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Slievenamon Golf Club

Constitution, Rules and Bye-laws

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1. Definition and Interpretation

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires”

- 1.1 “**Ballot**” means a closed written ballot
- 1.2 “**Bye-laws**” means the regulations of the Club governing the playing of golf, the use of the Club House and any related matters
- 1.3 “**Club**” means Slievenamon Golf Club made up of the Men’s Club and the Ladies’ Club
- 1.4 “**Clubhouse**” means the facilities made available to the Club under Licence by the Company for use of the Members and their guests and visitors and such other persons as the Company shall determine from time to time
- 1.5 “**Company**” means BPM Core Investments Limited
- 1.6 “**Constitution**” means the Constitution, Rules and Bye-laws of Slievenamon Golf Club incorporated in this document, as they may be amended from time to time by agreement of the Members
- 1.7 “**Council**” means the council of management of the Club referred to in rule 5 hereof
- 1.8 “**Course**” mean the Golf Course situate at Clonacody, Lisronagh, Co Tipperary
- 1.9 “**Directors**” means the directors of the Company nominated from time to time by the Company to the Council
- 1.10 “**GUI**” means Golfing Union of Ireland
- 1.11 “**ILGU**” means the Irish Ladies Golfing Union
- 1.12 “**Ladies Club**” means the Slievenamon Ladies Golf Club
- 1.13 “**Ladies Committee**” means the Committee formed pursuant to Rule 9
- 1.14 “**Ladies Honorary Secretary**” means the Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Golf Club
- 1.15 “**Licence**” means the Licence entered into between the Company and the Club whereby the Club is granted the use of the facilities of the Course and the Clubhouse subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Licence.
- 1.16 “**Men’s Club**” means the Slievenamon Men’s Golf Club

- 1.17 “**Men’s Committee**” means the Slievenamon Men’s Golf Club
- 1.18 “**Men’s Honorary Secretary**” means the Honorary Secretary of the Men’s Club
- 1.19 “**Member**” means a member in any category of membership
- 1.20 “**Membership**” means membership of the Club
- 1.21 “**Register of Members**” means the register maintained by the Honorary Secretary setting out the details of the name, address and contact details of each Members
- 1.22 “**Rules**” means these rules, including as they may be amended from time to time
- 1.23 The headings to these Rules are for ease of reference only and are not to be taken into account in their interpretation
- 1.24 The Directors determination in relation to the interpretation of these Rules shall be final and binding
- 1.25 The Directors may decide any matters which are not covered by these Rules, where such determination is required for the proper and orderly conduct of the Club
- 1.26 In these Rules, save for Rule 8 and where the context otherwise admits or requires, references to the masculine shall include reference to the feminine or vice versa
- 1.27 The Honorary Secretary means the Honorary Secretary of the Club

2. Names and Objects

- 2.1 The name of the Club is Slievenamon Golf Club.
- 2.2 This Club acknowledges and agrees that the name and logo of Slievenamon Golf Club is exclusively reserved for use by the Club which is licensed for the time being to use the Course and the Club House from time to time by the Company.
- 2.3 The aims of the Club are:
- 2.3.1 To establish, maintain and operate a golf club for the Members of the Club (including their guests and/or visitors) at the Company’s lands at Clonacody, Lisronagh, Co Tipperary
- 2.3.2 To promote the game of golf and all things incidental to the playing of golf

2.3.3 To provide the usual golf facilities to members of the Men's Club and the Ladies Club

2.4 The Club shall recognise and accept the Royal and Ancient rules of golf.

3. Membership

3.1 The Members of the Club shall consist of the following categories:

3.1.1 Ordinary Members

An ordinary member shall be a person nominated and approved as such in accordance with clause 3.2 below.

3.1.2 Life Members

A member for Life is a person to whom the Company has agreed to bestow a membership for the lifetime of that person. Such person is not obliged to pay the ordinary subscription to the Club, but shall be liable to pay all GUI levies or subscriptions that may be applicable to them from time to time

3.1.3 Honorary Members

An Honorary Member shall be any person appointed by the Company to be an Honorary Member of the Club. A person so appointed shall continue to be an Honorary Member at the discretion of the Directors and shall have all the rights and enjoy all the privileges of an Ordinary Members without being obliged to pay the ordinary subscription to the Club, but shall be liable to pay all GUI levies or subscriptions that may be applicable to them from time to time

3.1.4 Five Day Members

A five day member shall be a person who wishes to participate in the activities of the Golf Club and avail of the facilities of the Club House from Monday – Friday inclusive each week

3.1.5 Junior Members

Junior members shall be those members above the age of 8 and below the age of 18 nominated by a Member for membership in one calendar year, and approved by the Directors subject to an overall number and on such terms as shall be set by the Council from time to time

3.1.6 Corporate Members

A body corporate (to include a partnership) with a trading history of not less than three years (or as otherwise agreed by the Directors) shall be entitled to nominate people for membership of the Club. The number of nominees that each body corporate may nominate shall be subject to approval by the Council

3.1.7 Third Level Student Members

Third level student members shall comprise full-time undergraduates of Irish Universities and Third Level Institutions nominated for membership of this category by a Member in one calendar year and approved by the Directors subject to an overall number and on such terms as the Council may determine from time to time.

