

Belvoir Park Golf Club

Rules Update 2016



**BELVOIR PARK
GOLF CLUB**

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Name of Club

1 The name of the Club shall be “Belvoir Park Golf Club”

Objects of the Club

2 The objects of the Club are to provide the members with a golf course and Clubhouse and generally to further the interests of golf, and to promote any other form of recreation Council may decide upon. The Club is a non-profit making organisation. All profit and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the facilities of the Club. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body or to the members on winding up or dissolution of the Club, which is not subject to commercial influence.

Belvoir Park Golf Club (The Club) is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. Every individual should, at all times, show respect and understanding for member’s rights safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club, the guidelines of other recognized governing bodies and the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children’s Sport. The first priority, in working with young people in golf, is their welfare and the Club is committed to providing an environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

Management

3 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Council the membership of which shall be a President, Captain, Lady Captain, Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain, Honorary Secretary or Joint Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurer who shall be the Officers of the Club, as well as ten other Club members, which shall reduce to eight by 2016, under Rule 5.

The three trustees are not part of the Management Council, but shall be invited to attend Council Meetings, if their expertise is required. Trustees will be updated with monthly Council Minutes

Election of Council

4 The President shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election for one additional year. The Captain, Vice-Captain, Honorary Secretary or Secretaries and Honorary Treasurer shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election

5 Two members of Council whose names are highest on the list shall retire annually and the names of their successors shall be placed at the foot of the list. A Club member having served two consecutive terms amounting up to 8 years on Council, to which he/she were elected, shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of two years. All candidates for membership of Council (except retiring members) must be proposed and seconded and their names exhibited on the appropriate Club notice-board throughout the period of at least seven days immediately before the Annual General meeting. Additional vacancies which occur shall be filled from the other candidates at the same election in accordance with the number of votes received. In each year only 50% of the total vacancies can be a retiring member who is re-elected.

6 At an election for members of Council members must vote for at least two-thirds of the vacancies to be filled, otherwise their votes will be invalid.

Meetings of Council

7 Council shall meet as often as necessary and in any event at least eleven times per annum. Except in special circumstances the interval between successive meetings shall not be more than six weeks. Nine members shall form a quorum.

8 The Captain or whoever takes the chair in his absence shall have a casting vote at all meetings of Council.

9 Meetings of Council shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary or in his or her absence by another Officer of the Club. At least two clear days notice of every meeting of Council shall be given to each member in writing, specifying the time and place of the meeting. In exceptional circumstances a meeting of Council may be called by an officer of the Club.

10 Any member of Council who shall absent themselves from at least one-half of the Council meetings held during the year shall cease to be a member of Council but shall be eligible for re-election unless otherwise disqualified under Rule 5.

Powers of Council

11 Council shall have the power to make vary or rescind such Bye-Laws and regulations (consistent with the rules) and to give such orders and directions as it may consider necessary for the well-being of the Club

12 Council may appoint committees (not necessarily members of Council) and delegate to any such committee any of its powers, except the election or removal of anyone from membership of the Club.

13 Council shall have control of the finances of the Club, power to borrow from the bank or other sources such monies as may be required for the expenses of the Club, or for any special project which is authorised at a general meeting of the members. It shall have power to engage, control and dismiss Club employees and to supply refreshments services and amenities and have all such administrative powers as may be necessary to carry out the objects of the Club in accordance with law and the rules of the Club.

14 In the event of a vacancy occurring amongst the officers of the Club or Council Members, Council may, at its discretion co-opt a successor who shall hold office and/or sit on Council until the next Annual General Meeting

Club Property and Trustees

15 The property and effects of the Club shall be vested in three Trustees, in trust for the Members of the Club for the time being.

16 The Trustees shall be nominated by Council and elected from amongst the members of the Club. They shall hold office for a period of three years but shall be eligible for re-election for a further period of three years unless the Club in general meeting shall have voted to remove them or any of them.

17 The Trustees with the approval of Council shall have the power to make such investments of Club funds as they deem advantageous to the interests of the Club. Trustees shall have the right to be notified and to attend meetings of Council. Trustees shall have no vote at Council.

