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1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 Rules herein contained are indicated by consecutive numbers. Clauses are indicated by consecutive numbers, preceded by Rule numbers. Sub-Clauses are indicated by consecutive numbers, preceded by Rule and Clause numbers. Sub-Sub-Clauses are indicated by consecutive numbers preceded by Rule, Clause and Sub-Clause numbers.

2. TITLE AND OWNERSHIP

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

2.2 The ownership of the Club property shall be vested in the Trustees for the time being of the Club, on behalf of the Voting Members of the Club as defined in Sub Clauses 11.1.1 and 11.1.2. The Voting Members only shall have control of the affairs of the Club.

2.3 The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main objects, as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the Club's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the Members of the Club. No Officer shall be appointed to any Office of the Club paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club. However nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:

1. Reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member of the Club (not being an Officer) for any services rendered to the Club;
2. Interest, at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum, on money lent by Officers or other Members of the Club to the Club;
3. Reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any Member of the Club (including any Officer) to the Club;
4. Reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any Officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club;
5. Fees, remuneration or benefit in money or money's worth to any company of which an Officer may be a Member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such company.

2.4 If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the Club. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club under or by virtue of Clause 2.3 hereof. Members of the Club

shall elect the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The Membership of the Men's Club shall consist of playing male Members who are Ordinary Members, other Subscribing Members and Honorary Members.
- 3.2 The Membership of the Ladies Club shall consist of playing female Members who are Ordinary Members, other Subscribing Members and Honorary Members.
- 3.3 The Membership of the Parent Club shall consist of all Members of each of the Men's and Ladies Clubs and all other Members duly elected from time to time.

4. OBJECTS

- 4.1 The main object of Nenagh Golf Club is to promote the amateur game of golf among its Members.
 - 4.1.1 This Constitution incorporates Children First National Guidance for Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, Sports Ireland Safeguarding Guidance for Young People in Sport 2019.
 - 4.1.2 Nenagh Golf Club adopts the nine overarching governance principles as set out by Golf Ireland: good governance, controls, accountability and transparency, gender equality, safeguarding, inclusivity, compliance, engagement and integrity.

4.2 The Men's Club shall:

- 4.2.1. Promote the amateur game of golf among its Members.
- 4.2.2. Apply for affiliation to the Golfing Ireland and undertake, in writing, to accept and abide by the constitution and rules of Golf Ireland .
- 4.2.3. Accept and apply the Handicapping Systems as prescribed by Golf Ireland and implement same.
- 4.2.4. Accept and recognise The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as the sole authority of prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status.
- 4.2.5. Accept that the Parent Club is the overall authority for administering the affairs of both the Men's and the Ladies Clubs, subject as provided in these Rules.

4.3 The Ladies Club shall:

- 4.3.1 Promote the amateur game of golf among its Members.
- 4.3.2 Apply for affiliation to Golf Ireland and undertake, in writing, to accept and abide by the Constitution and rules of Golf Ireland. .
- 4.3.3 Accept and apply the Handicapping System as prescribed by Golf Ireland and implement same.
- 4.3.4 Accept and recognise The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as the sole authority of prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the Rules of

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- 4.3.5 Accept that the Parent Club is the overall authority for administering the affairs of both the Men's and the Ladies Clubs, subject as provided in these Rules.

4.4 The Parent Club shall:

- 4.4.1 Provide facilities for the playing and promotion of the amateur game of golf by Men, Women and Minors, and generally promote games and other social activities amongst its Members.
- 4.4.2 Act as administrator of the affairs (other than golf competitions) of both the Men's and the Ladies Clubs.
- 4.4.3 Decide the maximum number of Members of different categories which can be elected to each of the Clubs.
- 4.4.4 Recommend the rate of
1. Entry Fee (if any) and,
 2. Annual Subscription to be paid by Members of different categories of Member in each Club, which recommendations shall be placed before an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Parent Club, for ratification or amendment.
 3. Social Contribution to be paid by members, which recommendations shall be placed on before an Annual General Meeting of the Parent Club for ratification or amendment.
- 4.4.5 Decide the rate of Green Fee to be payable to the Club by visitors.
- 4.4.6 Generally, to act in the promotion and advancement of the affairs of the Club and the improvement of the facilities available to Members.

