



Wexford Golf Club. Constitution and Rules

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LEGEND:

Red = Golf Ireland Alterations

Green = Proposed Deletions

Blue = Proposed Additions

WEXFORD GOLF CLUB

1 Constitution & Rules

1.1 Preliminary Definitions & Interpretations:

- 1.1.1 Articles herein contained are indicated by consecutive numbers.
- 1.1.2 Clauses are indicated by consecutive numbers preceded by Article number.
- 1.1.3 Sub-clauses are indicated by consecutive numbers preceded by article, clause and sub clause numbers.
- 1.1.4 Sub-sub-clauses are indicated by consecutive numbers preceded by article, clause and sub-clause numbers.
- 1.1.5 The Men's committee shall mean the committee referred to in article 7, sub-clause 7.1.1.
- 1.1.6 The Ladies' committee shall mean the committee referred to in article 7, sub-clause 7.2.1.
- 1.1.7 The Committee of Management shall mean the committee referred to in article 7, sub- clause 7.3.1.
- 1.1.8 The name or title "Club", without qualification, shall mean the Men's Club, the Ladies' Club or the Joint Club where the context so admits or requires.
- 1.1.9 The name or title "Committee" and the Officers and Members thereof, without qualification, shall mean The Men's Committee, the Ladies' Committee or the Joint Club Committee or each of their Officers and Members where the context so admits or requires.

2 Title & Ownership:

- 2.1.1 The name of the Club shall be Wexford 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.
- 2.1.2 The official address of the Club premises is Mulgannon, Wexford.
- 2.1.3 The property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees and shall be dealt with by them as directed by and in accordance with Resolutions of the Committee (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be sufficient evidence).
- 2.1.4 Annual audited accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.

3 Membership:

- 3.1.1 The membership of the Men's club shall consist of male **playing** members.
- 3.1.2 The membership of the Ladies' club shall consist of female **playing** members.

- 3.1.3 The membership of the Joint Club shall consist of all members of each of the Men's and the Ladies' Clubs and Pavilion Members.

4 Objectives:

4.1 The Men's Club shall: -

- 4.1.1 Promote the Amateur Game of Golf amongst its members.
- 4.1.2 Accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-Laws of **Golf Ireland** to which the club is affiliated and Bye-Laws of the Leinster Branch of such Union in whose Province the course is located.
- 4.1.3 Accept and apply the Handicapping System as currently prescribed by the Council of National Golf Unions and such rules there under as may require to be implemented from time to time by **Golf Ireland**.
- 4.1.4 Accept and recognise the R & A Rules Ltd. as the sole authority of prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and The Rules of Amateur Status.
- 4.1.5 Authorise the Joint Club to manage matters of common interest (other than the game of golf and its related activities) which the Men's Club has with the Ladies' Club subject to and as provided in these rules.

4.2 The Ladies' Club shall: -

- 4.2.1 Promote the Amateur Game of Golf amongst its members.
- 4.2.2 Accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-Laws of **Golf Ireland** and the Bye-Laws of the Mid Leinster District in which the course is located.
- 4.2.3 Accept and apply the Handicapping UHS System as currently prescribed by CONGU and such rules thereunder as may require to be implemented from time to time by such Union.
- 4.2.4 Accept and recognise R & A Rules Ltd. as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the 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, students and juveniles and generally promote amateur games and other 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: -

- 4.3.3 Provision of and responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the course and clubhouse and their environs to the standard required by club members.
- 4.3.4 Provision of Bar and Catering facilities and all these entail.
- 4.3.5 Collection of Annual Subscriptions and other Club Levies payable by Members in advance.
- 4.3.6 Make the facilities of Wexford Golf Club available to **Golf Ireland** and their respective branches and districts as required.
- 4.3.7 Wexford Golf club shall comply fully with Health & Safety legislation.

4.4 Determine annually (Joint Club):

- 4.4.1 Club Entrance Fee.
- 4.4.2 Annual Subscription.
- 4.4.3 Capital Levy; to be paid by members of different categories of playing member in each of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs in advance.
- 4.4.4 Determine the annual subscription to be paid by Pavilion Members in the Joint Club.
- 4.4.5 Any alteration in any of the sub clauses 4.4 shall be decided at an A.G.M. or S.G.M. of the Joint Club in advance.
- 4.4.6 Determine the rate of Green Fee payable by visitors to the Club.
- 4.4.7 Generally to act in the promotion and advancement of the interests of the Club and the improvement of the facilities available to Members.
- 4.4.8 The aforementioned functions shall be carried out on behalf of the Joint Club by the Committee of Management as forming part of the business and affairs of the Joint Club as provided for in sub-clause 7.3.1.

5 Trustees:

- 5.1.1 The number of trustees shall be three. In the event of the number of Trustees becoming less than three by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining Trustees may deal with the property of the Club pending the election at a General Meeting of the Club of a Trustee or Trustees. The members of the Club shall indemnify the Trustees against any losses or expenses that they may properly incur if and insofar as the assets of the Club may be deficient. The Trustees shall have power, with the approval of the Committee or with approval of a Special or Annual General Meeting of the Club to purchase, dispose of, mortgage, or otherwise deal with, the lands and premises belonging to the Club or to deposit the title Deeds thereof to or with a Bank or other Lender for the purpose of securing payment by the Club to the said Bank or Lender of any sum or sums of money which the said Bank or Lender may from time to time advance to the Club, or which may be due by Accounts, Notes, Bills, Cheques or otherwise, together with interest thereon at such rate as may be agreed upon, not exceeding for Principal or Interest at any one time

the aggregate sum of €5m (Five Million) and the Trustees shall be under no personal liability to the Bank or Lender in respect thereof. All present and future members of the Club shall be deemed to have assented to the creation of the Trustees of any security entered into or deposit made by them by virtue of the Rule.

5.1.2 Should a Club, through insolvency or otherwise, go into liquidation or cease to exist as a Club, and should The assets of the Club be insufficient to discharge its liabilities, then all members shall be liable for an Additional year's subscription over and above the subscription for the year current during which the Club shall so go into liquidation or shall cease to exist as a Club, and the Trustees of the Club at the time of liquidation shall be entitled to recover from each member such additional year's subscription.

5.1.3 Upon reaching the age of 80 yrs, a Trustee must retire from their position as Trustee.

6 Officers, Honorary Members & Chairpersons: See 7 Committees

6.1 Officers of the Men's Club:

6.1.1 The Officers of the Men's club shall be a President, a Captain, a Vice Captain, a Hon. Secretary and a Hon. Treasurer, all of whom shall be full members and shall have been proposed, seconded and elected by those present at the A.G.M. in accordance with the Constitution.

