



DRUMPELLIER GOLF CLUB
(INSTITUTED 1894)
CONSTITUTION and RULES
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NAME

1 (a) The Club shall be called “**DRUMPELLIER GOLF CLUB**”.

(b) The Club will be a non profit-making body, dedicated to the supply of golfing services within the local area and any surpluses generated will be used to improve golfing facilities.

(c) No office bearer shall rent or lease land to the Club.

(d) No office bearer shall be a relative, business partner or person acting under the direction of any person leasing or renting land to the Club.

(e) No office bearer shall be a relative, business partner or person acting under the direction of anyone associated with the Club who receives an emolument based on the turnover of any aspect of Club activity.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

2 (a) The Membership shall consist of Honorary, Senior Associate, Associate, Buchanan course and Carrick course, Youth Members, 5-day membership, non-playing, Country Members and House Membership. The Buchanan course and Carrick course Membership shall be such number as may from time to time be fixed by the Club, either at the Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting, duly convened.

(b) The Committee may admit all Member Categories. The numbers permitted into each category will be monitored by the Committee. Application for all membership will be made on a form prescribed by the Committee and will be signed by two members of the Club to whom the applicant is known personally and should be lodged with the General Manager.

Qualification for membership categories

(c) Following nomination by the committee, Honorary Members may be admitted by the majority of members at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM).

(d) Senior Associate Membership shall be members of 40 years standing who have attained the age of 80 years by the 31st March. The fee will be set at 40% of the Associate Members' fee.

(e) Associate Members shall be Buchanan course or Carrick course members of 35 years standing who have attained the age of 65 years by the 31st March and have applied to become Associate Members.

(f) Buchanan course, Carrick course and Youth members shall be any person aged 18 years and upwards who has been admitted to membership of the Club after application on a form prescribed by the Committee. Such application form shall be signed by a proposer and seconder who are Buchanan/Carrick & Youth course playing members to whom the applicant is known personally and lodged with the General Manager. The application shall be displayed in the clubhouse and emailed to voting members at least 7 days prior to a meeting of the Committee at which such applications are considered. No member shall be entitled to propose, second or support an application for membership until they have been a member of the Club for one year.

(g) Buchanan course and Carrick course non-playing members shall have been members of at least 10 years standing who for medical reasons are not able to continue playing golf and have applied to become non-playing members.

Only under exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Committee will a member in this category be permitted to play the course.

Buchanan Course Playing Membership

(h) 7 Day Membership open to male and female.

Unrestricted playing times from any tee position, i.e. White, Yellow or Red Tees, with the exception, the Club Championship and the Sandy Sinclair Memorial Trophy where play and tee times will be restricted to male participants only. On all other Saturday Competition days tee times will be available to all competitors, male or female, playing in respective Buchanan Course competitions.

On Wednesday Competition days, reserved tee times will be available to all Buchanan Course members who have a valid CONGU handicap.

The above membership will be made up of the following groups:

- Honorary Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Buchanan Course Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Buchanan Course Youth Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Buchanan Course Associate Playing Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Buchanan Course Senior Associate Playing Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Country Members. (no voting rights.)

Visitors as per 'Introduction of Visitors' in the Constitution.

Carrick Course Playing Membership

(i) Membership open to male and female.

This Membership Category will only be permitted to play from the Red Tees.

The above membership will be made up of the following groups:

- Honorary Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Carrick Course Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Carrick Course Youth Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Carrick Course Associate Playing Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Carrick Course Senior Associate Playing Members. (Full Voting Rights)
- Country Members. (no voting rights.)

Visitors as per 'Introduction of Visitors' in the Constitution.

Restricted playing times (see below).

Youth Membership – Age 18 to 25 years.

(j) On transferring from Junior membership to the Youth category at the age of 18 prior to 31st March, Juniors require to make a choice as to which membership, Buchanan course or Carrick course membership, they wish to join. Appropriate playing restrictions will apply to these memberships.

Buchanan & Carrick Youth membership fee will be set at an AGM.

There will be no joining fee required by existing juniors entering this category or when full membership eligibility has been reached.

