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1. Name, Ownership & Licence

- 1.1. The name of the club shall be Moyvalley Golf Club. This name shall be the common name by which both the men's and ladies' club shall be individually and collectively known.
- 1.2. The address of the club is Moyvalley, Co. Kildare.
- 1.3. The land, clubhouse and associated facilities (the "Facilities") on which the Moyvalley Golf Course and clubhouse have been constructed and the company which operates same, Moyvalley Hotel & Golf Resort Ltd shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Owner" (which expression shall include its successors)
- 1.4. The Club accepts that the name Moyvalley Golf Club and all associated logos and intellectual property rights relating thereto belong exclusively to the Owner and are exclusively reserved for the use of the Club from time to time licensed by the Owner to use the Facilities.
- 1.5. The Club will use the Facilities under the terms agreed under the Moyvalley Golf Club Access Agreement granted by the Owner to the Golf Club for that purpose strictly subject to the terms and conditions therein. In the event of the Access Agreement being revoked by the Owner (and subject to the notice period specified within the Access Agreement) for any reason the Club shall notify the Union (GUI / ILGU) forthwith
- 1.6. The Club accepts that the Licence to be granted by the Owner to the Club to use the facilities will not entitle the Club to any legal interest in the Facilities but creates a Licence to use the Facilities only, terminable at the will of the Owner.
- 1.7. The Licence shall be held by and executed for and on behalf of the Club by the Trustees appointed by the Club under clause 4 of these Rules.

2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1. The men's club shall:-
- 2.1.1. Promote the amateur game of golf amongst its members.
- 2.1.2. Apply for affiliation of the Golfing Union of Ireland and undertake to accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-Laws of such Union.
- 2.1.3. Pay on every 1st January a per capita subscription to the Union and a per capita levy to its Provincial Council on every male playing member (except Honorary, Student and/or Junior/ Juvenile) of the Club at the end of its last financial year.
- 2.1.4. 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 be required to be implemented from time to time by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
- 2.1.5. 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.

- 2.1.6 Adopt and implement the junior policy of the GUI
- 2.1.7. Maintain an accurate register of all members on Golf-net.
- 2.1.8. To provide competitive opportunities for members in local and national competitions throughout the year.
- 2.1.9. To provide coaching opportunities for all members.
- 2.1.10. To promote health and fitness of club members.
- 2.2.11. To provide social functions for club members.
- 2.1.12. To uphold the values and etiquette laid down in the game of golf.
- 2.2. The ladies' club shall:-
 - 2.2.1. Promote the amateur game of golf amongst its members.
 - 2.2.2. Apply for affiliation to the Irish Ladies Golf Union and undertake to accept and abide by the Articles, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the ILGU.
 - 2.2.3. Pay on every 1st January a per capita subscription on every female playing member (except Honorary, Student and/or Junior/Juvenile) of the Club at the end of its last financial year, which fee must not be less than the fee equivalent to a minimum of 15 members.
 - 2.2.4. Accept and apply the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme as prescribed by the Council of National Golf Unions and abide by the Articles, Bye Laws and Regulations of the ILGU.
 - 2.2.5. 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.
 - 2.2.6. Adopt and implement the junior policy of the ILGU
 - 2.2.7. Maintain an accurate register of all members on Golf-net.
 - 2.2.8. To provide competitive opportunities for members in local and national competitions throughout the year.
 - 2.2.9. To provide coaching opportunities for all members.
 - 2.2.10. To promote health and fitness of club members.
 - 2.2.11. To provide social functions for club members.
 - 2.2.12. To uphold the values and etiquette laid down in the game of golf.

3. Membership

3.0 Application for membership of Moyvalley Golf Club shall be made on the prescribed form which shall be signed by the applicant. All applications will be treated with utmost privacy and information contained in the Application will not be passed on to third parties and will be used solely as a way of contacting applicants and members pertaining to club matters.

All applications will be processed by the Resort and successful applicants notified of their approval, what fees are due and payment options available. Membership is subject to review by the Resort at the end of every year, with the Resort reserving the right to refuse membership for the following year for existing members. This applies to all categories of membership or standing in the golf club.

The resort will notify the members that have had their application refused on review by the Resort before membership renewal is due.

