

BALLYBOFEY AND STRANORLAR

GOLF CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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NAME OF CLUB

1. (a) The name of the Club shall be “BALLYBOFEY & STRANORLAR GOLF CLUB”, and is in these rules hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.
- (b) The objective of the Club is the provision of facilities for the playing of amateur games of golf by men, women and juveniles and generally to promote amateur games among its members.

DEFINITIONS

2. In these Rules

(a) “Full Member” shall mean the two adult members of a family subscription, or a single member who has paid the full subscription, or a Senior member, or an honorary member qualified to attend and vote at general meetings of the Club pursuant to Rule 32.

(b) The expression “Family” shall mean husband, wife and children under 18 years and depending on their parent(s) for their livelihood.

(c) The expression “Juvenile” shall refer to a member aged 15 years and under.

(d) The expression “Junior” shall refer to members aged over 15 years and under 18 years and depending on their parent(s) for their livelihood.

(e) The expression “Student” shall refer to a member aged 18 years or more who is a full time student attending college or similar institution. In addition if a person is aged 18 years or more and under 21 years and is residing with his parents(s) and dependant on them the Council are empowered if they so decide to treat him as a student in the relevant year for the purposes of these Rules.

(f) The expression “Officers” shall refer to members of the Council other than the Lady Captain and the nine elected members i.e. the Officers shall be the President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Greens Convenor, House Convenor and Men’s Competition Convenor.

(g) The expression “Chairman” shall refer to the person in the chair at a meeting of the Club or Council.

(h) The expression “Honorary Member” shall mean a member elected or deemed so elected as such in accordance with Rule 32.

(i) The expression “Country Member” shall refer to a person entitled to become such member in accordance with Rule 23.

(j) The expression “Temporary Member” shall refer to a person admitted to the Club as such in accordance with Rule 31.

(k) The expression “House Member” shall refer to a person duly admitted to the Club as such in accordance with Rule 25(b).

(l) The expression “Single (Member)” without further qualification shall refer to the category of Single Full Member available to both male and lady members of the Club.

(m) The expression “Senior member” shall mean a member who has reached the age of 70 years and has been a full member for 25 years (members already accepted as Senior members between the age of 65 – 70 will retain this membership status)

(n) Every word in these Rules importing the masculine gender shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as if it also imported the feminine gender.

OFFICE BEARERS AND COUNCIL

3. The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Council of the Club consisting of the President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Greens Convenor, House Convenor, Men’s Competition Convenor, Lady Captain and nine members of the Club.
4. The Council shall meet monthly at 8.30 p.m. on the second Thursday or such other day or time as the Council may in it’s discretion decide at the first Council meeting of the year. A scheduled monthly meeting will only be cancelled in exceptional circumstances by the Captain (or in his absence, the Vice-Captain) in consultation with the Honorary Secretary and in that event it will be permissible for the Honorary Secretary to rearrange the meeting for another date and time and notice of the cancellation and rearranging of the meeting shall be sufficient if posted on the Club Notice Board at least 48 hours before the rearranged date. Special meetings of the Council shall also be summoned by the Honorary Secretary at any time he shall find it necessary, or on the requisition of the Captain, or of any four members of Council and forty eight hours notice of any such special meeting shall be given in writing to each Member of the Council. In the case of a Special Meeting summoned on the requisition of the Captain or four Members of the Council it shall be so summoned by the Honorary Secretary for a day not later than the fifth day after the date of receipt of the requisition. Special meetings may also be held where so resolved at any scheduled monthly meeting and notice of same shall be sufficient if posted on the Club notice board at least 48 hours before the date fixed for such meeting. At all meetings of the Council eight members shall form a quorum. The Council may co-opt or appoint any full Member of the Club to fill any vacancy occurring on the Council, providing such member is not ineligible under these Rules.

5. The Council will at its first meeting of the year appoint the following -
- (a) The Club Registrar whose function will be to collect membership fees due for the year, record same, account to the Council therefor and such other functions as may be designated by the Council
 - (b) Green Fees Convenor who shall be the convenor of the Green Fees Committee.
 - (c) Entertainment's Convenor
 - (d) Men's Handicap Convenor who shall be the convenor of the Men's Handicap Committee, and who shall be a member of the Men's Competitions Committee.

