



# **THE ISLAND GOLF CLUB**

## **RULES OF THE CLUB**

**Incorporating**

**Rules of The Island Men's Golf Club**

**and**

**Rules of The Island Ladies' Golf Club**

**As of 31 December 2021**

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## 1. PRELIMINARIES - DEFINITIONS

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires: **BALLOT** shall mean a closed, written ballot; **CLUB** shall mean The Island Golf Club; **COUNCIL** shall mean the Management Council of The Island Golf Club; **GUI** shall mean the Golfing Union of Ireland; **ILGU** shall mean The Irish Ladies' Golf Union; **LADIES' CLUB** shall mean The Island Ladies' Golf Club; **MEN'S CLUB** shall mean The Island Men's Golf Club; **MEMBER** shall mean a Member in any category; **OFFICER**, unless the term is otherwise qualified, means an elected Officer of The Island Golf Club i.e., the President, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer of the Island Golf Club; **NOTIFICATION** shall mean communication by post, email, phone call or text message.

### 1.1 Interpretation

Where differences arise as to the interpretation of a given Rule, a Rules Committee, which is an ad hoc sub-committee of the Council, shall, following the agreed principles of interpretation as set out in Appendix 1 to these rules, in the first instance advise Council on the matter and if necessary, the Council's decision shall be ratified at the next AGM.

## 2. NAME, AIMS AND LEGAL STATUS

2.1 The name of the Club is The Island Golf Club.

2.2 The main object of the Club is to provide facilities for the playing and promotion of the game of golf and in so doing to recognise and accept The Rules of Golf and amateur status as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

2.3. The Club crest shall be crossed golf clubs with a skylark in the upper sector, a rowboat in the lower, the founding year, 1890, across the left and right sectors, with "The Island" written above the top sector and "Golf Club" under the bottom sector.

2.4 The Island Golf Club is a voluntary sporting organisation.

### 2.4.1 Trustees

2.4.1.1 The properties of the Club shall be vested in Trustees. The number of Trustees shall be not less than three and not more than four. They shall be Members of not less than 15 years standing, who are entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings. They are nominated and approved by the Members properly convened in a General Meeting.

2.4.1.2 Trustees will deal with such properties as directed by written resolution of the Council.

2.4.1.3 The Trustees, in acting in accordance with such resolution from the Council, shall be indemnified by Members of the Club for the time being against liability or expense incurred by them by reason of their position as Trustees and insofar as the assets of the Club may be deficient.

2.4.1.4 A Trustee shall not be a member of Council but shall be kept informed by Council by the provision of minutes of Council Meetings and through regular meetings with members of the Council.

2.4.1.5 A Trustee shall hold office unless he/she resigns, or is removed from office by resolution of the Members at a General Meeting.

2.5 The Club shall comply with all the relevant requirements of the Registration of Clubs Act 1904 -1986 and the Intoxicating Liquor Acts 1927 to 2000

2.5.1 The Island Golf Club recognises and complies with the Irish Sports Council's Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

2.5.2 No interest in any part of the lands held on behalf of The Island Golf Club may be sold or disposed of without the prior approval of Members entitled to vote representing in aggregate 80% of the total of such Members present and voting at a properly convened General Meeting of the Club.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 A Member of The Island Golf Club is entitled to the use of the facilities of the Club and enjoys the voting rights consonant with the category of membership of the Club to which he/she belongs.

3.2 A Member of the Club undertakes to abide by the Rules of the Club and to observe any bye-laws, which may be in operation.

3.3 Membership of the Club is open to anyone aged 8 years and over subject to acceptance by Council.

3.4 Categories of Membership

The following are the categories of membership of the Club:

- Ordinary Members A
- Ordinary Members B
- Honorary Life Members
- Juvenile Members
- Junior Members
- Intermediate Members
- 5-Day Members
- Lady Associate Members
- Outport Members
- Overseas Members
- Overseas Life Members
- Honorary Members
- Temporary Members
- Senior Members
- Clubhouse Members

3.4.1 All male Members of the Club, with the exception of Temporary and Clubhouse Members, shall be Members of the Men's Club affiliated to The Golfing Union of Ireland

3.4.2 All female Members of the Club, with the exception of Temporary and Clubhouse Members, shall be Members of the Ladies' Club affiliated to The Irish Ladies' Golf Union.

### 3.5. Description of categories of membership

3.5.1 **Ordinary Members** (A and B) are men and women who are entitled to the use of all the Club's facilities in accordance with the Rules and Bye-laws of the Club. They shall have the right to attend and vote at all General Meetings of the Club and of the Ladies' or Men's Clubs as appropriate. They may propose new Members and nominate or be nominated for office subject to any conditions imposed by these rules.

Ordinary Members who became an Ordinary, Five Day or Lady Associate member before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 shall be eligible for the following reduced subscription rates, with effect from 1 January 2022:

Ordinary Members shall be liable to pay an annual subscription rate equivalent to seventy per cent of that rate paid by Ordinary A members if on reaching the age of 65 they have been Ordinary Members for not less than 25 years and became an Ordinary Member before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Years spent as a Lady Associate or 5-Day Member shall be used in computing the relevant period for reduced subscription rates. Ordinary Members may opt for Five-Day membership (with reduced subscription rates) on reaching the age of 65 if they have been Ordinary Members for not less than 25 years.

Ordinary Members, who on reaching the age of 75 and who have been Ordinary Members of the club for not less than 35 years, shall be liable to pay an annual subscription rate equivalent to twenty per cent of that rate paid by Ordinary A members.

3.5.1.1 **Ordinary A Members** are men and women who joined the club before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

3.5.1.2 **Ordinary B Members** are men and women who joined the club after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

3.5.2 **Five-Day Members** are men and women who are entitled to the facilities of the Club but shall not be entitled to play golf on the links on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays unless upon payment of the appropriate green fee. They may only play in Club competitions on these days when expressly authorised to do so by the rules of a competition or, with the consent of Council, by a decision of the Ladies' or Men's Clubs. Five-Day Members may not attend General Meetings of the Club or propose new Members or nominate or be nominated for office. They may attend meetings of The Ladies' or Men's Clubs as appropriate but they shall have no voting rights at those meetings. Five-Day members shall be liable to pay an annual subscription rate equivalent to sixty five per cent of that rate paid by Ordinary A members.

Five-Day Members on reaching the age of 65 shall be liable to pay an annual subscription rate equivalent to seventy per cent of that rate paid by Five-Day members aged under 65 if they have been Five-Day Members for not less than 25 years and became a Five-Day Member before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Years spent as a Lady Associate or Five-Day Member shall be used in computing the relevant period for reduced subscription rates.

