

Section (D) The Men's Club

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D Men's Club

D 1 Membership

1.1 The Membership of the Men's Club shall consist of Male Playing Members who are admitted to membership of the Club

D 2 Objectives

2.1 Maintain affiliation to the Golfing Union of Ireland and undertake in writing, to accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye Laws of such Union and the Bye-Laws of the Branch in which Province the Club is situated.

2.2 Accept and apply the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme as prescribed by the Council of National Golf Unions and such rules thereunder as may require to be implemented from time to time by the Golfing Union of Ireland.

2.3 Accept and recognize the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as the sole Authority for prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status,

2.4 Accept that the Club is the overall Authority for administering the affairs of both the Men's and the Ladies' Clubs as provided in these Rules.

D 3 Officers and Committee

3.1 The business and affairs of the Men's Club shall be under the Jurisdiction and control of a General Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The Men's' Committee") consisting of a Captain, a Vice-Captain, a Hon. Secretary who may also be the Honorary Competitions Secretary, a Hon. Treasurer and a Handicap Secretary, all of whom are Officers of the Men's Club, and six other Members.

3.2 The Officers and Committee, other than the Captain, shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election subject to the provisions of 3.3 hereof. The Men's' Committee shall have the power to fill by co-option any vacancy that may occur in such Committee during the year. They may also if deemed necessary appoint a sub-committee or sub-committees for the purpose of maintaining Men's' Handicaps, arranging Men's' competitions, selecting Men's' teams, and such other purposes beneficial to the development of the Men's' Club.

3.3 To be eligible to serve as an Officer or a Member of the Men's Committee a person must be a Member of the Club for one year. No Member may serve as an Officer or a Member of the Men's Committee for more than six years without first having ceased to be a Member of the Committee for at least a year. This rule shall not apply to the term of office the Captain or Vice-Captain of the Men's Club; however such terms shall count as membership of the Men's Committee.

3.4 The Vice Captain of the Men's' Club shall be Captain in the year following his election as Vice Captain. In the event that the Vice Captain is unable, for whatever reason, to assume the

position of Captain, the Captain will be nominated by the Men's Committee and will be subject to approval of the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

3.5 The Vice-Captain of the Men's Club shall be nominated at the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club by the incoming Captain and the outgoing Captain respectively, subject to the prior approval of the Committee, and also subject to the approval of the members present. In the event that either the incoming Captain or the outgoing Captain or both are unable or unwilling to make the nomination, the Men's Committee will nominate the Vice Captain.

D 4 Committee Meetings and Regulations

4.1 A record of attendance of members at Committee Meetings shall be kept and read at the Annual General Meeting prior to the election of Officers.

4.2 Any Committee Member who has not attended three consecutive monthly meetings, shall at the discretion of the Men's Committee be removed from the Men's Committee and the Men's Committee may co-opt to fill the vacancy.

4.3 The Men's Committee shall meet at least six times a year. They shall also meet any other time upon a requisition to the Hon. Secretary, in writing, signed by any four Members of the Men's Committee, for the transaction of business of the Club. Three days notice of such a meeting is to be given.

4.4 The Captain may at any time call a Meeting of the Men's Committee.

D 5 Administration and Finance

5.1 The Honorary Secretary shall keep a record of all business transacted at Committee Meetings and shall give seven days notice of General and Committee meetings.

5.2 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 or Committee Member of the Men's Club.

5.3 All written complaints concerning matters under the jurisdiction and control of the Men's Committee shall be referred primarily to the Hon. Secretary who shall place the complaint before the Men's Committee.

5.4 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.

5.5 The Men's Committee shall have no power to borrow for the purpose of the Club by way of overdraft, term loan, loan account or otherwise from the Committee's bankers.

5.6 Correct Accounts and books shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Men's Club.

5.7 The Funds of the Club shall alone be answerable for any proper debts or charges against it and no Member of the Men's' Committee as between the Member and the Club shall be personally liable in respect of any order or contract given or entered into by the Club, or any member of the Men's' Committee, acting bona fide and within the scope of his authority on behalf of the Club, or the Men's' Committee although he may have been a party to the order or contract.

