committee shall notify the Management Committee of its decision and if it rejects the recommendation of suspension it shall request the Management Committee to proceed in accordance with Clause 17.7

17.9.2 When the Committee concerned has resolved that a member be suspended, such member shall, within seven days of the date of the decision, be given notice in writing, by the Honorary Secretary, or other authorised Officer, of his / her Club of the decision, by registered post or by delivery of such notice to his / her last known address.

17.9.3 Such person shall have the right of appeal against the decision within fourteen days of notification. The appeal shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Management Committee.

17.9.4 Provided an appeal has been received, and an Extraordinary General Meeting duly requisitioned the suspension shall not take effect, pending the holding of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

17.9.5 Notice of appeal under Clause 17.9.3 having been given, the decision shall not take effect for a period of twenty one days from the date of the notification by the Club to the Member and the relevant Men's or Ladies Committee notified of such appeal.

17.9.6 The Member shall have the right to have the appeal heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting of his or her Golf Club requisitioned under Sub-Clause 18.1.7 if male or 18.2.7 if female provided that the necessary signatures for such requisition are procured either by the member in question or by any other Full Ordinary Member.

17.9.7 This meeting shall, by a majority, decide whether the suspension shall be confirmed or repealed. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Should the signatures provided for under Sub-Clause 18.1.7 if male or 18.2.7 if female not be obtained within the twenty one days from the date of notification by the Club to the Member, the Committee concerned shall have power to deem the appeal to have lapsed and to enforce the decision forthwith, or to allow an additional period should it decide by a simple majority that the circumstance warrant it.

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- 17.9.8 A decision by the Management Committee or other Committee concerned under this Rule shall stand unless and until an appeal is received, by the Honorary Secretary of the Management Committee, against it.
- 17.9.9 During the period of suspension the Member shall not be entitled:
- 17.9.9.1 to enter upon the Club property, whether in the company of another member or otherwise save only to collect his or her property
 - 17.9.9.2 for the purpose of attending any General Meeting which may be held
 - 17.9.9.3 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.

18 GENERAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

18.1 The Men's Club

- 18.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances be held in the month of November for receiving the Men's Club Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ending previous 31st October; for electing Office Bearers, Members of Committee, revising its rules and transacting such other business of the Men's Club as may be on the Agenda.
- 18.1.2 Seven days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Male Full Ordinary Members of the Club who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Men's Club.
- 18.1.3 Such notice must be accompanied by a copy of the Financial report and Notice of Motions
- 18.1.4 Notice of motion and nominations of Officer and Members of the Committees of the Men's Club must be made to the Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club, in writing, at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting.
- 18.1.5 Such notices and nominations shall be promptly posted on the Club Notice Board.
- 18.1.6 Notice of motion not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting.
- 18.1.7 The Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club shall, at any time, summon a Special General Meeting by the direction of the Committee or on a requisition signed by at least fifty Members entitled to vote specifying the object of the Special General Meeting. Such requisition shall be handed personally to either the Honorary Secretary or Captain. Such a Special General Meeting shall be held within four weeks of the receipt of the requisition by the Honorary Secretary or Captain.
- 18.1.8 Forty members shall form a quorum at General or Special Meetings of the Men's Club.

18.2 The Ladies Club

- 18.2.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances be held in the month of November for receiving the Ladies Club Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ending previous 31st October; for electing Office Bearers, Members of Committee, revising its rules and transacting such other business of the Ladies Club as may be on the Agenda
- 18.2.2 Twenty One days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Female Full Ordinary and Life Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.1 and

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to the Lady Associate Ordinary Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.2 who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Ladies Club.