From within the members of Council or if it should decide from outside the members of Council.

6. **The Council -**

- (a) Will at its first meeting of the year appoint the following permanent committees for that year to deal with any matter within the power of the Council, subject to confirmation by the Council of the proceedings of such Committees.

Greens Committee
House Committee
Finance Committee
Green Fees Committee
Entertainment's Committee
and

- (b) May at its first meeting or any subsequent meeting appoint special committees for that year

- (c) In addition the Council will at its first meeting of the year appoint a Men's Competition Committee and a Men's Handicap Committee from among the male full members of the Club. The Convenor of the Men's Competition shall be the Male person so elected at the Annual General Meeting. All decisions in relation to men's competitions will be taken by the male members of Council.

- (d) Each Committee shall consist of a convenor and such members as shall be decided by the Council. The Captain and Honorary Secretary shall be Members of all Committees but the Honorary Secretary's role on the committee shall be confined to recording the proceedings of such Committee. In the absence of the Captain the Vice-Captain will be entitled to attend the meeting of the particular committee in the Captain's place.

- (e) The period of office for Club Officers and Members of Council is for the calendar year from the 1st. January to the 31st. December.

7. The decision of the Council of the Club as to the meaning and interpretation of any of the Club rules and as to any action to be taken consequent upon any breach thereof shall be final and binding on all members of the Club.
8. Club bye-laws and local rules may be made by the Council of the Club from time to time with reference to any matter not provided or fully provided for in these Rules, and such shall be effective until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club, but unless thereat confirmed and adopted or as there amended all such bye-laws or rules shall cease to have effect.
9. The Captain shall take the Chair at all Meetings of the Council or, in his absence in the following order, the Vice-Captain, the President or a Member elected by those present shall take the Chair and the Chairman, at all Meetings, shall have a casting vote, in addition to his original vote.
10. The President shall take the Chair at the Annual General Meeting and any special General Meeting of the Club or in his absence in the following order the Vice-President, Captain or Vice-Captain and the Chairman at all such meetings shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote.
11. There shall be kept a Minute Book in which the business transacted at all Meetings of the Club and Council shall be entered by the Honorary Secretary at, or after each Meeting, and which shall be produced at each Meeting. At the start of each meeting of the Club and Council the Honorary Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous meeting and any member may propose a change in the minutes if he considers that they are not a true record in some respect(s) of the business transacted at the previous meeting. A proposal shall then be taken to adopt the minutes (as first amended where necessary) and once adopted they shall be final.
12. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper Books of Accounts showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club. He shall also arrange for the books of account to be audited by the Club's Accountant for each Financial year and shall present the auditor's financial report at each Annual General Meeting.
13. (a) The President shall hold office for a period of one year or until he resigns, or ceases to be a Member of the Club, or unless removed from Office by resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

(b) The Vice-President shall similarly be appointed for a period of one year and shall remain Vice-President until he resigns or ceases to be a member of the Club or unless his appointment is terminated by resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

14. (a) The Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Greens Convenor, House Convenor, Men's Competition Convenor and three Members of the Council, whose names appear last on the list of Members of the Council, shall retire annually, and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (b) The Captain shall retire annually and at the Annual General Meeting the Vice-Captain for the previous year shall stand automatically nominated and be the sole candidate for election to the position for the following year.
- (c) The sole candidate for election to the position of Vice-Captain shall be the nominee of the past Captains selected at their meeting for this purpose in accordance with Rule 14(m).
- (d) At the conclusion of the President's term of office specified in Rule 13(a) the Vice-President shall stand automatically nominated at the Annual General Meeting and shall be the sole candidate for election to the position for the following year.
- (e) At the conclusion of the Vice-President's term of office in accordance with the Rule 13(b) and his succession to the position of President, the nominee of the Past Captains, selected following a meeting held in accordance with Rule 14(m) shall at the Annual General Meeting be the sole candidate for election to the position of Vice-President.
- (f) The Immediate Past Captain shall retire annually and at the Annual General Meeting the Captain for the previous year shall be automatically elected to the position for the following year.
- (g) In relation to the remaining Officer positions (i.e. other than the President, Captain, Vice-Captain and Immediate Past Captain) the Vice-Captain for the year (and therefore incoming Captain for the following year) may on his own or any two eligible full members of the Club shall be entitled to nominate any other eligible full member as a candidate for election to each of those positions. All such nominations must be received in writing signed by the candidate and the person(s) making the nomination, by the Honorary Secretary not later than the 1st of December prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Secretary shall within three days after that date, post on the Club notice board the list of candidates duly nominated to those Officer positions and the person(s) nominating them. In the event that no nomination is received by the said date for one of the said Officer positions or the candidate or candidates have withdrawn and do not wish to be considered for election, nominations may be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting from the incoming Captain or two eligible full members.