3.1. The membership of both the men's club and ladies' club shall consist of amateur golfing players who are:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	VOTING RIGHTS
3.1.1 Full Membership / Ordinary	Y
3.1.2 Senior Membership	Y
3.1.3 Intermediate Memberships (18 to 25 Year Old & 26 to 40-Year-Old)	Y
3.1.4 Family Membership	Y (excludes children/dependents)
3.1.5 5 Day Membership	N
3.1.6 Student Membership	N
3.1.7 Junior Membership	N
3.1.8 Corporate Membership	Y (2 Nominated Persons)
3.1.9 Beginners Membership Year 1	Y
3.1.10 Beginners Membership Year 2	Y

The categories of membership shall be as per a list of categories produced by the Owners. This list may be revised from time to time by the Owners, and may include new categories or eliminate one or some categories. The list shall be displayed in the Professional's shop, and on both the noticeboards in the gentlemen's and ladies locker rooms, and in any other place deemed suitable by the Owners.

3.2. The number of members electable to each category in each club shall initially be fixed in consultation with the Owner and any subsequent alteration will be by consent of the Owner.

3.3 Only those categories of members with voting rights and who have entitlement to playing rights on seven days per week within an adult membership category see table in 3.1 (excluding Junior & Student membership) shall be:

3.3.1. Entitled to attend and vote at all General and Special or Extraordinary General Meetings and

3.3.2. Entitled to nomination for and election to Office and General Committee in the respective clubs of which they are members.

4. Trustees

4.1 The property of the Club shall be vested in Trustees. There shall be three Trustees of each Club. They shall be members of the Club for a period of not less than 3 years standing, who are entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings.

4.1.1 They are nominated by Committee annually and approved by the members properly convened in a General Meeting.

4.1.2 Trustee (Men's Club) cannot be a current member of Committee (Men's Club) and in the event of election to or co-opt to Committee they must resign as a Trustee.

4.2 A Trustee may hold a five year consecutive term, Trustee nomination reviewed annually at AGM.

4.2.1 Trustee will hold office for five year term unless he/she resigns, ceases to be a member of the club or is removed from office by resolution of the members at a General Meeting.

4.2.2 Any vacancy which occurs shall be filled at the next A.G.M of the club.

4.3. The Licence of the Facilities to be granted by the Owner to the Club shall be executed for and on behalf of the Club by the Trustees and shall be held by them or their successors in office for and on behalf of the Club.

4.4. Trustees shall abide by the Trustee agreement between themselves and the Men's & Ladies Clubs

4.5 The Trustees shall be kept informed by the Club Committee by providing them with regular Financial Reports. A majority of Trustees may request and shall be granted a meeting with the Club Committee within fourteen days of such request.

5. Officers

5.1 The officers of both Clubs shall be the President, Captain (the Men's Captain, the Ladies Captain) Honorary Secretary, Vice Captain, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Handicap Secretary, Competition Secretary

6. Management

6.1. The business and affairs of the respective men's and ladies' clubs shall be under the jurisdiction and control of a General Committee (respectively referred to as "the men's committee" and "the ladies' committee") consisting of the Officers of that club and other ordinary Committee Members as elected at AGM (minimum three to a maximum seven Ordinary Committee Members excluding Ex Officio Position).

6.2. The Committees may exercise its powers notwithstanding that there might be a vacancy in its membership.

6.3 At meetings of the committee (The Men's Club & The Ladies Club) half plus one of those entitled to attend and vote shall form a quorum. All votes at any committee meeting must have a simple majority vote to be carried.

6.4. At committee meetings the chair shall be taken by the Captain or, if absent, by the Vice Captain. In the absence of both of these officers those in attendance shall elect a Chairperson.

6.5. The Chairperson at a meeting shall, in addition to a deliberate vote, have, and shall exercise, a casting vote.

7. Elections, Officers and Committees

7.1. The Captain of the respective clubs shall retire after one year's service and become Ex-Officio. The Captain shall be succeeded by the Vice Captain unless members at AGM vote that the outgoing Captain should serve in that capacity for a longer period. In such event the tenure of office of the Vice-Captain shall be extended for a similar period.

7.2. The President of the respective clubs shall retire after two year(s) service and shall be succeeded by the elected nominee at the AGM. The President shall have the option to resign from the position after one year's service.

Nominees for President must be a voting member from either Club (Men's or Ladies Club) and be a member of the Golf Club for at least five years or an Owner / Director of Moyvalley Golf Club & Resort.

7.3. The other Officers and committee members of each club shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election. The Honorary Officers of Moyvalley Mens Club and the Ordinary Members of Men's Club Committee shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election, provided always that

the same Officer / Executive Committee ranking shall not be held by the same person for more than five consecutive years.

7.4. No member shall serve on a committee for a period longer than nine consecutive years. After a lapse of one year such members may again be nominated.

7.5. The election of Office Bearers, Members of the general Committees and Accountants of both clubs shall be made at the respective AGMs.

