



Balbriggan Golf Club

Club Rules as amended at the Annual General Meeting held on 26th November 2025

1. TITLE, OWNERSHIP and STRUCTURE

1.1 The name of the Club shall be Balbriggan Golf Club and this shall be the common name by which the Club, the Men's Golf Club and the Ladies' Golf Club shall be, individually and collectively, known.

1.2 The Voting Members (as defined in Rule 8.3) shall have control of the affairs of the Club. The ownership of the Club property shall be vested in the Trustees on behalf of the Voting Members.

1.3 The Club structure shall comprise the Club, the Men's Golf Club and the Ladies' Golf Club. The Club is the sole body with authority over all matters relating to Balbriggan Golf Club, including the Men's Golf Club and the Ladies' Golf Club and all committees and sub-committees. The Management of the Club shall be vested in the Council.

1.4 Balbriggan Men's Golf Club, which shall be affiliated to Golf Ireland, shall be responsible for the promotion, organisation and administration of amateur golf for the male members of the Club. The management of the Men's Golf Club shall be vested in the Men's Golf Committee.

1.5 Balbriggan Ladies Golf Club, which shall be affiliated to Golf Ireland, shall be responsible for the promotion, organisation and administration of amateur golf for the female members of the Club. The management of the Ladies Golf Club shall be vested in the Ladies Golf Committee.

2. OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

2.1 The main object of the Club is the provision of facilities for the playing of amateur golf and generally to promote amateur games amongst its members.

2.2 The Rules of the game of golf, as it is to be played on the Club's course, shall be those of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

2.3 The Club may provide other facilities for its members.

2.4 Balbriggan Golf Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. Every individual in the Club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of themselves and others and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland.

3. CLUB COLOURS AND EMBLEM

3.1 The official Club colours shall be Navy and Yellow

3.2 The official Club emblem shall be as shown.

4. TRUSTEES

4.1 All lands, buildings and investments of the Club shall be vested in Trustees on behalf of the Voting Members and they shall deal with them as directed by resolution of the Council or General Meeting.

4.2 There shall be six Trustees. Any vacancy arising among the Trustees may be filled by a nominee of the Council, to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. Pending the filling of any such vacancy, the remaining Trustees shall have vested in them the powers and duties applicable to the full body of Trustees.

4.3 Each Trustee shall be a Voting Member of the Club of, at least, seven years standing and shall be elected at a General Meeting.

4.4 Trustees shall hold office for a term of seven years unless they resign that position during such term or cease to be Voting Members of the Club or unless otherwise removed from office by a resolution of members passed by a two-thirds majority of votes at a General Meeting. From the date of the adoption of this Rule, any Trustee having held office for seven or more years shall resign in order of seniority and at the rate of one each year. Seniority shall mean the number of years in office as a Trustee during the current term of office. In the case of equal seniority the order of retirement shall be decided by lot.

4.5 The Trustees may attend meetings of the Council and, there have the right to vote on all matters.

4.6 The Trustees shall have the right of veto on any one item of net expenditure more than €50,000 and not more than €100,000. The Council may have the matter referred to a General Meeting.

4.7 The Trustees may instruct the Council to convene a Special General Meeting and such a meeting shall be convened, forthwith, in accordance with rule 26.4

4.8 Should the Council resign or, for any reason, cease to function or to legally exist, the President and Trustees, in such instance, shall take complete control of the Club and take such steps as shall be necessary to have a new Council elected and, if unable to do so, shall take all steps necessary to have the affairs of the Club carried on or wound up according to law.

5. THE COUNCIL

5.1 The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Council consisting of the President, Captain, Lady Captain, Vice- Captain, Lady Vice Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, who are the Officers of the Club and four Voting Members.

5.2 The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer may, with the prior consent of the Council, delegate all or any part of their functions to another member of the Council, to a Voting Member or to an employee of the Club.

5.3 The Council shall meet at least once every month or, more frequently, at the request of three or more members of the Council. The President shall have the power to summon special meetings of the Council.

5.4 At Council meetings, six members of the Council shall form a quorum.

5.5 Meetings will be chaired by the President or in his/her absence, any member of Council chosen by the meeting.

5.6 Matters shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. Each member present shall have one vote with the exception of the Chairperson who shall also have the casting vote.