Five-Day Members, who on reaching the age of 75 shall have been Five-Day Members of the Club for not less than 35 years, shall be liable to pay an annual subscription rate equivalent to twenty per cent of that rate paid by Five-Day members aged under 65.

- 3.5.3 **Juvenile Members** are Members who, in the year of their election are aged between 8 years and 10 years inclusive. They are eligible to become Members in the year of their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Juvenile Members are elected on an annual basis in accordance with the relevant Bye-law. Juvenile Members have no individual playing rights on the golf course and may only play on the golf course if they are accompanied by an adult Member. They shall cease to be Juvenile Members on 31 December following their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 3.5.3.1 **Junior Members** are those who on their election are aged between 11 years and 18 years inclusive. They are eligible to become Members in the year of their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. They are elected on an annual basis in accordance with the relevant byelaw. Members in this category may play in competition under conditions determined from time to time by the Ladies or Men's Clubs and subject to the consent of Council. Junior Members may not attend any General Meeting of the Club or any meetings of the Ladies' or Men's Clubs. They shall cease to be Junior Members on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December following their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 3.5.4 **Intermediate Members** are those who on their election to membership are aged between 19 years and 29 years inclusive. Junior Members become eligible for Intermediate Membership in the year following their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Intermediate Members may play in Club competitions as specified by the Men's or Ladies Clubs, subject to the consent of Council. They may transfer to Ordinary B or Five Day membership at the beginning of the year following their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. Should there be no vacancies in these categories they may remain as an Intermediate Member at the discretion of, and under the terms of Council. Intermediate Members transferring to another category of membership in the year following their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday shall pay the entrance fee of that category discounted pro rata years spent as an Intermediate Member as set out in the Club Bye-Laws.
- 3.5.5 **Outport Members** are persons who have previously been Ordinary or Lady Associate Members of the Club but whose permanent residence and regular domicile are now outside a radius of 160 km (100 miles) from the Club. They may play in specific competitions but they may not attend any General Meeting of the Club or of the Ladies' or Men's Clubs. When the conditions pertaining to residence and domicile no longer exist, and having made application for readmission, the person concerned shall be entitled to fill the next vacancy arising within his or her category.
- 3.5.6 **Overseas Members** are persons whose permanent residence and regular domicile are outside Ireland. Applications for Overseas Membership shall be accompanied by a recommendation by two Members of the Island Golf Club to whom the applicant is known or, where the applicant does not have such a recommendation, by such references as the Council may require. They may be elected under such terms and conditions as proposed by Council to a General Meeting and approved by that General Meeting. They may not hold any office or attend any General Meeting of the Club or of the Ladies' or Men's Clubs. They may play in specific competitions, as determined from time to time by the respective Ladies' or Men's Clubs and approved by Council.
- 3.5.6.1 **Overseas Life Members** are those whose principal place of residence and regular domicile is located outside the island of Ireland and who have paid a once-off lifetime subscription, the amount of which has been determined at a General Meeting. They may play in competitions as specified by the Men's or Ladies' Clubs, subject to the consent of Council.
- 3.5.7 **Honorary Life Members** are members of the Club who have distinguished themselves by their service to golf or to the public at large, or who have rendered special service to the Club. They are elected at a General Meeting of the Club, at the recommendation of the Council, having received a two-thirds majority of a vote of those present. They shall enjoy all the rights of Ordinary Members and they shall retain membership for life or until resignation.
- 3.5.8 **Honorary Members** are persons, including Members, who have rendered exceptional service to the Club, or to the game of Golf, or whose distinguished position merits such honour. They are elected by Council for a period which is at the discretion of Council and enjoy such playing rights on the links as Council may decide. Members elected to Honorary Membership shall retain the rights and privileges of their former category of membership during the period of their Honorary membership.

- 3.5.9 **Senior Members** are those Members of not less than 30 years standing who have ceased playing golf through permanent or temporary infirmity. They are elected to this category at the discretion of the Council and may revert to their previous membership category with the permission of the Council. They may avail of the facilities of the Clubhouse and serve on Sub-Committees.
- 3.5.10 **Clubhouse Members** are persons aged 25 years and over who wish to enjoy the facilities of the Clubhouse. They shall not hold office or attend General Meetings and may play on the links only on payment of the required green fee.
- 3.5.11. **Lady Associate Members** are ladies elected to this category before June 1st 1999. They shall have the use of the links and clubhouse every day, subject to such terms and conditions, as Council shall determine. They may not play in club competitions on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays unless expressly authorised to do so by the rules of a particular competition or by decision of Council. Lady Associate Members may attend and vote at General Meetings of the Ladies' Club.

Lady Associate Members shall be eligible for reduced subscription rates on reaching the age of 65 if they have been Lady Associates for 20 years.

3.5.12 **Temporary Members are either Short-term or Long-term temporary Members.**

- 3.5.12.1 **Short-term temporary Members** are visitors using any of the Club facilities for a period of no longer than seven days, and under terms and conditions determined by Council. They are subject to the Rules and Byelaws of the Club and their names must be entered in the visitor's book or the green fee book. The Secretary Manager or other designated person may register groups, including golfing societies.
- 3.5.12.2 **Long-term temporary Members** are visitors using any of the Club facilities for a period of greater than 7 days and no longer than twelve months and under terms and conditions determined by Council. Such membership may be renewed annually, up to a maximum of five years. They are subject to the Rules and Byelaws of the Club and their names will be posted under this membership category on the list of Members.

### 3.6. Application for Admission to Membership

- 3.6.1 Application for admission to membership shall be made on the prescribed form which shall be signed by a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be Ordinary, Lady Associate, Senior or Honorary Life Members of the Club of not less than three years standing.
- 3.6.2 The proposer and seconder must be personally acquainted with the applicant and their signature on the prescribed form shall be taken as an affirmation of the applicant's suitability.
- 3.6.3 An application for membership must be with the Honorary Secretary for at least two weeks prior to its formal submission to Council.
- 3.6.4 Each applicant's name and address together with the names of the proposer and seconder shall be posted in the clubhouse for a period of at least two weeks prior to formal consideration by the appropriate Club.

### 3.7 Election of Members:

- 3.7.1 Acceptance of Members shall be the prerogative of the Council. It shall be at the discretion of Council to close the membership of any category as the Council may think appropriate or in any case when the maximum number in any category, as decided at a General Meeting, has been reached.
- 3.7.2 The names of the applicants accepted by Council shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary of the appropriate club for election to its membership.
- 3.7.3 After the election of an applicant the Honorary Secretary shall notify the applicant by registered post of his/her election. A copy of the Rules and Byelaws of the Club shall accompany the notification.
- 3.7.4 The Entrance fee, payable by all new Ordinary and Five-Day Members of the Club, shall be calculated at 7 times the annual subscription of the applicable category in their year of joining. However, in the case of a spouse or Civil Partner of an existing Member or of a new applicant, the entrance fee will be half of the normal entrance fee. At least 50% of the entrance fee due must be paid up front and the balance may be paid in an agreed repayment structure over a period of not more than 5 years at the outset, and at the discretion of the Management Council.