(k) New Members admitted to the Club and eligible by age also have the option to join the Youth category but require to pay a joining fee associated with the membership they join, either Buchanan course or Carrick course. (They will be offered the option of paying their entry fee in two equal instalments. The whole or first instalment shall be payable within fourteen days from the date of intimation of admission and if paid in two instalments, the second instalment and subsequent instalments shall be payable annually with the annual subscription.)

Fee Scale:

18 years of age and up to and including 21 yrs prior to 31 March

Then rising annually;

22 years of age

23 years of age

24 years of age

25 years of age

The fee for each category above will be set at an AGM as a proportion of the Buchanan and Carrick full Membership fee.

At 26 years of age prior to 31st March the option will be available to transfer into either Buchanan or Carrick course membership on payment of full annual Buchanan or Carrick course Membership fee.

Junior Membership

(k) Restricted playing times are as per the annual Membership Fixture book.

The Committee may admit, as Junior members, boys and girls between the ages of 8 attained and 18 years next birthday by the 31st March. A one-off joining fee will be payable by someone joining having attained the age of 17 of 25% of the club joining fee at that time. The number of boys and girls who may be admitted under this rule shall be limited as may be deemed advisable by the Committee.

Junior members admitted under this rule shall not have any interest in the property or funds of the Club, nor have any voting rights.

Boys and girls, on reaching the age of 18 years, shall be eligible for admission to membership of Buchanan course or Carrick course membership as per the Youth Category below.

5 Day Membership

(l) Persons admitted as five-day membership (Monday to Friday and must comply with the Course Playing restrictions as per q below) shall have no voting rights or any interest in the property or funds of the Club, nor have any voice in the management thereof.

Country Membership

(m) May be granted to any persons whose main residence is a distance of more than 100 miles from the clubhouse.

House Membership

(n) Shall be non-playing; have no voting rights; and have no interest in the property or funds of the Club.

Temporary Membership

(o) Day temporary members may be admitted by payment on application to the General Manager, or in their absence, by the Club Professional.

The Committee may admit as temporary members, with or without payment, for one or more days, members of any other Golf Club or Association for the purpose of engaging in a match, competition or friendly game.

(p) Course Playing Restrictions:

- Course reserved (April to September inclusive) for Buchanan course members on Saturdays until 5pm on medal days.
- Course reserved (April to September inclusive) for Buchanan course members on Saturdays until 4pm on non-medal days.
- Saturdays (October to March inclusive) play is restricted to Buchanan course members until after 2.30pm.

- On Jubilee Medals (April to September inclusive) Carrick course members cannot tee off between 3.30pm and 7pm. Carrick course members can play prior to 3.30pm but Medal entrants take priority.
- Carrick course member gents will be allowed to enter the April to September Gents Wednesday & Friday Medals, only for handicap purposes, on payment of a fee equivalent to the introductory fee for visitors of Carrick members.
- Some Sundays will be reserved for Buchanan and Carrick course Ladies medals played on the Carrick Course from 11am to 11.45am and from 1.30pm to 2.30pm, except on days when there is a Gents Medal or Club competition.

Carrick course members who introduce visitors will be allowed to play from the yellow tee markers on payment of the appropriate visitor's fee from the member and their visitor.

Membership General

3 Each application for membership shall be submitted by the General Manager at the first available meeting of Committee, after the 7-day intimation period.

4 Any voting member who has any objection to the admission of an applicant for membership, may, during said period of intimation, lodge their objection in writing to the General Manager who must submit the objection and the relative application to the Committee at the same time.

5 Each application shall be considered by the Committee being present and quorate, which may either admit or refuse the applicant to the membership or place on the waiting list if a vacancy does not exist. The voting may, at the discretion of the Committee, being present and quorate, be by ballot; a 2/3rds of those present and voting shall allow the applicant for membership.

6 Any person who has been refused admission to, or expelled from the membership shall not be eligible for nomination again until after the lapse of five years from the date of refusal and no priority shall be given to such a re-nomination on the waiting list.

7 The General Manager shall immediately notify successful applicants of their admission to membership and supply them, on payment of the appropriate fees, with a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

8 The entrance fee payable by Buchanan and Carrick course members shall be such sum as may be fixed by the Club. At the option of the member, this fee may be paid in whole or in two equal consecutive instalments. The whole or first instalment shall be payable within fourteen days from the date of intimation of admission and if paid in two instalments, the second instalment shall be payable the following year with the annual subscription. Otherwise the admission of the applicant may, at the discretion of the Committee, be cancelled.