- 18.2.3 Such notice may be accompanied by a copy of the Financial report and Notice of Motions
- 18.2.4 Notice of motion and nomination of Officers and Members of the Committees of the Ladies Club must be made to the Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Club, in writing, at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting.
- 18.2.5 Such notices and nominations shall be promptly posted on the Club Notice Board
- 18.2.6 Notice of motion not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting.
- 18.2.7 The Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Club shall, at any time, summon a Special General Meeting by the direction of the Committee or on a requisition signed by at least thirty Members entitled to vote specifying the object of the Special General Meeting. Such requisition shall be handed personally to either the Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Club or Lady Captain. Such a Special General Meeting shall be held within four weeks of the receipt of the requisition by the Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Club or Lady Captain.
- 18.2.8 20% of the Lady Members shall form a quorum at General or Special Meetings of the Ladies Club

18.3 **The Joint Club**

- 18.3.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances be held in the month of December for receiving the Joint Club's Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ending previous 31st October; for electing Office Bearers, Members of Committee and Auditors, revising it rules and transacting such other business of the Club as may be on the Agenda.
- 18.3.2 Seven days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Full Ordinary Members as prescribed by Sub-Clause 11.3.1 who the only persons are entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Joint Club
- 18.3.3 Such notice must be accompanied by a copy of the report and duly audited Financial Statement and Notice of Motions
- 18.3.4 Notice of motion and nomination of Officers and Members of the Management Committee must be made to the Secretary / Manager, in writing, at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting.
- 18.3.5 Such notices and nominations shall be promptly posted on the Club Notice Board
- 18.3.6 Notice of motion not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting, except as provided in Clause 18.4.3 hereof.
- 18.3.7 The Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club shall, at any time, summon a Special General Meeting by the direction of the Committee or on a requisition signed by at least fifty Members entitled to vote specifying the object of the Special General Meeting. Such requisition shall be handed personally to either the Honorary Secretary or Chairman. Such a Special General Meeting shall be held within four weeks of the receipt of the requisition by the Honorary Secretary or Chairman.
- 18.3.8 Fifty members shall form a quorum at General or Special Meetings of the Joint Club.

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18.4 Notification to Joint Club

- 18.4.1 Immediately following the Annual General Meeting of each of the Men's and Ladies Clubs the Respective Honorary Secretaries shall notify the Secretary/Manager of the names of the Officers for their Club for the ensuing year.
- 18.4.2 Each honorary Secretary shall also forward to the Secretary of Management for submission such notices of motion or recommendations as such Club wishes to submit for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club.
- 18.4.3 Any such notice of motion or recommendation shall be discussed, if necessary, under the heading of "Any Other Business" at each meeting if it is not received in time for inclusion on the Agenda of the meeting.
- 18.4.4 Each Honorary Secretary of the Men's and Ladies Clubs shall forward to the Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club details of any new rule change or change of rule in the constitution, which has been passed at the Men's or Ladies A.G.M. or E.G.M. pertaining to their respective Club. In order to record such items in the Constitution, they shall be read out at the next subsequent Joint Club A.G.M. and recorded in the minutes of that meeting and the Constitution updated.

18.5 Chairperson at General Meeting

- 18.5.1 The President or if absent, Captain shall preside at all General Meetings of the Men's Club and the Ladies Club respectively.
- 18.5.2 The Chairperson or if absent, Captain of the Men's Club shall preside at all General Meetings of the Joint Club.
- 18.5.3 If any of the forgoing Officers are absent or decline to preside any other Chairperson may be appointed by the Meeting.
- 18.5.4 Each Chairperson in addition to a deliberative vote shall exercise a casting vote.

19 MODE OF VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 19.1 No proxies shall be allowed.
- 19.2 Voting shall be either by 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 e.g. 23.1.
- 19.5 In the event of a tie the Chairperson shall have and shall exercise a casting vote as provided in Sub-Clause 18.5.4.
- 19.6 If any member at a General Meeting proposed that the mode of voting on any particular matter should be by ballot and this is seconded by another member, then the question of whether voting should be by a show of hands or by ballot shall be decided by a show of hands.
- 19.7 An election of candidates for membership of the Committee of either the Men's or the Ladies' Club or for membership of the Management Committee shall be by ballot. All members voting must vote for the full number of candidates for whom there are vacancies otherwise each voting paper is invalid.