5. TRUSTEES

- 5.1 The Trustees shall be not more than 3 and not less than 2 individual Members of the Parent Club. Such Trustees shall be elected by the Members at a General Meeting of the Parent Club.
- 5.2 Each Trustee shall hold office until resignation or removal from office by resolution of the Members at a General Meeting of the Parent Club.
- 5.3 The Club premises and such other property of the Club as the Committee of Management of the Parent Club (hereinafter referred to as the "the Committee of Management") shall determine shall be vested in and under the legal control of the Trustees and such Trustees shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by a resolution of the Committee of Management of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence.
- 5.4 If the Trustees, when directed by a resolution of the Committee of Management to perform a certain act, consider that the performance of such an act is one of such importance that they consider that the Members of the Parent Club should be consulted, then the Trustees may refuse to perform such act until the Members of the Parent Club have been consulted at a General or an Extraordinary General Meeting and a resolution is passed at such Meeting authorising or refusing to authorise the Trustees to perform such act as was originally directed by the Committee of Management.
- 5.5 The Trustees shall be indemnified out of the Parent Club property and assets in respect of all transactions directed by a resolution of the Committee of Management

and against all liabilities and expenses necessarily incurred as a result of their Trusteeship and in the event of the Parent Club property and assets being deficient, the deficiency shall be made up by the Membership of the Parent Club on a pro-rata basis according to Membership category.

6. OFFICERS

- 6.1 The Officers of the Men's Club shall be a President, a Captain, a Vice-Captain, the Immediate Past Captain, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Handicap Secretary.
- 6.2 The Officers of the Ladies Club shall be a President, a Captain, a Vice-Captain, the Immediate Past Captain, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Handicap Secretary.
- 6.3 The Officers of the Parent Club shall be the President, Captain, Vice-Captain and Immediate Past Captain of both the Men's and Ladies Clubs and the Trustees, the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Parent Club.

7. MANAGEMENT

7.1 Allocation of Functions

- 7.1.1. The business and affairs of the Men's Club shall be under the jurisdiction and control of a General Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Men's Committee") consisting of the Officers of the Men's Club and 7 other Members of the Men's Club elected under clause 7.2 and Rule 19.
- 7.1.2. The business and affairs of the Ladies Club shall be under the jurisdiction and control of a General Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Ladies Committee") consisting of the Officers of the Ladies Club and 7 other Members of the Ladies Club elected under Clause 7.2 and Rule 19.
- 7.1.3. The business and affairs of the Parent club shall be under the jurisdiction and control of a Committee of Management consisting of the officers of the Parent club as set out in rule 6.3, the Trustees and from 2015 other Members of the Parent club elected under clause 7.2 will be reduced to 5 members.
- 7.1.4. Each of the aforementioned Committees may exercise its powers notwithstanding that there might be a vacancy or vacancies in its Membership.
- 7.1.5. Nothing in this Rule shall preclude a Member of either the Men's or the Ladies Committee being also a Member of the Committee of Management.
- 7.1.6. At Meetings of any of the foregoing Committees fifty per cent plus one of those entitled to attend and vote shall form a quorum.
- 7.1.7. At Meetings of the Men's and Ladies Committees the Chair shall be taken by the President or, if absent, by the Captain of the Club concerned. At the first Meeting of the Committee of Management a vote shall be taken between the President of the Men's Club and the President of the Ladies Club to decide which of them shall be the Chairperson for the year. The unsuccessful candidate shall, automatically, be the Vice-Chairperson. In the absence of both of the above at a particular Meeting those in attendance shall elect a Chairperson.
- 7.1.8. The Chairperson at a Meeting shall, in addition to a deliberate vote, have, and shall exercise a casting vote.