(h) The Honorary Secretary will at least three weeks before the Annual General Meeting post on the Club notice-board a nomination sheet for election to vacancies in the Council for the following year. Such vacancies will result from the retirement of the three members referred to in paragraph (a) of this rule and such other vacancies as there may be after the election of Officers at the Annual General Meeting.

(I) Any two eligible full members of the Club shall be entitled to nominate any other eligible full member as a candidate for election to the Council. Any member so nominated and his proposer and seconder must sign the nomination sheet not later than four (4) days before the Annual General Meeting.

In the event that there are insufficient candidates so nominated for the vacancies to be filled at the Annual General Meeting the persons duly nominated shall stand automatically elected. In relation to the remaining vacancy or vacancies nominations may be taken from the floor from two eligible full members. In the event that there are more candidates nominated than the remaining vacancies same will be filled by vote in accordance with paragraph (j) hereof.

(j) On the order of business at the Annual General Meeting election of Officers shall be taken before election to other vacancies on the Council. Where a vote is necessary (i.e. where the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies) election to the other vacancies shall be by secret ballot from those properly nominated. Each vote must be for the same number candidates as there are vacancies i.e. where there are two vacancies the vote must be for the two chosen candidates, no more and no less. In the event of a tie (3 or more) for the last vacancies (2 or more) a second vote shall be taken of the candidates who tied. Otherwise Rule 10 applies.

(k) After the Annual General Meeting the Honorary Secretary shall prepare a list of members of Council (other than officers) for the ensuing year. Such list shall be from the previous year with the names of the retiring members deleted therefrom and the names of the new members added in the following manner –

(i) The order of election of the new candidates will be determined first. Where a vote has taken place that will determine the order i.e. the person with the most votes would be first, the next highest would be seconded and so on down to the last. Where two or more candidates have received an equal number of votes the order as between those candidates shall be decided by lot to be carried out by the tellers appointed at the meeting to count the votes. Where no vote has taken place the order shall be decided by lot carried out by the Honorary Secretary and the Captain.

(ii) The first three new members will then be placed at the top of the list of Council members for ensuring year. Should there have been more than three vacancies the fourth and every subsequent new member will take the position on the list which the retiring members causing the vacancies would other wise have held with the fourth new member taking the highest position, the fifth the next highest and so on.

(iii) Where a member has been co-opted to fill a vacancy on the Council during the year he shall serve for that year only on the basis of the co-option and if the member which gave rise to the vacancy was not for that year one of the last three on the list of members and due to retire anyway, there shall be an additional vacancy at the end of the year in the same way as if that member had simply retired at that time.

(l) An “eligible full member” for the purposes of this Rule shall mean a full member who has been a member of the Club in any category during each of the two years proceeding the year in question.

(m) The Honorary Secretary will, not later than 16th November prior to the Annual General Meeting, post on the Club notice board a nomination sheet for election to vacant Officer positions for the following year. Such vacancies will arise from the retirement of those Officers mentioned in (a) of this rule. All such nominations shall also comply with (g) of this rule.

(n) The Honorary Secretary will convene a Past Captains’ meeting to be held in the last week of October. At least seven days notice of such meeting will be given in writing to the past Captains. The quorum for such meeting will be eight. The business for such meeting shall be the selection of the past Captains’ nominee for the position Vice-Captain and Vice-President for the coming year. The President shall take the chair at the meeting or in his absence the Vice-President or Captain in that order. Any two persons present may propose a candidate for the relevant nomination shall be determined by vote. The procedure for such vote shall be the same as prescribed in these Rules for election of ordinary members of Council as contained in Rule 14(j).

The Ladies Past Captains’ meeting will be held in the first week of November.