- 3.7.5 Payment of the entrance fee, as set out in 3.7.4, and appropriate subscription, is a prerequisite to membership. Having made such payment the new Member shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership and such payment shall also signify new Members' agreement to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the rules and bye-laws of the Club and to abide by them.
- 3.7.6 If the entrance fee, as set out in 3.7.4, and appropriate subscription are not paid within one month of notification, the election becomes void.
- 3.7.6.1. Failure to maintain payment(s) of the entrance fee, as set out in 3.7.4, may lead to forfeiture of membership and fees paid.

### **3.8 Subscriptions**

- 3.8.1 The rates of subscription payable by the various categories of membership shall be those established from time to time at a General Meeting.
- 3.8.2 If a General Meeting votes in favour of the imposition of a special levy or levies such levy or levies shall be considered to be part of the subscription during the period of their imposition subject to the conditions set out in rule 3.9.3.
- 3.8.3 Annual subscriptions shall become payable on the first day of January of each year. Deadline for payment of the subscription shall be the last day of February of each year. Members may opt to pay the subscription in two equal instalments, the first due on or before the last day of February, the second due on or before the last day of June of each year.
- 3.8.4 Special arrangements may be made in relation to subscriptions in the following cases:
- 3.8.4.1 New Members, except Clubhouse Members, elected after the 1st of June in any year shall be afforded special, reduced terms for that year.
- 3.8.4.2 Juvenile or Junior Members who are children or grandchildren of Ordinary, Honorary Life, Lady Associate or Five-Day Members shall be required to pay only 50% of the normal subscriptions for these categories. Children and grandchildren of such Members, aged between 8 and 11 years, who are not Juvenile Members may, at the discretion of Council, and provided they are accompanied by and under the supervision of an Ordinary Member, Lady Associate Member or Five-Day Member, play the golf links without the payment of a green fee.
- 3.8.5 Any Member whose subscription, whether full or initial instalment, is unpaid by the first day of March in any year shall cease to be a Member unless a structured repayment agreement is in place. Such person may upon written application and at the discretion of Council, be re-elected provided such application is received within 14 days of the deadline and is accompanied by the appropriate subscription.  
Any Member whose second instalment of the subscription is unpaid by the first day of July in any year shall cease to be a Member, unless a structured repayment agreement is in place. Such a person may upon written application and at the discretion of Council, be re-elected provided such application is received within 14 days of the deadline and is accompanied by the appropriate subscription.

### **3.9 Resignation from Membership/Leave of Absence/Disciplinary Action**

- 3.9.1 Notice of resignation should be tendered in writing to the Honorary Secretary. For administrative reasons and where possible, it is desirable that such notice be given not later than the first days of January in any year.
- 3.9.2 Members of the Ladies' Club will have to fulfil the special requirements of the ILGU on ceasing to be Members for any reason.
- 3.9.3 Leave of Absence may be granted by Council for one subscription year, extendable in exceptional circumstances. During the period of leave of absence the person shall cease temporarily to enjoy the rights and privileges of membership and no subscription is paid. However, during the period of leave of absence any levy or levies currently in force shall continue to be paid. Requests for leave of absence, detailing the reasons therefor, should be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary before the first day of January of the relevant year. On expiry of the leave of absence and having made application in writing for readmission, the person will be entitled to fill the next vacancy arising within his or her category.

3.9.4 Members may be reprimanded, excluded, suspended or expelled by the Club. See Section 6.5.

## **4. ORGANISATION**

### **4.1 Ultimate Authority Invested in Members**

Ultimate authority is exercised within the Club by the Members properly convened in a General Meeting.

4.2 Delegated authority is exercised by the Council over matters which are set out in these Rules or are expressly delegated to it by a General Meeting.

4.3 Officers of the Club shall have the rights and duties ascribed to them in these Rules but always under the authority of the Council.

4.4 The Ladies' Club and the Men's Club and the Officers of both those Clubs have responsibility for those matters, which are assigned to them in sections 8 and 9 of these Rules.

## **5. GENERAL MEETINGS**

5.1 A General Meeting properly convened is the ultimate authority of the Club. Other organs, committees or Officers of the Club act under the authority of the General Meeting either expressly granted for specific decisions or by way of policy reviewed from time to time.

### **5.2 Attendance at a General Meeting**

Attendance at a General Meeting is limited to Ordinary and Honorary Life Members. At the invitation of Council and with the permission of the meeting, and only for a specific item or items on the agenda, other specialist or management persons may attend for the purpose of advising the meeting.

### **5.3 The Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the Club shall be convened within ninety days of the end of the financial year. Members shall receive preliminary notification of the proposed date of the AGM containing a list of Officers, Council Members and Trustees who do not propose to seek re-election, and an invitation to submit motions and nominations for Office Bearers and Councillors. Such notice shall be communicated by the Honorary Secretary to all Members entitled to attend, and by notice posted in the clubhouse, at least 35 days in advance of the AGM. At least fourteen days official notice convening the AGM shall be given. Such communication shall be accompanied by an agenda and any necessary documentation, which shall include notice of motions proposed by Council, other motions received in time to be included, the minutes of the previous AGM, and the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

5.3.1 Communication with Members in respect of General Meetings shall be by e-mail, except for individual Members who have requested communication by letter post.

5.3.2 Items which shall appear on the agenda for the AGM are:  
Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting and of all the General Meetings held in the interim,  
Council's Annual Report,  
The Annual Financial Statement,  
The election of Officers, Councillors and Auditors; - the revision (where necessary) of any Rules and  
The transacting of any other business properly notified.  
The standing orders for General Meetings, which are part of the byelaws of the club, shall be agreed with or without amendments for that particular meeting.

5.3.3 Notice of motions, which shall be duly proposed and seconded by any Member(s) having voting rights at the meeting, and nominations for Office Bearers and Councillors and Members of committees who are elected by the Annual General Meeting, again duly proposed and seconded by Members having voting rights, shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing in time to allow them to be posted in the clubhouse for at least **21 Days** prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Hon. Secretary shall cause such notices to be posted in the clubhouse immediately on reception.

### **5.4 Convening a Special General Meeting.**

A Special General Meeting may be convened in any of the following manners:

5.4.1 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Council at any time.