6.2 Chair at Meeting of men's Club:

6.2.1 At meetings of the Men's Committee, the chair shall be taken by the Captain or, if absent, by the Vice Captain. In the absence of both or if both decide not to take the chair, any member of the Committee nominated by it shall be moved to the chair.

6.2.2 The President shall take the chair at Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings of the Men's Club. In the President's absence or at the Captain's request, the Vice-Captain shall take the chair. In the absence of both or if both elect not to take the chair, any member of the Men's committee nominated by the meeting shall be moved to the chair.

6.3 Officers of the Ladies' Club:

6.3.1 The Officers of the Ladies' club shall be a President, Captain, a Vice Captain, a Hon Secretary, a Hon Treasurer, a Handicap Secretary and shall have been proposed, seconded and elected by those present at the A.G.M. in accordance with the Constitution. The vice Captain shall be a full member of the club.

6.4 Chair at Meetings of the Ladies' Club:

6.4.1 The Lady Captain shall take the chair at Annual General Meetings or Special General meeting's of the Ladies' club. In the Lady Captain's absence or at the Captain's request, the Vice- Captain may take the chair. In the absence of both or if both decide not to take the chair, any member of the Ladies' committee nominated by the meeting shall be moved to the chair.

6.5 Officers of the Joint Club and Committee of Management.

6.5.1 The Officers of the Joint Club shall be the President, the Captains of the Men's and Ladies clubs, the Vice-Captains of the Men's and Ladies clubs, the Hon. Secretary, and the Hon. Treasurer, all of whom shall be full members and shall have been

proposed, seconded and elected by those present at the A.G.M. in accordance with the Constitution.

6.6 Chair at meetings of the Joint Club and Committee of Management.

- 6.6.1 At the first meeting each year, the Joint Club committee shall elect a Chairperson.
- 6.6.2 If the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are absent from a Joint Club committee meeting then the members present shall appoint one of their members to the chair.
- 6.6.3 The President of the Joint club shall take the chair at Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings of the Joint Club. In the President's absence, the Chairman of the Joint club shall be moved to the chair. In the absence of both the President and the Chairman of the Joint club, any committee member may be moved to the chair.

6.7 Casting Vote:

- 6.7.1 With the exception of clause 6.1.4, at all meetings the Chairperson shall, in addition to a personal vote also have a casting vote which he/she may exercise in the event of there being an equality of votes for and against any matter which is to be decided by vote at the meeting.

- 6.8 **Honorary Members:** Persons who are exempt from Subscription Fees, however, other fees (e.g.) Locker, Buggy Rental, Levy may apply.

7 Committees:

7.1 Men's Club:

- 7.1.1 The business and affairs of the Men's club shall be managed by a committee (hereinafter referred to as the Men's committee) consisting of the President **Hon**, Captain **Hon**, Vice Captain, **Hon** Secretary and **Hon** Treasurer **as set out in clause 6.1.1**, together with, a handicap secretary and seven other full members of the Men's club who shall be elected in accordance with the following procedure.
- 7.1.2 Except as otherwise provided for in the rules, the Men's Committee shall:
- 7.1.3 Be elected annually by the full and honorary members present at the Annual General meeting of the Men's club. Retire at the next subsequent Annual General meeting of the Men's club.
- 7.1.4 The **ordinary** members of the Men's committee will retire annually and will be eligible for re election.
- 7.1.5 The election of candidates for membership of the Committee of the Men's Club shall be by secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the selection of the Committee shall be decided by lot, in a manner to be determined and carried out by the Chairperson, in the course of the meeting.
- 7.1.6 The committee shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in their number between one Annual General meeting and the next such meeting. Such vacancies shall be filled by co-option. The person to be co-opted shall be proposed and seconded and

elected by a majority of the members present and voting at an ordinary monthly meeting of the committee.

- 7.1.7 The committee shall have the authority to appoint an acting officer in the event of the demise or retirement of an officer during his term of office. Such acting officer need not be an existing member of the committee. Such acting officer shall have a vote at committee meetings.
- 7.1.8 A list of candidates for the Men's committee with names of proposers and seconders who shall be full members of the Men's club shall be posted on the notice board in the club house at least fourteen days before an Annual General meeting of the Men's club. Such list shall close at 5.00 p.m. three days before the said Annual General meeting. The Hon. Secretary of the Men's club shall have a copy of the said list available for each member who attends the said Annual General meeting and same shall act as members' ballot papers. Should there be insufficient nominations, for the committee on the said list; the chairman shall deem those on the list elected. Vacant positions shall be filled by co-option. call for further nominations at the said Annual General meeting.
- 7.1.9 The Men's committee shall meet, at least eight times in a year. Five Seven members shall form a quorum.
- 7.1.10 The Men's committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees, to define the scope and terms of the authority of such sub-committees and to delegate to and confer upon them the powers necessary for the discharge of their respective functions. All classes of members of the Men's club may act on sub-committees.
- 7.1.11 The men's club committee will be responsible for appointing a handicap committee, consisting of a minimum of three full members of the Men's club which will be required to maintain handicap records for a period of not less than three years. The handicap committee must retain all score cards until the end of the current handicap year.
- 7.1.12 A sub-committee shall retire when the function for which it was appointed is completed but its term shall not extend beyond the term of the committee which appointed it. A sub-committee shall report its activities monthly to the committee which appointed it or as directed by that committee. No sub-committee may be appointed to elect members.
- 7.1.13 The President shall be elected for a term of one year, with an option, for re-election for a further year.

7.2 Ladies' Club:

- 7.2.1 The business and affairs of the Ladies' club shall be managed by a committee (hereinafter referred to as the Ladies' committee) consisting of the Lady President Hon, Lady Captain Hon, Lady Vice Captain, Secretary, Treasurer as set out in clause 6.3.1, and handicap Secretary together with seven eight other members of the Ladies' club who shall be elected in accordance with the following procedure.
- The ladies' club committee will be responsible for appointing a handicap committee, consisting of a minimum of three members of the ladies' club which will be

required to maintain handicap records for a period of not less than three years. The handicap committee must retain all score cards until the end of the current handicap year.