20. MINUTE BOOKS

- 20.1 The Men's Club, the Ladies' Club and the Joint Club shall each keep
- 20.1.1 A Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes of the Annual General, Special General and Extraordinary General Meetings and also Minutes of all Committee Meetings held in compliance with Clause 7.3
- 20.1.2 The respective Minutes shall be read out at the next General or statutory or other Committee Meeting and, when approved as being a correct record, it shall be signed and dated by the Chairperson.
- 20.1.3 The Men's Committee and the Ladies' Committee shall each submit their Club Minute Book to the Committee of Management when required.

21 PLAYING FACILITIES

- 21.1 The Management Committee, in consultation with the Men's and the Ladies' Committees shall prescribe the days and times when Members of the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club shall have the use of the course for competitions or when the course is reserved for team matches, union, branch or district events.
- 21.2 It shall also decide on facilities to be afforded to societies subject to the provision that the 1st Tee shall be reserved for Club Members at a period convenient to the Members.
- 21.3 The Management Committee shall also be empowered to regulate play on the course as it deems fit.

22. PERSONAL PROPERTY

- 22.1 Any personal belongings of Members, visitors and others, brought to, kept at, or left on the premises of the Club (either in the Clubhouse or outside in the car park or on the course) shall be at the sole risk of the owners thereof, and neither the Club or any Committee shall be responsible for any loss or damage thereto however arising: but this rule shall not prejudice any claim by the Club or the owners of the property, against Insurance Companies in case of fire, or when otherwise covered by insurance.

23. CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES

- 23.1 No rule of either the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club shall be repealed or altered or new rule made except at a General Meeting of such Club and by consent of at least two thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote at such meeting and written notice of the proposed changes must be sent to the Honorary Secretary of that particular Club with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least three weeks previous to the meeting at which same is to be considered.
- 23.2 The Management Committee may alter or add to the Rules for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act 1904 or any Act which may be introduced amending same but (except) for the purpose aforesaid.
- 23.3 No rule of the Joint Club shall be repealed or altered or new rule made except at a General Meeting of such Club and by consent of at least two thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote at such meetings and written notice of the proposed changes must be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least three weeks previous to the meeting at which same is to be considered.

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- 23.4 The Honorary Secretary shall place the proposal on the Club Notice Board and put the item on the Agenda for the next General Meeting of the Club concerned.
- 23.5 Any changes made 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.
- 23.6 No change in the rules of the Men's Club shall be in conflict with the Constitution of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
- 23.7 No change in the rules of the Ladies Club shall be in conflict with the Constitution of the Irish Ladies Golf Union.

24. RULES OF GOLF AND LOCAL RULES

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

25. BYE-LAWS

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

26. COMPLIANCE WITH IRISH STATUTORY- REGULATIONS.

- 26.1 The Club shall comply at all times with the provisions of the Registrations of Clubs (Ireland) Act 1904 and 2008 and all Acts introduced to amend same. Similarly, the Club shall comply with the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000, and all Acts introduced to amend this Act. The Management Committee is empowered to alter or add to this Constitution, where required, for the purpose of complying with these Acts.

26.2 CODE OF ETHICS.

- 26.2.1 New Ross Golf Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its members. Every individual in New Ross Golf Club should at all times show respect and understanding for members rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of New Ross Golf Club and the guidelines contained in the code of ethics and good practice for children in sport.
- 26.2.2 In working with young people in golf our first priority is the welfare of young people and we are committed to providing an environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

26.3 **DRUG ABUSE**

26.3.1 New Ross Golf Club condemns the use of prohibited substances and methods, a practice generally known as doping, in sport. The anti-doping rules of the Club are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as amended from time to time.

26.4 **EQUAL STATUS**

26.4.1 New Ross Golf Club understands and accepts its responsibilities under the Equal Status Acts 2000-2008.

27. **REVENUE COMMISSIONERS**

27.1 **Keeping of Accounts**

Annual audited accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.