5.7 Minutes shall be recorded of all resolutions and proceedings of the Council and minutes signed and dated by the Chairperson shall be sufficient evidence of the facts stated in them. All decisions made by the Council (except those of a personal nature) must be displayed on the Club Notice Board by the Honorary Secretary within one week of these decisions having been made and remain there for a period of not less than two weeks.

5.8 Correct accounts and books shall be kept showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Club and these shall be open to inspection by any Officer, Trustee or member of the Council at all reasonable times.

5.9 The Council may make financial arrangements with financial institutions, with the approval of the Trustees. All cheques shall be signed as directed by Council.

5.10 The Council shall have power to make, alter or rescind such local rules, bye-laws, and regulations for the management of the Club as they may consider necessary (subject to the right of the members to alter a particular bye-law or local rule by resolution at a general meeting) provided always that no law or local rule shall be made which would remove, alter, amend, modify or qualify any of the rules of the Club which are required by law to be in the Constitution of a Club seeking or holding a Certificate of Registration under the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 to 1999.

5.11 Club local rules, bye-laws and regulations shall be posted on notice boards and every member, visitor or other person using the clubhouse or course shall be subject to them.

5.12 The Council shall have power to appoint Committees from their body or from members of the Club and to define the scope and duration of their activities. Nothing, herein contained, shall empower any such Committee to disburse the funds of the Club or enter into any financial commitment on behalf of the Club without the express prior approval of Council.

5.13 No Order or Contract will be valid or binding on the Club unless sanctioned by the Council.

5.14 The Council may by, co-option, fill any vacancy arising amongst its members during the year save and except in the case of a Captain or Vice -Captain which vacancy shall be filled by the nominee of the Committee of the appropriate Golf Club.

5.15 A Trustee, Officer, member of Council or Committee who has business connections with a company or organisation involved with commercial or financial dealings with the Club shall not take part in negotiations or voting on such dealings. It is the duty of a Trustee, Officer, Member of Council or Committee to avoid placing himself/herself in a position where his/her personal interests conflict with those of the Club.

5.16 The Council shall have power, for the due management of the Club, to appoint and dismiss such employees as they consider necessary, subject to the appropriate statutory regulations.

5.17 The Council shall have the power to borrow money and negotiate temporary overdraft facilities on behalf of the Club for the purpose of meeting current expenditure.

5.18 Any one item of net expenditure of more than €100,000 must be passed by the members at a General Meeting.

6. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

6.1 The Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Council members shall be elected by Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the ensuing calendar year. The Captain and Vice - Captain of the Men's Club and the Captain and Vice - Captain of the Ladies' Club shall be members of Council. The President shall be elected biennially and hold office for a period of no more than two years at any one time. If, at the date of the Annual General Meeting, there are no nominations to either an Officer or Council member position, those nominated and elected will form the Council and shall hold office for the ensuing calendar year. They may, by co-option, fill any position that has not been filled at the Annual General Meeting.

6.2 Voting Members, of at least three years standing, shall be eligible for election to the Council. To be eligible for election as President, the nominee must be a Voting Member of the Club of at least seven years standing.

6.3 Any Voting Member may nominate or second one candidate for election to the Council or as a Trustee. All nominations must be notified to the Honorary Secretary not less than ten days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and an alphabetical list of nominations must be displayed on the Club Notice Board and Website at least five days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

6.4 Voting shall be by ballot. In the event of a tie, the result shall be determined by lot.

6.5 Any Officer or Council member shall, automatically, cease to hold office if requested to do so by a majority vote of the Council. The member, so removed, shall have the power to request the Council to call a Special General Meeting for the purpose of discussing such removal.

6.6 The President, Vice - Captain and Lady Vice Captain shall consult with the Trustees before putting forward their nominations for the succeeding President, Vice - Captain and Lady Vice Captain to the relevant Annual General Meeting.

7. INDEMNITY

7.1 Every Trustee, Officer, Council Member, Committee and sub-committee member of the Club shall be indemnified by the Voting Members against all liability and expense incurred by them in so far as the assets of the Club shall be deficient. No such person shall be liable for any loss, damage or liability which may happen to or be incurred by the Club due to the execution of the duties of office unless the same shall occur through their own dishonesty.