3.1.8 Beginner Members

New members encouraged to join under an any incentive scheme approved by the Directors from time to time.

3.1.9 Distance Members

Distance members may apply for membership under this category where they live 40 km or more from the Golf Course. Membership under this category shall automatically terminate if the Distance Member moves residence to within a radius of 40 km from the Golf Course

3.1.10 Country Member

Country members shall comprise those members who are already existing members of another GUI affiliated golf club in Ireland but who also want to retain a membership in Slievenamon Golf Club with the privileges such membership bestows.

3.1.11 Overseas Members

Overseas members shall comprise members who are nominated to the Club and who live overseas. Such membership shall automatically terminate if such member returns to live permanently in Ireland.

3.2 Any category of candidate who applies for admission to the Club must be either proposed by the Company or proposed and seconded by any two existing

members of at least two years standing who shall vouch from their personal knowledge as to the suitability of the candidate. A candidate shall not be admitted as a Member without the approval of the Council.

- 3.3 The number of Members to be elected to each category set out above shall be determined from time to time by the Council.
- 3.4 Any candidate nominated in accordance with these rules and approved by the Directors shall be and remain a Member for one calendar year or until his/her membership is determined pursuant to Rule 16.1 Thereafter, a Member may renew his/her membership annually for a further period of one year, subject to the approval of the Council, on payment of the subscription applicable to his/her category of membership, whereupon his/her membership will continue for that further year or until his/her membership is determined pursuant to Rule 16.1.

4. Officers and Trustees

- 4.1 The Officers of the Club shall be the President, the Vice President, the Directors, the Honorary Secretary, the Men's Captain, the Ladies Captain, the Men's Honorary Secretary, the Ladies' Honorary Secretary and any such other persons as the Directors may determine from time to time.
- 4.2 The President of the Club shall be appointed by the Directors and shall hold office at the discretion of the Directors. If a vacancy occurs at any time the Directors shall be entitled to appoint a new President to fill such vacancy.
- 4.3 Unless there shall already be in place a Men's Captain and a Ladies Captain who have been duly elected following a previous Annual General Meeting, the first Men's Captain and the first Ladies Captain shall be appointed by the Members at a duly convened Emergency General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting following the official re-opening of the Club of the Men's Club and Ladies' Club, respectively, where the members will elect a new Captain. In following years, the Men's Captain and the Ladies Captain shall be the previous year's Vice Captain.
- 4.4 Unless there shall already be in place a Men's Vice Captain and a Ladies Vice Captain who have been duly elected at a previous Annual General Meeting, the members shall appoint the first Men's Vice Captain and the first Ladies' Vice Captain at a duly convened Emergency General Meeting. Thereafter the Men's Vice Captain and the Ladies' Vice Captain shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club and the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club. Candidates for the position of Men's Vice Captain and Ladies' Vice Captain must be approved by the Directors.
- 4.5 Subject to Rule 4.3, the Men's Captain and the Ladies' Captain shall retire at the termination of the Annual General Meeting subsequent to his/her appointment.

- 4.6 The Club shall have at least two voting members as Trustees, such Trustees to be nominated by the Council in writing.
- 4.7 Each Trustee shall hold Office until such time as he/she resigns from Office or is removed from Office by resolution of the Council and replaced by another Appointee of the Council.
- 4.8 The Licence granted by the Company to the Club shall be in the name of the Company and of the Appointed Trustees or their successors in Office.
- 4.9 The Trustees shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Council of the Club without voting rights in their capacity as Trustees.
- 4.10 The Trustees shall be indemnified by the Club out of the property and assets of the Club in respect of all transactions conducted by them on behalf of the Club in good faith against all liabilities and expenses necessarily incurred as a result of their Trusteeship and in the event of the property and assets of the Club being deficient, such deficiency will be made good by the Ordinary Members of the Club concerned on whose behalf the property and assets of such Club are held.

5. The Council

- 5.1 All decision-making responsibilities concerning the Club and its members not otherwise vested in the Council in these Rules shall be vested in the Directors.
- 5.2 The Council shall consist of the Directors, the Honorary Secretary, the Men's Captain, the Ladies' Captain, the Men's Honorary Secretary, the Ladies' Honorary Secretary, the Trustees and such other persons as the Directors shall from time to time nominate
- 5.3 Five members of the Council shall form a quorum of which at least two shall be Directors
- 5.4 The Council, in addition to the powers specifically conferred on it by these Rules, shall have all the administrative powers necessary to carry out the objects of the Club properly in accordance with these Rules and shall have such other additional functions and powers as the Directors shall from time to time determine.

