



PRIVATE MEMBERS CLUB DRAFT RULES

These draft Rules are merely suggestions, each club will have to take into account the current Rules and what is required before proceeding.

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THE GOLF CLUB

RULES

GENERAL

1. The name of the Club is the Golf Club and the Club is a Members' Club.
2. The objects of the Club are to manage a golf course and Clubhouse for its' Members and to provide for the supply to them of refreshments and all things incidental to the playing of golf.

Note: If the club has other facilities such as Tennis or Bowls then this Rule should include reference to them.

3. PROPERTY

3.1 The property of the Club (other than cash and movable chattels and effects) shall be vested in Trustees and shall be dealt with by them as the Management Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution of which an entry In the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence. The Trustees shall be not more than four in number. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. Any Trustee shall hold office until death or resignation, or until removed from office by a resolution of the Management Committee. If by reason of any such death, resignation or removal, it shall appear to the management Committee necessary or expedient that a new Trustee should be appointed, or if the Management Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee the Management Committee shall by resolution nominate the person to be appointed such or additional Trustee. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman for the time being of the Management Committee is hereby declared to be the person empowered to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925. He shall by Deed duly appoint the person so nominated by the Management Committee as a Trustee of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such

appointment. Any statement of fact in any such Deed of Appointment shall in favour of a person dealing bona-fide and for value with the Club or with the Management Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

In many cases the club may register the land in the name of a Limited Company rather than have appointed Trustees. In which case you will have a rule such as 3.2 below but much will depend on the present situation.

3.2 All the property and assets of the club shall be vested in the name of theGolf Club Limited which is a company limited by guarantee.

Note: There will be separate Memorandum and Articles of Association for this company and this should include necessary Rules to tie it in with theGolf Club. This Company merely acts as a holding company and does not trade.

4. **MEMBERSHIP** (Categories)

Note: It is important in setting the different categories of membership to set out what their rights are as this avoids problems later on. These should be carefully thought out to avoid any future problems.

4.1 The membership of the Club shall consist exclusively of the following categories of Members. The Management Committee may limit the number of Members of any category or categories at any time as they think fit. Current Members of each such category shall have the qualifications and rights listed under each such category and no others.

Note: It is advisable not to put in any set numbers as situations change and this avoids having to call a meeting to increase the numbers.

4.1.1 **Gentlemen Members** - Full, Honorary Life, Life (Voting Members)

Any such Member may:-

- a) If he has been a Voting Member for at least two years:-
 - i) Be an Officer or Member of any Committee or Sub-Committee of the Club.
 - ii) Nominate a Member who is qualified to serve on the House Committee, or the Green Committee, under Rule 21.
 - iii) Propose or second a candidate for any category of membership of the Club.
- b) Vote at any General Meeting.
- c) Use the golf course and the facilities of the Clubhouse at any time they are respectively open and play in Gentlemen's and Mixed Club Competitions.
- d) Introduce visitors to use the golf course when open.

4.1.2 **Lady Members** - Full, Honorary Life, Life Members (Voting Members)

Any such Member may:-

- a) If she has been a Voting Member for at least two years:-
 - i) Be an Officer or Member of any Committee or Sub/Committee of the Club.
 - ii) Nominate a Member who is so qualified to serve on the House Committee or the Green Committee under Rule 21.
 - iii) Propose or second a candidate for any category of membership of the Club.

Any Member of categories i) and ii) above is referred in these Rules for convenience as a Voting Member. The following categories of Members may be of either sex but references to Club Competitions for the sex concerned or to Mixed Competitions.

- b) Vote at any General Meeting.
- c) Use the golf course and the facilities of the clubhouse at any time they are respectively open and play in Ladies' or, Mixed Club Competitions
- d) Introduce visitors to use the golf course when open.

4.1.3 **Five-Day Members**

Any such Member may:-

- a) Use the golf course if open at anytime time except on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays, play in Club Competitions except on those days, and use the facilities of the Clubhouse at any time it is open.
- b) Introduce visitors to use the golf course when open except on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays.