- 7.2.2 Except as otherwise provided for in the rules, the Ladies' committee shall:
- 7.2.3 Be elected annually by the members present at the Annual General meeting of the Ladies' club.
- 7.2.4 Retire at the next subsequent Annual General meeting of the Ladies' club after their election, but they shall be eligible for re-election.
- 7.2.5 The election of candidates for membership of the Committee of the Ladies Club shall be by secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the selection of the Committee shall be decided by lot, in a manner to be determined and carried out by the Chairperson, in the course of the meeting.
- 7.2.6 The committee shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in their number between one Annual General meeting and the next such meeting. Such vacancies shall be filled by co-option. The person to be co-opted shall be proposed and seconded and elected by a majority of the members present and voting at a monthly meeting of the committee.
- 7.2.7 The committee shall have the authority to appoint an acting officer in the event of the demise or retirement of an officer during her term of office. Such acting officer need not be an existing member of the committee. Such acting officer shall have a vote at committee meetings.
- 7.2.8 A list of candidates for the Ladies' committee with names of proposers and seconders who shall be members of the Ladies' club shall be posted on the notice board in the club house at least, fourteen days before an Annual General meeting of the Ladies' club. Such list shall close at 5.00 p.m. three days before the said Annual General meeting. The Honorary Secretary of the Ladies' club shall have a copy of the said list available for each member who attends the said Annual General meeting and same shall act as members' ballot papers. Should there be insufficient nominations, for the committee on the said list; the Chairperson shall deem those on the list elected. Vacant positions shall be filled by co-option. call for further nominations at the said Annual General meeting.
- 7.2.9 The Ladies' committee shall meet at least once in each calendar month. Seven members shall form a quorum. The Ladies' committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees, to define the scope and terms of the authority of such sub-committees and to delegate to and confer upon them the powers necessary for the discharge of their respective functions. All classes of members of the Ladies' club may act on sub-committees. A sub-committee shall retire when the function for which it was appointed is completed, but its term shall not extend beyond the term of the committee which appointed it. A sub-committee shall report its activities monthly to the committee which appointed it or as directed by that committee. No sub-committee may be appointed to elect members.

7.2.10 The President shall be elected for a term of one year, with an option, for re-election for a further year.

7.3 Joint Club:

7.3.1 The business and affairs of the joint club shall be managed by a Committee (each Committee member being a full member of the club), which shall consist of the President of the Men's Club or President of Ladies Club, the Captain of the Men's club, Vice Captain of the Men's club, Lady Captain, Lady Vice Captain, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and the ex officio's of the men's and ladies committees plus two other Full Members of either the Mens or Ladies Clubs.

7.3.2 The Officers Committee of the club who shall be members of the men's club or the ladies club, provided that during such period as there shall be in existence any financial liability to any Bank or other Lender guaranteed jointly or severally by members of the Club thereafter called "Guarantors" the Committee shall act in conjunction with such Guarantors in relation to all major financial transactions, as far as may be practicable and generally shall be subject to the supervision and approval of the Guarantors in all such matters. This proviso shall not be replaced or modified during the continuance of any such guarantee as aforesaid.

7.3.3 The President of the Men's club or the President of the Ladies Club, the Captain of the Men's club, Vice-Captain of the Men's club, Lady Captain, Lady Vice Captain Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Auditor and three Trustees and two other Full Members of either the Mens or Ladies Clubs shall be elected by Special or Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club as hereinafter specified and they shall respectively hold office as follows:

7.3.4 The President shall be elected for a term of one year, with an option, for re-election for a further year.

7.3.5 The Men's Captain and the Ladies Captain until the next Annual General Meeting.

7.3.6 The Hon. Auditor, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and other members of the Committee until the next A.G.M. but shall be eligible for re-election. The trustees until they resign or cease to be members of the Club or be removed by a Resolution passed at a Special or Annual General Meeting of the Club.

7.3.7 The outgoing Men's Captain and Ladies Captain shall be an ex-officio members of the Committee and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

7.3.8 The Honorary Secretary shall chair the first meeting of the Joint Club until a new Chairperson is elected. At the first meeting, the election of a Chairperson shall be the first item on the agenda. In the absence of the Honorary Secretary, any member may be moved to the chair.

7.3.9 The members of the committee of the joint club shall take office immediately after an Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club and serve until the next Annual General Meeting of the Joint Club has been declared closed by the chairman.

- 7.3.10 The committee of management shall meet at least once each calendar month. Six members shall form a quorum. The committee of management shall have power to appoint such management and staff upon such terms and conditions as the committee of management may determine and to terminate such appointments and also have power to appoint substitutes as may be required.
- 7.3.11 The Committee of Management shall have power from time to time to borrow for the purposes of Wexford Golf Club such sum or sums of money as it shall think fit, subject to limitations set out in clause 5.1.1, and the Trustees, on being instructed by the committee of management shall secure the repayment of any money so borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, deposit of title deeds or securities, charge, lien or otherwise upon the whole or any part of the club's property.
- 7.3.12 The Committee of Management shall have power to appoint sub-committees, to define the scope and terms of the authority of such sub-committees and to delegate to and confer upon them the powers necessary for the discharge of their respective functions. All classes of members may act on sub-committees with the exception of the Introductory Category. A sub-committee shall retire when the function for which it was appointed is completed, but its term shall not extend beyond the term of the committee which appointed it. A sub-committee shall report its activities monthly to the committee which appointed it, or as directed by that committee.
- 7.3.13 The Committee of Management shall be authorised to fix admission charges for dances or other special functions held in the club house. They shall have power to refuse permission for any particular visitor to use the club house or course. The Committee of Management shall have power to engage a professional and determine his retainer, duties and conditions of employment and the fees to be paid to him by members for his service. A list of fees payable shall be posted in the club house.
- 7.3.14 The committee of management shall be empowered to make such bye-laws and regulations for the management of the club as they may consider necessary but which shall not be inconsistent with or in contravention of these rules.
- 7.3.15 Every person using the club house or course shall be subject to and must comply with all rules, bye-laws and regulations in force.
- 7.3.16 Notice of new bye-laws shall be posted on the notice board in the club house.
- 7.3.17 A list of candidates for the Joint Club committee with names of proposers and seconders who shall be members of the Ladies' or Gent' clubs shall be posted on the notice board in the club house at least, fourteen days before an Annual General meeting of the Joint club. Such list shall close at 5.00 p.m. three days before the said Annual General meeting. The Honorary Secretary of the Joint club shall have a copy of the said list available for each member who attends the said Annual General meeting and same shall act as members' ballot papers. Should there be insufficient nominations, for the committee on the said list; the Chairperson shall deem those on the list elected. Vacant positions shall be filled by co-option.

8 Administration:

- 8.1.1 The Captain 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 another employee.
- 8.1.2 The Captain 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 another employee.
- 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 another employee.
- 8.1.4 All written complaints concerning matters under the jurisdiction and control of the committee of any of the clubs mentioned in sub-clauses 8.1.1, 8.1.2 and 8.1.3 shall be referred primarily to the Hon. Secretary of that club who, if unable to resolve the matter complained of, shall place the complaint on the agenda for the next meeting of the committee of such club for investigation and decision.
- 8.1.5 The Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club shall also act as liaison officer between the Committee of Management and each of the Men's and the Ladies' committees.