18 The Trustees with the approval of Council shall have the power to sell, exchange, partition, grant in fee farm, lease for any term(with or without a fine) mortgage, charge, grant rights over or otherwise deal with the whole or any part or parts of the Club property and to execute all documents necessary to effect such objects. The Trustees and the person or persons, dealing with them shall be entitled upon production to them of a copy of the record of such resolution in the minute book of Council purporting to be signed by the Captain for the time being of the Club or Chairman of the meeting at which such resolution was passed, to assume that such a resolution was duly passed, that the person purporting to sign such a copy resolution as Captain of the Club or such Chairman is in fact Captain of the Club or such Chairman and that such purported copy is a true copy of such resolution. The person or persons dealing with the trustees as aforesaid shall be entitled to assume that the persons in whom the legal estate in the property appears by the documents of title thereof to be vested are the Trustees of the Club and are the persons entitled to assure the said property under this rule and shall pay the consideration monies to such persons whose receipts shall effectually discharge the payer therefrom and from being concerned to see to the application thereof. The Trustees shall be indemnified against any risk and expense out of the property of the Club.

General Meetings of the Club

19 The Annual General meeting of the Club shall be held each year on such day and at such time and place as Council shall decide and notice of such meeting shall be posted on the main notice board in the Clubhouse for a period of at least twenty eight days prior to the date chosen. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to receive the Council's Annual report and the Treasurer's Financial Statement, the election of Officers, Auditors and Council, the revision of rules if required and the transaction of any business that may arise. A quorum shall consist of twelve members and if no quorum is present within thirty minutes of the

time appointed the meeting shall stand adjourned until such date and time as Council shall appoint.

20 Any member wishing to propose a resolution at the Annual General Meeting must deliver a copy of such resolution to the Honorary Secretary at least 21 days prior to the date of the meeting.

21 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the Club Notice Board and sent by email at least 28 days before the date of the meeting. A copy of the Annual Report, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be given by email at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. Members wishing to have a written copy of the Annual Report can request one from the Honorary Secretary, such requests to be made 21 days before the date of the meeting.

22 A Special General Meeting of the Club may be called by Council or on a requisition to the Honorary Secretary signed by at least 60 members stating the business to be brought forward. At least ten days notice of the holding of a Special General Meeting shall be given.

Attendance and Voting at General Meeting

23 Any member other than a Junior Member may attend a General Meeting. Only Young Adults aged 22 and above, Senior 5 Day, 5, 6 & 7 day Members, Honorary Members and Special Ordinary Members may vote at such a meeting, at the appointed time, during the meeting. Any question requiring decision at a General Meeting may be put to the members entitled to vote and if a majority of such members so decide voting shall be by ballot. Votes by proxy shall not be allowed.

Change of Rules

24 No change in an existing rule or adoption of a new rule (including any alteration in the entrance fee or subscription payable by any category of member) shall be made except at a General meeting of the Club and the notice of such meeting shall indicate the changes proposed to be made. Any Member wishing to put forward to the meeting any amendment to the proposals in the notice must hand a copy of same to the Honorary Secretary seconded by another Member entitled to vote, at least seven days before the date of the meeting.

Membership of the Club

25 The Club shall consist of such number of elected members as Council may from time to time decide, including the following categories of membership but subject to the limits as to numbers as indicated

Category	Maximum Number Permitted
7 day members	500
6 Day Members	350
5 Day Members (6 & 5 day is a combined total of 350, subject to a maximum of 150 5 day members)	
Senior 5 Day Members	150
Young Adults	75
Junior Members	As fixed by Council
Country Members	50
House Members	As fixed by Council
Senior House Members	As fixed by Council
Social Members	As fixed by Council
Corporate Members	As fixed by Council
Special Ordinary Members	15
Senior Members	As agreed by Council
Honorary Members	As agreed by Council
Spousal	As agreed by Council