6. Proceedings at Council

- 6.1 At its first meeting each year, initially chaired by the President (provided the President is able to attend), the new Council shall elect its Chairman from among the Directors (the "Chairman")
- 6.2 The Chairman shall preside over all of the meetings of the Council and shall abide by all rules and standing orders that the Council may adopt for such purpose. If he/she is absent from a Council meeting then the Directors present shall appoint one of their number to be acting Chairman of the meeting.

- 6.3 Where it is determined that a particular decision of the Council requires a formal vote, then a simple majority shall suffice to pass such decision
- 6.4 In the case of a tie, the Chairman of the Council shall have an additional casting vote
- 6.5 Each of the Directors, the Men's and the Ladies' Captain and any person that the Directors may nominate as members of the Council shall be entitled to one vote on any resolution of the Council but the Men's Honorary Secretary and the Ladies' Honorary Secretary shall only be entitled to attend a Council meeting but not vote on any resolution.
- 6.6 Meetings of the Council shall be held at least every two months or where reasonable notice is given by the Honorary Secretary to the members of the Council at such times as are required by the Directors
- 6.7 Notice in writing shall be given to all members of the Council at least one week in advance of each meeting

7. Delegates of the Sub Committees

- 7.1 The Council may appoint sub-committees from its number, or such other persons as it shall select, and depute to them such powers and duties as it may determine

8. Men's Golf Club

- 8.1 The body within the Club which shall be responsible for the organisation and administration of golf, including liaison with the GUI, for male playing members shall be the Men's Golf Club
- 8.2 The objective of the Men's Club shall be the efficient administration and organisation of all matters directly relating to the playing of golf and the promotion of the amateur game of golf among its members at the Club subject always to the Rules and Bye-Laws
- 8.3 The Men's Club shall accept and recognise the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the rules of golf and the rules of amateur status
- 8.4 The members of the Men's Golf Club shall be the adult male Members of the Club as admitted to the Club in accordance with these Rules
- 8.5 An Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club shall be held in each year at the time and place determined by the Men's Committee
- 8.6 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be accompanied by a copy of the Men's Committee Report and a financial statement prepared on behalf of the Committee by the Treasurer

- 8.7 At least fourteen day's notice of any General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted and the day, place and hour of the meeting shall be posted prominently in the Club House
- 8.8 The Men's Committee shall cause its annual report and financial statements to be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club
- 8.9 Nominations (with the consent of the nominee) for election to the Men's Committee may be made by either
- 8.9.1 The Men's Committee; or
- 8.9.2 two members of the Men's Club
- 8.10 The officers and members of the Men's Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club. The appointment of officers to the Men's Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Council.
- 8.11 The nominations for officers and membership of the Men's Committee and Notices of Motion for consideration by the Men's Club Annual General Meeting shall be set out in writing and shall be sent to the Men's Honorary Secretary not later than ten days before the date of the Annual General Meeting
- 8.12 Notices of Motions shall be confined to areas of exclusive concern to the Men's Club
- 8.13 The Men's Committee shall consist of the Men's Captain, the Men's Vice Captain, the Men's Honorary Treasurer and the Men's Honorary Secretary together with sub committees, Competition Secretary and the Handicap Secretary.
- 8.14 The affairs and administration of the Men's Club shall be under the control of the Men's Committee
- 8.15 The Men's Committee shall be responsible for:
- 8.15.1 The maintenance of proper liaison with the GUI
- 8.15.2 The fulfillment of the requirements for affiliation to the GUI including an undertaking to accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-laws of the GUI and the Bye-laws of the Munster Branch of the GUI
- 8.16 Meetings of the Men's Committee shall be held not less than four times per year. A quorum at a meeting shall be four, of which one must be the Men's Captain or Vice Captain. The Men's Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy in its number. At a meeting of the Men's Committee, the Chairman shall be the Men's Captain and in the event of equality of votes, the Men's Captain shall have an additional and casting vote.