8. MEMBERSHIP

8.1 The Club shall consist of the following categories of members all of whom shall be elected by Council or as otherwise provided by the Rules and Regulations. (a) Full Members (b) Associate Members (c) Honorary Life Members (d) Honorary Members (e) Intermediate Members (f) Intermediate Plus Members (g) Junior Members (h) Student Members (i) Juvenile Members (j) Cadet Members (k) Country Members (l) Temporary Members (m) Pavilion Members (n) Visitors (o) Overseas Members

8.2 It shall be at the discretion of the Council to close the membership of any category as they may consider desirable or when the number in any category as laid down by a General Meeting has been reached.

8.3 Full Members and Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Club. Such members are deemed to be the Voting Members for purposes of where such term may elsewhere arise or be used herein. 8.4 The aggregate number of Full Members shall not exceed 635 plus those members entitled to a concession on fees.

9. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

9.1 The election of all members shall be the responsibility of the Council. The composition of the membership shall be reviewed annually.

9.2 Application for membership shall be made on the form provided. The form shall be signed by one proposer and one seconder who must be members of the Club of not less than one year's standing. They must be personally acquainted with the candidate and shall vouch for suitability. The application form shall contain a section to be completed by the proposer and seconder stating their personal knowledge of the nominee and such other information as the Council may require.

9.3 The completed application form of a candidate for admission as a member shall first be sent by the Honorary Secretary to the Men's Golf Club or the Ladies' Golf Club, as appropriate, for recommendation by the Committee of those Clubs before submission to the Council.

9.4 Full Members, Honorary Life Members and Lady Members may propose or second candidates for membership.

9.5 A list of nominations must be displayed on the Club Notice Board at least fourteen days immediately prior to the Council's consideration of a nominee's election. Any objection to a proposal must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

9.6 The Council may, at its own discretion, request any candidate for membership and his/her proposer and/or seconder to appear before it or before any Committee, formed from the members of the Council, for that purpose.

9.7 The Council may, subject to the Rules, admit a candidate to membership. All elections shall be by secret ballot. Three adverse votes to exclude.

9.8 The President and Captains, during their term of office, may recommend one candidate each for election to membership on their sole sponsorship. The existing subscription will apply.

9.9 Irrespective of the aforementioned procedure, the Council shall have the power to elect an applicant, other than a Pavilion Member, from one category to another.

9.10 On election, the first annual subscription shall be payable. If these are not paid within one calendar month from the date of notification of election, the election becomes void unless otherwise arranged with the Council.

9.11 No candidate shall be a member until the subscription appropriate to his/her category shall have been paid as provided in 9.10 above. Payment of the subscription certifies a member's acceptance of the Club's Rules and Regulations.

10. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

10.1 Annual subscriptions shall be:

Full Members €1130

Associate Members €615

Intermediate Members: See Rule 18.3 and Rule 18.4

Junior Members: €260

Cadet Members: €140

Student Members: €260

Juvenile Members: €150

Country Members: €260

Pavilion Members: €30

Overseas Members: Rate at discretion of Council

10.2 Council may alter fees if there is an urgent need to increase numbers in a particular category.

10.3 The prepayment shall be €100. For the year 2021 only this prepayment shall not be applied to member invoices.

10.3.1 The levy to fund course development shall be €250 per annum payable by Full Members and five day members for a period of 2 years beginning in February 2026.

10.4 Annual subscription shall be payable on the 1st of February each year.

10.5 Any person whose subscription is unpaid by 1st March in any year shall cease to be a member. Such a person may be re-elected upon written application, at the discretion of the Council, provided his/her subscription has been tendered. The Council shall have power to make special arrangements in exceptional cases, with any person regarding remittance.

10.6 The annual subscription and levy or prepayment if any, for each category of membership shall be as from time to time established at a General Meeting. In the event of a General Meeting voting in favour of the imposition of a levy or prepayment, such levy or prepayment shall be paid in full with the annual subscription during the period of its imposition. The Council shall have power to make special arrangements in exceptional circumstances including, for the sole purpose of attracting new members, the application of a discount on a new Full Members first membership fee.

10.7 (a) With effect from the 2024 Subscription Year a person who has been a full member for an aggregate of twenty years and has reached the age of 65 years shall be eligible for a discount on the appropriate annual subscription. Such discount shall be at the rate of 47% for 2024, 44% for 2025, 41% for 2026, 38% for 2027 and 35% for 2028 onwards.

With effect from 1 February 2020, first time entrants to the Full Member category shall not be eligible for the concession provided for under this Rule.