9 Finance:

- 9.1.1 The financial affairs of the Joint Club shall be operated as follows:
- 9.1.2 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.
- 9.1.3 The bank account shall be kept in the name of the Joint Club (and shall be clearly identified as such) in such bank as the committee of management may from time to time determine. All cheques shall be signed as authorised by resolution of the committee of management.
- 9.1.4 The Honorary Treasurer of the Joint Club shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Joint Club for the financial year ended 30th September for consideration by the committee of management and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General meeting of the Joint Club.
- 9.1.5 The committee of management shall make grants to each of the Men's and Ladies' clubs from time to time on request being made by the Men's committee or the Ladies' committee, in order to defray the expenses incurred by the particular committee including monies for payment to **Golf Ireland for Men** of the annual per capita subscription and provincial levy on members as required by the bye-laws of that union and for payment to **Golf Ireland for Ladies** of the annual per capita subscription in respect of members as required by that union and as collected from the members in accordance with rule 13.1.1
- 9.1.6 The financial affairs of the Men's club shall be operated as follows:

- 9.1.7 The Treasurer 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.
- 9.1.8 The Men's committee shall be responsible for the payment to **Golf Ireland** of the annual per capita subscription and provincial levy on members as required by the bye-laws of that union.
- 9.1.9 The Men's committee shall be entitled to charge and retain all entry fees in club and open competitions under its control and management and for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes.
- 9.1.10 The Treasurer of the Men's club shall issue a financial statement of the affairs of the Men's club for the year ended 30th September for consideration by the Men's committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the next Annual General meeting of the Men's club which shall be held not later than the last week in November.
- 9.1.11 Following the Annual General meeting of the Men's club at which the financial statement is considered, the treasurer shall immediately forward a copy of the approved financial statement to the Honorary Treasurer of the committee of management. This only applies if the treasurer of the men's club is not the treasurer of the joint club.
- 9.1.12 The financial affairs of the Ladies' club shall be operated as follows:
- 9.1.13 The **Honorary** Treasurer of the Ladies club shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Ladies' club.
- 9.1.14 The Ladies' committee shall be responsible for the payment to **Golf Ireland** of the annual per capita subscription on members as required by the constitution of that union.
- 9.1.15 The Ladies' committee shall be entitled to charge and retain all entry fees in club and open competitions under its control and management and for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes.
- 9.1.16 The **Honorary** Treasurer of the Ladies' club shall issue a financial statement of the affairs of the Ladies' club for the year ended 30th September for consideration by the Ladies' committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the Annual General meeting of the Ladies' club which shall be held not later than the last Wednesday in November following.
- 9.1.17 Following the Annual General meeting of the Ladies' committee at which the financial statement is considered, the Treasurer shall immediately forward a copy of the approved financial statement to the Honorary Treasurer of the committee of management.

9.1.18 All bank accounts of the three clubs shall be maintained in the same bank as determined by the committee of management.

10 Election of New Members:

10.1.1 The election of all members of the Club shall be at the discretion and in the power of the Joint club Committee. Candidates for election must be proposed and seconded by full members of either the Men's or the Ladies' Clubs and the election shall be by agreement of the respective men's and Ladies' clubs. The names and addresses of all candidates, with the names of proposer and seconder shall be displayed in a conspicuous place for at least one week before election and an interval of two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election. When deciding on the election of a member the committee shall give due consideration to any written submission in support of his/her suitability for membership.

10.1.2 When a candidate has been elected the Hon. Secretary shall notify them of the fact. The application for membership must be accompanied by the first year's (or half year's if after 1st September) subscription and by any Entrance Fee if applicable and any levy for the time being in force. Every member elected to membership of the Club shall be deemed to be bound by the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club for the time being in force.

10.1.3 On the first day of **March Feb** in each year, the Hon. Secretary shall submit to the Committee a list of members whose subscriptions, levies and locker, cage rental and buggy bay rental for the current year remain unpaid and after that date such members shall be ineligible to compete in any competition held by the Club until such liabilities are paid.

11 Categories of Member:

11.1.1 The following shall be the categories of member which may be elected to the club:

11.2 Voting members:

11.2.1 **Full members:** This category shall comprise men and women who pay the annual subscription and levies applicable for Full Membership.

11.2.2 **Honorary members:** This category shall comprise men and women who have been elected Honorary Members at an Annual General Meeting.

11.2.3 Only voting members shall have an interest in the club property which interest shall cease on such member leaving this category.

11.3 Classification of members

11.3.1 The classification of members shall be as follows:

Full Members.

Ladies (Associates).

Husband and Wife.

Five Day member. (Excludes this category from playing on Saturday & Sunday, exception would be representing the Club in team competitions).

Family (excluding children who have passed their 16th birthday on 1st January).

Young Male/Female aged between 19 years of age to 25 years of age

Student (Over 18 years on 1st January and pursuing full time third level education).

Junior (excludes those who have passed their 18th birthday on 1st January).

Juvenile (excludes those who have passed their 16th birthday on 1st January).

Golf Academy (To develop under age members to bring them to a high level of efficiency.)

Distance Members (resident more than 70 km from Wexford town)

Pavilion Members (no right to play on course).

Non-golfing partners of full members shall be allowed Pavilion membership free of charge.

Pavilion Membership shall be open to persons who have been full members of Wexford Golf Club and to such other non-members at the discretion of the Committee.

Honorary Members (may be elected by the Committee for a period not exceeding one year).

Honorary Life Members (may only be elected at a General Meeting and no person shall be proposed as an Honorary Life member unless he/she shall be recommended for election by the Committee on the grounds of his/her special services to the Club or his/her distinction in the game of golf or in public life or public service).

Note: Honorary Members are Persons who are exempt from Subscription Fees, however, other fees (e.g.) Locker, Buggy Rental, Levy may apply.

11.3.2 Members may, on application in writing to the Hon. Secretary and subject to the approval of the Committee, be transferred to full membership, without re-election and on payment of the full any entrance fee applicable and subscription and any current levy applicable to the category to which they are transferred, credit being given for any such fees already paid.

11.3.3 Persons elected after 1st September shall be liable for any Entrance Fee applicable and any current levy, but shall only be liable for half the annual subscription. All subscriptions are payable in advance on February 1st of each year. Rent for lockers, trolley cages, and buggy bay rental shall be decided by Committee. The Entrance Fee, Annual Subscription and any levies shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting for each of the categories as set out in clause 12.