7.2 Election – Officers and Committee

- 7.2.1 The Officers shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 7.2.2 The election of Office Bearers and Members of Committee shall be made at the respective Annual General Meetings.
 - 7.2.2.1 the election of Auditors shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Club. Auditors thus appointed shall have responsibility for audit of the accounts of the Men’s Club and the Ladies Club in addition to the Parent Club.
 - 7.2.3 The Men’s and Ladies Committees shall nominate for election the President, Captain and Vice Captain of their respective Clubs for the ensuing year.
 - 7.2.4 Nominations (with the approval of the nominee) for the election of the Officers of each of the Men’s Committee, the Ladies Committee, for the positions of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Committee of Management and Auditors shall be given to the Honorary Secretary of the Club concerned at least twenty one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of that Club. All nominees must be properly proposed and seconded by Ordinary Members of the Club concerned. A complete list of nominated Officers, together with their proposers and seconders, must be posted on the Club notice board for at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the relevant Annual General Meeting. The Immediate Past Captain of the Men’s Club and the Ladies Club shall "ex officio" be Members of the Committee of their respective Clubs and of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year.
 - 7.2.5 Nominations (with the consent of the nominee) for the election of Ordinary Members of each of the Committee of Management, the Men’s Committee and the Ladies Committee shall be by two Members at the relevant Annual General Meeting.
 - 7.2.6 Each Ordinary Member of each Committee shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election provided always that no Ordinary Member shall serve for more than three (5) consecutive years.
 - 7.2.7 The respective Committees shall have power to fill vacancies in any of these offices (including Membership of its Committee) during any year. The persons so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the particular Club.
 - 7.2.8 The Office of any Office Bearer shall be vacated by such Office Bearer resigning there from, or on ceasing to be a Member of the Parent Club or being removed by a resolution at an Annual General or Extraordinary General Meeting of the appropriate Club.
 - 7.2.9 The Officers and Committee of the Parent Club, the Men’s Club and the Ladies Club shall assume office on 1st January following election at their respective Annual General Meetings and hold office until the following 31st December unless removed by a Resolution under Rule 7.2.8.

7.3 Committee Meetings

- 7.3.1 Stated Meetings of the Men’s and the Ladies Committees shall be held one in every month between February and September and not less than once in every two months between October and January and special Meetings on such dates as may be found convenient for the transaction of business on at least two days notice

- being given by the Captain or the Honorary Secretary of the relevant Committee.
- 7.3.2 Stated Meetings of the Committee of Management shall be held one in every month and Special Meeting on such dates as may be found convenient for the transaction of business on at least seven days notice being given by the Chairperson or Honorary Secretary of the Parent Club.
- 7.3.3 Upon a requisition signed by not less than eight Members of a Committee, stating the nature of the business to be transacted, the Captain or Honorary Secretary of the Committee concerned shall call a Special Meeting of such Committee for the consideration thereof; and if the Officers designated above neglect or refuse to call such Meeting within seven days the same may be convened by notice signed by eight Members of such Committee.

7.4 Employment of Staff

- 7.4.1 The Committee of Management shall have the power to appoint a paid Secretary Manager and other employees upon such terms and conditions as the Committee may determine; to terminate such appointments and also to appoint substitutes from time to time.

7.5 Management Regulations

- 7.5.1. The Committee of Management is empowered to make, and from time to time alter, such Bye-Laws and Regulations for the management of the Parent Club as it may consider necessary provided always that such may be set aside by a General Meeting of that Club.
- 7.5.2. The Committee of Management is also empowered to make such Local Rules (provided same are not at variance with the Rules of Golf) and Regulations for the use of the Course as are required in the interest of all Members.
- 7.5.3. Every Member of every category and every 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.

7.6 Appointment of Sub-Committees

- 7.6.1 The Men's and the Ladies Committees and the Committee of Management shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees and to appoint Members of their respective Clubs as well as Office Bearers and Committee Members, to act on such Sub-Committees and to define the scope of their authority and to delegate and confer upon such Sub-Committees the powers necessary for the discharge of the function or functions for which such Sub-Committees were formed.
- 7.6.2 Each Sub-Committee shall retire annually on the date of the Annual General Meeting of its respective Club or when the function for which it was appointed is completed.
- 7.6.3 The quorum of each Sub-Committee shall be defined at the time of appointment.
- 7.6.4 The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall, in addition to a deliberate vote, have, and shall exercise a casting vote.