5.4.2 The Trustees may, in writing, instruct the Council to call a Special General Meeting if, in the opinion of a majority of the Trustees, the situation requires such a meeting. The meeting shall be convened within twenty-one days of such instruction to the Council

5.4.3 A requisition to the Honorary Secretary, signed by at least fifty Members with voting rights, to call a Special General Meeting shall require the Honorary Secretary to convene such a meeting within twenty-one days of such requisition. The business to be brought forward must be stated in the requisition.

5.4.4 At least fourteen days' notification of a SGM shall be given to each voting Member.

## **5.5 Voting at General Meetings:**

5.5.1 No Member entitled to attend a General Meeting shall be allowed to vote unless that Member has paid the annual subscription.

5.5.2 Where a vote is required to reach a decision a simple majority of those present and having voting rights shall suffice except in the following cases:

- a resolution to alter a rule or rules of the Club which requires a two thirds majority of those present and having voting rights and
- the matters referred to in Rule 2.5.2 where a majority of eighty percent of those present and voting is required.

5.5.3 Elections shall be decided by ballot. Where there is more than one election the ballot for each shall be conducted separately. Otherwise voting shall be by show of hands unless otherwise foreseen in the standing orders (as amended or not) for that particular meeting or for a specific item or items on the agenda for that meeting.

5.5.4 The President or in his/her absence the Captain of the Men's Club, the Captain of the Ladies' Club or the senior Councillor present shall, preside over a General Meeting.

5.5.5 The quorum for a valid General Meeting shall be eighty Members who have voting rights. However, if the matters referred to in Rule 2.5.2 are on the agenda then the quorum shall be two hundred Members having voting rights.

5.5.6 General Meetings of the Club are private meetings. Material for publication in the electronic or print media of any proceedings of General Meetings shall be issued by the Council or by the person or persons appointed by the Council. The conduct of any Member (other than one appointed by the Council for the purpose) who communicates proceedings of a General Meeting to the electronic or print media shall be regarded as 'conduct harmful to the Club' and shall be dealt with under Rule 6.5.

## **5.6 Minutes of General Meetings**

5.6.1 The Honorary Secretary shall take minutes of the General Meeting. These minutes shall, at a minimum, record the decisions taken at the meeting, the numbers voting for and against each motion (if a count has taken place). The Honorary Secretary shall not be required to produce a verbatim minute of the meeting.

5.6.2 If special circumstances dictate a requirement for a very detailed account of a General Meeting, the Council with the express permission of the meeting may require that an electronic record (audio or visual or audio/visual) may be made. Such record would remain the property of the meeting and would not be made available to anyone who was not present at the meeting of which it is a record

5.6.3 Minutes of general meetings, in draft form, should be made available to the Management Council not later than six weeks after the meeting in question and shall be distributed electronically to all members no later than eight weeks after the meeting in question.

## **6. THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **6.1 Description of the Council**

The Council is a body elected by the Members convened in a General Meeting. It is charged with the management of the affairs of the Club and has the rights and duties set out in these Rules.

### **6.2 Membership of the Council**

Membership of Council shall consist of its ex-officio Members - the President of the Club, the Honorary Secretary of the Club, the Honorary Treasurer of the Club, the Captains and Honorary Secretaries of the

Men's Club and the Ladies' Club - and six other Members who are not office holders and who are not Trustees and who shall be elected from among those entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting. Only Members who have been Ordinary or Honorary Life Members for at least 3 years shall be eligible for election to Council. The term of office shall extend from the end of the Annual General Meeting at which it is elected until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

- 6.2.1 If the Captain of the Ladies' Club and/or the Honorary Secretary of the Ladies' Club are not Ordinary Members they shall be appointed Ordinary Members for that year.
- 6.2.2 The term of office for any Council member is one year, with the exception of the President who is an ex-officio member for the duration of his/her two-year term of office. Officers and Council members may be re-elected for a maximum of two further years, following which they shall not be eligible for re-election until a period of one year has elapsed. A member of Council who is not an Officer of the Club, but who, at the end of any term on Council, is elected to such office, may serve a further three terms provided he/she is elected to such office each year, following which he/she shall not be eligible for re-election to Council until a period of two years has elapsed.
- 6.2.3 The Council may by co-option fill a vacancy arising during the year. The Council may, by two thirds majority in a ballot decide to terminate membership of the Council of any Member or to remove any Member from office if the behaviour or lack of diligence of that Member warrants such action.
- 6.2.4 A Member who has been removed from office or whose membership of the Council has been terminated may appeal that decision to a Special General Meeting following the procedures laid down at 5.4.3

### **6.3 Meetings of the Council.**

- 6.3.1 The President shall be chairperson of Council and, unless in circumstances foreseen in the Standing Orders, shall preside over all Council meetings at which he/she is present. He/she shall also preside over all General Meetings.  
The Captain of the Men's Club or the Captain of the Ladies' Club shall chair meetings of Council in the absence of the President.
- 6.3.2 Where it is decided that a particular decision of the Council requires a vote, with the exception of 6.2.3 above, a simple majority shall suffice. In the event of a tied vote the chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 6.3.3 The quorum for a meeting of Council shall be nine Members.
- 6.3.4 Meetings of the Council shall be held at least every two months. Notice by email shall be given to all members of the Council at least one week in advance. In exceptional circumstances, following consultation with the President, this notice may be reduced to 1 day, provided such notice is formally recorded.

### **6.4 Rights and Duties of the Council**

- 6.4.1 The Council is empowered to limit or close the membership in any category in accordance with Rule 3.7.1.
- 6.4.2 The Council shall be empowered to make and/or amend byelaws for the general regulation of the Club. Such byelaws or their amended versions shall come into force seven days after being posted in the clubhouse. Such byelaws may also be published as appendices to the Rules of the Club.
- 6.4.3 The Council shall have power to create special committees, to appoint the chairperson and members of such committees and to set the terms of reference of the committees and the duration of the committee and the term of office of the chairperson or members. Any committee appointed by a given Council shall cease to exist with the Council which appointed it.
- 6.4.4 Such committees shall remain under the authority and management of the Council and the findings or recommendations of any such committee (with the exception of the appeals committee at 6.5.1) shall be implemented or otherwise at the discretion of the Council.
- 6.4.5 The Council shall have the power to appoint officials and other employees upon such terms and conditions as the Council may decide subject to 6.4.6. The Council may also terminate such appointments.
- 6.4.6 The Council shall, with the prior approval of a General Meeting be empowered to borrow such moneys as are necessary for specific, named developments or for the day to day running of the Club. In seeking the approval of the General Meeting for such borrowing(s) the Council shall also indicate the conditions

attaching to the loan such as any charges, mortgages or guarantees required. The Council shall also indicate its proposals to repay such borrowings and the repercussions (if any) on the annual subscription rate.