***Note:** This Rule precludes this category of members from voting at meetings or serving on the committee. If the number of members of this category is more than 15% of the total membership the licensing authorities may insist on them having a vote.*

4.1.4 **Honorary Members**

Such Members shall be elected by the Management Committee in suitable cases on such terms as they may decide, but any such Member:-

- a) Shall not be qualified to be an Officer or Member of any Committee of the Club.
- b) Shall not be entitled to vote at any General Meeting.
- c) Shall not be entitled to propose or second a candidate for any category of membership of the Club.

4.1.5 Junior Members

Any such Member must be aged over ten but under eighteen years and may:-

- a) Use the golf course at any time it is open but shall not start play between the hours of 12 noon and 3.30 pm on Saturdays or before 3.30 pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays unless playing in a Club Competition or Club Match or with an adult Member who is entitled to start play at such times. Any Junior Member with a handicap of 9 or less shall be exempt from these restrictions at weekends and Bank Holidays.
- b) If aged sixteen years or over, use the facilities of the Clubhouse at any time it is open but subject to Rules 4.1.5 i) and ii).
- c) If aged less than sixteen years, use the facilities of the Locker Rooms but, only if accompanied by an adult Member, use the facilities of the Clubhouse subject to Rules 4.1.5 i) and ii).
- d) Play in Club Competitions reserved entirely for Juniors but not in other Club Competitions in circumstances in which it is necessary for another Junior Member to mark his card. But a Junior Member may play in main Club Medal and Stableford Competitions if he has an official Club handicap of twenty-four or less and may play in main Club Trophy Competitions if he has an Official Club handicap of twelve or less.
- e) Upon reaching the age of eighteen years, apply to the Secretary for any other category of membership without need for introduction under Rule 5.1.

The following restrictions shall apply to all Junior Members, namely they:-

- i) May not use the snooker table
- ii) May not play the gaming machines
- iii) Shall have no standing on the golf course except when playing in an official club competition

Note: If the Juniors' have their own club room and changing room then the rules should specify they do not use the main changing rooms.

4.1.6 Student Members

Any such Member shall be elected at the discretion of the Management Committee from persons aged eighteen years or over who are full-time students at any establishments of Further Education and may:-

- a) Use the golf course if open on any day of the week and play in Club Competitions, in both cases subject to the discretion of the Management Committee.
- b) Introduce visitors to use the golf course at any time he is entitled to use it.
- c) On ceasing to be a full-time student, apply to the Secretary for any other category of Membership without need for introduction under Rule 5.1.

Note: You may have to be flexible for this class of membership as there are several variations you might need to include.

4.1.7 Social Members

Any such Member may:-

- a) Use the facilities of the Clubhouse at any time it is open.
- b) Use the Putting Green but not in the capacity of a Member the golf course.

Note: If you have a membership totalling more than 15% of the total membership then the licensing authorities may insist that they have the vote.

4.1.8 Country Members

Any such Member must be a full playing member of another Golf Club and reside beyond a radius fifty miles from the Clubhouse and have no business or private address within the said radius and may:-

- a) Use the golf course and facilities of the Clubhouse at any time they are respectively open
- b) Play in monthly Medal and Stableford Competitions but not in Club Trophy Competitions.

4.1.9 Temporary Members

Any such Member must be a member of a recognised Golf Club and be introduced by a member of any category who shall at least forty-eight hours previously have entered the proposed Member's name and golf club in the Temporary Members Book.

A Temporary Member may use the golf course and the facilities of the Clubhouse for such periods and upon such terms as the Management Committee may from time to time determine.

5 MEMBERSHIP (Election)

5.1 Subject to Rules 4.1.5 e) and 4.1.6 c), each candidate for membership (other than for Honorary Life Membership, Life Membership or Temporary Membership) must be proposed by one and seconded by another Voting Member of two years standing to both of whom such candidate must be personally known. Such proposal shall be in such written form and contain such particulars as the Management Committee shall determine and be signed by the Proposer and Secunder. Such candidate's name and occupation and the names of his Proposer and Secunder shall be posted in the Clubhouse for at least twenty-one days before election. Any omission from or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to or the description of any such candidate shall render his subsequent election voidable at the discretion of the Management Committee. His Proposer and Secunder will be responsible for his conduct during his first twelve months' membership.