10.7(b) All members benefiting from reduced membership subscriptions and Associate Members shall be liable to pay all levies, if any or prepayments, if any, in full.

10. 7(c) To qualify for reduced subscription the members birthday must be before 1st March in the qualifying year.

10.8 Where a person is elected to any category of membership during the year, he or she shall pay such proportion of that year's annual subscription as the Council shall determine.

10.9 All categories of members must pay annual subscriptions as required by Golf Ireland.

11. FULL MEMBERS

11.1 Full Members, who have paid all appropriate fees, are entitled to all the rights and privileges as permitted by the Rules of the Club.

12. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

12.1 A Five Day member is an Associate Member who may play the course from Monday to Friday inclusive subject to the requirements of the Club diary/fixtures list. A Five Day member is not a Voting Member and is not eligible to serve on Council or on the committees of the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club.

12.2 A Five Day member is an Associate Member who may play the course from Monday to Friday inclusive subject to the requirements of the Club diary/fixtures list. A Five Day member is not a Voting Member and is not eligible to serve on Council or on the committees of the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club. For the 2017 Subscription Year, this category of membership is not available to persons who were Voting Members of the Club in 2016.

13. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

13.1 A Full Member who has rendered exceptional services to the Club may, on a proposal of the Council, be elected an Honorary Life Member at a General Meeting. An Honorary Life Member shall have the rights and privileges of Full Membership status and shall not be liable for any Club fees or levies.

14. HONORARY MEMBERS

14.1 The Council shall have the power to admit as Honorary Members persons for the time being serving as officers of such other Golf Clubs as they may consider appropriate and such other persons as they may deem to merit this special honour. Honorary Membership shall be for a period not exceeding one year but shall be renewable by resolution of the Council from year to year. Honorary Members are entitled to enjoy the golfing and social facilities of the Club without payment of a subscription but are not eligible to play in closed competitions.

15. JUVENILE MEMBERS

15.1 The Council shall have the power to elect Juvenile Members with such privilege of membership as the Council may, from time to time, determine. Prior to the election of any Juvenile Member, the Council must have obtained the written consent of the applicant's parents or guardians. Membership of this category shall cease on 31st January each year. Thereafter, an outgoing member may, with the written consent of his/her parents or guardians, apply to the Council for re-election.

15.2 Juvenile Members must be over 11 years and under 18 years of age on the 1st day of January in the relevant year. Each Juvenile Member shall pay the current annual subscription applicable to Juvenile Members. Playing facilities shall be arranged by the Committee of the Men's Golf Club or the Ladies' Golf Club as appropriate.

16. CADET MEMBERS

16.1 The Council shall have the power to elect Cadet Members with such privilege of membership as the Council may from time to time determine. Prior to the election of any Cadet Member the Council must have obtained the written consent of the applicant's parents or guardians. Membership of this category shall cease on the 31st of January each year. Thereafter, an outgoing member may, with written consent of his/her parents or guardians, apply to the Council for re-election.

16.2 Cadet members must be over 8 years and under 11 years of age on the 1st day of January in the relevant year. Each Cadet Member shall pay the current annual subscription applicable to Cadet Members. Playing facilities shall be arranged by the Committee of the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club as appropriate.

17. JUNIOR MEMBERS

17.1 A Junior Member is a person who, on the first day of January of the year of his/her election, is between the ages of 18 and 23 years inclusive, who has been a Juvenile Member for at least one year preceding the date of application or otherwise at the discretion of the Council and who has paid the appropriate subscriptions. Membership of this category shall cease on 31st January each year. Thereafter, an outgoing member may, on his/her sole nomination, apply to the Council for re-election.

17.2 A Junior Member shall cease to be so classified on reaching the age of 23 years or on being admitted to Student Membership.

17.3 A Junior Member is entitled to enjoy the golfing facilities of the Club, including participating in relevant Club competitions and the social facilities of the Club.

18. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AND INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP

18.1 The Council may, on receipt of an application, admit to Student Membership a person who is between the ages of 23 years and 25 years inclusive on the 1st day of January of the membership year, is in full-time education in a recognised educational establishment and has been a Junior Member for at least two years.

18.2 A Student Member shall pay the same annual subscription and be entitled to enjoy the same golfing and social facilities as a Junior Member. A Student Member may apply for transfer to Full Membership.