26 The following provisions shall apply to certain categories of membership referred to in Rule 25:

1. A 7 Day Member shall be entitled to play on the course on each day of the week except when the course is closed to members by Council.
2. A 6 Day Member shall be entitled to play on the course Sunday to Friday except when the course is closed to members by Council.
3. A Senior 5 Day Member shall be a person entitled to play on the course Monday to Friday except when the course is closed to members by Council. To be eligible for transfer into this category from 1st January 2014 a member must be over 65 and have at least 25 years of continuous playing membership.
4. A 5 Day Member shall be entitled to play on the course Monday to Friday except when the course is closed to members by Council.
5. A Young Adult Member shall be 18 years and over but under 31 years of age on the 1st January. A Young Adult Member shall be entitled to the same playing rights as a 7 Day Member.
6. A Junior Member shall be under the age of 18 on the 1st January. A Junior Member shall be entitled to the same playing rights as a 7 Day Member, but will be subject to playing times on a Saturday as set by Council.
7. A Country member shall be a person normally in residence outside a radius of 50 miles from the Club who satisfies the Council that Country Membership is appropriate.
8. A House Member is a member who has been previously the equivalent of a 5,6 or 7 day member who no longer wishes to retain his or her playing privileges but who wishes to continue to use the facilities of the Clubhouse. Such a member may also continue to play golf on the course on payment of the appropriate green fee and on the number of days as fixed by Council.
9. A Social Member is entitled to use all the facilities of the Clubhouse. He or she may be entitled to play six rounds of golf per year on Monday to Friday inclusive on payment of the appropriate green fee. Applications for Social Membership must

be signed by an Officer of the Club and by another Council Member.

10. A Corporate Member is a business or organization entitled to such use of the Course and the facilities of the Club, as Council deems appropriate. Applications for Corporate Membership must be signed by an Officer of the Club and by another Council member.
11. A Special Ordinary Member shall be a person who has recently been a playing member of a Golf Club outside Northern Ireland and who has come to reside within a radius of 15 miles of the Club. Not more than four shall be elected in any one year. Such persons shall have the rights and privileges of a 7 Day Member and shall pay the same subscription as a 7 Day Member but their entrance fee shall be the actual amount to be fixed each year by Council more than the standard entrance fee for a playing member, and after having been a Special Ordinary Member for three consecutive years they may become a 6 Day or a 7 Day member without any further entrance fee.
12. A Senior House Member is a member who qualifies for 'Senior' membership (Rule 26/13) but is only entitled to those rights and privileges associated with an ordinary House Member (Rule 26/8). The subscription for this category will be set at 50% of the standard 'Senior' fee.
13. A Senior Member is a member of the Club who is eighty years of age on the 1st January and has been a member of the club for at least 35 years, and who chooses to become a Senior Member.
14. A Spousal Member shall be a person who is the spouse / partner of an existing playing member, providing them with the same rights and privileges as a social member.
15. The combined number of 5 Day, 6 Day and 7 Day members shall not exceed 875 in any event.
16. Transfers between membership categories (other than from Junior to Young Adult and Young Adult to '6 Day' or '7 Day') will be processed in order of length of membership of the Club and shall be agreed by Council.

Honorary Members

27 Council may elect as Honorary Members prominent golfers and persons who have rendered special service for the advancement of the game or to the Club or who are distinguished in public life, any such election to be subject to confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting.

Council may elect as Honorary Special House member a person who in the opinion of Council for the time being may advance the reputation of the Club. The list of Honorary Special House Members will be subject to annual review by Council which list shall be approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. They shall be entitled to use all the facilities of the Club but may play golf on the course on the number of days as fixed by Council.

An Honorary Member is a member who has membership conferred upon him or her by Resolution of the Members at the Annual General Meeting or such other meeting of the members as may take place from time to time. Honorary Membership may be conferred upon the recipient for life or such other period of time as may be determined by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Where a period of Honorary Membership has expired, the recipient shall be eligible for a further term of Honorary Membership in the event of such further resolution of the members at the Annual General Meeting. An Honorary Member shall be entitled to exercise their rights as an Honorary Member upon notification in writing by the Honorary Secretary of his or her election as an Honorary Member.

Election of Member

28 Each candidate for admission shall be proposed and seconded by two members, one of whom shall be a member of the Council. The name, address and occupation of such proposed member and the name of his or her proposer and seconder shall be posted on the main notice-board in the Clubhouse throughout the period of seven days immediately before the date of the Council meeting at which his or her election is to be considered. The Council may accept or reject any such proposal by a majority vote. Any candidate rejected cannot be proposed again within

12 months from the date of such rejection. An interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between the nomination and election of any member.

Admission to Membership (Other than Honorary Membership)

29 An applicant shall not be admitted to membership by Council under Rule 26 until:

- a) The applicant has been notified by the Honorary Secretary in writing of the offer of membership (at which time the applicant will also be furnished with a copy of the Rules of the Club and a request for payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription).
- b) The applicant has paid the entrance fee or such part thereof as is required in the event that the applicant elects to pay the entrance fee by instalment.
- c) The applicant has paid the annual subscription or such part thereof as is required in the event that the applicant elects to pay the entrance fee by instalment.