7.6. Nominations (with the consent of the Nominee) for election to any Honorary office or as an Ordinary member of Committee shall be made:-

7.6.1. By the general Committee of the club concerned.

7.6.2. By any two Ordinary Members of the club concerned.

7.6.3. All nominations shall be given to the Honorary Secretary of the club concerned at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

7.7. A complete list of Nominees 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 AGM.

7.8. The respective Committees shall have power to fill vacancies in any of these offices (including membership of its Committee) during any year. The persons so appointed shall hold office until the next AGM.

7.9. At any General Meeting, if the election of a continuing member of the Committee to a position as an Office Bearer will leave a vacancy on the Committee, then such vacancy shall be filled at that Annual General Meeting from candidates already nominated for membership of the Committee.

7.10. The office of any Office Bearer shall be vacated by such Office Bearer resigning therefrom or on ceasing to be a member of the Club or being removed by a resolution at an Annual General Meeting.

8. Committee Meetings

8.1. Scheduled Meetings of the Committee shall be held no less than ten times per annum.

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

9. Owner's staff

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

10. Liaison Committee

10.1. The members of the Liaison Committee shall comprise 4 members of the Men's committee, i.e. Captain, Vice Captain, Treasurer & Secretary and 4 members from the Ladies Committee. This Committee shall elect its own Chairperson from amongst its members who in addition to a deliberate vote shall also have a casting vote.

10.2. The Liaison Committee shall:-

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

10.2.2. Make such Local Rules (provided they are not at variance with the rules of Golf) and Regulations for the use of the Course as required and as agreed from time to time with the Owner.

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

11. Appointment of Sub-Committees

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

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

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

11.1.3 All sub committees and their membership must be approved by the Committee prior to appointment.

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

11.3. The men's and the ladies' club as of right and obligation under the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme of the Council of National Golf Unions shall each appoint a Handicap Committee to administer the rights and obligations involved with this scheme as set forth therein. The Handicap Sub-Committee shall consist of five members of the General Committees of the respective clubs and the Chairperson shall be the Honorary Handicapping Secretary of the respective club and its quorum shall be three.

12. Administration

12.1. The Club shall be administered as follows:-

12.1.1. The Honorary Secretary of the Club shall be responsible for the everyday affairs of the club except such duties which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Club.

12.1.2. All written complaints concerning matters under the jurisdiction and control of the Committee of the Club shall be primarily referred to the Honorary Secretary who, if unable to resolve same, shall place the complaint on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Committee for investigation and decision.

13. Finance

13.1. The financial affairs of the Club shall be administered as follows:-

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

13.1.2. The Banking Account shall be kept in the name of the Club (and clearly identified as such) in such Bank as the Committee may, from time to time determine. All cheques shall be signed and authorised by resolution of the Committee.

13.1.3. The Committee in conjunction with the Owner shall collect and remit to the Golfing Union of Ireland (or Ladies' Union as appropriate) the annual per capita subscription and Provincial Levies on members as required by the Bye-Laws of that Union. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring all members pay their subscriptions in full.

13.1.4. The Owner shall be entitled to entry fees as per license agreement. Club and Open competitions carried out on the Club shall only be arranged by the Committee in consultation with and with the written prior consent of the Owner.

13.1.5. The committee shall meet with the trustees prior to the respected clubs A.G.M.'s for the review of the annual Financial Statements. The General Committees shall present at these meetings to the Trustees detailed finance reports for the respected clubs for their analysis, review, clarification and approval.

13.1.6. The Honorary Treasurer shall issue the financial statements of the affairs of the Club for the financial year end, for consideration by the Committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting which shall be held before the last day of January following.

13.1.7. The Club shall not affect any borrowings whatsoever without the prior written approval of the Trustees.

13.1.8. All or any legal liabilities of the Trustees, acting as such shall be fully indemnified and reimbursed by the Club and its members.

13.1.9. All or any expenses incurred by the Trustees, acting as such, shall be reimbursed to them by the Club, upon production of the usual appropriate vouchers in respect thereof.

14. Election of Members

14.1. The Members shall be such persons as the Owner shall from time to time nominate provided that each such Member shall have paid up to date any membership joining fee and shall have paid his or her annual subscription and appropriate GUI / ILGU Levy & Insurance.

15. Categories of Membership

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

15.2. The following shall be voting members:-

15.2.1. Categories listed in 3.3 who have paid the Entrance Fee (if any) and Annual Subscription and any Levy to the Owner, collectively referred as the Annual Golf Club Subscription, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Annual General and all Special General Meetings of the Club.