- 8.17 The Men's Captain shall be the principal officer of the Men's Club and shall have such rights, privileges and duties as the Council may from time to time determine.
- 8.18 The Men's Captain shall:
- 8.18.1 chair the Men's Committee and also chair the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club
 - 8.18.2 be a member of the Council of the Club, and
 - 8.18.3 represent the Men's Club at meetings and events organised by counterparts of the Men's Club in other golf clubs
- 8.19 The Men's Vice Captain shall deputise for the Men's Captain at the Captain's expressed request or in the Captain's absence
- 8.20 Any Officer of the Men's Committee shall cease to be an Officer:
- 8.20.1 if he becomes bankrupt;
 - 8.20.2 if, in the opinion of the other members of that Committee, the Officer can no longer be reasonably regarded as possessing an adequate decision-making capacity or there is made in respect of him an order of any court having jurisdiction in cases of unsound mind or there is in respect of that officer an enduring power of attorney registered pursuant to section 10 of the Powers of Attorney Act 1996 or section 69 of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015;
 - 8.20.3 if he resigns by notice in writing, or ceases (for any reason and howsoever occasioned) to be a member of the Club;
 - 8.20.4 if he is requested to resign by a meeting of the Council called for that purpose, and a resolution is passed at such meeting by majority of the members of the Council present that he do resign.
- 8.21 The Council has the right to fill a casual vacancy in the office vacated under rule 8.20.4 and any such appointee shall cease to hold office at the same time as cessation of office of the other members of the relevant committee.
- 8.22 A Member shall be a member of the Men's Club if, but only if, and for so long as he is a Member of the Club
- 8.23 The finances of the Men's Club shall be dealt with as follows:
- 8.23.1 The Men's Honorary Treasurer shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Men's Club. The Men's Club year will end on 31 December each year

- 8.23.2 A bank account shall be kept in the name of the Men's Club and shall be clearly identified as such in such bank as the Men's Committee may with the approval of the Council from time to time determine
- 8.23.3 The Men's Honorary Treasurer shall issue a financial statement of the affairs of the Men's Club for the financial year ended 31 October of each year for consideration by the Men's Committee and for presentation and approval by the members of the Men's Club entitled to attend and vote at the annual General Meeting of the Men's Club which shall be held not later than two months after the year end
- 8.24 At the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club, the newly elected Men's Committee shall appoint the Men's Handicapping Committee which shall consist of three members of the Men's Club. The Men's Handicapping Committee shall be responsible for:
 - 8.24.1 The proper administration of such standard score and handicapping system as prescribed by the Council of the National Golf Unions and such rules thereunder as may be required to be implemented by the GUI from time to time; and
 - 8.24.2 The monitoring of compliance by the members of the Men's Club with the handicapping system
- 8.25 Where a vacancy arises in the Men's Handicapping Committee for any reason in any year, the Men's Committee shall have the power to appoint an alternate to that Committee from its members.

9. Ladies Golf Club

- 9.1 The body within the Club which shall be responsible for the organisation and administration of golf, including liaison with the I.L.G.U. for female playing members shall be the Ladies' Golf Club.
- 9.2 The objectives of the Ladies' Club shall be the efficient administration and organisation of all matters directly relating to the playing of golf and the promotion of the amateur game of golf among its members at the Club, subject always to the Rules and Bye-laws
- 9.3 The Ladies' Club shall accept and recognise the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the rules of golf and the rules of amateur status.
- 9.4 The members of the Ladies' Club shall be the adult female Members of the Club as admitted to the Club in accordance with these Rules
- 9.5 An Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club shall be held in each year at the time and place determined by the Ladies' Committee

- 9.6 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be accompanied by a copy of the Ladies' Committee Report and a financial statement prepared on behalf of the Committee by the Treasurer..
- 9.7 At least fourteen day's notice of any General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted and the day, place and hour of the meeting shall be posted prominently in the Club House.
- 9.8 The Ladies' Committee shall cause its annual report and financial statements to be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club
- 9.9 Nominations (with the consent of the nominee) for election to the Ladies' Committee may be made by either
 - 9.9.1 the Ladies' Committee; or
 - 9.9.2 two members of the Ladies' Club
- 9.10 The officers and members of the Ladies' Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club. The appointment of officers to the Ladies' Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Council.
- 9.11 The nominations for officers and membership of the Ladies' Committee and Notices of Motion for consideration by the Ladies' Club Annual General Meeting shall be set out in writing and shall be sent to the Ladies' Honorary Secretary not later than ten days before the date of the Annual General Meeting
- 9.12 Notices of Motions shall be confined to areas of exclusive concern to the Ladies' Club
- 9.13 The Ladies' Committee shall consist of the Ladies' Captain, the Ladies' Vice Captain, the Ladies' Honorary Treasurer, the Ladies' Honorary Secretary, the Ladies' PRO, together with sub Committees, the Competition Secretary and the Handicap Secretary.
- 9.14 The affairs and administration of the Ladies' Club shall be under the control of the Ladies' Committee
- 9.15 The Ladies' Committee shall be responsible for:
 - 9.15.1 The maintenance of proper liaison with the ILGU
 - 9.15.2 The fulfillment of the requirements for affiliation to the ILGU including an undertaking to accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-laws of the ILGU and the Bye-laws of the Munster Branch of the ILGU
- 9.16 Meetings of the Ladies' committee shall be held not less than four times per year. A quorum at a meeting shall be four, of which one must be the Ladies' Captain or Vice Captain. The Ladies' Committee shall have the power to fill

any vacancy in its number. At a meeting of the Ladies' Committee, the Chairman shall be the Ladies' Captain and in the event of equality of votes, the Ladies' Captain shall have an additional and casting vote.