11.4 Non-voting members: (Joint Club)

- 11.4.1 Lady Associates: This category of membership is now closed. Existing lady associates may remain until such time as they resign or are elected to another category. (Lady Associate members have voting rights within the Ladies Club)
- 11.4.2 Student members: This category shall comprise members complying with clause 12.1.5.
- 11.4.3 Juvenile members: This category shall comprise of children 16 years of age and under.
- 11.4.4 The minimum age for juvenile membership is eight years as of the closing date for application. They will be members of either the Men's or Ladies club and elected by their respective club.
- 11.4.5 Pavilion members: This category shall comprise of men and women who wish to enjoy the facilities of the clubhouse and other Non-golfing facilities. Candidates for this category must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- 11.4.6 Distant Members who live more than 70 km from Wexford.
- 11.4.7 5 Day members who are restricted from playing golf on weekends. (5 Day Members have voting rights in both Mens and Ladies Clubs)

11.5 Introductory Member:

- 11.5.1 This Category of Membership may be granted on a once off basis to new members up to a maximum of 100 such persons over the age of 18 for a period of one year only. Thereafter they are liable to pay full subscriptions.
This category of membership is not available to past members of WGC whose membership ceased less than 4 years previously.
Introductory members shall be entitled to the use of the clubhouse and Course in accordance with the Constitution of Wexford Golf Club and Rules and Regulations of the Management Committee. Such Members shall have no voice in the Management of the Club, nor shall they be entitled to attend any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Club. Such Members shall enjoy all the current playing rights of Full Members and shall be entitled to compete and win any competition. Such Members may not propose or second a candidate to any category of membership and shall not be entitled to leave of absence.
- 11.5.2 The Subscription shall be determined by the Committee of Management. Such Subscription shall become due and payable upon their election to the Club and shall be for a period of time determined by the Committee of Management after which their membership will cease. Acceptance to the Club shall be determined by the Committee of Management subject to provisions in clause 10.1.1.

11.6 Redundant Categories:

- 11.6.1 The categories of Family Member, Country Member, Associate, and Husband and Wife are now redundant, and election to membership to these categories is prohibited. Existing members may remain until such time as they resign or are elected to another category.

12 Entrance Fee:

- 12.1.1 Entrance fees for each category of membership shall be determined annually by the committee of management and shall be subject to ratification at the next A.G.M. or S.G.M.
- 12.1.2 Introductory Members wishing to apply for Full Membership shall receive a 50% discount on the entrance fee subject to their application being received within three months from the termination of their membership.
- 12.1.3 Lady associates upgrading to full membership shall not be required to pay an entrance fee.
- 12.1.4 Candidates applying for full membership, having previously been a full member shall be credited with the amount of entrance fee paid previously against the current entrance fee.
- 12.1.5 Juvenile or student members who are being upgraded to full membership with less than 3 years in membership shall pay 70% of the entrance fee applying on the date of upgrade, reducing by 10% for each additional year to a minimum of 10% for 9 years or greater. Juveniles upgrading to student category would be exempt from entrance fee.

13 Annual Club Subscription:

- 13.1.1 All categories of member except honorary member shall be required to pay an annual club subscription the amount of which will be determined from time to time by the committee of management and be subject to ratification at The next A.G.M. or S.G.M. In addition to subscriptions the various categories of members shall pay such capitation fees or other annual contributions as may from time to time be levied by any recognised and properly constituted golfing authority.
- 13.1.2 All subscriptions including levies fall due on 1st **January February** and must be paid in full no later than **28th February 31st January**. Payment of subscriptions by a deposit together with **6 8** monthly payments by direct debit to WGC Bank account will be considered as payment in full. Should a member fail to honour the direct debit agreement his membership will be terminated immediately.
- 13.1.3 The qualification for reduced membership **in 2014** is 25 years un-broken membership and having reached pensionable age **the age of 65 years before 1st January 2014**. **The qualification thereafter will be the national pensionable age in accordance with Government policy**. Members whose subscriptions have been thus reduced shall be liable for **Golf Ireland** poll tax as appropriate and liable for payment of any Capital Levy and/or Compulsory Spending Charge.
- 13.1.4 The initial annual subscription appropriate to any category of membership shall be that which is current at the date upon which the applicant is notified in accordance with sub- clause 10.1.1 that he/she has been elected to membership.

14 Capital Levy:

- 14.1.1 The Joint Club may vote to introduce a capital levy on full members and other categories to fund any additional acquisition of land or buildings, construction work or improvement to or extension of the course, clubhouse, playing facilities or its environs.
- 14.1.2 The amount of such levy shall be payable at the same time as the annual subscription.
- 14.1.3 The capital levies to be paid by the various categories of membership shall be those adopted by previous annual or special general meetings of Wexford Golf Club in accordance with the constitution and rules then existing and they shall remain in force until their terms have expired.

15 Visitors and Temporary Members

- 15.1.1 Visitors wishing to play over the course must, preferably, be members of a recognised Golf Club or golfing Society and shall sign the Visitors' Register.
- 15.1.2 Green fee tickets must be procured and paid for before playing by visitors and such tickets must be produced on demand by any member of the Club or Club Employee.
- 15.1.3 In the event of visitors omitting to make the payments due by them, the members introducing them shall be liable for same.

16 Disciplinary Procedures (Misconduct by Member)

- 16.1.1 If any allegation of misconduct by a member be submitted to the Committee, in writing, any Committee shall make such enquiries as are considered necessary to obtain all relevant details. Such information shall be placed before the Committee, which shall, in meeting, enquire into such conduct.
- 16.1.2 If, in the opinion of the Committee, the conduct in question may warrant the suspension (by the withdrawal of the privileges of membership on a temporary basis) or expulsion of such member shall be so informed in writing. The member shall have the right to appear and speak at and/ or to make a written submission which shall be read at any subsequent meeting at which the conduct in question shall be considered and all related information shall be placed before the Committee.
- 16.1.3 If after making such further enquiries as it considers necessary into the conduct of the member and hearing such explanation, if any, as he may offer, the Committee decides that his conduct has not been explained or accounted for to its satisfaction but was not such as to warrant expulsion of the member, the Committee may instead, by a majority, suspend the member for a period not exceeding 12 months shall be taken.
- 16.1.4 If no explanation of his conduct shall be given by the member, or if such explanation shall be considered unsatisfactory by the Committee it may rule to expel the member, provided that not less than a majority of the members of that Committee vote for such course of action.

