

CONSTITUTION

Objectives:

The Men's Section shall be established by the adoption by those male members of the club who are amateur/professional golfers of a constitution in a form approved by the Board of Directors and acceptable to **Golf Ireland**. The said constitution shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the said male members.

The Men's Section shall:

- (i) Promote the game of golf among its members;
- (ii) Accept and abide by the Constitution and Bye-Laws of Golf Ireland to which the Men's Section is affiliated and the Bye-Laws of the Leinster Regional Executive of Golf Ireland, in whose province the Club is situate;
- (iii) Accept and apply the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping System as prescribed by the World Handicap System and such rules thereunder as may require to be implemented from time to time by Golf Ireland;
- (iv) Accept and recognise the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status.

1. Committee of the Men's Section:

1. Captain
2. Vice-Captain
3. President
4. Vice-President
5. Honorary Secretary
6. Honorary Handicap Secretary
7. Seven Male members which shall include one male member from the junior committee within the club. The junior committee representative on the Men's Section ensures there is regular feedback and oversight on all regulations regarding Child Safeguarding. Policies and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with Child Safeguarding.

1.1 Elections, Officers and Committee of the Men's Section:

Only male members may attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) of the Men's Section. Only male participating members may stand or vote in the election of Officers. (i.e. Captain, Vice-Captain, Honorary Secretary and President)

- 1.2** With a view to giving the Male Members the fullest possible information, the names of the Officers and Committee, out-going Members and those seeking re-election shall be posted on the Club Notice Board seven days prior to the General Meeting.

2. General Meetings:

- 2.1** All general meetings of the Men's Section at WGC shall be held in the Club premises or within 10 kilometres of the Clock Tower in the City of Waterford. In exceptional circumstances such as a pandemic, the Committee shall reserve the right to hold the AGM/EGM virtually.

Annual General Meetings:

2.2 (1) Subject to paragraph (2.1), the Men's Section shall in each year, before the 17th December, hold a general meeting as its AGM in addition to any other meetings in that year and shall specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it. Not more than 15 months shall elapse between the date of one AGM of the Men's Section and that of the next.

(2) Subject to Article (2.2) the AGM shall be held at such time and at such place as the Committee shall appoint.

Other General Meetings

2.3 All general meetings other than the AGM shall be called extraordinary general meetings (EGM).

Extraordinary General Meetings

2.4 The Committee may, whenever they think fit, convene an EGM and EGMs shall also be convened at the request of any 15 Male Members of the Men's Section at WGC.

Notice of General Meetings

2.5 An Annual General Meeting and a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by 14 days' notice by electronic notification (email) or in writing if requested by the member and any other meeting of the Club (other than an annual general meeting or a meeting for the passing of a special resolution) shall be called by 14 days' notice by electronic notification (email) or in writing if requested by the member. The notice shall be exclusive of the day for which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day on which it is given and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and, in the case of special business, the general nature of the business and shall be given, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, to such persons as are, under the Constitution, entitled to receive such notices from the Men's Section.

Omission to give Notice

2.6 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

3 PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Quorum

3.1 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of Male Members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business; save as herein otherwise provided, 20 Male Members present in person shall be a quorum. Members and proxies participating via electronic means to be counted as part of the quorum of the meeting.

3.2 If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of the Male Members, shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the Male Members present shall be a quorum.

Chairperson of the meeting

- 3.3** The President, and failing him the Vice- President, and failing him the Captain, and failing him the Vice-Captain shall preside as Chairperson at every general meeting of the Men's Section. If the President, Vice-President, Captain or Vice- Captain are absent or being present decline to preside, the Committee members present shall elect one of their number to be Chairperson of the meeting.
- 3.4** If at any meeting none of the persons mentioned in Article [3.3] is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Male Members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairperson of the meeting.