In the event that the applicant does not make appropriate payments as set out in this Rule Book within one month of notification by the Honorary Secretary the applicant will be deemed to have declined the offer of membership unless the failure of the applicant is satisfactorily explained in writing to the Honorary Secretary prior to the next Council Meeting.

Addresses of Members

30 Each member shall notify the Honorary Secretary of any change of his or her address/addresses and that of his or her banker or agent. Such address/addresses shall be inserted in the register of members and all notices sent to such address/addresses shall be deemed to have been duly delivered on the day following the date of sending.

Entrance Fees

31 The entrance fees payable by the different categories of members shall be as set out in the Appendix to these rules. Council may, at its discretion accept payment of an entrance fee by instalments over a period of years.

Any member wishing to upgrade from '5 Day' or '6 Day' to '7 Day' or from '5 Day' to '6 Day' at a reduced entrance fee, will be liable to pay the difference between the fee originally paid and the entrance fee of the new category they wish to move to at the time of application, should this be greater.

The Council has the authority to accept applications at a promotional entrance fee, calculated at one times the annual subscription, for up to an aggregate of 50 memberships for the 'Young Adult', '5 Day', '6 Day' and '7 Day' categories. The use of such a promotion to be limited, with the entrance fees set out and voted on at the AGM being the principle rates chargeable.

For a Family whose members join in the same year (in order of highest value) , the first family member receives no discount, the second family member 25% discount and each additional application 50% discount. For the purposes of qualifying for this entrance fee discount each applicant must be directly related to each other, consisting of parents and their children living together.

Former members wishing to rejoin the Club must be elected as per format set out in Rule 28 and the Entrance Fee payable will be the difference between the rate in being at the time of resignation and the time of re-election.

Annual Subscriptions

32 The annual subscriptions payable by the different categories of members as determined at the Annual General Meeting shall be as set out in the Appendix to these rules.

33 Annual subscriptions shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of January each year. Where an annual subscription remains

unpaid at the end of January the amount thereof shall be increased by 10% per month or any part of a month. Any member whose subscription is one month in arrears cannot compete for any Club prize, or vote at any meeting. A Member whose subscription is unpaid on the first day of March shall cease to exercise the privileges of membership including the use of any amenities of the Club. He or she shall however, be liable for any entrance fee or subscription due and unpaid at that date.

Resignation of Membership

34 A member may at any time on or before the thirty first day of December by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary, resign his or her membership of the Club but he or she shall continue to be liable for any entrance fee or subscription due and unpaid at the date of his or her resignation. Any such member having discharged all of his or her liabilities to the Club and wishing to rejoin may be proposed seconded and balloted for in accordance with Rule 27 and Council may, at their discretion excuse him or her for any further entrance fee or part thereof without prejudice to the conditions stated under Rule 31 regarding former members.

Breach of Club Rules

35 The Club through Council or through any members of the Club nominated by it may investigate any alleged infringement of the rules and bye-laws of the Club to determine whether there is any evidence of such infringement.

Disciplinary Procedures

- a) Any member, as defined in the categories of membership set out at Rule 26/27 (except Junior Members) suspected of infringing any of the Rules or Bye-Laws of the Club, or of behaving in an unseemly or unbecoming manner or whose conduct is considered by Council to be injurious to the welfare and interest of the Club or likely to bring the Club into disrepute may be called upon to explain their conduct before a Committee (known as the Disciplinary Committee) consisting of three members of Council, one of whom shall be an Officer or Trustee of the Club and shall be Convenor of the Committee, all of whom shall be nominated by Council.

- b) The Convenor of the Disciplinary Committee shall request to appear before the Disciplinary Committee the member against whom the allegation has been brought, at the same time stating in writing the allegation and informing the member that a defence in writing may be submitted in advance or at the time of the hearing. The member shall have the right to bring witnesses as to the facts or as to character or both, and the right to be accompanied by a friend or advisor who is a member of the Club.
- c) If the Member against whom an allegation has been made fails without reasonable explanation to answer the allegation, the Disciplinary Committee may deal with the case in their absence.
- d) The Disciplinary Committee, having received the evidence, shall deliberate in private and shall notify the Member against whom the allegation has been made of its decision, in writing, within seven days.
- e) If the Disciplinary Committee concludes that the Member has acted in breach of the Rules or Bye-Laws of the Club, or that conduct of the Member is injurious to the welfare and interest of the Club, it shall decide on the seriousness of the offence. The Committee may determine that the offence merits no more than the provision of advice to the member as to how the member ought to behave in the future, In the event that the Disciplinary Committee considers that a sanction should be imposed on the member, it may be one of the following:
- a written warning;
 - a requirement to make a written apology to any other person affected by the offending behaviour;
 - a suspension from Club Membership for a specified period not exceeding two years;
 - expulsion from Club Membership;
 - or other appropriate action.