18.3 Council may elect as Intermediate Members persons between 18 and 30 years of age. In this category of membership the date for determining age shall be 31 January in each year. This category of membership is not available to persons who were Voting Members of the Club in the year immediately prior to the year of application for membership of this category. The base rate of Annual Subscription for an Intermediate Member shall be 50% of the Full Member rate of Annual Subscription. From age 26 to age 30 the base rate of annual subscription shall increase by 10% of the Full Member rate per annum.

18.4 Council may elect as Intermediate Plus Members persons between 26 and 35 years of age. In this category of membership, the date for determining age shall be 31 January in each year. The base rate of Annual Subscription for an Intermediate Plus member shall be 50% of the Full Members rate of Annual Subscription. From age 26 to 35 the base rate of annual subscription shall increase by 5% of the Full member rate per annum.

19. COUNTRY MEMBERS

19.1 Country Members are those who, having been Full Members or Lady Members or Junior Members of 4 years standing or Student Members, reside in a place over 150 kilometres distant

from the Club, and who wish to retain a link with the Club. They have the right to play on the course but not to play in a closed competition.

20. TEMPORARY MEMBERS

20.1 A person may be admitted to Temporary Membership on payment, in advance, of such daily, weekly, monthly or yearly charges as may be determined by the Council. Participants in the Get Into Golf programme are deemed to be temporary members.

20.2 Temporary Member

Temporary Members must be introduced by a member or in such other manner as the Council may determine.

20.3 Temporary Membership shall entitle the holder, subject to such conditions and limitations as the Council may impose, to the use and privileges of the Club's property during the period of such Temporary Membership.

20.4 The Council may curtail or cancel Temporary Membership at any time without assigning reason therefor.

20.5 Temporary Members shall not have the right to compete in closed competitions or to receive a golfing handicap.

21. PAVILION MEMBERS

21.1 The Council shall have power to elect Pavilion Members who, on payment of the appropriate annual subscription, shall be entitled to use the facilities of the clubhouse but shall not be entitled to play on the course by virtue of such membership.

22. VISITORS

22.1 Full, Associate, Honorary Life, Student, Junior and Intermediate Members may introduce visitors. Pavilion Members may introduce visitors to the clubhouse. The name, address and date of visit of each visitor must be immediately entered into a book to be kept for the purpose, called the Visitors' Book, and be attested by the signature of the introducing member.

22.2 The charge for playing visitors shall be fixed from time to time by the Council, who are also empowered to make regulations for the admission of non-playing visitors. The Honorary Secretary, his representative or duly authorised person, having made and attested the necessary entry in the "Visitors' Book", may permit a person not having been introduced by a member to play on the course and to use the clubhouse as a visitor on payment of the appropriate Green Fee. Visitors playing over the course must, before playing, obtain a receipt from the Honorary Secretary, his representative or duly authorised person, which must be produced to any member or employee of the Club on demand.

22.3 Any person, duly authorised by the Council to so act on behalf of the Club, may refuse to admit, without assigning any cause, a prospective visitor or cancel the admission of any visitor whose admission may be deemed irregular or whose presence or conduct may be deemed objectionable or who deliberately breaks any of the rules, bye-laws or regulations of the Club. The fee paid by any such visitor may, at the discretion of the Council, be either forfeited or returned.

22.4 Visitors, as defined in this Rule, will be Temporary Members for the day.

22.5 The Council shall have the power to suspend Rules 22.1 to 22.4, inclusive, for a temporary period at any time they may consider necessary.

23. RESIGNATION

23.1 Any member wishing to resign from the Club shall inform the Honorary Secretary accordingly, in writing.

24. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

24.1 The Council shall have the power to grant leave of absence to members for a period of one year. This period may be extended for an extra year provided the Council deem the circumstances exceptional. Any levies introduced during leave of absence must be paid in full when membership is resumed.

25. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

25.1 All disputes and disciplinary matters shall be dealt with by either the Men's Club or the Ladies Club as appropriate and in the event that either committee is unable to deal with such matter then Council shall deal with the matter. Council shall appoint three members to carry out an investigation. Should the appointed members deem that a sanction should be imposed the person deemed to have merited such sanction has the right to appeal. Appeals will be dealt with by a different set of members appointed by the Trustees. Any decision to suspend membership or expel a member must be ratified by Council. The Men's Committee, Ladies Committee and Council shall at all times adhere to the principles of natural justice.

25.2 In the event of expulsion the Member shall not be entitled to have the unexpired portion of his/her annual subscription refunded.