- 9.17 The Ladies' Captain shall be the principal officer of the Ladies' Club and shall have such rights, privileges and duties as the Council may from time to time determine.
- 9.18 The Ladies' Captain shall:
- 9.18.1 chair the Ladies' Committee and also chair the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club
 - 9.18.2 be a member of the Council of the Club, and
 - 9.18.3 represent the Ladies' Club at meetings and events organised by counterparts of the Ladies' Club in other golf clubs
- 9.19 The Ladies' Vice Captain shall deputise for the Ladies' Captain at the Captain's expressed request or in the Captain's absence
- 9.20 Any Officer of the Ladies' Committee shall cease to be an Officer:
- 9.20.1 if she becomes bankrupt;
 - 9.20.2 if, in the opinion of the other members of that Committee, the Officer can no longer be reasonably regarded as possessing an adequate decision-making capacity or there is made in respect of her an order of any court having jurisdiction in cases of unsound mind or there is in respect of that officer an enduring power of attorney registered pursuant to section 10 of the Powers of Attorney Act 1996 or section 69 of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015;
 - 9.20.3 if she resigns by notice in writing, or ceases (for any reason and howsoever occasioned) to be a member of the Club;
 - 9.20.4 if she is requested to resign by a meeting of the Council called for that purpose, and a resolution is passed at such meeting by majority of the members of the Council present that she do resign.
- 9.21 The Council has the right to fill a casual vacancy in the office vacated under rule 8.20.4 and any such appointee shall cease to hold office at the same time as cessation of office of the other members of the relevant committee.
- 9.22 A Member shall be a member of the Ladies' Club if, but only if, and for so long as she is a Member of the Club
- 9.23 The finances of the Ladies' Club shall be dealt with as follows:
- 9.23.1 The Ladies' Honorary Treasurer shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and

disbursements of the Ladies' Club. The Ladies' Club year will end on 31 December each year

9.23.2 A bank account shall be kept in the name of the Ladies' Club and shall be clearly identified as such in such bank as the Ladies' Committee may with the approval of the Council from time to time determine

9.23.3 The Ladies' Honorary Treasurer shall issue a financial statement of the affairs of the Ladies' Club for the financial year ended 31 October of each year for consideration by the Ladies' Committee and for presentation and approval by the members of the Ladies' Club entitled to attend and vote at the annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club which shall be held not later than two months after the year end

9.24 At the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club, the newly elected Ladies' Committee shall appoint the Ladies' Handicapping Committee which shall consist of three members of the Ladies' Club. The Ladies' Handicapping Committee shall be responsible for:

9.24.1 The proper administration of such standard score and handicapping system as prescribed by the Council of the National Golf Unions and such rules thereunder as may be required to be implemented by the GUI from time to time; and

9.24.2 The monitoring of compliance by the members of the Ladies' Club with the handicapping system

9.25 Where a vacancy arises in the Ladies' Handicapping Committee for any reason in any year, the Ladies' Committee shall have the power to appoint an alternate to that Committee from its members.

10. The Honorary Secretary of the Club, the Men's Honorary Secretary and the Ladies' Honorary Secretary

10.1 The Honorary Secretary of the Club shall be appointed and removed by the Directors from time to time

10.2 The Men's Honorary Secretary and the Ladies' Honorary Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of and have the custody of all documents belonging to their respective clubs; keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings and records of all competitions of the respective clubs, be responsible for convening meetings and the preparation of their respective clubs' annual report; shall manage the day to day affairs of their respective clubs and shall implement the directions and decisions of the Directors and the Council in relation to their respective clubs and all matters relating thereto; and shall administer the affairs of the Men's Club and the Ladies' Club as delegated by the Men's Committee and the Ladies' Committee respectively.

11. Rights of Members

- 11.1 Subject to the provisions of the Rules and any Bye-laws enacted thereunder, the Members of the Club shall be entitled to use the Club's property and facilities and shall be entitled to such further rights and privileges as these Rules provide.
- 11.2 Each Member of the Club undertakes to abide by the Rules of the Club and observe any Bye-laws which may be in operation.
- 11.3 All male members of the Club shall be members of the Men's Club affiliated to the GUI.
- 11.4 All female members of the Club shall be members of the Ladies' Club affiliated to the ILGU

12. Auditors

- 12.1 The Company may engage a firm of auditors to prepare and audit the annual accounts of both the Men's Club and the Ladies' Club.
- 12.2 If no firm is appointed, two members appointed as auditors at the Annual General Meeting shall audit and then certify the annual statement of accounts and balance sheets before they are issued.