In the event that the Disciplinary Committee concludes that it is appropriate for the member to be expelled from membership, the member shall be offered the opportunity to resign his or her membership from the Club before the sanction of expulsion is imposed,

- f) After being notified of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, the member may appeal against either the decision or the sanction or both by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary within seven days of being so notified. Thereafter a Committee (known as the Appeal Committee), consisting of three members, at least two of whom shall be either Officers or Trustees of the Club, shall adjudicate on the matter under appeal. No person sitting on the Disciplinary Committee shall sit on the Appeal Committee. The rules of procedure for the Appeal Committee shall be the same as those for the Disciplinary Committee. The Appeal Committee shall adjudicate on the matter being appealed and shall convey its decision in writing to the member within seven days. The Appeal Committee may, in the exercise of its judgement having regard to the nature of the offending behaviour, alter the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, and for the avoidance of doubt this includes the right to increase the sanction imposed on the member. No member using the Appeal procedure shall be disciplined for exercising his right of appeal. The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final.

- g) The final decision to expel or suspend a member shall be notified to the Membership. The final decision to expel a member shall further be notified in writing to the Golfing Union of Ireland and or the Irish Ladies Golfing Union.

- h) A member being expelled or suspended under this rule shall have no right to a refund of any entrance fee or subscription already paid, and shall continue to be liable for any debt that may be due to the Club. Thereafter, such person may not visit the Golf Course or the Club premises or grounds without the express permission of Council.

- i) A re-application for membership from any person expelled from membership under this rule shall not be considered within a period of five years from the date of his or her expulsion.

- j) Junior Members will be subject to the disciplinary procedures in accordance with the ' Junior Charter' to which the Club subscribes.

Temporary Members

36 The Council may permit golfers who are not members of the Club to play on the Course and shall fix the days on, and the hours during which such persons shall be entitled to play and the fees payable. Any such person shall, on payment of the appropriate fee, be issued with a temporary membership ticket and then become entitled to use the course and Clubhouse during the period for which such ticket has been issued. The name and address of each temporary member, and the name of the Club Member by whom he or she was introduced, where appropriate, shall be entered in the temporary members book prior to commencing play. Council may specify a reduced fee for the use of the Course by a temporary member introduced by and who plays in the company of a Club member but it may, at its discretion, limit the number of occasions on which a temporary member may play on the Course at a reduced fee or otherwise. A member of a recognised golf club may with the agreement of Council become a temporary member for a period of six months on being proposed and seconded by two members one of whom shall be a member of the Council and on payment of such fee as may from time to time be specified.

37 a) The Council may permit a Temporary Conference Day Membership to be allocated. Any such person(s) shall, on payment of the appropriate booking fee, be issued with a temporary membership ticket and then become entitled to use the conference facilities and the clubhouse during the period for which such a ticket has been issued. The names and addresses of each temporary member shall be entered in the temporary members book prior to commencement of the use of the facilities.

Bye Laws & Clubhouse

38 Council may from time to time direct in Bye-Laws or otherwise, the times, terms and conditions under which the Clubhouse and Course may be used

Payment of Bills

39 All members shall defray whatever expenses they incur before leaving the Clubhouse. The name of any member neglecting to comply with this rule shall be reported to Council who shall make application to him or her for immediate payment of any sum due to the Club.

Display of Notices

40 No notices or documents of any kind shall be displayed on Club property except by the authority and with the concurrence of the Honorary Secretary or Secretary Manager.

Protection of Club Property

41 A Member shall not, except with the express permission of the Honorary Secretary or Secretary Manager remove from the Clubhouse any article, that is the property of the Club. Any member destroying, damaging or removing any property or equipment shall make immediate restoration to the satisfaction of Council and shall in addition be liable to be disciplined in accordance with Rule 35.