- 6.4.7 The Council must ensure that commitments are not entered into, either by the Council itself or by individual officers, which would entail any spending which would be in breach of Rule 6.4.6 above.

## **6.5 Disciplinary Matters**

The Council has a supervisory role in monitoring the observance by the members of the Rules and Bye-laws of the Club. Breaches of the Rules or Bye-laws and other unacceptable behaviour are dealt with where possible and appropriate by way of an informal process of resolution by the Council or a person (ordinarily the Honorary Secretary) appointed by the Council for that purpose. Where the Council considers that a matter has arisen that is so serious as to warrant same or if a process of informal resolution has not been successful, the matter may be referred to a Disciplinary Committee appointed by the Council which shall have the power to make a decision on the matter and impose penalties such as reprimand, exclusion, suspension or expulsion.

- 6.5.1 A Disciplinary Committee consisting of five members, at least two of whom shall be Council Members and all of which shall be members of the Club for not less than three years, shall be appointed by the Council as and when required so as to deal with any disciplinary matter which the Council considers should be addressed by a Disciplinary Committee. The Council shall appoint one of the members to be the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee. A Disciplinary Committee, once appointed, shall remain in being until such time as it has addressed and decided on the matter referred to it. If a member of the Disciplinary Committee resigns or is otherwise unavailable for a protracted period the Council will appoint, a replacement.
- 6.5.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall have power to reach decisions on all matters of discipline referred to it by the Council. Details of the disciplinary procedures to be followed by the Committee are set out in Bye-laws which shall nevertheless be guided by the following:
- 6.5.2.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall investigate only matters referred to it by the Council.
- 6.5.2.2 The member(s) about whom the reference is made to a Disciplinary Committee shall be informed in writing that she/he has been the subject of a reference and shall be invited to give any observations or explanations to the Committee within a specified time.
- 6.5.2.3 The member(s) concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Committee.
- 6.5.2.4 The Committee shall take this response (if any) into account before coming to a decision and it shall immediately convey the decision in writing to the Council for implementation.
- 6.5.2.5 Any member(s) who has been the subject of a decision of a Disciplinary Committee may appeal that outcome to an Appeals Committee by notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary within 14 days after notification of the decision under appeal. The reasons for the Appeal shall be specified.
- 6.5.3 The Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the Council on as and when needed basis to deal with a specific appeal. It shall have five members who shall not have been members of the Disciplinary Committee at least two of whom shall be Council Members and all of whom shall be members of the Club for not less than three years. The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Council. An Appeals Committee, once appointed, shall remain in being until such time as it has addressed and decided on the appeal for which it was established.
- 6.5.3.1 The appellant shall have the right to be heard by the Committee.
- 6.5.3.2 The Committee shall take this response (if any) into consideration before coming to a decision. It shall immediately convey its decision in writing to the Council for implementation [similar to 6.5.2.4] and will inform the appellant of the process to be followed.
- 6.5.3.3 The Committee may confine itself to hearing the stated grounds of the appeal or it may hear the appeal as if it was hearing the matter for the first time.
- 6.5.3.4 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding.

## **6.6 THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- 6.6.1 The development committee shall be a standing sub-committee under the general supervision of the Council. It shall have special delegated authority to deal with the development of the Club and the Club facilities.
- 6.6.2 The Chairperson of the Development Committee shall be nominated annually by the Council and the other six members shall be proposed a) by Council or b) proposed and seconded by any two Members having voting rights at a general meeting, to a General Meeting of the Members for approval. Rule 5.3.2 applies.
- 6.6.3 The Development Committee shall remain in place for five years with the exception of the chairman who shall be nominated by Council every year. Any member who has completed a full five year term on the committee shall not be eligible for re-election until a period of two years has elapsed.
- 6.6.4 The functions of the Development Committee
- 6.6.4.1 To examine the development of the course and other club facilities and structures in liaison with the other relevant committees of the Club.
- 6.6.4.2 To make proposals to Council for development projects and to accompany such proposals with all relevant information and costings.
- 6.6.4.3 To monitor the implementation of development proposals and to ensure adherence to budgets in accordance with any regulations set out in this matter.
- 6.6.4.4 To report at least twice yearly to council and also to present an annual report to the AGM.
- 6.6.4.5 To have regular and frequent meetings with the Hon Treasurer of the Club
- 6.6.4.6 To assist in the long-term financial planning and capital expenditure of the Club.
- 6.6.5 Where a member of the development committee resigns or becomes otherwise unavailable the development committee shall, at its discretion, co-opt a replacement who shall be approved or otherwise at the next subsequent general meeting.

## **6.7 HONOURS COMMITTEE**

The Council is charged with ensuring the traditions and history of the Club are maintained and appropriately recognised.

- 6.7.1 The Honours Committee shall have the authority to assess the merits of any proposal to bestow Honorary Life Membership or Honorary Membership on an individual, or to assess proposals for the creation of other Club honours or memorials, and to make recommendations to Council on such proposals to ensure the prestige of such honour(s) is maintained.
- 6.7.2 The committee shall be composed of two Trustees, two other long-standing Members of the club and the Captains of the Ladies' Club and Men's Club in their year of Office.
- 6.7.3 Members of the Committee shall be appointed by Council.
- 6.7.4 Members of the Committee shall hold office until resignation. In the event of a vacancy occurring, Council will appoint a replacement.

## **7 OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

### **7.1 THE PRESIDENT**

The President of the Club shall be elected for a period of two years. Any Member who has been an Ordinary Member for fifteen years shall be eligible for election to the Presidency. (Years spent as a Lady Associate shall be used in computing the fifteen-year period). The Presidents during their term of office shall have their annual subscription paid by the Club. In addition, during their term of office, they shall receive from the Club an honorarium, the amount of which shall be determined by Council.

- 7.1.1 The President shall be the first Member of the Club.
- 7.1.2 The President shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Council.

7.1.3 The President shall attend such public functions in the clubhouse as he/she may be directed to do by Council. He/she shall also represent the Club at such external meetings/events as he/she may be directed or requested to attend by the Council.

7.1.4 The etiquette of the Club shall require that when present for public functions in the clubhouse the President shall take precedence.

## **7.2 THE HONORARY SECRETARY**

The Honorary Secretary shall be elected annually for a period of one year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6.2.2. Any Member who has been an Ordinary Member for five years (years spent as a Lady Associate shall be used in computing the five year period) shall be eligible for election to the office of Honorary Secretary. The Honorary Secretaries during their term of office shall have their annual subscription paid by the Club.

7.2.1 The Honorary Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of the Council. He/she may attend any meeting of any sub-committee.