13. Annual Subscription and Levy

- 13.1 An annual subscription and a levy (to include any levy due from time to time to the GUI and the GUI Munster Branch and the ILGU and the ILGU Munster Branch) shall be payable by each Member to the Company. Life Members and Honorary Members shall also be liable for all GUI or ILGU membership and any applicable levies, which shall be payable to the Company who will administer same on behalf of the Club.
- 13.2 The annual subscription and the levy for Members shall be decided by the Company.
- 13.3 The financial year of the Club shall end on 30 September in each year.
- 13.4 The subscription year shall be the calendar year from 1 April to 31 March of the following year.
- 13.5 Notice of the annual subscription and the levy shall be given prior to 31 December of each year.
- 13.6 All annual subscriptions and levies shall be payable in advance on the day on which the subscription year commences, save where specifically agreed by the Company on an individual basis.

- 13.7 All full members shall be required to take out personal golf insurance each year, on becoming a Member or renewing their membership.
- 13.8 The Company undertakes and agrees with the Club to collect all Membership subscriptions and levies including all levies due to the GUI and ILGU in accordance with the GUI and ILGU Constitution and in accordance with Bye-Laws of the GUI and ILGU Munster Branch, and to forward all levies collected in connection with GUI and ILGU requirements to the GUI, the GUI Munster Branch, the ILGU, the ILGU Munster Branch and such other organisation as may properly be due levies from the Members.
- 13.9 No Member whose subscription is in arrears may compete for any Club prize or vote at any meeting.
- 13.10 A Member whose subscription or levy is unpaid three months after due date for payment shall, subject to a contrary decision of the Council, be suspended as a Member of the Club and cease to be entitled to enjoy the rights and privileges of Membership until such time as payment is made.
- 13.11 The Secretary of the Club acting at the direction of the Council may give notice in writing to a party who has been suspended from Membership in accordance with rule 13.9, posted by prepaid ordinary post to the Member at his address in the Register of Members, stating that unless the unpaid annual subscription or levy is paid in full within a further period of sixty days, that his/her Membership of the Club will be forfeited and accordingly cease and determine.
- 13.12 If the Member's annual subscription or levy remains unpaid for ninety days after service of notice in accordance with Rule 13.10, then his/her Membership shall be forfeited and the Member shall cease to be a Member of the Club and his/her name will be erased from the Register of Members.

14. Temporary Suspension

- 14.1 A Member may be suspended by the Council acting on its own motion or on foot of a complaint sent to the Honorary Secretary and signed by three Members setting out the circumstances which give rise to the complaint.
- 14.2 Before a Member may be suspended, the Council shall furnish him/her with particulars of the breach or misconduct in question and afford him/her an opportunity to be heard in relation to it.
- 14.3 A Member who has breached a rule or regulation of the Club or has been, in the opinion of the Council, guilty of conduct unbecoming a Member of the Club, may be suspended by the Council from the privileges of Membership for such period and on such terms as the Council may decide and shall not be entitled to admission to the Course or Clubhouse or to use any of its facilities whether as a playing guest, a social guest or otherwise.

- 14.4 A suspended Member must return his/her handicap certificate to the Men's Honorary Secretary or the Ladies' Honorary Secretary, as the case may be, for the period of the suspension.

15. Expulsion

- 15.1 A Member who in the opinion of the Council has committed a serious breach of the Rules and Regulations of the Club or is guilty of serious misconduct prejudicial to the interest of the Club may be expelled from Membership of the Club in accordance with the Rules.
- 15.2 A Member may be expelled on foot of a complaint made by the Council acting on its motion or on foot of a complaint made and signed by five Members, addressed to the Honorary Secretary, setting out the circumstances which give rise to the complaint.
- 15.3 The Honorary Secretary shall furnish particulars of the complaint to the member in question (so that he/she may have the opportunity of explaining or resigning from the Club) and shall call a meeting of the Council which shall decide the matter of the Member's expulsion.
- 15.4 A Council resolution to expel shall be passed by not less than 75% of the members of the Council present and entitled to vote.
- 15.5 The Members against whom a complaint has been made shall be afforded an opportunity to rebut or disprove the facts upon which such complaints are alleged and shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in relation to such complaint in accordance with the rules of natural justice.
- 15.6 Any Member expelled may appeal by notice in writing given to the Honorary Secretary of the Club within 14 days of expulsion, to an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Council (at which he/she must be given an opportunity to be heard) to be summoned within 21 days of receipt of notice of appeal, at which a majority of two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote shall be required to confirm the expulsion.
- 15.7 If the expulsion is not confirmed, the Member must be reinstated.
- 15.8 Neither the Company, its Directors, Employees or Agents, nor the Council, nor any Member thereof shall have any liability to the expelled Member in respect of the expulsion.
- 15.9 An expelled Member must return his/her handicap certificate to the Men's Honorary Secretary or the Ladies' Honorary Secretary, as the case may be.