15 (a) Immediately prior to each Annual General Meeting of the Club, any Member of the Council other than Officers who has not attended at six of the twelve monthly Council Meetings, held during his year of office then ending, shall be automatically retired from the Council, and shall not be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year, unless, in the opinion of the Council, he was prevented by illness from attending such Meetings or other approved cause. Similarly if such member during his term has missed three consecutive monthly meetings other than due to illness or other approved cause he shall be automatically retired from the Council and not eligible for re-election to Council in the following year.

(b) Immediately after the November meeting of the Council the Honorary Secretary will post on the notice board in the Clubhouse a list of the members of the Council (other than Officers) for the previous year and the number of meetings of Council which they have attended.

16. At all meetings of the Club and Council

(a) A proposal will not be put to the meeting unless the proposer has a seconder or unless the proposal is put to the meeting by the Chairman. Decisions on proposals may be taken with the unanimous approval of those present or where a vote is called for it shall subject where otherwise provided for in these Rules be by way of simple majority and on a show of hands.

(b) Where a vote is called for on any proposal the meeting may resolve that the vote be by secret ballot.

(c) In all cases where a secret ballot is necessary or called under these Rules the Honorary Secretary shall prepare voting cards and the meeting shall appoint tellers to count the votes and report the outcome to the Chairman. The Chairman will then announce the result to the meeting.

(d) Where a proposal is put to the meeting which would have the effect of rescinding a decision taken within the previous five years, in the event that a vote is called for on the proposal same will require a two thirds majority of those present to be carried.

TRUSTEES/BORROWINGS (BANKING ARRANGEMENTS)

17. Real property owned or purchased in the future by the Club shall be held by (and in the case of registered land registered in the names of) the Trustees for the time being of the Club on its behalf.

18. With the consent of the Council of the Club

(a) The Trustees may borrow in their own names on behalf of the Club as Trustees such sums to an extent not exceeding such amount and upon such terms and conditions as may be authorised from time to time by the Council of the Club.

(b) The Trustees for the time being may give security for and borrowings as hereinbefore provided for by mortgaging or charging all or any of the property and assets of the Club.

(c) The accounts of the Club as they now stand with the Banking Institutions are and are hereby ratified and confirmed.

(d) The Trustees are and are hereby authorised to open and account or accounts in their own names on behalf of the Club with any bank or banks and the said bank or banks are requested to grant accommodation under the said accounts.

19. Any Trustees may by written notice to the Honorary Secretary resign his Trusteeship but he shall on request execute a Deed of Appointment, Transfer, Conveyance or Assignment to the new Trustee appointed by the Council or the Club.

20. In the event of the death of any one of the existing Trustees of the Club the Council may appoint new Trustees and the surviving Trustees shall give effect to such appointment by executing on request by the Council the necessary Deed of Appointment, Transfer, Conveyance or Assignment of the Club's property or any part thereof.
21. The Trustees and every one of them shall be indemnified by the Club against all liabilities, costs and expenses incurred or suffered by them by reason of their Trusteeship.

GENERAL MEETINGS

22. (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Thursday in December each year or such other date as may be decided by the Council for the purpose of receiving the Council's Report, the Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement, electing Officers and other Members of the Council and other business.
- (b) Special General Meetings of the Club may be called at any time by direction of the Council or on a written requisition therefor delivered to the Honorary Secretary, signed by not less than twenty full members of the Club, whose Subscription for the then current year shall have been paid before delivery of such notice, stating the business intended to be submitted to the Meeting. In On receipt of such notice, the Honorary Secretary shall summon, as soon as possible, a meeting of the Council, who shall fix the date and place of the General Meeting. In default of the General Meeting being summoned within one month from date of delivery of the requisition, a General Meeting may be summoned to consider the business mentioned in the requisition, by notice in writing to all members entitled to attend such Meeting, signed by not less than twelve Members of the Club who signed the requisition.
- (c) Seven days' notice of each Annual General Meeting and of each Special General Meeting shall be given in writing or electronically by the Honorary Secretary to each full member then on the Register of the Club, and shall also be posted on the Notice Board in the Club House, provided always that the Council shall have power to defer the date of any Annual General meeting for not more than one month, and if so desired, the Council shall remain in office and authority until the deferred Annual General Meeting takes place.
- (d) The quorum at a General Meeting of the Club whether annual or special, shall be forty.
- (e) No member other than a full member shall be entitled to attend or vote at any General Meeting of the Club.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