15.3. All other membership categories (as designated in annual published list) shall be non-voting members of the Club. All members in these categories, except Honorary Members, shall be required to pay the Annual Subscription applicable to each category.

16. Annual Club Subscription and Fees

16.1. All categories of member shall be obliged to pay an Annual Membership Subscription as prescribed, in addition to an annual F&B Levy or a course levy (if any) and entrance fees (if any)

16.2. The amount of the annual subscription, annual F&B levy and entrance fees (if any) shall be determined by the Owner having informed the Committees of each of the Clubs minimum one month before year end.

16.3. All subscriptions shall be payable from the 1st January each year unless other deadline dates agreed and applied by Resort Management.

16.4. Any member whose club subscription and any levy are not paid in full by 1st March each year or who has not commence a direct debit mandate by that date shall be ineligible to compete in Club or open competitions, to enter championships or tournaments or to represent the Golf Club. Membership payments deadline dates may vary dependent on first year joining date however all members must be up to date with payment structure as agreed with Resort Management. Failure to maintain up to date payments will result in immediate membership suspension.

The Committees may re-elect such member without re-nomination or re-posting, within 12 months from the date when the Club subscription and course fees become due. This is subject to payment of all subscriptions and fees due in full to the Resort or Golf Club, and additional penalty of €50.

17. Visitors

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

18. Misconduct Suspension and Expulsion of Members

18.1. Any allegation of misconduct by a member must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the respective Golf Club(s) as outlined in Moyvalley Code of Ethics & Behaviour Policy. The Committee shall upon receipt of such an allegation make such enquiries as are considered necessary to obtain all relevant details to investigation this allegation fully or the Committee may upon agreement of the Committee submit the allegation to the Ethics Sub Committee for full investigation process.

18.2 Post completion of an investigation against any allegation of misconduct, this information shall be presented to the Committee which shall, in meeting, review the findings and will decide on sanction (if any) or recommendation as permissible and described within the Moyvalley Code of Ethics & Behaviour Policy. A majority vote of two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Committee is required to apply any sanction to a member.

18.3 When the Committee has resolved that a member be suspended from the Golf Club the Committee will inform the Resort Management of such a development.

18.4 When the Committee has resolved that a member be suspended or recommends expulsion, such Member shall, within seven days of the date of decision, be given notice in writing by the Honorary Secretary of the decision of the Committee, by post and or e-mail, or by delivery of such notice to there last known address. Such person(s) shall have the right to appeal against the decision, within fourteen days of the date of the decision. The appeal shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

18.5 A decision of the Committee under this Rule shall stand unless and until a notice of appeal is received. Notice of appeal must be received in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the respective Clubs no later than 14 Days from the date of decision indicated.

18.6 Provided notice of an appeal has been received, the expulsion or suspension shall not take effect for 28 Days (calendar days) and during this period an Appeals Meeting with Resort Management will be scheduled to occur and all parties informed of such meeting. The Member shall have the right to have their appeal heard by a General Manager of the Resort and or Resort Director or their designate. Resort Management will convene the meeting and will invite the member(s) and representatives from the respective Club Executive to attend.

18.7 Resort Management decision post appeals meeting will be advised in writing within 7 calendar days of the Appeals Meeting. Resort Management decision will be final in terms of Appeal against suspension or expulsion

18.8 Any member who breaches the Code of Ethics and Behaviour Rules at Moyvalley Golf Club and having been requested to explain their conduct or attend a meeting convened for such purpose with Club Committee or Club Executive (from the respective Clubs Moyvalley Men's Club or Ladies Golf Club) or Resort Management and refuses to participate:

- via disengagement or delay fails to actively or positively engage with Club Committee
- Refuses to engage in the Ethics Process of the Golf Club or attend a meeting with the Committee or Resort Management aligned to a matter of discipline or behaviour will consequently be subject to suspension from the Golf Club.

The Committee may suspend the member(s), provided that not less than two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Members of the Committee and voting for such a course of action is recorded.

18.9. During the period of suspension the Member shall not be entitled:-

18.9.1. To any of the privileges of the Clubhouse or Course afforded to

Members, save only to attend any General Meeting which may be held during the period of his suspension.

18.9.2. He shall not be entitled to the refund or rebate of the whole or any part of his annual subscription or other sum paid or payable to the Club in respect of the year during which the suspension occurs.

18.10. A person who has been expelled from Membership shall not be entitled:-

18.10.1. To any of the privileges of the Clubhouse or Course afforded to Members.

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

18.11 All voting under this rule shall be by show of hands unless if agreed via a majority vote in advance of any such vote to conduct voting under this rule via a secret ballot.