5.2.1 Election to membership (other than Honorary Life Membership, Life Membership, Honorary Membership or Temporary Membership) shall be by ballot of the Management Committee and shall take place at such times as the Management Committee shall think fit. One blackball shall preclude such election. On due election notice of election shall be sent to

such candidate together with a copy of these Rules and Bye-Laws and a request to transmit to the Secretary the Entrance Fee, if any, and first subscription. If such Entrance Fee and first subscription are not paid within one month of the date of such request, the Management Committee may deem void the election of such candidate as a Member unless he shall satisfy the Management Committee that the delay in payment was due to absence from Great Britain or to some other sufficient cause.

Note: Many clubs have done away with the blackball principle and have applications approved by a vote which can be from a straight majority to a number against.

5.2 No such candidate may purchase intoxicating liquor in the Clubhouse until two days have elapsed from the time of his proposal.

Note: Some clubs allow the candidate to use the facilities of the club whilst awaiting election but this will depend on the procedure and waiting list. If you charge for a candidate to go on the waiting list then this should be clearly set out in the rules.

5.3 The Management Committee may cancel the election of any Member within twelve months of the payment of his first subscription and shall not be required to give any reason for so doing, but such Member's Entrance Fee, if any, shall be returned.

5.4 There shall be Entrance Fees and Annual Subscriptions of such amounts as the Management Committee may from time to time determine.

Note: This gives the Management Committee the power to set the subscriptions without having to call a meeting to get any change approved.

5.5 Annual Subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the first day of October in each year. A Notice showing the subscriptions payable shall be kept posted in the Secretary's office.

5.6 The Management Committee shall have power to elect Honorary Life Members, Life Members and Honorary Members in suitable cases on such terms as they may decide. Any such election shall be subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting following the effective date of such election. Any such Member shall not be liable for any subscription.

Note: All the above dates will depend on the club's financial and subscription year.

6. MEMBERSHIP (Termination)

Note: The months and dates will vary according to the clubs and should be changed as required.

6.1 Any Member may resign membership by giving to the Secretary notice in writing to that effect provided that any Member giving such notice after 30th September in any year shall be liable to pay his subscription for the year commencing 1st October in that year.

6.2 If any Member shall omit to pay his annual subscription on November next or before the first day of notice, he shall be notified of his failure to pay and if payment shall not be made within fourteen days of such notice, the Management Committee shall consider the Member to be a defaulter. Any such defaulter shall cease to be a Member and his name erased by the Management Committee from the Books without prejudice to liability for the subscription for the year then current. But if at any time such defaulter shall give to the Management Committee a satisfactory explanation of his default, he may be reappointed to membership at the discretion of the Management Committee and on payment of any arrears and of a fine set from time to time by the Management Committee.

6.3 If any Member shall be convicted of any indictable offence or be adjudicated bankrupt or make a composition or arrangement with his Creditors such Member shall immediately cease to be a Member, without prejudice to any liability for subscription for the year then current, but the Management Committee shall have power in their discretion to re-admit such Member without Entrance Fee.

6.4 If the conduct of any Member, either on the golf course or greens or in the Clubhouse or elsewhere, shall, in the opinion of at least three-fourths of the Members of the Management Committee present at a meeting specially summoned to consider the case, be injurious to the character and interests of the Club, the Management Committee shall call attention to such conduct and request such Member to resign, and if the Member, so requested shall not within seven days of receiving such request either resign or offer an explanation of his conduct with which a simple majority of the Management Committee is satisfied, such Member shall cease to be a Member of the Club.

6.5 The Management Committee shall have the power to suspend a member for a period not exceeding twelve months. Before taking this action the Member must be given the right to a hearing before the Management Committee and to if they wish be accompanied or represented.

Note: Those clubs within the jurisdiction of the English Golf Union are advised to include their recommendations for disciplinary matters but these only cover matters relating to the playing of golf.