9 Until the annual subscription and the first instalment or whole of the entrance fee is paid the applicant admitted shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club.

10 Any member who has resigned their membership of the Club by reason of;

- having moved their residence to a distance of not less than 100 miles from the clubhouse
- through austerity,

may re-apply for membership. Re-application requires to be made in writing to the General Manager. Subject to the approval of the Committee, the applicant may be re-admitted as a Buchanan or Carrick course member, without payment of entrance fee, unless such entrance fee shall have been raised between the dates of resignation and re-admission and in that case, they shall be liable for the difference only.

FINANCE AND SUBSCRIPTION

11 The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1st December.

12 The annual subscription for all categories of membership shall be such sums as may be fixed at the AGM and are due prior to 1st April and in the case of new members, at the date of admission on a pro rata basis if joining during the playing season.

13 A member who will be known as a Country Membership, who is resident outwith a distance of 100 miles from the clubhouse during the whole of the Club financial year, shall have their subscription reduced to a figure agreed by the Members at every AGM, provided written intimation of their residency is sent to the General Manager before the AGM. A move within this limit will trigger a return to the full subscription.

14 A member in arrears with their subscription on or after 1st April shall be notified of the arrears by the General Manager and may incur a surcharge on the outstanding balance. In the event of their failing to make payment, the Committee may remove their name from the membership roll and their name will be posted on the notice board. The person whose name is so removed may be reinstated by the Committee on cause shown and on payment of the arrears. **Continual failure to pay monies timeously may result in the Committee taking action, if necessary, through the Courts to retrieve the outstanding monies. Should this be necessary, the Club will also claim all related court costs from the member at the time.**

15 No member shall be entitled to be present, after 1st April in any year, at any meeting, or compete for any prizes, or take part in any Club competition or participate in the advantages or privileges of the Club (including all social aspects) until all arrears due by them are paid.

16 Any member changing their address or personal details held by the club must intimate the change in writing to the General Manager without delay, failing which, notice to them at their former address shall be held as sufficient notice to them, until intimation of the change is given by them. All subject to GDPR Legislation

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

17 Any member proposing to resign, or change their membership category must intimate their intention in writing to the General Manager. Unless such intimation is received by the General Manager prior to the AGM such member shall be deemed to be a member for the year following such AGM and be liable for their annual subscription accordingly. **Failure to pay the subscription may result in the Committee taking action, if necessary, through the Courts, to retrieve the outstanding monies. Should this be necessary, the Club will also claim all related court costs from the member at the time.**

17a Deferred membership may be considered on medical or work issues for one year only (during this period the member will have no voting right), thereafter alternative membership must be taken i.e. house (playing restriction as per the visitors' restrictions)

DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

18(a) All matters in this respect will be handled in accordance with the Club's disciplinary procedures. These are available on request to the General Manager. The Committee being quorate, shall have power, on a vote by ballot by 2/3rds of its entire number present, to suspend any member whose conduct appears to endanger the character, interests or good order of the Club, or who acts in defiance of its rules. At a General Meeting, of which due notice has been given, the Club shall have power, on a vote by ballot and by a vote of two-thirds of those voting, to expel any such member. At least seven days before calling such meeting, the Committee shall communicate with the offending member to give them an opportunity of withdrawing from the Club.

(b) Complaints and Suggestions

All complaints and suggestions must be made, in writing, to the General Manager and signed by the person complaining. Such complaints and suggestions shall be submitted to and dealt with, by the Committee at its next meeting and its decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

(c) Policy

A Complaints and Appeals procedure is in force and displayed on the notice board and retained in the administration office.

OFFICE BEARERS

19 The Club shall subject to the directions of the members in a General Meeting be managed by a Committee consisting of Club Captain, Club Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain and five other members, who are designated as 'elected' members of Committee. No member shall qualify to be elected a member of Committee until they have been a voting member of the Club for five or more years.