- 16.1.5 If on taking of a vote under Clause 16.1.4 less than 2 / 3 members vote for expulsion the Committee shall make a decision in accordance with Clause 16.1.3.
- 16.1.6 When the Committee has resolved that a member be suspended or expelled such member shall, within seven days of the date of the decision, be given notice, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary, of the decision, by registered post or by delivery of such notice to his last known address. Such person shall have the right to appeal against the decision, within fourteen days of the date of decision. The appeal shall be made, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary.
- 16.1.7 Notice of an appeal under Clause 16.1.6 having been given, the decision shall not take effect for a period of twenty one days from the date of the decision.
- 16.1.8 The member shall have the right to have the appeal heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting requisitioned under clause 20.1.9 provided that the necessary signatures for such requisition are procured either by the member in question or by any other Full Ordinary Member. This meeting shall, by a majority, decide whether the expulsion shall be confirmed or repealed, or whether the period of suspension shall be confirmed reduced or repealed.
- 16.1.9 Should the signature provided for in clause 20.1.9 not be obtained within twenty one days from the date for the decision, the Committee shall have power to deem the appeal to have lapsed and to enforce the decision forthwith, or to allow an additional appeal period should it decide, by a simple majority, that the circumstances warrant it.
- 16.1.10A decision by the Committee under this Rule shall stand unless and until an appeal is received, by the Honorary Secretary, against it. Provided an appeal has been received, and an Extraordinary General Meeting duly requisitioned, the expulsion or suspension shall not then take effect, pending the holding of the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 16.1.11 During the period of suspension the member shall not be entitled:
- 16.1.12 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 suspension occurs.
- 16.1.13 A person who has been expelled from membership shall not be entitled to enter upon the club property, whether in the company of another member or otherwise save only to collect his property.
- 16.1.14 All voting under this Rule shall be by secret ballot.

17 General Meetings:

17.1 Men's club:

- 17.1.1 The Annual General meeting of the Men's club shall take place not later than the **last week in 15th** November each year for the purpose of electing **office bearers**, members of the committee, considering motions and transacting other business of the club

incidental to such meetings. The office bearers shall consist of a President, a Captain a Vice Captain, a Hon secretary and a handicap secretary.

- 17.1.2 Fourteen Twenty One days notice of every general meeting of the Men's club shall be given by the Hon Secretary by circular addressed to each member at his last known address text message or by e-mail to the last e-mail address submitted to the club office by the member. Such notice shall specify the time, place of meeting and the business to be transacted, and inform the members that notice of motion must be received by Hon. Secretary in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder at least seven days before the date of the meeting. Such notices of motion shall be posted upon the club notice board not later than the day after receipt.
- 17.1.3 Procedure for alteration of rules is governed by clause 17.3.11.
- 17.1.4 Procedure for election of office bearers and committee is governed by rules 7.1.7, 7.1.10 and 7.1.12.
- 17.1.5 The Captain Secretary of the Men's club shall, at any time, summon a special general meeting of the Men's club by the direction of the committee of that club or on a requisition signed by at least 25 members of the Men's club entitled to vote, specifying the object of the special general meeting. Such requisition shall be handed personally to either the Vice-Captain Secretary or Captain. Such a special general meeting shall be held within four weeks of the receipt of the requisition by the Vice-Captain Secretary or Captain.
- 17.1.6 Thirty members shall form a quorum at general or special general meetings of the Men's club.
- 17.1.7 Only Full and Honorary All members of the Mens Club may attend Annual General Meetings of the Men's club.

17.2 Ladies club:

- 17.2.1 The Annual General meeting of the Ladies club shall take place not later than the last Friday in 15th November each year for the purpose of electing office bearers, members of the committee, considering motions and transacting other business of the club incidental to such meetings. The office bearers shall consist of a President, a Captain, a Vice Captain, a Hon. Secretary, and a handicap secretary.
- 17.2.2 Fourteen Twenty One days notice of every general meeting of the Ladies' club shall be given by the Honorary Secretary by circular addressed to each member at her last known address text message or by e-mail to the last e-mail address submitted to the club office by the member. Such notice shall specify the time, place of meeting and the business to be transacted, and inform the members that notice of motion must be received by the Honorary Secretary in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder at least seven days before the date of the meeting. Such notices of motion shall be posted upon the club notice board not later than the day after receipt.
- 17.2.3 Procedure for alteration of rules is governed by rule 17.3.11.

- 17.2.4 Procedure for election of office bearers and committee is governed by clauses 6, 8 and 9. Annual General meeting of the Ladies club shall take place not later than the last Wednesday in November each year for the purpose of electing office bearers, members of the committee.
- 17.2.5 The Honorary Secretary of the Ladies' club shall at any time, summon a special general meeting of the Ladies' club by the direction of the committee of that club or on a requisition signed by at least twenty members of the Ladies' club 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.
- 17.2.6 Twenty five members shall form a quorum at general or Special General Meetings of the Ladies' club.
- 17.2.7 Only Full, associate and Honorary All members of the Ladies Club may attend Annual General Meetings of the Ladies' club.

17.3 Joint Club:

- 17.3.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a day to be fixed by the Committee between 31st October not later than 30th November and 31st January or, should extenuating circumstances warrant a postponement, as soon as possible thereafter for the purpose of considering motions and transacting other business of the club incidental to such meetings and also of electing office bearers and members of the committee. Any changes to the club constitution arising from the AGM must be updated and the date of the changes noted in the constitution.
- 17.3.2 Fourteen Twenty One days notice of every general meeting of the Joint Club shall be given by the Honorary Secretary by circular addressed to each member at his/her last known address, or by text message or e-mail to the last e-mail address submitted to the club office by the member. Such notice shall specify the time, place of meeting and the business to be transacted, and inform the members that notice of motion must be received by the Honorary Secretary in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder at least seven days before the date of the meeting. Such notices of motion shall be posted upon the club notice board not later than the day after receipt.
- 17.3.3 The meeting shall be governed by standing Orders.
- 17.3.4 A copy of the accounts of the Club and the balance sheet showing the financial position of the Club on the previous 30th September shall be sent to each member of the Club at least two weeks before the Annual General Meeting. A copy of the Accounts shall be posted on the Notice Board of the Club for at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 17.3.5 Any member wishing to move a resolution or to propose the election of any person to office of the Club at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice, in writing, to the Hon. Secretary not less than seven days before the meeting and a copy of such resolution with the names of the proposer and seconder, shall be posted on the Notice Board of the Club seven days before the meeting.