5.8 The Bank Account shall be kept in the name of the Men's' Club (and shall be clearly identified as such), and in such Bank as the Men's' Committee may, with the authority of the Management Committee, from time to time determine. All cheques must be signed by two members of the Men's' Committee.

5.9 The Financial year of the Club shall start on the 1st of October and end on the 30th of September.

5.10 The Honorary Treasurer of the Men's' Committee shall submit to the Management Committee Year End Financial Statements within six weeks of the year-end.

D.6 General Meetings

6.1 The Club year shall run from the 1st of December to the 30th of November.

6.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be held within two months from the end of the financial year, and at such place and time as the Men's' Committee may see fit to appoint. The date of the meeting shall be given by way of notice posted on the Men's' Club Notice Board on or before the 8th October and may also be advised to Members by way of email and website. The notice shall outline the date and time of the meeting and shall advise Members of requirements for submitting notices of motion and nominations for the committee. Twenty-five Members shall form a quorum at any General Meeting.

6.3 Notices of Motion and Nominations of Officers and Members of the Men's' Committee must be made in writing to Hon. Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting.

6.4 Seven days before such Annual General Meeting, Audited accounts, details of motions and nominations will be notified to Members by way of email and website and hard copies will be made available on request. Twenty five Members shall form a quorum at any General meeting.

6.5 Extraordinary General Meetings: A Special or extraordinary General Meeting may be called upon a requisition in writing signed by at least twenty Ordinary, Honorary or Special Members of the Club, addressed to Hon. Secretary, and stating the object of the proposed Meeting. Upon receipt of such requisition the Men's' Committee shall forthwith proceed to convene a General Meeting.

6.6 If the Men's' Committee do not proceed to convene same within twenty one days from the date of the requisition having been delivered to the Hon. Secretary, the requisitioners or any other twenty Ordinary, Honorary or Special Members may convene a General Meeting, but such Meeting shall not discuss any business, or vote on any question, other than that specified in the requisition to the Men's' Committee.

6.7 Seven days notice specifying the place, date, hour and object of the Meeting, shall be given to the Members in the manner prescribed below.

6.8 The Men's Committee may summon any General Meeting by notice posted on the notice board of the Men's Club and by email and website, stating the business of the Meeting and such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on each member.

6.9 At any General Meeting, unless a poll be demanded by at least five Members, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution or an amendment had been carried, and an entry to that effect in the Minutes Book shall be sufficient evidence of the fact.

D 7 Playing Facilities

7.1 The Men's Club shall accept the Authority of the Management Committee as regards the use of the Course.

D 8 Changes of Constitution, Rules and Bye-laws

8.1 No rule of the Constitution of the Men's Club shall be repealed or altered or new rule made except at a General Meeting of such Club and by consent of a majority of two-thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote at such meeting and written notice of the proposed changes must be sent to the Hon. Secretary, with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least three weeks previous to the Meeting at which same is to be considered.

8.2 The Committee of the Men's Club shall have power from time to time make such Policies and rules as it considers necessary for matters under its jurisdiction, but every such rule or policy shall be subject to ratification by the Management Committee.

8.3 In the event of dispute(s) as to the interpretation of any of the foregoing Rules, Policies or of any of the Local Rules of the Club, the matter(s) in dispute shall be referred to the Management Committee whose decision thereon shall be accepted as absolutely final and binding on the parties to such dispute(s).

D 9 Rules of Golf and Local Rules

9.1 The rules of the game of Golf for the Men's Club shall be the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient of St. Andrews.

9.2 In addition the Management Committee, in consultation with the Men's Committees, in compliance with Clause B 15.2 shall from time to time prescribe such Local Rules as it considers necessary having regard to the nature of the Course or otherwise provided such Local Rules are not contrary to or at variance with the Rules of Golf or directives issued by the Golfing Union of Ireland.