20 The Club Captain and Club Vice-Captain shall be confirmed by the members at the AGM and shall hold office for one year. The Club Captain, or in their absence the Vice-Captain, will assume the responsibility as Chairman for all Committee meetings. The Club Captain, on completion of their year in office, shall continue as a member of Committee for one year. The Club Vice-Captain, on completion of their year in office, shall be elected Club Captain. The Club Captain and Club Vice-Captain, at the date of election, must be or have been a member of Committee for at least 2 years

21 The elected members of Committee shall be appointed by the members at the AGM. One fifth of the five elected general committee shall retire annually by rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election.

22 The Committee may appoint such sub committees as it may think necessary. The Club Captain shall be a member "ex-officio" of all sub committees. These sub committees shall have no authority or decision-making powers relating to the running of Club affairs, however will report back to committee.

General Manager

23 The General Manager shall be appointed by the Committee, accountable for leading Club staff and contractors in the successful delivery of member and visitor services whilst meeting the fiscal and administrative responsibilities of the Club.

They will also work with the Committee to create and deliver the goals of a business plan and otherwise act as directed by the Committee.

AUDITORS

24 A firm of professional Accountants shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to audit the Annual Financial Statement and Balance Sheet to be submitted to the next AGM.

HONORARIA

25 The committee may propose the payment of an Honorarium to any person they consider worthy of such at an AGM, which will be agreed annually by the members at the AGM.

VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE

26 Vacancies, occurring between AGMs, due to resignations may be filled by the Committee. The person/persons co-opted to such vacancies shall hold office until the expiry of the year current at their co-option and may offer themselves for full election by the Members at the AGM.

POWERS OF COMMITTEE

27 The Committee shall have all powers necessary for the full and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Club. All regulations made by, or orders given by, the Committee shall be consistent with the rules of the Club and shall be binding on every member until set aside by a General Meeting. The Committee may co-opt any other member for any special purpose. The Club Captain shall be a member 'ex-officio' of all sub-committees.

27a In addition, and without prejudice to Rule 27 above, the Club Committee may delegate the organisation of ladies competitions, team matches and other golfing events to a sub-committee known as the "Ladies Section". The "Ladies Section" shall consist of female Buchanan and Carrick Course members who shall constitute themselves into the said "Ladies Section" for the organisation of the said ladies competitions, team matches and other golfing events. The "Ladies Section" shall appoint officials including, a Lady Captain for the competent organisation of such events. The said Lady Captain appointment shall be announced and included in the Minutes of the Club AGM. As a sub-committee, the Ladies Section will submit monthly (or as otherwise agreed) reports on all matters decided by them, to the General Manager for presentation to the Club Committee for approval.

Meetings of Club and Committee

28 The Committee shall meet once in every calendar month, or more often if required, to deal with all competent business. The meeting of Committee shall be called by circular, telephone or e-mail, on three clear days' notice, unless in cases of emergency, as determined by the Club Captain. At all meetings of Committee, or of the Club, the Club Captain, or in their absence, the Club Vice-Captain shall preside and failing both of them, the meeting shall elect a Chairman. The Chairman shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote. Forty members, in the case

of a General Meeting of the Club and five members in the case of a meeting of the Committee, shall form a quorum.

Committee Responsibilities

29 The Committee, or its appointee, shall keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings of the Club and shall conduct, or direct through Club employees, correspondence and notices with the members and others.

Finance Responsibilities/Duties

30 The Committee shall, on behalf of the Club, or through nominated employees of the Club, receive all monies payable to the Club and shall settle all approved payments due by the Club, when these have been passed by the Committee.

Club funds shall be lodged in name of the Club in a bank selected by the Committee and all cheques or withdrawal orders must be signed or authorised by two of the following, the Club Captain, Club Vice-Captain or a nominated representative of committee

30a The Committee, or their designated agents, shall be responsible for keeping correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club and prior to the AGM, shall submit for approval by the members, a Statement of the Club's Accounts and Balance Sheet in accordance with clause 34.

INVESTMENTS

31 Surplus Club funds may be invested in non-asset backed accounts by the Club Committee. Such investments shall be subject to further ratification by the members at the next AGM or EGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

32 The AGM shall be held in the clubhouse, or other convenient place, in February each year, and shall be convened by the General Manager, by circular issued to each member, not later than seven days prior to the date of the meeting.