7.2.2 The Honorary Secretary shall oversee the administration of the Club and the implementation of such policies as may be set out in General Meetings or by Council. Matters which are specifically assigned by Council to another officer shall not fall under the responsibility of the Honorary Secretary. He/she shall also be responsible for liaising with the General Manager of the Club and with any other employees or officials of the Club.

7.2.3 The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for convening General Meetings under Rule 5.4 or its subparagraphs. He shall also be responsible for the taking and safekeeping of minutes at such meetings and for the taking and safekeeping of minutes of Council meetings.

7.2.4 The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation and submission (in writing) to the Annual General Meeting of an annual report of the Club's activities.

## **7.3 THE HONORARY TREASURER**

The Honorary Treasurer of the Club shall be elected annually for a period of one year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6.2.2. Any Member who has been an Ordinary Member for five years (years spent as a Lady Associate shall be used in computing the five year period) shall be eligible for election to the office of Honorary Treasurer. The Honorary Treasurers during their term of office shall have their annual subscription paid by the Club.

7.3.1 The Honorary Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Council.

7.3.2 The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring that full and detailed financial accounts of the affairs of the Club are maintained. These accounts, which shall show the receipts and disbursements of the club, shall be open for inspection by any member(s) of the Council or any Trustee of the Club at all reasonable times.

7.3.3 The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for dealing with the Club Auditor(s) and he/she shall submit an audited statement of accounts for the financial year. Each Member shall be supplied with a copy of this statement as part of the documentation for the Annual General Meeting.

7.3.4 The Honorary Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget on behalf of the Council which budget shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

7.3.5 The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the bank account(s) held in the name of the Club in such banks as the Council may determine from time to time. He /she shall also have a general supervisory role in relation to any accounts held by the Island Men's or Ladies' Clubs. Signatories to all such accounts shall be determined by the Council from time to time.

7.3.6 The Honorary Treasurer shall with the approval of the Members at a General Meeting and under the direction of the Council make investments of specific Club funds, which investments shall stand in the name of the Trustees of the Club.

## **8 THE ISLAND MEN'S GOLF CLUB**

8.1 The body within The Island Golf Club which shall be responsible for the organisation and administration of Golf, including liaison with the GUI, for the male playing Members shall be known as The Island Men's Golf Club.

- 8.2 The objectives 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.
- 8.3 Membership of the Men's Club shall be the male playing Members of The Island Golf Club elected according to Club Rule 3.7 including all its sub paragraphs and following the procedures laid down in Rule 3.6 and its sub paragraphs.
- 8.4 Categories of membership shall be as defined in Club Rule 3.5 in accordance with the applicable sub paragraphs of that rule.
- 8.5 The Annual General meeting of the Men's Club shall be held before the Annual General Meeting of The Island Golf Club.
- 8.5.1 A preliminary notification advising Members of the proposed date of the AGM, and containing a list of Officers and Committee members who do not propose to seek re-election, and inviting Members to submit any motions and nominations for Office Bearers and Committee members, shall be circulated to all Members entitled to attend, and by notice posted in the Clubhouse, at least 35 days in advance of the AGM. At least 14 days official notice convening the AGM shall be given. Such communication shall be accompanied by an agenda and any necessary documentation, which shall include notice of motions proposed by the Committee, and other motions received in time to be included, the minutes of the previous AGM, and the Annual Report and Financial Statements.
- 8.5.2 Those eligible to attend and vote at General Meetings are those Members in the following categories: Ordinary and Honorary Life Members. Five day Members may attend but have no voting rights.
- 8.5.3 The agenda for the meeting shall include:  
Adoption of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting and of all other General Meetings held in the interim.  
Annual report of the Committee  
Adoption of Annual Financial Statement  
Election of Officers, Committee members and auditors.  
Notices of motion properly proposed  
Any other proper business.
- 8.5.4 Written notice of motions, which shall be duly proposed and seconded by any Member(s) having voting rights at the meeting, and nominations for Office Bearers and Committee members, again duly proposed and seconded by Members having voting rights, shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing in time to allow them to be posted in the Clubhouse for at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.5.5 Notices of motion shall be confined to the areas of competence of the Men's Club.
- 8.5.6 Voting at General Meetings of the Men's Club shall be in accordance with the standing orders of the Club.
- 8.5.7 The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 50 voting Members.
- 8.5.8 The following shall be elected at each AGM: the Captain, the Vice-Captain, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and five other members of the Committee. The Committee shall come into office immediately following the AGM of The Island Golf Club.
- 8.5.9 The convening of Special General Meetings will follow the general requirements set out in Rule 5.4 and its sub paragraphs.
- 8.6 The day-to-day administration of the Men's Club shall be under the control of a Committee and elected Officers.
- 8.6.1 The Committee shall consist of nine members. The Captain for the year, the Vice Captain, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be *ex officio* members and there shall be five other members elected at an Annual General Meeting.
- 8.6.2 The Committee shall be responsible for the election of new Members to the Men's Club in accordance with Rules 3.7.1 and 3.7.2.

- 8.6.3 The other principal duties of the Committee shall include:
- the maintenance of proper liaison with the GUI
  - the fulfilment of the requirements of affiliation
  - the levying and forwarding to the GUI by way of per capita subscription or otherwise of all levies due to the GUI
  - the proper administration of such handicapping system as is approved by the union
  - the monitoring of compliance by the Members with the handicapping system.
- 8.6.4 The Committee shall meet at least once every two months. Meetings shall be chaired by the Captain or, in his absence, by any officer of the Men's Club present. The quorum for a meeting shall be five and the chairman, in the case of a tied decision, shall have a casting vote.
- 8.6.5 The Committee shall be empowered to set up sub committees to deal with any of the matters, which fall within its jurisdiction, to nominate the members and the chairman of such sub-committees. These sub-committees shall cease to exist at the same time as the nominating committee goes out of office.
- 8.7 In order to be eligible for election to the offices of Captain or Vice Captain, it will be required that each candidate shall have been a male Ordinary Member for at least five years and shall have served as a member on the Committee of the Men's Club or the Council of The Island Golf Club for at least one year. To be elected to the offices of Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer, it will be required that each candidate shall have been a male Ordinary Member for at least five years. All Officers and Committee members may be re-elected for a maximum of two further years following which they shall not be eligible for re-election until a period of one year has elapsed. The Officers of the Men's Club shall have the rights and obligations as set out hereunder.
- 8.7.1 The Captain shall be the principal officer of the Men's Club. He shall chair the Committee of which he is an *ex-officio* member and he shall also chair the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club. The Captain shall also be an *ex officio* member of the Council of the Club. He will normally represent the Men's Club at meetings and events organised by the counterparts of the Men's Club in other clubs. The Captain during his term of office shall have his annual subscription paid by the Club. In addition, during his term of office, he shall receive from the Club an honorarium, the amount of which shall be determined by Council.
- 8.7.2 The Vice Captain shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. In the subsequent year he shall succeed the Captain subject to election by the General Meeting. His normal duties will require him to deputise for the Captain at the Captain's express request or in the Captain's absence.
- 8.7.3 The Honorary Secretary shall take charge of all correspondence that falls within the competence of the Men's Club Committee. He shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Council. He shall convene General Meetings of the Men's Club and ensure that the requisite documentation is in order. He shall also be responsible for the taking and safekeeping of minutes of all General Meetings of the Men's Club and of the meetings of the Committee and he shall forward copies of such minutes to Council as the Council may require at specific times.
- 8.7.4 The Honorary Treasurer shall, under the general supervision of the Honorary Treasurer of The Island Golf Club, be responsible for all funds relating to internal club competitions and to approve inter-club competitions. He shall maintain such bank accounts as are necessary for this task and in such banks as are approved by the Council of the Club. Such accounts should be open to inspection by the Committee or by the Trustees or members of the Council of the Club at all reasonable times.
- 8.7.5 Members of the Committee shall have been male Ordinary Members. They shall be elected annually for a period not exceeding three successive years in total. Following on this period they shall not be eligible for election to committee until a period of one year has elapsed unless elected as Vice Captain or Captain.
- 8.7.6 Any places on the Committee that are not filled at the Annual General Meeting or that become vacant during the year may be filled by co-option by the Committee.