Adjournments

- 3.5** The Chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall if so, directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting. Save as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

Election of Officers & Committee

- 3.6** The election of Officers and Committee members shall take place in the following manner:
- I. Any two members of the Men's Section shall be at liberty to nominate any other member who has been a member of the Men's Section for the two years preceding the year of election, to serve as an Officer or Committee member of the Men's Section.
 - II. The names of the Candidates for election to the Committee and as the Officers of the Men's Section at WGC shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary in writing seven days before the AGM showing the name of the candidate, the proposer, seconder, and the consent of the candidate.
 - III. Balloting lists shall be prepared containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order and each member present, having an entitlement to vote, shall be entitled to vote for any number of candidates provided that this number does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled.
 - IV. If two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes another ballot shall be taken in respect of such candidates. If two or more candidates again obtain an equal number of votes the Chairperson shall elect by lot from such candidates, the candidate or candidates who is or are thereby elected.
 - V. The Chairperson of the meeting shall appoint an Officer and two members present as scrutinizers in respect of any voting.
- 3.7** The business of the meeting shall be taken in order as set out on the Agenda.
- 3.8** The time limit for speeches shall be-Proposer: 5 minutes: Other speakers 3 minutes: reply Proposer: 3 minutes.
- 3.9** Motions for inclusion on the Agenda shall be proposed and seconded and submitted in writing in advance of the meeting not later than date decided by the Committee.
- 3.10** Every amendment to a motion shall be proposed and seconded. The last amendment shall be the first to be voted upon and, if carried, shall become the motion.
- 3.11** Only one motion and amendment thereto shall be carried.
- 3.12** No member shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same proposition except the proposer, who shall have the right to reply, but shall not introduce new matter.
- 3.13** The vote shall be ascertained by a simple majority, or at the discretion of the Chairman, by ballot. The Chairman, who has the casting vote, shall announce the result to the meeting.

- 3.14** At every AGM of the Men's Section, all committee members of the Men's Section shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election at the same or any other general meeting of the Men's Section. However, an Officer or Committee member having served for five consecutive years shall not be eligible for election to that office or the Committee in the sixth year but shall be eligible for election to that or any other office or the Committee in the year subsequent to the sixth year.
- 3.15** In the event of an Officer or Committee Member resigning before his term of Office has been completed, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt a Male Member to serve until the next AGM at which time such Male Members can subsequently be elected 5 times.
- 3.16** The golf related business and affairs of the Men's Section at WGC shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Officers and seven other Members of the Committee elected under 1.1
- I. Committee meetings shall be called by the Honorary Secretary., Seven day's notice of Committee meetings to be given to each member.
 - II. Six Committee members shall form a quorum.
 - III. The Chairman, who shall be Captain (if present), shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote. In the absence of the Captain, the Chairman shall be the Vice-Captain or in his absence a nominee of the Captain.
 - IV. The Committee shall have the power to make such general or particular regulations as maybe necessary for the conduct of competition. Such general or particular regulations are intended to allow the Committee operational freedom in the running of competitions but shall not have the effect of amending any motion passed at AGM or EGM. Such regulations shall be communicated to male members on club Notice Board and by electronic means using Club e-mail.
 - V. The committee shall refer any questions outside its power to the WGC Board of Directors for decision.
 - VI. No amendment can be made to the Constitution which would conflict with the constitution of Golf Ireland
 - VII. Appoint a Handicap sub-committee all of whom shall be male members of the Men's Section at WGC, which shall have complete control of men's handicapping matters.
 - VIII. Communications, including complaints, in connection with golfing matters, must be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Complaints must be notified within 24 hours of the occurrence of the incident. Infringements of the Rules of Golf must be notified immediately on entering the clubhouse, to any Committee or Competition Sub-Committee member, if the Honorary Secretary is not present.
 - IX. The Captain shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees, for approval by the Committee, from the Committee or from the general body of the Male members. Sub-Committees shall be responsible to the Committee.
 - X. Accept and abide by the constitution of Golf Ireland to which Waterford Golf Club is affiliated. Be empowered to act as the club for the purpose of the word "Club" where it appears in the Rules of Golf Ireland.

4 Meetings of the Men's Section at WGC.

The Honorary Secretary of the Men's Section shall record the Minutes of Meetings.

- i. Record books written and electronic shall be kept for minutes of AGMs and EGMs and shall be available to members on request.

5. Competitions and Handicap Sub-Committees

The Management of Men's Golf competitions shall be by the Competitions and Handicap Sub-Committee, who shall consist of male playing members. They shall:

- I. Accept and apply the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping System as prescribed by the World Handicap System and such rules thereunder as may require to be implemented from time to time by Golf Ireland;
- II. Accept and recognise the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status.
- III. Keep handicap records (including three previous years) which must be made available for inspection by Golf Ireland officials at reasonable notice.
- IV. The Chairman of either of these Committees shall have the power to call meetings of the Ordinary male playing members for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to Golf Ireland.

Mens Committee

Waterford Golf Club

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