33 The Committee or any member wishing to raise a motion in respect of the constitution must submit that to the General Manager, not less than 28 days prior to the date of the meeting to allow for logistics, the content of which will be posted on the Club notice board and emailed to all voting members no later than 21 days prior to the date of the meeting. These will be enclosed with the notice calling the AGM.

Annual Balance Sheet, etc

34 The Annual Financial Statement, Balance Sheet, Auditor's Report and Committee's Report shall be submitted at the AGM and a copy of each shall be annexed to, or enclosed with, the circular calling the AGM.

PATRONS AND PRESIDENTS

35 At the AGM, the Club may elect a Patron or Patrons. The Club will appoint a President and Vice President for a period of one year. The Vice President on completion of their year in office, will be appointed President. A new Vice President will be appointed.

SPECIAL MEETINGS (EGM)

36 The Committee may convene a Special Meeting of the members when and as often as it deems it necessary to do so. The Committee shall be bound to convene a Special Meeting of the members within 28 days after receipt of a requisition to that effect, signed by not less than forty members, stating therein, the business to be considered. Failing this requisition being complied with by the Committee, the requisitionists may themselves convene the meeting by circular issued to the members at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

37 Intimation of at least 7 days of all Special Meetings shall be given (except in the case last mentioned) by notice exhibited in the clubhouse, stating in each case the business to be brought before the meeting. In lieu of such intimation, the Committee may, if it considers it advisable, convene the Special Meeting by circular issued to each member on 7 days' notice as above. Unless by definition that it is a Constitutional matter or a disciplinary event, the vote will be by 2/3rds of those members present.

PROPERTY

38 The lease of or other title to the course, clubhouse, offices and other property shall be vested in the President, Vice-President, Club Captain, Club Vice-Captain and their successors in office and one other designated member of committee to be appointed each year following the AGM, as Trustees for and on behalf of the Club. Said officials shall, subject to the directions of the Club, be empowered to grant all obligations on behalf of the Club and its members in relation to the Club, its property, members of staff and others. Three of such officials shall, for these purposes, form a quorum.

39 (a) The property, effects and monies of the Club shall belong pro-rata to the difference in subscriptions to the Buchanan course and Carrick course playing members during membership, but the right and interest of every such member shall be personal to themselves and cease with the termination of their membership.

(b) The Club shall not make a distribution of any surplus save to another non-profit making body. In the event that the Club is wound up in the terms of Rule 39a, the proceeds may in part or in whole be distributed to the Buchanan course and Carrick course playing members in winding up.

40 Neither the Club nor the Committee shall be responsible for any property belonging to a member or left by them in any locker or other place in or about the clubhouse or on the course, it being a condition that no risk or responsibility is undertaken by the Club or the Committee to such member or any visitor introduced by them in respect of any such property.

BORROWING POWERS

41 (a) The Committee may borrow money on behalf of the Club and may vary such loans, or obtain new or additional loans, but the Committee shall not exercise the above power in respect of a sum exceeding £10,000 in any one year without first obtaining authority to do so from a meeting of the Buchanan Course and Carrick course playing members, after due notice. The Buchanan course and Carrick course playing members of the Club shall be equally liable for repayment of any such loans. All bonds and other writings granted or to be granted in exercise of this rule shall be signed by at least a quorum of the Committee.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph 41 (a) above, the Committee shall be empowered where the Committee deems it necessary to employ the use of hire purchase or leasing to replace fixed assets to a maximum of £100,000 in any one year. However, if after due diligence it proves to be in the Club's best interest to borrow rather than use hire purchase then the borrowing limit shall be £100,000, the total expended using either, or a combination of both shall be £100,000.

ASSESSMENT OF MEMBERS

42 The Club shall have power, in a General Meeting and specially called for the purpose, to assess equally the Buchanan course and Carrick course, Youth, Honorary, playing members for such sum as may be necessary for liquidating the obligations of the Club. Any member failing in payment of their share of assessment within one month after the date of intimation of the demand for payment of same shall cease to be a member and their name shall immediately be deleted from the membership roll, but they shall, notwithstanding, remain liable to the Club for their share of the assessment. **Failure to pay the assessment may result in the Committee taking action, if necessary, through the Courts to retrieve the outstanding monies. Should this be necessary, the Club may also claim all related court costs from the member at the time.**