23. A Member of the Club who, at the time of election resides beyond a radius of ten miles from the Clubhouse may become a country member and pay the Annual Subscription appropriate to a "Country Member" so long as so residing and provided he is for that year a full member of another affiliated Club of the Golfing Union of Ireland, or in the case of a Lady Member, full or associate, a member of another Club affiliated to the I.L.G.U.
24. (a) There shall be established in association with the Club, a Ladies' Branch of the Club, under the control of the Club. Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) hereof the functions of the Ladies' Branch shall relate to the playing of the game of golf by the members of the Branch including the application of the relevant standard scratch, score and handicapping scheme, the organising of Ladies' competitions including the financial arrangements for same and the selection of Ladies' Club Teams.
- (b) The Council will control access to the course by members and visitors for competitions and otherwise.
25. (a) Juvenile Members (fifteen years and under) may play on the course at such times and on such conditions as may be laid down by the Council
- (b) A person may be admitted as a House Member of the Club but such membership shall entitle them only to have access to and enjoy the facilities of the Clubhouse.
26. No member other than a full member shall be entitled to hold office or to nominate a member for office nor to vote at any meeting of the Club.
27. (a) The Name and Address of each candidate for membership of the Club, together with the names of the proposer and seconder, who must be full Members of the Club, and one of whom must be a Council member shall be displayed on the Notice Board in the Club house for not less than two (2) weeks, and any full Member shall have the right to lodge an objection in writing with the Honorary Secretary during that period. Not less than two (2) weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of a candidate as a member. In the event that an objection is lodged same will be considered by the Council when the application is being dealt with and the Council may hear both the candidate and objector. The election of all members shall be vested in the Council of the Club.
- (b) An election of a new member shall be subject to registration which will only take place when the first year's subscription has been paid. After election of a new Member, the Honorary Secretary shall inform him of his election and request that the payment of the relevant subscription be made to the Club Registrar (if not already done). If the subscription is not paid within two months after request the candidate's election shall lapse. Upon registration a new member shall be furnished with a copy of these rules.

(c) A rejected candidate shall not be eligible, or again proposed, until the Council for the following year shall have been appointed.

28. Every Candidate for Membership of the Club, shall, from time of nomination be deemed informed of and bound by these Rules, and it shall be a condition of candidature, as also of Membership of the Club, that no action at law shall be brought by or on behalf of any such candidate or any member against the Club or and Member thereof in respect of, or arising in any manner out of any words spoken at any Meeting of the Club or of the Council or a Committee, whether express malice be alleged or not.

SUBSCRIPTION

29. (a) Subject to this rule the categories of membership and annual subscriptions therefor shall be fixed for each year at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) The categories of membership shall include family, single, senior, country family, country single, student, junior, juvenile, house, and such other categories as may be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) Family membership will qualify all the family as members, and will include the husband and wife as full members

(d) Where age is the factor which determines whether a member is a juvenile or a junior member for the purposes only of deciding which subscription the member is liable to pay age shall be taken as at the 1st January in the relevant year.

(e) Subscription paid for any one year for a category of membership other than family may be converted into a Family Subscription for that year, by payment of the difference. If a Member ceases before the 1st July in any year to reside within ten miles from the Clubhouse and qualifies for country membership under Rule 23, the Council shall have power to refund part of his Annual Subscription, not exceeding one half thereof, whereupon the Member shall become a Country member.

(f) If a new Member be elected after 1st October, his subscription shall be considered paid till the 31st December of the following year.

30. Renewal Subscriptions and Locker Rents shall be payable in advance on the 1st January each year. A List of all Members of the Club shall be prepared and exhibited on the Notice Board on the 1st April and the List shall show the Members' Subscriptions paid prior to that date. If a Member has not paid his subscription for the current year on the 1st April, he shall be served, by post, with a notice of default by the Honorary Secretary, and if the Subscription be not paid before 30th April of that year, the Member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club on that date, and his name shall be erased from the List of members, but without prejudice to the unpaid subscription(s). The Council shall have power to re-elect such defaulters on payment of all arrears.

Subject to such conditions as may be laid down by the Council renewal subscriptions may be paid by standing order through the member's bank.