25.3 In the case of suspension, the Member shall not be allowed, during such period, to use the course or clubhouse and shall not be entitled to a refund of the portion of subscription covering the relevant period.

26. GENERAL MEETINGS

26.1 The Annual General Meeting for receiving the Council's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the previous accounting year, duly audited; the election of Officers and Council members for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business, of which due notice has been given, shall be held within 70 days of the end of the Club Financial Year.

26.2 At least 14 days notice of such Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the Club Website, along with the Council Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts. Each member entitled under Rule 8.3 to attend and vote at General Meetings who requires a copy of the relevant documentation must notify the Hon. Secretary in writing of such requirement.

26.3 Notices of Motion and nominations of Trustees and Council members must be presented to the Honorary Secretary in writing at least ten days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. Such notices and nominations shall be posted on the Club Notice Board five days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

26.4 A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Council or may be called on a requisition to the Honorary Secretary, signed by at least forty Voting Members and stating the business to be brought forward. Seven days notice of any Special General Meeting shall be posted on the Club website and such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. Each member entitled under Rule 8.3 to attend and vote at Special General Meetings who requires a hard copy of the business to be brought forward must notify the Hon Secretary in writing of his/her request.

26.5 Ten percent (10%) of members (as defined in Rule 8.3) shall form a quorum of any Annual or Special General Meeting. Voting shall be by ballot or by show of hands at the Chairperson's option. Except where otherwise provided for in the Rules, matters shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast and, in the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. No voting by proxy shall be allowed. In the matter regarding the sale of Club Assets with a value in excess of €100,000, such matter shall require to be decided by a two thirds majority of the Voting Members present. The Rule in regard to the requirement for this two-thirds majority to remain unaltered except after due notice and the agreement of a two thirds majority of the Voting Members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

26.6 At General Meetings the Chair shall be taken by the President or, if absent, by a Chairperson elected by members present.

26.7 Standing Orders can be suspended at any General Meeting by a two-third majority of those present so in favour. This may only be done for the purpose of receiving, discussing and putting to the Meeting resolutions, nominations and amendment of Rules that may otherwise be invalid by reason of some technicality or matters which may be of considerable urgency. The Chairperson of the Meeting shall decide as to whether or not the resolution or nomination is invalid for a technicality or as to whether a matter is of urgency.

27. COMPLAINTS

27.1 Any complaints, other than those of a disciplinary nature and elsewhere covered by Rule 25 hereof, are to be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary who, if in consultation with the Chairperson is unable to resolve them, shall submit them to the Council whose decision shall be final.

28. CLOSING OF CLUBHOUSE OR COURSE

28.1 The Council may close the clubhouse or any part thereof, or the course or any part thereof to all members, or to one or more categories of members either to meet temporary emergencies or as it may determine in the interests of the Club.

29. PERSONAL PROPERTY

29.1 All personal belongings of members, employees, visitors and others on or in the Club premises (either in the clubhouse or outside it) shall be at the sole risk of the owner and the Club or Council shall not be responsible for any loss or damage thereto. This Rule shall not prejudice any claim by the Club, any member thereof, the Council or the owners against any insurance company for the loss or damage sustained.

30. RULES OF THE CLUB

30.1 A Rule of the Club shall only be made or an existing Rule altered by a General Meeting.

30.2 The Council may, however, alter or add to the Rules for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 to 1999, the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000 or any Act which may be passed amending those Acts or any Act relating to the registration and conduct of Clubs.

30.3 The Council shall, within the limits of these Rules, have the power to make or amend such regulations as it considers necessary and these shall have effect until revoked by the Council or set

aside by a General Meeting. All such regulations shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board during the period they remain in force.

30.4 Written notice of any proposed change in the Rules may be given to the Honorary Secretary, with the names of the proposer and seconder, at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting at which such changes are to be considered or as otherwise provided for in Rule 26.4

30.5 The Council shall be the sole authority of the interpretation of Club Rules and its decision shall be final and binding.

30.6 Every member, visitor or other person using the clubhouse or course shall be subject to and must comply with all Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations in force and no member, visitor or other person using the clubhouse or course shall be absolved from their effect on the grounds that he/she had no notice of or was not supplied with a copy of the Rules.

30.7 These Rules shall become operative following adoption whereupon the Rules heretofore in force shall cease to have effect.