Rules of Golf

42 The game shall be played according to the Rules of Golf as fixed from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrew's and adopted by other recognised governing bodies. Council may make local rules governing local conditions as permitted by the Rules of Golf.

Complaints

43 A member who wishes to make a complaint on any Club matter should do so in writing addressed to the Honorary Secretary who, if unable to deal with same, shall refer it to Council for a decision for

attention as necessary. In no instance shall an employee of the Club be reprimanded except by the Honorary Secretary acting within the disciplinary procedure contained in the employee's terms and conditions of employment.

Accounts

44 Correct accounts and books shall be kept showing the receipts, expenditure and financial accounts of the Club. The accounts shall be audited by an approved auditor in accordance with the law

Recovery of Debts

45 The Honorary Treasurer shall have the power to sue for recovery of any debt due to the Club when directed by Council to do so, and the minutes of the meeting at which such direction was given shall be evidence of such authority. The Honorary Treasurer shall be indemnified by the Club against any liability for costs, damages or expenses incurred by him.

Intoxicating Liquor

46 No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises except during the hours permitted by law.

47 Intoxicating liquor supplied during the hours specified may be consumed between those hours or in the period of 30 minutes immediately following the closure of the bar on the day in question.

48 Council at its sole discretion may shorten the hours specified in Rule 46 if for any special reason it considers appropriate to do so.

49 In addition to the hours permitted under the legislation intoxicating liquor may be supplied in the Club premises during such hours and on such occasions as may be authorised by the District Commander of the PSNI for the sub-division in which the Club is situated.

- 50** Intoxicating liquor shall not be sold or supplied:
- a) to persons who are not members of the Club for consumption outside the premises of the Club;
 - b) to any person under the age of eighteen years;
 - c) to members of the Club for consumption outside the premises of the Club except where the liquor is supplied in such quantities and during such hours being hours within the permitted hours, and on such days as the officer in charge of the PSNI District for Northern Ireland sub-division in which the premises are situated may authorise in writing.

51 A statement printed in plain type of the hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied on the premises of the Club shall be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the Club premises

52 No member of the Council and no manager or servant of the club shall have a personal interest in the supply of intoxicating liquor therein or in the profits arising from such supply

Visitors to the Club

53 The same person, except where that person is a parent, husband, partner, wife or child of a member shall not be admitted as a visitor to the Club premises on more than twenty days in any period of twelve months.

54 A visitor shall immediately on his their admission to the Club premises enter his their name and address in a book which shall be kept for that purpose and which shall show the date of each visit. A member shall be responsible for his guest strictly observing the rules and shall not leave the premises before his guest.

55 A visitor to the Club premises shall not be supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless upon the invitation and in the company of a member.

56 In the case of a team or other body of persons who are members of another Club (whether registered or not), Society or Organisation visiting the Club for the purpose of taking part in or in the organisation of or arrangements for any pastime, sport, game or recreation at the Club, it shall suffice for the purpose of Rule 54 for the Honorary Secretary , Secretary Manager or other Officer of the Club to enter in the visitor's book the name of the Club, Society or Organisation and the number of such visitors without specifying their names and addresses and thereafter on the occasion of that visit intoxicating liquor may be supplied to such visitors at the request and in the presence of any Officer of the Club and the admission of such visitors shall be disregarded for the purpose of Rule 50.

Bye - Laws

Protection of Course

- 1** Turf cut or displaced (divot) by a stroke must be replaced at once or if this is impossible the cut shall be firmly pressed down with the foot.
- 2** Players must not climb over bunkers and must smooth out any marks before leaving the bunker. Rakes should be placed in the centre of the bunkers
- 3** Plug marks on greens must be repaired
- 4** Tee markers, direction signs, notices etc must not be moved except where absolutely necessary in playing a stroke after which they must be replaced.
- 5** Practising is forbidden on any part of the course except on the putting green and practice ground as so defined.

6 Golf Buggies should keep to paths where possible and should be driven on the centreline of the fairway as much as possible. On no account should a golf buggy be taken within 15 metres of the green.

7 Golf Bags / Clubs should not be placed on those areas designated as 'greens'.

8 Trolleys should not be brought through those areas between the bunkers and the greens.

9 Dogs shall not be allowed on the Course except when on a lead

Use of Course

10 Council or a duly appointed Committee may at any time close the Course or part of it for such period as it may decide

11 At all times members, guests and visitors must register in the Pro's shop prior to commencement of play on the course.