## **9. THE ISLAND LADIES' GOLF CLUB**

- 9.1 The body within The Island Golf Club, which shall be responsible for the organisation and administration of golf, including liaison with the ILGU, for the female playing Members shall be known as The Island 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.

- 9.3 Membership of the Ladies' Club shall be the female playing Members of The Island Golf Club elected according to Club Rule 3.7 including all its sub paragraphs and following the procedures laid down in Rule 3.6 and its sub paragraphs.
- 9.4 Categories of membership shall be as defined in Club Rule 3.5 in accordance with the applicable sub paragraphs of that rule.
- 9.5 The Annual General meeting of the Ladies' Club shall be held before the Annual General Meeting of The Island Golf Club.
- 9.5.1 A preliminary notification advising Members of the proposed date of the AGM, and containing a list of Officers and Committee members who do not propose to seek re-election, and inviting Members to submit any motions and nominations for Office Bearers and Committee members, shall be circulated to all Members entitled to attend, and by notice posted in the Clubhouse, at least 35 days in advance of the AGM. At least 14 days official notice convening the AGM shall be given. Such communication shall be accompanied by an agenda and any necessary documentation, which shall include notice of motions proposed by the Committee, and other motions received in time to be included, the minutes of the previous AGM, and the Annual Report and Financial Statements.
- 9.5.2 Those eligible to attend and vote at General Meetings are those Members in the following categories: Ordinary and Honorary Life Members. Five day Members may attend but have no voting rights.
- 9.5.3 The agenda for the meeting shall include:  
Adoption of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting and of all other General Meetings held in the interim.  
Annual report of the Committee  
Adoption of Annual Financial Statement  
Election of Officers, Committee and auditors.  
Notices of motion properly proposed  
Any other proper business.
- 9.5.4 Written notice of motions, which shall be duly proposed and seconded by any Member(s) having voting rights at the meeting, and nominations for Office Bearers and Committee members, again duly proposed and seconded by Members having voting rights, shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing in time to allow them to be posted in the clubhouse for at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.5.5 Notices of motion shall be confined to the areas of competence of the Ladies' Club.
- 9.5.6 Voting at General Meetings of the Ladies' Club shall be in accordance with the standing orders of the Club.
- 9.5.7 The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 25% of voting members for the Ladies Club.
- 9.5.8 The following shall be elected at each AGM: the Captain, the Vice-Captain, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Handicap Secretary and four other members of the Committee. The Committee shall come into office immediately following the AGM of The Island Golf Club.
- 9.5.9 The convening of Special General Meetings will follow the general requirements set out in Rule 5.4 and its sub paragraphs.
- 9.6 The day-to-day administration of the Ladies' Club shall be under the control of a Committee and elected officers.
- 9.6.1 The Committee shall consist of nine members. The Captain for the year, the Vice Captain, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be *ex officio* members and there shall be five other members, one of those five may be elected as Honorary Handicap Secretary at an Annual General Meeting.
- 9.6.2 The Committee shall be responsible for the election of new Members to the Ladies' Club in accordance with Rules 3.7.1 and 3.7.2.
- 9.6.3 The other principal duties of the Committee shall include:  
- the maintenance of proper liaison with the ILGU  
- the fulfilment of the requirements of affiliation  
- the levying and forwarding to the ILGU by way of per capita subscription or otherwise of all levies due to the ILGU



- the proper administration of such handicapping system as is approved by the union
  - the monitoring of compliance by the Members with the handicapping system.
- 9.6.4 The Committee shall meet at least once every two months. Meetings shall be chaired by the Captain or, in her absence, by any Officer of the Ladies' Club present. The quorum for a meeting shall be six and the chairman, in the case of a tied decision, shall have a casting vote.
- 9.6.5 The Committee shall be empowered to set up sub committees to deal with any of the matters which fall within its jurisdiction, to nominate the members and the chairperson of such sub-committees. These sub-committees shall cease to exist at the same time as the nominating committee goes out of office.
- 9.7 The Officers of the Ladies' Club shall have the rights and obligations as set out hereunder. Eligibility for election to the offices of Captain, Vice Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer will require that each candidate shall have been a female Ordinary Member or Lady Associate Member for at least five years and shall have served as a member on the Committee of the Ladies' Club or the Council of The Island Golf Club for at least one year. All Officers and Committee members may be re-elected for a maximum of two further years following which they shall not be eligible for re-election until a period of one year has elapsed.
- 9.7.1 The Captain shall be the principal officer of the Ladies' Club. She shall chair the Committee of which she is an *ex-officio* member. She shall also chair the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Club. The Captain shall also be an *ex officio* member of the Council of the Club. She will normally represent the Ladies' Club at meetings and events organised by the counterparts of the Ladies' Club in other clubs. The Captain during her term of office shall have her annual subscription paid by the Club. In addition, during her term of office, she shall receive from the Club an honorarium, the amount of which shall be determined by Council.
- 9.7.2 The Vice Captain shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. In the subsequent year she shall succeed the Captain subject to election by the General Meeting. Her normal duties will require her to deputise for the Captain at the Captain's express request or in the Captain's absence.
- 9.7.3 The Honorary Secretary shall take charge of all correspondence which falls within the competence of the Ladies' Club Committee. She shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Council of The Island Golf Club. She shall convene General Meetings of the Ladies' Club and ensure that the requisite documentation is in order. She shall also be responsible for the taking and safekeeping of minutes of all General Meetings of the Ladies' Club and of the meetings of the Committee and she shall forward copies of such minutes to Council as the Council may require at specific times.
- 9.7.4 The Honorary Treasurer of The Island Golf Club shall be responsible for all funds relating to the Ladies Club and shall maintain such bank accounts as are necessary for this task. Such accounts should be open to inspection by the Ladies Committee at all times. The Honorary Treasurer shall provide a statement of all relevant accounts for inclusion at the Ladies Annual General Meeting.
- 9.7.5 Members of the Committee shall have been female Ordinary Members or Lady Associate Members for at least three years. They shall be elected annually for a period not exceeding three successive years in total. Following on this period they shall not be eligible for election to Committee until a period of one year has elapsed unless elected as Vice Captain or Captain.
- 9.7.6 Any places on the Committee that are not filled at the Annual General Meeting or that become vacant during the year may be filled by co-option by the Committee.