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

43 Buchanan, Carrick course, Youth, 5 Day & Country playing members may introduce 12 visitors to the privileges of the course in any one year, but a member may not introduce more than 3 visitors on any one day. The name and address of the visitor or visitors on each occasion shall be entered by the introducing member in the Visitors' Book. A member shall not introduce the same visitor more often than on four days in all during the course of the year and not more often than one day in either May, June or July. The same visitor shall not be introduced for more than four days during the year whether introduced by one or more members. Any member may personally take a friend or friends into the clubhouse at any time, but such friend or friends shall on no account be eligible to play on the course except under the rules as above stated. The names and addresses of such friend or friends must be entered in the Visitors' Book as non-playing visitors. The Committee shall have power to alter or suspend this rule at its discretion.

44 Notice of the exercise of the powers referred to in the preceding rule shall be posted in the clubhouse and shall be held to be due intimation to all concerned. The Committee shall have power to refuse permission to members to introduce to the course or clubhouse any person whose introduction it considers is undesirable.

RESTRICTION ON SALE OF LIQUORS

45 A member of the Committee, manager, or member of staff employed by the Club shall not have, directly or indirectly, any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors in the Club premises or in the profit arising from such sale.

46 No visitor shall be supplied with excisable liquor on the Club premises unless 'signed in' on the Visitor's book as the guest of and in the company of a member.

47 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to a member. No excisable liquor shall be supplied to any person under 18 years of age.

48 The hours during which excisable liquor may be sold or supplied for consumption to members shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Acts in force from time to time and be agreed by the Committee on an annual basis.

RULES OF THE COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE

49 (a) The Rules of the Course shall be the rules of the Game of Golf as these may from time to time be adopted or added to or altered by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews, without prejudice to such local rules (if any) as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Club or Committee.

(b) The dress code rules of the course and clubhouse shall be as prescribed by the Committee and posted on the notice boards and published on the Club web site.

Compliance with Rules, etc

50 Every person becoming or remaining a member and every visitor entering the course or clubhouse submits themselves to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Club in all respects in the same way as if they had specially subscribed to them, and only on these terms are they entitled to the rights and privileges of the Club. A copy of the Constitution and Rules and any alterations or additions to the same, shall, on application, be provided to each member, including one to each new member in terms of Rule 7. No member shall be entitled to plead that they are not binding on them on the grounds that they may not have received a copy of same.

LIST OF CLUB MEMBERS etc

51 A copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Club and also an alphabetical list of the members, with their addresses and handicaps, shall be retained within the administration office and be available to club members on request, as long as it meets GDPR current legislation.

ALTERATIONS

Alterations of Constitution, etc.

52 Any alteration of, or addition to, the Constitution and Rules shall only be made at a General Meeting, of which due notice has been given, the Club shall have power, on a vote by ballot and by a vote of two-thirds of those voting, or at any Special Meeting and the notice calling such meeting shall state the terms of the proposed alteration or additions. The Committee or any Buchanan course or Carrick course playing member proposing an alteration or addition to be submitted to the AGM shall notify the General Manager in writing with the terms thereof not less than 28 days prior to the meeting and such proposed alteration or addition shall be intimated in the circular calling such meeting. Any alteration or addition proposed to be submitted to a Special Meeting shall be notified in writing to the General Manager and be intimated by circular issued by the General Manager to members, in the manner provided by Rule 32 and 33.

53 Any alteration or addition made at the AGM shall be operative from the date of the AGM. No general revision of the Constitution and Rules shall be competent for consideration of the members except at an AGM, or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

Alterations of Rules & Regulations

54 Local rules and regulations made from time to time by the Committee shall become and remain binding on the members until altered by the Club or Committee. A copy of all new rules and regulations shall from time to time be posted in the clubhouse, e-mailed to voting members or notified in the Captain's newsletter and the same shall be held to be duly intimated to all concerned.

Voting Rules

55 Except where these rules otherwise provide, all questions for decision at any meeting of the Club or Committee shall be determined by two thirds of the members present and voting and ascertained by a show of hands. If the result is questioned, the vote shall be taken by ballot. If there are two or more amendments to a motion, then the amendments shall be voted on separately and the resulting amendment voted on directly against the original motion. The Captain will have the casting vote, if required, at all meetings of the Club.