30.8 A copy of these Rules shall be made available to each member by the Honorary Secretary.

31. SALE OF EXCISABLE LIQUOR

31.1 No member of the Management Committee and no manager or servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or in the profits arising from such sale.

31.2 No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied on the Club premises to any person under the age of 18 years. No person under the age of 18 years will be allowed into the licensed area of the club after 9pm. However, a child who is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian may be allowed into the licensed area of a club between the hours of 10.00am (12.30pm on Sunday) and 9pm

(1).

A child who is aged at least 15 years but under the age of 18 years and who is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian may be allowed into the licensed area of the Club on the occasion of a private function at which a substantial meal is served to persons attending the function

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31.3 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 that member shall, upon the admission of such visitor to the Club premises, or immediately upon his/her being supplied with such liquor, enter his/her own name and address 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.

31.4 No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club, except to members of the Club, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock at night.

(3)

31.5 Subject to the exceptions mentioned in the Sub-sections 2 and 3 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1927 as amended by Section 6 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1962, no excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club premises) or be consumed on the Club premises by any person (other than a member of the club lodging in the Club premises) –

(4) On any weekday before the hour of half past 10 o'clock in the morning or

(5) On any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday after the hour of half past 11 o'clock in the evening or,

(6) On any Friday, Saturday after the hour of half past 12 o'clock in the morning on the following day or,

(7) On any Sunday (except St Patricks Day which falls on a Sunday) before the hour of 11 o'clock in the evening or,

(8) On St Patricks Day before the hour of half past 12 o'clock in the afternoon or after the hour of half past 12 o'clock in the morning on the following day or:

(9) At any time on Christmas Day.

(11) Nothing contained in the Registration of Clubs Acts, 1904 to 1999, or imposed only by virtue of the operation of subsection (1) of this section in the Rules of a Club registered under these Acts, shall operate to prohibit the supplying for consumption on the Club premises of excisable liquor to any person for the consumption of excisable liquor on the Club premises; if in each case the excisable liquor is;

(15) Ordered by that person at the same time as a substantial meal is ordered by him/her. Consumed at the same time as the meal is paid for.

(17) The Council may alter or add to such Rule or; Rules dealing with the supply or consumption of excisable liquor for the purpose of complying with the Licensing Laws for the time being in force, or for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the members in accordance with such laws.

31.6 Equal Status Act.

Membership of the Club is open to all persons who apply and are granted membership in accordance with the procedures laid down in the rules of the Club. The Club shall not discriminate against any member or any applicant for membership on the grounds of race, gender, skin colour, membership of the travelling community or on any ground set out in the Equal Status Act 2000 or any amendment thereof. In addition to the foregoing rules and clauses thereof the Clauses and Regulations embodied in the Registrations of Clubs Acts 1904 – 1986 and the Acts extending and amending the same shall be deemed Rules of the Club.

32. BALBRIGGAN MEN'S GOLF CLUB

32.1 The Committee of Balbriggan Men's Golf Club shall be responsible for the promotion, organisation and administration of the golfing affairs of the male members of the Club.

32.2 The Committee shall comprise the Captain, Vice- Captain, Administrator, Competitions Secretary and Handicap Secretary (the Officers), five members and the out-going Captain (ex-officio member having the right to vote). With the exception of the outgoing Captain, all members of the Committee shall be elected at Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the ensuing calendar year. Election of Officers and members of Committee shall be by secret ballot. The Committee may, by co-option, fill any vacancy arising during the year.

32.3 To be eligible for election to the position of Captain a candidate must have been a member for at least seven years and have previously served on Council or the Men's Club Committee.

32.4 The Committee, which shall be chaired by the Captain or, in his absence any other Officer, shall meet at least six times every year and shall be empowered to appoint sub-committees to assist in the execution of its remit. The quorum for a meeting shall be six. Matters shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast and in the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

32.5 The Annual General Meeting, which shall be held within 70 days of the end of the Club Financial Year, shall be convened by the Administrator by giving notice on the Club website, at least 14 days in advance of the meeting to all members eligible to attend. Each member entitled under Rule 32.6 to attend and vote at General Meetings who requires a hard copy of the business to be brought forward must notify the Hon Secretary in writing of his request.