7 GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 An Annual General Meetings of the Club shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Management Committee. Its business shall be:-

- a) To receive from the Chairman of the Club a report on the general condition and progress of the Club during the preceding year.
- b) To receive and, if approved, adopt a Report on the audited accounts of the Club.
- c) To confirm the election of the Chairman of the Club, the Captain, Vice-Captain and Honorary Treasurer and, if applicable, under Rule 31, the President.

- d) To elect Members of the House Committee and Members of the Green Committee under Rule 21.
- e) To transact any business relating to the affairs of the Club of which due notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.
- f) To elect the Club Auditor's for the year.

Note: You should include all items that are dealt with at the AGM to avoid any problems in the future.

7.2.1 The Management Committee may at any time for any special purpose call a Special General Meeting and shall do so forthwith upon the requisition in writing of not less than sixty Voting Members stating the purpose for which such meeting is required.

Note: The number required will vary between clubs but it should be at least 10% of voting members.

7.2.2 Notwithstanding the powers given to the Management Committee in these Rules, directions may be given to the Management Committee shall act upon such powers (and the Management Committee shall act upon such directions) by resolution passed at any General Meeting.

7.3 Notice of any Annual General Meeting shall be posted in the Clubhouse not less than forty-two days beforehand. Any Voting Member desirous of moving any resolution at such Meeting shall give notice of such resolution in writing to the Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the proposed date of such Meeting. Notice of any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to every Voting Member not less than fourteen days before the proposed date of such Meeting and no other business shall be admitted at such Meeting. Copies of the audited accounts of the Club for the year ended during the year immediately preceding any Annual General Meeting shall be sent with the notice of such Meeting.

7.4 No amendment (other than a motion for adjournment) shall be moved to any resolution proposed at any General Meeting unless written notice thereof shall have been sent to the Secretary at least seven days before the proposed Meeting and shall have been, forthwith posted up in the Clubhouse.

7.5 At any General Meeting the Chairman of the Management Committee or, failing him, another Member of the Management Committee selected by the Management Committee for the purpose, shall be Chairman of such Meeting and his decision as to the result of the voting on any question shall be final. Each voting Member present shall be entitled to one vote on each motion. The resolution shall be carried by a majority of more than two-thirds of the voting thereon. A quorum at a General Meeting shall be sixty.

8 THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Composition and Election)

Note: The set up of this committee and how it operates will vary between clubs and it is up to each club to decide the best set up. The constitution that follows is only one of many different ones that are available and you will need to decide the best for each club.

8.1 The Management Committee shall be the General Committee of the Club and shall consist of the following persons:-

- a) The Chairman of the Club, the Captain, the Vice-Captain and the Honorary Treasurer as elected under Rule 13.1
- b) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House Committee and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Green Committee as elected under Rule 13.2.2.

Note: An alternative to the above would be to have a Management Committee consisting of the following. The Chairman, Finance Member, Golf Course Member, Clubhouse Member, Development Member and Membership Member along with the Captain and Vice Captain. There are no sub committees unless specifically required by the Management Committee and the Captain and Vice Captain look after the golf and social side of the club.

8.2 The Captain and the Vice Captain shall be ex-officio Members of the Management Committee.

9 HOUSE COMMITTEE AND GREEN COMMITTEE (Composition and Election)

9.1 The House Committee and the Green Committee shall each consist of five Voting Members. The two Members of each such Committee who have continuously served the longest period since election to that Committee shall retire from Membership of that Committee at each Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election subject to Rule 9.2. The names of such retiring Members who are eligible for re-election shall be exhibited to Voting Members at least forty-two days before the relevant Annual General Meeting. Candidates for election as Members of the House Committee and of the Green Committee shall be nominated by two Voting Members and the names of such candidates must be received by the Secretary at least twenty eight days before. If more candidates are nominated than there are vacancies, election shall be by postal ballot and ballot papers shall be sent out with the notice of the relevant Meeting. All completed ballot papers must be returned to the Secretary either no later than one hour prior to the commencement of the relevant Meeting or be handed in to scrutineers elected by the said Meeting to conduct the result of the ballot. Voting Members may vote for up to as many candidates as there are vacancies. Any ballot paper with more votes than there are vacancies will be deemed to be spoiled. The names of the successful candidates or of candidates elected without ballot shall be declared at the said Meeting.