- 17.3.6 A Special General Meeting may be called at the request of the Committee or shall be called on a requisition to the Hon Secretary, signed by at least twenty-five full members, stating the business to be brought forward. Fourteen days notice of such meeting shall be given to each member by circular, specifying the time and place of meeting and the business to be transacted. No business other than that specified in the notice of such meeting will be allowed.
- 17.3.7 A Special General Meeting shall be conducted or transacted as an Annual General Meeting
- 17.3.8 No member shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting unless he is a fully paid up member.
- 17.3.9 When electing members of committee other than officers all members voting shall vote for candidates of their choice up to a maximum of eight candidates. The meeting must ensure that a full committee is elected.
- 17.3.10 No proxies shall be allowed and if a majority of those present wish any question under discussion to be put to vote by ballot, that mode of voting shall be adopted. The **President Chairperson** shall preside at all General Meetings. In their absence, the Captain shall preside. In the event of both being absent absence, the members present, and entitled to vote, may select a Chairperson from the members of the Committee present and such person shall preside for the duration of the meeting.
- 17.3.11 No rule of the Men's club, the Ladies' club or the Joint Club shall be repealed or altered, and no new rules shall be made except at a general meeting of such club and by consent of **two thirds** the majority of the members present and entitled to vote at such meeting. Written notice of any proposed new rules or any proposed changes to existing rules must be sent to the **Honorary** Secretary of the relevant club with the names of the proposer and the seconder attached thereto, at least four weeks prior to the meeting at which the proposal is to be considered.
- 17.3.12 On an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands, or a ballot, the **Chairmanperson** of the meeting shall have a Casting vote in addition to his vote as a member.
- 17.3.13 **ONLY** full members and Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to vote or ballot at any special or Annual General Meeting. Junior, Country and Pavilion members may attend these meetings and speak but may not vote or ballot nor may they hold office other than membership of a sub-committee.
- 17.3.14 Any change in the rules of the Men's club shall not be in conflict with the constitution of **Golf Ireland**. Changes in rules of the Men's club shall be submitted to **Golf Ireland** for ratification in compliance with the GUI constitution.
- 17.3.15 Any change in the rules of the Ladies' club shall not be in conflict with the constitution of **Golf Ireland** and all proposed alterations and amendments in the constitution which effect bye-law 1 (affiliation) must be submitted to **Golf Ireland** for prior approval.

18 Leave of Absence:

- 18.1.1 The committee of management shall have power to grant leave of absence to **Full/Associate** members **only**, in the case of certified serious illness or if the member is residing overseas for a period of one year, during which period such members shall revert to the status of Pavilion Member. A member granted leave of absence shall pay a fee for retaining such membership. The fee shall be fixed at 30% of such member's subscription for the first year's leave of absence; at 40% of the relevant subscription for a second year and at 50% of the relevant subscription for a third and any subsequent years. Application requests for "Leave of Absence" must be submitted **on the relevant form (available in Club Office or at the end of this document)** in writing and received by the Honorary Secretary of the Management Committee **no later than the 28th of February for the year in question. Consideration may be given to exceptional cases (where the subscription has been paid) after this date whereby. If leave of absence is granted** a pro rata subscription credit will be applied to the following year's subscription **following return**.
- 18.1.2 Application for leave of absence under this rule giving the reasons there for, must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Joint Club before the said subscription falls due.

19 Minute Book:

- 19.1.1 Shall be interpreted as any written or printed record of **Joint All** committee meetings.
- 19.1.2 The Men's club, the Ladies' club and the Joint Club shall each keep:
- 19.1.3 A Minutes book in which shall be recorded the minutes of Annual General meeting and special general meetings and also a minutes record in which shall be recorded the minutes of all committee meetings held in compliance with clauses 7.1.10, 7.2.10 and 7.3.10.
- 19.1.4 The Men's committee and the Ladies' committee shall each submit their club minute book to the Joint Committee when required.

20 Personal Property:

- 20.1.1 All personal belongings of members, visitors, employees and others on or in the premises of the club (either in the pavilion or outside) shall be at the sole risk of the owner. The club or committee shall not be responsible for any loss or damage hereto.
- 20.1.2 This rule shall not prejudice any claim by the club or the owner against any insurance company for the loss or damage sustained.

21 Playing Facilities:

- 21.1.1 The committee of management shall prescribe the days and times when the Men's club and Ladies' club have the use of the course / **facilities** for competitions or when the course is reserved for team matches or union, branch or district events or society outings or similar events and generally regulate the course for the benefit of members. Outside these times, all members shall have equal rights on the first tee.

22 Registration of Clubs Act

(a) The sale and supply of intoxicating liquor to the Club members shall be controlled by the Committee of Management on behalf of the members.

1. Notwithstanding this Constitution, the Committee of Management may, alter, amend, or add to this Section only (Section 23) and if necessary any other Section specifically impinging on, or relating to the sale / supply of intoxicating liquor (but for no other purpose whatsoever), if it is required to comply with the Registration of Club Act 1904 to 1988, and all Rules made thereunder; and the Intoxicating Liquor Acts.

2. No member of the Committee and no manager or servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquor in the Club House or in the profits arising from such sale.

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

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

(b) On any other day, outside the hours specified in respect of that day in Section 2(1)(b) (as amended) of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1927

4. Nothing in the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 to 2008, or contained, by virtue only of the operation of subsection (1) of Section 56 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1927, as amended, in the rules of the Club shall operate to prohibit the supplying for consumption on the club premises of excisable liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable liquor on those premises by any person –

(a) On Christmas Day, between 12.00 midday and 10.00 p.m. or

day (b) on any other day, for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of that day during which it is lawful for the club, by virtue of Section 2(1) (b) (as substituted by Section 3 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000) of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1927 to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the club premises

If in each case the excisable liquor is-

(i) ordered by that person at the same time as a substantial meal is ordered by him or her

(ii) Consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended.

5. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied on the Club premises to any person under the age of 18 years.

6. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club, except to members of the Club, between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

7. 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, with the admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately on his being supplied with such liquor, enter his name and the name and address of the visitor in the Visitors' Book which shall be kept for that purpose and which shall show the date of each such visit.

8. Members of a group who are members of a club (whether registered or unregistered) society or organisation and who are visiting the Club for the purpose of:-

- (i) Taking part in any pastime, sport, game or recreation there, or
- (ii) Organising or taking part in the organisation of, or arrangements for, any such activity

May be supplied with intoxicating liquor at the request and in the presence of an officer of the Club on the occasion of such visit. Such officer shall enter the name of the group concerned, and the number of persons in it, in the Visitors' Book.

23 Rules of Golf and Local Rules:

23.1.1 The rules of the game of golf for the Men's and the Ladies' club shall be the rules of golf as approved by R & A Rules Limited. In addition the Committee of the Joint Club, in consultation with the Men's and the Ladies' committees, in compliance with sub-clause 9.3.10 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.

23.2 Bye-laws:

23.2.1 The Joint Club Committee shall have power from time to time in compliance with sub-clause 7.3.10 to make such bye-laws as it considers necessary and to alter and repeal same.

23.2.2 Each of the Men's and Ladies' committees shall have power from time to time to make such bye-laws as it considers necessary for matters under their respective jurisdiction.