## **10. SPECIAL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE REGISTRATATION OF CLUBS ACTS AND THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LEGLISLATION**

- 10.1 No member of the Council and no manager or servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or in the profit arising from such sale.
- 10.2 A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a Member and the Member shall, upon the admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately upon his/her being supplied with such liquor, enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book which shall be kept for the purpose, and which shall show the date of each visit.
- 10.3 Subject to the exception specified in sub-section (2) and (3) of Section 56(1) of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1927, as amended by Section 26 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1988 and Section 5 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1995 and as amended by Section 7 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000, 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;
- (b) On any other day, outside the following hours;
  - (i) St. Patrick's Day; between 12.30 pm and 12.30 am on the following day;
  - (ii) The 23<sup>rd</sup> of December; if it falls on a Sunday, between 10.30 am and 11.30 pm;
  - (iii) Christmas Eve and the eve of Good Friday; between 10.30 am and 11.30 pm.;
  - (iv) The eve of any public holiday (other than Christmas Eve);
  - (v) If the eve falls on a weekday, between 10.30 am and 12.30 am on the following day, or
  - (vi) If it falls on a Sunday, between 12.30 pm and 12.30 am on the following day;
  - (vii) Any other Sunday (except a St. Patrick's Day which falls on a Sunday); between 12.30 pm and 11.00 pm.
  - (viii) Any other Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday; between 10.30am and 11.30 pm ; and
  - (ix) Any other Friday or Saturday; between 10.30 am and 12.30 am on the following day.

The hours specified in paragraph (b) in respect of any day specified in that paragraph are in addition to the period between midnight and 12.30 am on that day where that period is included in the hour so specified in respect of the eve of that day.

10.4 Nothing contained in the Registration of Clubs Acts, 1904 to 1999 or contained, by virtue only of the operation of Section 56 (1) as amended by the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 2000 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 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm or between 7.00 pm and 10.00 pm or
- (b) Or 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 Sub Section (1)(b) of Section 56 (as amended) to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the Club premises, if in each case the excisable liquor is:
  - (i) Ordered by or on behalf of that person at the same time as a substantial meal is so ordered and,
  - (ii) Consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended.

## **10.5 Additional provisions**

- 10.5.1 No intoxicating liquor may be supplied to any Member under the influence of drink. Any servant of the Club violating this Rule shall be immediately dismissed and shall not be eligible for re-appointment. No Member shall be allowed into the Club premises while under the influence of drink.
- 10.5.2 The price of all goods and of all excisable liquor sold in the Club shall be settled in advance by the Council and a price list shall be displayed in the bar. A Member must pay for all goods and excisable liquor at the time of purchase. Credit will not be permitted under any circumstances.
- 10.5.3 No goods or excisable liquor shall be ordered or supplied for Club purposes unless properly authorised in accordance with the directives of the Council.
- 10.5.4 All profits earned at the Club (after provision has been made against past or future expenditure) shall accrue to the Club and shall be applied for the benefit of the Club.

## **11. INCOME AND PROPERTY, WINDING-UP, ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS AND KEEPING OF ACCOUNTS CLAUSES TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE GRANTING OF A SPORTING EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 235, TAXES CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1997.**

### **11.1 Income and Property Clause**

The income and property of The Island Golf Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main object(s) as set forth in these Rules. No portion of the Club's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the Members of the Club. No Officer shall be appointed to any office of the Club paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:

- a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member, officer or servant of the Club (not being an Officer) for any services rendered to the Club;

- b) interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by Officers or other Members of the Club to the Club;
- c) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any Member of the Club (including any Officer) to the Club;
- d) reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club;
- e) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any Company of which an Officer may be a Member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company.

### **11.2 Winding-up Clause**

If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the Club. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income or property among its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club under or by virtue of Clause 11.1 (income and property clause) hereof. Members of the Club shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.

### **11.3 Additions, Alterations or Amendments Clause**

No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to the provisions of the main object clause, the income and property clause, the winding-up clause, the keeping of accounts clause or this clause of the Rules for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners.

### **11.4 Keeping of Accounts Clause**

Annual accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.

## ***ADDITION of APPENDIX 1 to the RULES***

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#### **NOTES ON INTERPRETATION**

**Introduction:** The notes on interpretation of the Rules of the Island Golf Club are not meant to give a complete picture. They should be supplemented and augmented as needs arise. Further, as they are in an Appendix to the Rules, they do not form part of the Rules themselves and therefore can be changed by Council – using the same procedures as used for bye-law change.

1. The Rules of the Island Golf Club are written in a language that is readily accessible to all the Members. They are not written in scientific or legal language. The language used is meant to be correct, concise and to avoid as far as possible any ambiguities. The rules are so structured that they should not give rise to anomalies and internal incoherence. This however may arise from time to time. Where disputes arise as to the meaning of a Rule or Rules then the following should be taken into account.
2. In the first instance the dictionary meaning of the words will prevail
3. The intention of the framers and original approvers of the Rules will be taken into account
4. Interpretations that would lead to consequences that are patently absurd and definitely not within the intention or the aims of the Rules or the framers of the Rules are not acceptable.
5. If a particular practice or understanding has, over a period of time, given rise to a certain interpretation of a Rule and if this interpretation is not proving harmful to the Club or to individual Members, then this view should be treated respectfully in any dispute concerning interpretation.
6. A Rule which has given rise to a call for interpretation should be read in conjunction with other relevant Rules and should be read in the light of the aims and objectives of the Club and of the intention of those who had approved the Rule.