9.2. The maximum continuous time which any Voting Member may serve on the House Committee or the Green Committee respectively shall be six years excluding any time served to fill a casual vacancy under Rule 10.1. After a period of at least one year's non-membership of the House Committee and Green Committee respectively the Voting Member may again be elected under Rules 7.1 and 9.1. Nothing in this Rule shall preclude a Voting Member from becoming a Member of the House Committee immediately after ceasing to be a Member of the Green Committee or vice versa.

Note: Having these two sub committees means that the running of the club involves slightly more members which in some cases is felt as a safety valve.

10 CASUAL VACANCIES

10.1 Any casual vacancy amongst the officers of the Club or amongst the Members of the Management Committee shall be filled by election by the Management Committee. Any casual vacancy amongst the Members of the House Committee or amongst Members of the Green Committee shall be filled respectively by election by the House Committee and the Green Committee. Any Officer or Voting Member filling such casual vacancy shall complete the term of office remaining for the vacancy and may then be eligible for election.

11 THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Procedure)

11.1 The Chairman of the Club shall be the Chairman of the Management Committee.

11.2 The Management Committee shall meet at such times and dates as they may determine. Four members shall constitute a quorum. If the Chairman is not present at any meeting, the Management Committee shall appoint one of their number to take the chair at that meeting. In the event of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Minutes of the proceedings shall be duly signed by the Chairman and kept by the Secretary.

11.3 On receipt of the request signed by the Chairman of the Management Committee or by the Secretary that a Special Meeting of the Management Committee be summoned and stating the nature of business for which it is to be summoned, the Secretary shall forthwith issue notices summoning such a meeting on a day and at an hour to be fixed by the Chairman.

11.3.1 In addition to the House Committee and the Green Committee elected by Members in accordance with Rule 7.1, the Management Committee may appoint such other Sub-Committees as they may deem necessary or expedient and will lay down the powers, duties and responsibilities of all the Club Committees and Sub-Committees who must report periodically their proceedings to the Management Committee. These Club Committees and Sub-Committees will be responsible to the Management Committee for the efficient control of their business in accordance with the directions of the Management Committee

11.3.2 Administration

The Management Committee shall annually at its first Meeting after the Annual General Meeting appoint the following non-executive officers who must be Voting Members but must not be Members of the Management Committee:-

- a) Honorary Competitions Secretary
- b) Honorary Handicap Secretary
- c) Honorary County/District Golf Representative
- d) Honorary Junior Secretary
- e) Honorary Secretary of the Membership Committee

Any voting Member may hold more than one such non-executive office but as such holder shall not be entitled to attend or vote at any Meeting of the Management Committee.

Note: These appointments require members prepared to work and give their time to the club and care should be taken in putting names forward.

12 THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Powers)

12.1 The Management Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Club in accordance with these Rules and shall have power to engage, control and dismiss the Club's servants and shall have all other administrative powers as may be necessary properly to carry out the objects of the Club.

12.2 Such powers of management and administration shall include the following powers:-

- a) To raise or borrow money for the purpose of the Club with or without mortgage of any property of the Club including power to raise or borrow money upon the security of a guarantee or mortgage given by The Trustees at the request of the Management Committee.
- b) To provide money to The Trustees of the Golf Club whether by way of loan or otherwise in order to discharge any overdraft or borrowing incurred by that Club from time to time in connection with any property of the Club or used in connection with the activities of the Club.

Any liability incurred by authority of the Management Committee or the Trustees of the Club in carrying on the business of the Club shall be made good by the Club and the Members of the Management Committee and the Trustees shall be fully indemnified by Voting Members of the Club in respect of any such liability.

12.3 The Management Committee may make or alter Bye-Laws as they shall from time to time think necessary for the internal management and well-being of the Club. Such Bye-Laws shall not be binding in so far as they may be inconsistent with these Rules but otherwise shall be binding upon all Members.