12 Players may not 'cut in' and commence play on a hole unless the previous hole is completely free from players

13 Golfing Buggies (drive and sit on) may only be used on the course at those times as stipulated by Council or a duly appointed Committee in accordance with the Health & Safety Regulations.

14 The dress code* as defined by Council and displayed on the notice boards must be adhered to at all times on the course.

15 The use of mobile phones on the golf course is forbidden except in an emergency.

16 On competition and match days competitors shall have priority and where a time sheet is in operation the starting times must be strictly adhered to. When the starter is in attendance the starter shall control the order of play

17 A member playing in a medal or par points competition must play with a member or an approved marker and must return his or her marked

card, whether complete or not, signed by the player and by the person with whom they are playing. Any player failing to return a card may be disqualified from playing in subsequent competitions for such period as the Council, or the appropriate Committee may decide.

18 Handicaps will be allotted in accordance with the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme published by the Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) or such other responsible body, from time to time

19 Junior playing times are as shown on the Notice Board.

20 A visitor accepted as a temporary member is not permitted to play on the Course unless his or her name has been entered in the temporary member's book and the appropriate green fees paid. Each visitor will be issued with a dated label which he or she shall affix to his or her golf bag to signify to other players his or her right to play on the Course that day.

Clubhouse

21 The dress code** as displayed in the Clubhouse must be adhered to

22 The use of mobile phones for making or receiving calls within the lounge / bar / restaurant area of the Clubhouse is forbidden. Mobile phones may be used on the balconies / corridor / locker room areas of the clubhouse

23 Golf buggies should not be used in the car park area of the Club

24 Young persons under the age of 15 and unaccompanied by parents must vacate the Clubhouse by 8.00pm. When accompanied by parents they must vacate the Clubhouse by 9.00pm

25 Card playing is not permitted in the lounge or dining room area except with the express permission of the Council

26 Dogs - other than Guide Dogs shall not be permitted in any part of the Clubhouse in any circumstances.

Definitions / Appendix

* Dress Code on the Course

The dress code that shall apply on the course is in accordance with the GUI and the Ladies Section.

The following clothing is unacceptable on any part of the course;

- Blue or stone washed denim jeans - tracksuit trousers - cargo style trousers or shorts.
- Trainer type shoes (Only recognised golf shoes may be worn)
- Collarless / Sleeveless T-Shirts and T-Shirts with logos, except recognised golf apparel.
- Trousers must not be tucked into socks unless covered by over-trousers and shirts must be tucked into trousers.
- Running or football shorts - (Only 'tailored shorts' to the knee with knee length socks or short white sports socks may be worn)

** Dress Code in the Clubhouse

The following clothing is unacceptable in any part of the Clubhouse;

- Light or stone washed denim jeans - tracksuit trousers - cargo style trousers or shorts
- Trainer type shoes, (except for juniors)
- Collarless / Sleeveless T-Shirts and T-Shirts with logos
- Trousers must not be tucked into socks and shirts must be tucked into trousers
- Running or football shorts - (only 'tailored shorts' to the knee with knee length socks or white sports socks may be worn)

*** Dress Code - Ladies Section

The following clothing is unacceptable on any part of the course;

- Blue denim; track suits; shell suits; leisure suits
- Cargo / combat style trousers or shorts
- Any clothing with logos
- Sleeveless Shirts without a collar
- Collarless Shirts without sleeves
- Shoes other than golf shoes
- Tennis or Athletic Shorts
- Trousers tucked into socks (unless covered by over-trousers)

The following clothing is unacceptable in the clubhouse;

- Light or stone washed Denim; track suits; shell suits, leisure suits
- Trainers (except for juniors)
- Tennis or Athletic shoes
- Clothing with logos
- Golf Shoes (allowed on ground floor)
- Trousers tucked into socks

APPENDIX - ENTRANCE FEES

The entrance fees for 7, 6 and 5 day members will be set by Council and published within the AGM Notice.

N.B. - These Bye-Laws are subject to alterations by the Council from time to time, and their application in this edition of the Rules does not necessarily imply that they are in force. In cases of doubt, members should enquire from the Secretary what changes if any have been made.

Any Updates or alterations to the above Bye-Laws will be displayed on notice boards within the Clubhouse and on the Club Website.