16. Cessation of Membership

- 16.1 A Member shall cease to be a member of the Club and the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club, as the case may be, if:

- 16.1 he/she ceases to be a Member of the Club.
- 16.2 he/she is suspended from Membership of the Club pursuant to these Rules (for the term of such suspension)
- 16.3 he/she is expelled from Membership of the Club pursuant to these Rules
- 16.2 Any Member who has been suspended or expelled in accordance with the Rules of otherwise ceases to be a Member of the Club and shall:
 - 16.2.1 forfeit all rights to, or claim upon, the Company, the Club and its or their property or funds that he/she would otherwise have by reason of his/her Membership
 - 16.2.2 forfeit all privileges of Membership
 - 16.2.3 not be entitled to the return of any part of their annual subscriptions or levies
 - 16.2.4 remain liable for any annual subscription, levy or other fees that remains outstanding at the time of he/she being suspended or expelled
 - 16.2.5 return his/her handicap certificate to the Men's Honorary Secretary or the Ladies' Honorary Secretary, as the case may be.

17. Playing Guest of Members

- 17.1 A Member may introduce guests to the privileges of the Clubhouse and the Course on such terms and conditions as the Council may from time to time determine (including without limitation the amount of green fees payable by such guests).
- 17.2 Guests shall be accompanied by the Member who introduces them.
- 17.3 The guests name and address and the name of the Member introducing him must be entered in the Club's Visitor's Book, and payment made to the steward or Golf Office designated person before commencement of play.

18. Visitors

- 18.1 Any member of a recognised golf club or any person considered suitable by the Council may be admitted as a visitor to such of the privileges of the Club House and Course as the Council shall from time to time determine on payment of the appropriate green fee.
- 18.2 Payment of the green fees must be made in advance to the Golf Office or such other person as nominated by the Company to accept green fees.

18.3 No visitor may introduce a guest or vote at meetings.

19. Families

19.1 The Council may make Bye-laws governing the terms and conditions on which Members are permitted to play golf with their non-member immediate family members.

20. Annual General Meeting of the Club

20.1 Save as regards the year 2018, when the Annual General Meeting shall be held as soon as possible on the re-opening of the Course, the Annual General Meeting of the Club must be held before 31 January each year at a time and place determined by the Council. The Annual General Meeting of the Club is separate and distinct from the Men's Annual General Meeting and the Ladies' Annual General Meeting.

20.2 Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be posted prominently in the Clubhouse at least 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

20.3 The Council shall cause its annual report and financial statements to be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

20.4 Notices of Motion for consideration by the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be set out in writing and shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary not later than 7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

20.5 Only fully paid up Ordinary Members shall be entitled to Vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

20.6 The President (or failing him/her, the Vice President) shall preside as chairman of the Annual General Meeting.

20.7 The quorum for the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Club shall be 15 Members (other than Honorary Members) present in person and entitled to vote.

20.8 All Members of the Club shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend the Annual General Meeting of the Club and all fully paid up Ordinary Members shall have one vote on every resolution before the meeting.

21. Extraordinary General Meeting

21.1 The Council or the Directors may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Club when any question of urgent importance arises.

- 21.2 At least 14 days notice setting out the business to be considered shall be sent to every Member at the address set out in the Register of Members, or prominently posted in the Club House.

22. Alteration of Rules

- 22.1 No rule of the Club shall be repealed, revoked or altered and no new Rule may be made except with the approval of the Directors.
- 22.2 The Council may alter or amend the Rules without a resolution of the Members by adding to or deleting the whole or any part of any rule or rules relating to the supply, consumption and control of intoxicating liquor for the purpose of complying and ensuring continued compliance with any provision of law or laws in force for the time being. The Council may also alter or amend the Rules without a resolution of the Members if the GUI or ILGU find the whole or any part of any rule or rules to be incompatible with the requirements for affiliation to the GUI or ILGU and the GUI or ILGU require or recommend that the whole of any part of any rule or rules may be amended.
- 22.3 Any change to the Constitution of the Men's Club which affects the Rules of the Constitution of the GUI shall be submitted to that Union for approval prior to adoption.
- 22.4 No change in the Rules of the Men's Club shall be in conflict with the Constitution of the GUI.
- 22.5 Any change in the Constitution of the Ladies' Club which affects the Rules of the ILGU shall be submitted to that Union for approval prior to adoption.
- 22.6 No change in the Rules of the Ladies' Club shall be in conflict with the Constitution of the ILGU.

23. Bye-Laws

- 23.1 The Council is empowered to make, repeal and amend any Bye-Law it may from time to time consider necessary for the well-being of the Club or on such other applicable matters as the Council believes necessary or appropriate.
- 23.2 Bye-laws, repeals and amendments shall have effect until otherwise determined by the Council.
- 23.3 No Bye-Laws may conflict with these Rules.