32.6 Male Voting Members shall be eligible to attend and vote at General Meetings.

32.7 Seven. five percent (7.5%) of members shall form a quorum of any Annual or Special General Meeting. Voting shall be by ballot or by a show of hands at the Chairman's option. Matters shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast and in the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted. The Chair shall be taken by the Captain or, in his absence, by a Chairman elected by members present.

32.8 Nominations for election of Officers and members of the Committee must be submitted, in writing, to the Administrator at least 10 days in advance of the meeting and the Administrator shall cause such nominations to be displayed on the Notice Board at least 5 days in advance of the meeting.

32.9 A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee or may be called on a requisition to the Administrator signed by at least 35 Voting Members and stating the business to be brought forward. Seven days notice of any Special General Meeting shall be sent to each Voting Member.

32.10 The Administrator shall take charge of all correspondence falling within the remit of the Committee. He shall be responsible for the taking and safekeeping of the minutes of all General Meetings and Committee meetings and shall make copies of these available to Council within 7 days of the relevant meeting.

32.11 The Administrator, shall under the general supervision of the Honorary Treasurer of the Club, be responsible for all funds relating to internal competitions and approved inter-club competitions.

He shall submit monthly and cumulative accounts of income and expenditure to the Honorary Treasurer of the Club. All accounts shall be open to inspection by the Committee, the Trustees and members of the Council at all reasonable times.

33. BALBRIGGAN LADIES' GOLF CLUB

33.1 The Committee of Balbriggan Ladies Golf Club shall be responsible for the promotion, organisation and administration of the golfing affairs of the female members of the Club.

33.2 The Committee shall comprise the Captain, Vice- Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Competitions Secretary and Handicap Secretary (the Officers), two members and the outgoing Captain (ex-officio member having the right to vote). With the exception of the out-going Captain, all members of the Committee shall be elected at Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the ensuing calendar year. Election of Officers and members of Committee shall be by secret ballot. The Committee may, by co-option, fill any vacancy arising during the year.

33.3 To be eligible for election to the position of Captain a candidate must have been a member for at least seven years and have previously served on Council or the Ladies Club Committee.

33.4 The Committee, which shall be chaired by the Captain or, in her absence any other Officer, shall meet at least once in a calendar month and shall be empowered to appoint sub-committees to assist in the execution of its remit. The quorum for a meeting shall be five. Matters shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast and in the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

33.5 The Annual General Meeting, which shall be held within 70 days of the end of the Club Financial Year, shall be convened by the Honorary Lady Secretary by giving notice, on the Club website, at least 14 days in advance of the meeting to all members eligible to attend. The notice convening the meeting shall be accompanied by the agenda for the meeting and copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Each member entitled under Rule 33.6 to attend and vote at General Meetings who requires a hard copy of the business to be brought forward must notify the Honorary Lady Secretary in writing of her request.

33.6 Female Full Members, Lady Members and female Honorary Life Members shall be eligible to attend and vote at General Meetings.

33.7 Ten percent (10%) of members shall form a quorum of any Annual or Special General Meeting. Voting shall be by ballot or by a show of hands at the Chairperson's option. Matters shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast and in the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted. The Chair shall be taken by the Captain or, in her absence, by a Chairperson elected by the members present.

33.8 Nominations for election of Officers and Members of Committee must be submitted, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary at least 7 days in advance of the meeting and the Honorary Secretary shall cause such nominations to be displayed on the Notice Board at least 5 days in advance of the meeting.

33.9 A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee or may be called on a requisition to the Honorary Secretary signed by at least 20 female Voting Members or Lady Members and stating the business to be brought forward. Seven days notice of any Special General Meeting shall be sent to each member eligible to attend.

33.10 The Lady Secretary shall take charge of all correspondence falling within the remit of the Committee. She shall be responsible for the taking and safekeeping of the minutes of all General Meetings and Committee meetings and shall transmit copies of these to the Council within 7 days of the relevant meeting.

33.11 The Lady Treasurer shall, under the general supervision of the Honorary Treasurer of the Club, be responsible for all funds relating to internal competitions and approved inter-club competitions. She shall open such bank accounts as are necessary in such banks as are approved by Council. She shall submit monthly and cumulative accounts of income and expenditure to the Honorary Treasurer of the Club. All accounts shall be open to inspection by the Committee, the Trustees and members of the Council at all reasonable times.

34. DEFINITIONS

34.1 Club correspondence may be by electronic media unless a member indicates a preference for receipt of a hard copy.