24 Standing Orders for Joint Club & Men's & Ladies Club A.G.M/S.G.M.

24.1.1 The proceeding of the AGM shall be conducted in accordance with the following standing orders:

24.1.2 The **President of the Club Chairperson** shall preside as **Chairman at meetings**.

24.1.3 The meeting may appoint a special committee to consider and report it upon any matter under its consideration.

24.1.4 Only such matters as appear on the agenda may be considered by the meeting. Any matters not appearing on the agenda may only be discussed by permission of the **Chairman Chairperson**.

24.1.5 Any motion to suspend Standing orders must be supported by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting.

24.1.6 Voting at the meeting shall be by show of hands or by ballot in accordance with the Club Rules.

24.1.7 Tellers will be elected at the AGM to officiate at the counting of votes during the meeting. Should their count of a show of hands not agree, the chairman shall order a re-count? The meeting shall elect a returning officer and four tellers to supervise the election of the committees and report the results to the **President Chairperson** who will inform the meeting.

- 24.1.8 They shall count the number of ballot papers and report to the **Chairman Chairperson** the result of the ballot.
- 24.1.9 The proposer and seconder of a motion or amendment shall be afforded 5 minutes and 3 minutes respectively to speak on a motion. The proposer shall have 3 minutes for right to reply immediately prior to the vote. The subject matter having been discussed and settled by meeting shall not be allowed to be reopened.
- 24.1.10 The ruling of the **Chairman Chairperson** on all points of order shall be final, but if his ruling is challenged it may only be done by a motion being moved and seconded, calling on him to vacate the chair.
- 24.1.11 Such a motion may only be passed by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting. Should such motion be adopted then the **Chairman Chairperson** shall vacate the chair. The meeting shall elect another member to act as **Chairman Chairperson**.
- 24.1.12 Any member **who refuses to obey the Chairman's ruling, or** who persists in obstructing the business of the meeting may be ordered by the **Chairman Chairperson** to leave the meeting.
- 24.1.13 Next Business: If a proposal to proceed to the next item has been moved and seconded, the Proposer of a resolution under discussion shall have the right to speak briefly in opposition and the procedure motion shall be put without discussion. If the motion is carried the discussion on the original resolution shall be abandoned and the meeting shall proceed. If the motion is lost the discussion on the original motion shall be resumed.

25 Standing Orders for Ladies' Club A.G.M./S.G.M.

- 25.1.1 The proposer or seconder of any motion or amendment shall be allowed not more than Five minutes and three minutes respectively in which to speak on the motion or amendment, and each succeeding speaker not more than three minutes.
- 25.1.2 At any time during the discussion of a resolution, it shall be open to any member to move verbally "that the question be now put", the acceptance of such motion shall be at discretion of the chairman. If such a motion is accepted, the mover thereof only shall be entitled to speak thereon, and if, on a show of hands it appears that a majority of members are in favour of terminating the discussion, the original resolution shall then be voted on. No such motion shall be moved unless an opportunity has been given for the expression of both a pro and contra view of the resolution.
- 25.1.3 All members shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same proposition including the Proposer of the motion who shall always have the right of reply. When taking the microphone members must identify themselves to the chair.

- 25.1.4 Format of voting to be decided at the start of the meeting by the members present by a show of hands. The voting format is to be either secret ballot or show of hands.
- 25.1.5 Any amendment to a motion which is accepted by the chairman shall be voted on before another amendment shall be taken. If the amendment is rejected, the original motion stands before the house. If the amendment is accepted, then the amended motion is now before the house.
- 25.1.6 Only matters ruled in order by the chairman shall be accepted under any other business.
- 25.1.7 A motion to suspend standing orders must be submitted to the chairman in writing by the proposer and seconder before the commencement of the meeting. It shall specify the standing order or orders to be suspended and the period of such suspension. It shall state the reasons of importance and urgency justifying such suspension. The chairman shall put such motion to a vote at the meeting. The motion shall not be adopted except with the consent of two thirds of the members and voting at the meeting.
- 25.1.8 Interpretation.
The masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders.
The singular includes the plural.

26 Charter for Junior Golf

The committee of Wexford golf club are fully committed to safeguarding the well being of their members. Every individual in golf should at all times show respect and understanding for members rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principals of the organization and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics practice for Children Sport & Code of ethics of Golf for young people.

In working with young people in golf our first priority is the welfare of the young people and we are committed to provide an environment that will allow participations to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation. Wexford golf club fully complies with (The code of ethics for Golf for young people) in accordance with **Golf Ireland** / PGA 2006 policy.

27 Handicaps

- 27.1.1 When the Committee has no definite form upon which to handicap a Member, no handicap will be given until he or she has returned at least three cards duly signed. **Handicaps will be issued in accordance with Golf Ireland guidelines and recommendations.**
- 27.1.2 A Member whose handicap at any other Club to which he may belong has been reduced must notify the reduction to the Handicap Secretary in writing before taking part in any subsequent Competition on the course, and he shall play on a similarly reduced handicap.
- 27.1.3 The Committee shall have power to adjust handicaps from time to time in conjunction with the Handicapping Laws laid down by **Golf Ireland**.

28 Miscellaneous

- 28.1.1 The rules relating to the introduction by Members of visitors must be strictly observed including the rules providing the signing of the visitors' book.
- 28.1.2 All complaints shall be made in writing to the Secretary, who, if unable to remove the cause, shall submit them to the Committee, whose decision shall be final.
- 28.1.3 Members and visitors must observe the Dress Code of W.G.C. when on the Golf Course or Club premises.
- 28.1.4 Members are required to level footmarks in bunkers, replace divots and repair plug marks on the greens.
- 28.1.5 In the event of a difference of opinion as to the application or construction of any Rule, Bye-Law, or Local Rule of the Club, the matter shall be referred to the Committee for decision.
- 28.1.6 The Club shall not discriminate on any grounds, and in particular, without prejudice to the generality of same, in particular the following grounds:

Gender
Marital Status
Family Status
Sexual Orientation
Religious Ground
Age Ground
Disability Ground
Race Ground
Travelling Community Grounds

- 28.1.7 A visitor introduced to the Club by a Member and playing a round of golf (other than in an official competition) with such Member shall be entitled to reduction in green fee as approved by the Annual General Meeting.
- 28.1.8 Time Sheets for Competitions shall be posted on the Club website one week in advance for club competitions and two weeks in advance for open competitions.
- 28.1.9 The box holding the competition cards shall not be opened by any member when the competition is in progress except by the Competitions Committee if the situation warrants same.

Note: All references to Golf Ireland as replacement for GUI and ILGU will not come into effect until 1st January 2021 or whenever is determined by Golf Ireland.