24. Complaints

- 24.1 All complaints shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Club and if she/she is unable to deal with them, the complaints must be submitted to the Council and the decision of the Council shall be final.
- 24.2 In no instance may any Club staff be reprimanded directly by a Member

25. Club Property

No Member may take away any property of the Club or the Company from the Clubhouse under any pretext whatsoever, or permit any property of the Club or the Company to be taken away, or injure or damage or destroy any property of the Club or the Company or permit it to be injured, damaged or destroyed, or enter upon any part of the Clubhouse and the Course which is designated as restricted to staff only.

26. Purchase of Intoxicating Liquor

26.1 The Club shall comply with the requirements of the Intoxicating Liquor Acts and the Registration of Clubs Acts which may apply as they are amended and re-enacted from time to time and with all other provisions of law applicable to the sale of intoxicating liquor at or from the property of the Club.

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

26.3 A person under the age of eighteen years shall only be admitted to Membership while the Club has as its main objective the playing and promotion of amateur games of golf and other amateur games. 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 the Club premises by any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club premises):

26.3.1 on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the hour of half past ten o'clock in the morning or after the hour of half past eleven o'clock in the evening; or

26.3.2 on any Friday and Saturday before the hour of half past ten o'clock in the morning or after the hour of 2 a.m. the following morning; or

26.3.3 on any Sunday before the hour of half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon and after the hour of eleven o'clock in the evening; or

26.3.4 on St Patrick's Day, before the hour of half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon or after the hour of twelve thirty the following day; or

26.3.5 on 23 December if it falls on a Sunday, before the hour of half past ten o'clock in the morning or after the hour of half past eleven o'clock in the evening; or

26.3.6 on Christmas Eve, before the hour of half past ten o'clock in the morning or after the hour of half past eleven o'clock in the evening; or

26.3.7 the Eve of any Public Holiday other than Christmas Eve, if the Eve falls on a Weekday, before the hour of half past twelve o'clock on the following morning, if the Eve falls on a Sunday, before the hour of half

past twelve o'clock in the morning or after the hour of half past twelve o'clock in the following morning; or

26.3.8 at any time on Christmas Day.

27. Notices

No paper, notice or placard, written or printed, may be exhibited, put in the Clubhouse or in any way brought to the notice of Members without the sanction of a Director.

28. Payment of expenses

Members must pay all expenses they incur or are incurred by their guests in the Club House or on the Courses before they leave.

29. Addresses of Members to be Registered

29.1 Every Member must from time to time communicate to the Honorary Secretary his/her own postal address and/email address or the postal and/or email address of their agent.

29.2 The address shall be inserted in the Register of Members and all Notices sent by post or email to that address shall be deemed to have been delivered in the ordinary course of post or on transmission of the email, as appropriate.

30. Rules of Golf and Etiquette

30.1 The rules of the game as adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews must be observed.

30.2 The Council shall be entitled to lay down rules concerning standards of dress for male and female members, their guests and visitors and ensure that the Members and their guests observe the etiquette of golf.

31. Members bound by Rules

31.1 Every Member is bound by and must submit to the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club.

32. Playing Facilities and Green Fees

32.1 The Directors or the Council shall decide the days and time when the Men's Club and the Ladies' Club shall have the use of the Course. The Directors reserve the right to change these days and times at any time.

32.2 The Directors or the Council may in their absolute discretion close the Course or any part thereof or any facilities of the Club for any period or for any purpose which they consider desirable or necessary.

- 32.3 No Member shall be entitled to a refund of annual subscriptions, levies or any other compensation on the event of the closure of the Course or the facilities for any reason.
- 32.4 The Directors or the Council (taking due consideration to ensure the Members have fair and reasonable playing time) shall make the Club available to green fee players, guests at the Slievenamon Golf Course, golf societies, companies, tournaments, competitions and for other events as the Directors or the Council shall at their discretion determine.
- 32.5 The terms on which the Club will be made available in the manner described in Rule 32.4 will be determined by the Directors or the Council from time to time.
- 32.6 The Directors shall determine the terms and conditions (including green fees payable) upon which any person who is not a Member shall be entitled to use the facilities of the Club and the Course.

33. Personal Property

Neither the Men's Club nor the Ladies' Club shall be responsible for any personal property of Members or Members' visitors brought to or kept at or left on the premises of the Club (either in the Club House or outside in the car park or on the Course). Such personal belongings shall be at the sole risk of the owners thereof and neither the Club, the Company nor the Council shall be responsible for any loss or damage thereto howsoever arising. This Rule shall not prejudice any claims by the Club, the Company or the Council under any insurance policy in place from time to time in respect of any insurable loss.

34. Proprietary Facility

The Club House and the Course are proprietary facilities, the proprietor of which is the Company. The Company will make available the Course and the Club House to the Members on the terms set out in the Licence together with such additional facilities as are reasonably necessary in the opinion of the Directors to carry out the aims and objectives of the Club

35. Operative Date

These Rules shall take effect from the date on which the Club is declared by the Directors to be open for play.