A Member whose Subscription is in arrears shall not be allowed to take part in any Competition, or vote at any Meeting of the Club.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS

31. (a) Temporary members being friends introduced by members or members of any other recognised Golf Club may be admitted to the Clubhouse and course as visitors. Temporary members so admitted shall be subject to such conditions and restrictions, and to the payment of such Green Fees as shall from time to time be fixed by the Council and Green Fees shall be payable in advance to the Club. Persons who have been rejected as Members of the Club or who are defaulters, shall not be eligible for introduction as temporary Members. Persons residing within ten miles of the Clubhouse may be introduced only once as temporary members during any year.

(b) A Member shall be responsible for the conduct of each visitor introduced by him.

(c) A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member and the member shall upon the admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately upon his being supplied with such liquor enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book which will be kept for the purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.

HONORARY MEMBERS

32. (a) An Honorary Member may be elected to the Club at the Annual or other General Meeting of the Club, provided that no person shall be elected an Honorary member unless he is an existing or former Member, nominated by Council, having been proposed at least six week prior to an A.G.M. or E.G.M. who shall in either case have been a Member for at least twenty years, and who shall have become physically unfit to play golf or having attained the age of 65 years and shall have rendered exceptional service to the Club.

(b)The President, the Honorary Secretary of the Club, the Club Captain, the Honorary Treasurer and the Lady Captain shall be deemed automatically elected as honorary members during their respective terms of office. Subject to Rule 45(b) only such Honorary members as were, when so elected, Full Members of the Club, shall be entitled to attend or vote at General Meetings of the Club.

(c)Notwithstanding Rule 32(a) and (b) the Council are empowered to elect an eligible person as an Honorary Member for a fixed period or for life and subject to any restrictions as it may decide. Any two eligible full members within the meaning of Rule 14 may propose to Council an eligible person for election as aforesaid. Such proposals shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary who shall place same on Agenda for the next meeting of Council. The Council shall not make a decision on such proposal within the period of three months starting on the date of receipt of same by the Honorary Secretary.

An “eligible person” within the meaning of this Rule shall be-

- (i) A dignitary who has visited the Club.
- (ii) A person who is considered by the Council to have rendered exceptional service to the Club who has moved to a distance of more than fifty miles from the Club and who is a former member or on moving continued his membership.
- (iii) A member who by virtue of his achievements in the playing of the game of golf has brought distinction and honour on the Club.

33. The Council may at it’s discretion extend the facilities of the course and clubhouse to some person or persons who have rendered service to the Club or for some other good reason for such period or periods as the Council may decide.

RESIGNATIONS AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

34. A resignation from the Club shall be communicated by the resigning Member in writing to the Honorary Secretary before the 1st January and otherwise such Member shall be liable for the Renewal Subscription but the Council shall have power to remit the whole or part thereof in proportion to the part of the current year expired at date of resignation.

35. A member guilty of acting contrary to the Rules of the Club or Bye-laws or Regulations from time to time adopted by the Council, or guilty of reprehensible conduct in or out of the Club, may be called on to resign, or be expelled or suspended from the Club by order of the Council. Before any such member shall be called on to resign or be so expelled or suspended and not less than seven days prior to the Meeting of the Council whereat the matter of his breach of the rules, bye-laws or regulations aforesaid or conduct will be considered, the Honorary Secretary shall serve by post, to the Member's Address, a notice of the date and hour of the said Meeting of the Council, and the Member shall be at liberty to attend the Meeting to explain or defend, but shall not be entitled to be present at the Meeting except during the hearing of his explanation of defence. A Member so called on to resign or so expelled or if suspended for a period in excess of three (3) months may appeal, by notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary, within fourteen days from date of notice of the Council's decision. On receipt of such appeal the Honorary Secretary shall call a General Meeting of the Club, giving each Member seven days notice of the date and hour of such Meeting, to consider the appeal. If a vote be called for at such Meeting to decide the issue of appeal, the voting shall be by secret ballot, and a two thirds majority shall be required to sustain the order of the Council. In the event of the decision of the Council not being sustained a decision may be taken by the General Meeting to deal with the member in any way the Council are empowered under the terms of this Rule and this includes the imposition of a sanction against the member which is either greater or lesser than that which had been decided by the Council. The decision of the General Meeting shall be final. The quorum at such a meeting shall be forty, and if such number be not present within half-an-hour after the Meeting hour, the Meeting shall stand adjourned till the same day and hour in the next following week, and if a quorum be not present at such adjournment the appeal shall be disposed of by the members present, and the decision shall be final.