19. General Meetings

19.1. The Annual General Meeting of the respective Clubs shall save in exceptional circumstances, be held before the last day of January for receiving the Club Committees Annual Report, the Financial Statement for the previous financial year end, the electing of Office Bearers, Members of the Committee and Accountants, revising the Rules, and transacting such other business of the Club as may be on the Agenda.

19.2. Fourteen days' notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Members of the Club who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote (REF CLAUSE 3.3) at an Annual General Meeting of the Club.

19.3. Such notice shall be posted on the Notice Board. This shall be considered sufficient intimation to the Members of the Meeting

19.4 Any General Meeting shall not start before 6.00pm on Weekdays. The Committee has the authority to set a time for Any General Meetings on Weekends.

19.5. Notices of Motion and Nominations of Officers and Members of the General Committee must be made to the Honorary Secretary in writing at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting.

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

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

19.8 At least thirty members present and entitled to vote at such meeting will form a Quorum.

20. Special General Meeting

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

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

21. Chairman at General Meeting

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

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

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

22. Notice of General Meetings

22.1. Fourteen day's notice of every General Meeting convened by order of a Committee shall be given to members entitled to vote by a circular specifying the time and place of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

22.2. All notices calling such Meetings may be sent by email and notice board notification and issue of such notice to the members is deemed to have been served.

23. Mode of Voting at General Meeting

23.1. No proxies shall be allowed.

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

23.3. Ballot shall mean a vote on voting paper.

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

23.5. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have and shall exercise a casting vote

23.6. If any member at a General Meeting propose that the mode of voting on any particular matter should be by ballot and this is seconded by another member ,the question of whether voting should be by a show of hands or by ballot, shall be decided by a show of hands.

23.7. An election of candidates for membership of the Committee shall be by ballot and all members voting must vote for the full number of candidates for whom there are vacancies, otherwise such voting paper is invalid.

24. Meeting Minutes

24.1. The Club shall keep:-

24.2 The Honorary Secretary, or another member authorised by the committee, shall record minutes of all General Meetings and all Committee meetings.

24.3 The respective minutes for the previous meeting shall be produced in writing and distributed to all attendees before the start of a meeting and during the meeting, as a record of acceptance, shall be proposed and seconded and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, if accepted as a true and accurate account. Any amendments shall be made and recorded before signing by the chairman of the meeting.

25. Playing Facilities

25.1. The Owner in consultation with the Club, shall decide the days and times when it shall have the use of the Course. All other times required by the Club shall be by agreement with the Owner

26. Personal Property

26.1. The Club shall not be responsible for any personal belongings of members or members visitors brought to, kept at, or left on the Facilities of the Club (either in the Clubhouse or outside in the Car Park or on the Course). Such personal belongings shall be at the sole risk of the owners thereof, and neither the Club nor any Committee thereof, shall be responsible for any loss or damage thereto, howsoever arising: but this rule shall not prejudice any claims by the Club or the owners of the property against Insurance Companies in case of fire, or when otherwise covered by Insurance. In addition the members shall have due regard for any relevant conditions imposed by the owner of the facilities.

27. Change of Constitution and Rules

27.1. No Rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered or new Rule made except at a General Meeting of the Club and by consent of the Owner. Thirty members present and entitled to vote at such meeting will form a Quorum and a two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of those voting is required to repeal or alter or accept a new rule or a change in the Club Constitution.

Notice of the proposed changes and explanatory note must be sent to the Honorary Secretary with the names of the Proposer and Secunder attached at least three weeks previous to the Meeting at which same is to be considered.

27.2. No such Rule which directly or indirectly affects the rights and interests of the Owner can be repealed or altered or new Rule made without the prior written consent of the Owner.

27.3. The Honorary Secretary shall place the proposal on the Club Notice Board and put the item on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Club.

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

27.5. Any change in the Constitution of the Club which affects Bye-Law 2 (conditions of affiliation) of the ILGU must be submitted to the ILGU for approval prior to adoption

27.6. Any changes in the Rules of the Club shall not be in conflict with the Constitution of the Golfing Union of Ireland or the Articles, Bye Laws and Regulations of the Irish Ladies Golf Union Limited.

27.7 Any change in the Constitution of the Club must have a two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of those in attendance entitled to vote and voting to be accepted and passed.

28. Rules of Golf and Local Rules

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

28.2. The Committee and/or the Liaison Committee 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 the Ladies Club is affiliated.

29. Bye-Laws

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