13 OFFICERS

13.1 The Chairman of the Club, the Captain, Vice-Captain and Honorary Treasurer of the Club for the next ensuing year shall be elected by the Management Committee at its= last Meeting before the holding of the relevant Annual General Meeting from candidates nominated by one or more voting Members, provided that they have been voting Members for at least two years. Such election shall be confirmed at the ensuing Annual General Meeting under Rule 7.1 and such newly elected Officers shall hold office from the close of such Annual General Meeting until the close of the next succeeding Annual General Meeting when they shall retire unless re-elected.

13.2.1 If any such election or re-election shall not be confirmed at the relevant Annual General Meeting further election shall be made by the Management Committee and such election shall be confirmed at a Special General Meeting which for this purpose shall be deemed to have been duly requisitioned under Rule 7.2.

13.2.2 The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House Committee and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Green Committee shall respectively be elected from their numbers by the Members of the House Committee and the Members of the Green Committee at their respective first Meetings in every year following the Annual General Meeting and these Officers shall hold office until the meeting following the Annual General Meeting in the next succeeding year.

14 THE PRESIDENT

14.1 The President shall hold office for a period of three years. The President shall be nominated by the Management Committee before the Annual General Meeting immediately preceding the commencement of office and the election shall be confirmed by that Meeting.

15 THE VICE-PRESIDENT

15.1 The Vice-President shall be elected by the Management Committee.

16 THE SECRETARY

16.1 The Secretary shall be appointed by the Management Committee on such terms and subject to such conditions and upon such remuneration as the Management Committee shall think fit. The Secretary shall be an Honorary Member so long as he shall hold the office of Secretary.

17 FACILITIES

17.1 The golf course and greens shall be open from dawn to dusk every day except when declared closed by the Green Committee by reason of climatic or ground conditions. Golfers must give way to members of the green keeping staff who may be cutting or switching

greens, fairways or tees, before 9.30 am on weekdays. The Clubhouse shall be open from 8.30 am to 10.30 pm on every day except Christmas Day.

Note: This will vary between clubs and you will need to adjust it according to the need of the members and visitors.

17.2 The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be from 11.00 am to 10.30 pm on weekdays and Saturdays and from 12 noon to 10.30 pm on Sundays and Good Fridays. On Christmas Day from 12 noon - 3 pm and 7 pm - 10.30 pm.

Note: These hours are based on English & Welsh Licensing Laws they may vary in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

17.3 The charges to be made for cards and games and for meals and refreshments and intoxicating liquors and tobacco shall be such as shall be determined by the Management Committee. Every Member shall pay any such charges as have been incurred whether on his own account or for his visitor before leaving the Clubhouse on the day the same have been incurred.

17.4 Subject to Rule 5.2.2 and to any restrictions which from time to time may be imposed by the Management Committee, non-members may be admitted to the Clubhouse and may purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises namely:-

- a) Golfers on payment of the appropriate green fee.
- b) Persons taking table meals in the Clubhouse.
- c) Persons attending functions in the Clubhouse in whatever capacity.
- d) Club employees.

Note: This rule will need approval of the licensing authorities and their approval will depend on the area with again variations in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

18. MISCELLANEOUS

18.1 No member shall give the address of the Club in any advertisement or use the Club address for business purposes.

18.2 Every Member shall communicate to the Secretary his address or that of his Banker or Agent from time to time and any notice posted to such communicated address shall be deemed duly given on the day next following the day of posting.

19. INTERPRETATION

19.1 The rules of golf as they may from time to time be fixed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews shall, as far as applicable and with such Special Additions as may be made by the Management Committee, be the rules of golf of the Club.

19.2 In these Rules and in any Bye-Laws made under Rule 12.3 words importing the singular number only and the masculine gender only shall respectively include the plural number and the feminine gender and vice versa unless inconsistent with the context.

19.3 The Management Committee shall be the sole authority for interpreting these Rules and for setting all disputes relating to the affairs of the Club and to the conduct of Members in relation to the Club.

These Rules or any of them may be added to, repealed, or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting provided that such resolution is carried by a majority of more than two-thirds of the Voting Members voting thereon. Any new Rule approved by the Management Committee shall be effective until the next Annual or Special General Meeting.