Any person expelled in accordance with the Rules of the Club, or otherwise ceasing to be a Member of the Club shall forfeit all rights to, or claim upon the Club or its property, or as he would have by reason of Membership.

COMPLAINTS

36. A complaint by a Member shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary, who, if unable to remove the cause shall submit the complaint to the Council, and the decision thereof shall be final.

LOCKERS

37. The Council shall decide the right to acquire the use of a Locker in the Club premises by priority of application. And shall from time to time fix the amount to be charged as rental.

The liability of the Club in connection with the loss or damage to Golf Clubs, or other equipment or property of Members kept on the Clubhouse premises, shall be limited to the extent (if any) covered by the Policy of Insurance against fire or burglary, effected in the name of the Club.

COMPETITIONS

38. (a) All Competition Fixtures shall be approved by the Council. At the beginning of each year the Men's and Ladies' Competition Convenors shall liaise with one another with regard to the competition fixtures for that year. A draft fixture list will be then furnished by the Men's Competition Convenor to the Council for approval as early as possible in the year so that the fixture list can issue to the Members.
- (b) Save as may be agreed by the Council and is permissible under the Rules of the G.U.I. and I.L.G.U. competitions shall not be open to the male and lady members together and shall be organised and run separately by the Men's Competition Committee and Ladies' Branch respectively.
- (c) All Entry fees for Competitions shall be paid in advance to the Competition Secretary, and Prizes shall only be provided by, or through the Club. A Member shall not be deemed a competitor unless his entry fee for the particular competition has first been paid.
39. Handicaps for the male members shall be fixed from time to time by the Men's Handicap Committee in accordance with the Rules laid down by the Golfing Union of Ireland for all Clubs in the Country. Handicaps for the Lady members of the Club shall be fixed by the Ladies' Branch in accordance with the Rules laid down by the I.L.G.U.

CLUBHOUSE

40. All servants or contractors to be employed about the Club shall be employed by the Council.
41. (a) No Member for the Council, nor any manager or other employee or servant employed in the Club, shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors in the Club, or in the profits arising therefrom.
- (b) No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to Members of the Club between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock at night.

(c) No person shall be allowed to become Honorary or Temporary members of the Club or be relieved of the payment of the regular subscription except those possessing the qualifications defined in these rules and subject to the conditions and regulations prescribed herein.

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

(e) A person under the age of eighteen years may be admitted as a member of the Club, the Club being devoted to an athletic purpose to wit - the playing of golf.

(f) No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied on the Club premises except as permitted by law.

(g) The Club shall exhibit in a conspicuous part of the Club premises, a statement printed in plain type of the hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied on the premises.

42. Pursuant to the provisions of the applicable sections of the current Intoxicating Liquor Act, the sale and consumption of excisable liquor will conform strictly to the provisions contained within this legislation.

LADIES' BRANCH

43. The Rules of the Club shall be the Rules of the Ladies' Branch in the management of that Branch, save as otherwise provided. In the Rules of the Ladies Branch, "The Council", "The Captain", and "The Honorary Secretary" shall mean also the Office-bearers of the Ladies' Branch, but "The Council of the Club", shall be limited and reserved. All meetings of the Ladies' Branch shall be summoned and held, and all notices shall be served, in like manner as provided in the Rules of the Club, but the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Branch shall take place prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Club. The signatures of twelve Members of the Ladies' Branch shall be a sufficient number to requisition a Special General Meeting of the Branch, and in default of such General Meeting being summoned, the signature of not less than eight Members shall be sufficient on the Notice to Summon the General Meeting by default. The quorum at a General Meeting of the Ladies' Branch to consider the appeal, provided for in Rule 35 of the Rules of the Club, shall be twelve.

ALTERATION OF RULES

47. These Rules shall not be altered nor any new Rules added save at a General Meeting of the Club specially summoned for the purpose, or at an Annual General Meeting of the Club and in either case, notice of the proposed change shall be given with the notice of the meeting to each Member of the Club.