8. ADMINISTRATION

- 8.1 The three sections of the Club shall be administered as follows:
- 8.1.1 The Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club shall be responsible for the every day affairs of that Club except such duties as are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Men's Club or to the Secretary Manager (if any).
 - 8.1.2 The Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Club shall be responsible for the every day affairs of that Club except such duties, which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Ladies Club or to the Secretary Manager (if any).
 - 8.1.3 The every day affairs of the Parent Club shall be the responsibility of an Officer of the Committee of Management selected by Majority vote at the first Meeting held after its election at the Annual General Meeting. A deputy officer of the committee of management shall be selected at the first meeting held after its election at the AGM, who shall take on the role in the event of the Selected officer of the committee of management not being available due to unforeseen events. The Officer so appointed shall have the right, subject to the general approval of the Committee, to delegate specified duties to particular Members of the Committee who shall be responsible for the efficient exercise of these duties during the lifetime of the Committee or until the delegation is rescinded.
 - 8.1.4 All complaints concerning matters under the jurisdiction and control of the Committee of the Club concerned shall be referred primarily to the Honorary Secretary of that Club who, if unable to resolve same, shall request same in writing from the complainant and, if obtained, shall place the complaint on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Committee of such Club for investigation and decision.
 - 8.1.5 The Honorary Secretary of the Parent Club shall also act as Liaison Officer between the Committee of Management and each of the Men's and Ladies Committees.

9. FINANCE

9.1 The Financial Affairs of the Parent Club shall be operated as follows:

- 9.1.1. The Honorary Treasurer of the Parent Club shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Parent Club.
- 9.1.2. Annual Audited Accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.
- 9.1.3. Subject to the requirements of the Bank concerned, the Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Parent Club (and shall be clearly identified as such) in such Bank as the Committee of Management may from time to time determine. All payments shall be approved by the Honorary Treasurer and by one other authorised Officer or an authorised Member of the Committee of Management.
- 9.1.4. The Honorary Treasurer of the Parent Club shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Parent Club for the financial year ended 30th September for consideration by the Committee of Management and for presentation to and approval by the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Club which shall be held not later than 31st December following.

- 9.1.5. The Committee of Management shall determine the Budget necessary for the proper running of the Parent Club and shall, subject to review from time to time throughout the year, determine the annual contribution (if any) required from the Men's Club and the Ladies Club to the Parent Club.
- 9.1.6. The Committee of Management may make grants from time to time to the Men's and the Ladies Clubs in such sums, as the Committee of Management shall in its absolute discretion see fit.
- 9.1.7. The Committee of Management shall be responsible for the payment of the Annual Subscription and the Provincial Levy payable to Golf Ireland in respect of the Members of the Men's Club and the Annual Subscription payable to Golf Ireland in respect of the Members of the Ladies Club.

9.2 The Financial Affairs of the Men's Club shall be operated as follows:

- 9.2.1. The Honorary Treasurer of the Men's Club shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Men's Club.
- 9.2.2. Subject to the requirements of the Bank concerned the Banking account shall be kept in the name of the Men's Club (and shall be clearly identified as such) in such Bank as the Men's Committee may, with the authority of the Committee of Management, from time to time determine. All payments shall be authorised by the Honorary Treasurer and one other authorised Member of the Men's Committee.
- 9.2.3. The Men's Committee shall be entitled to charge and retain all entry fees in Club and Open Competitions under its control and management and for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes.
- 9.2.4. The Honorary Treasurer of the Men's Club shall, on demand from time to time throughout the year, furnish details of the financial affairs of the Men's Club to the Committee of Management.
- 9.2.5. The Honorary Treasurer of the Men's Club shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Men's Club for the financial year ended 30th September for consideration by the Men's Committee and for presentation to and approval by the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club which shall be held not later than the 15th November following.
- 9.2.6. Following the Meeting of the Men's Committee at which the audited accounts are considered the Honorary Treasurer shall immediately forward a copy of the audited accounts to the Honorary Treasurer of the Committee of Management for information.

9.3 The Financial Affairs of the Ladies Club shall be operated as follows:

- 9.3.1. The Honorary Treasurer of the Ladies Club shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Ladies Club.
- 9.3.2. Subject to the requirements of the Bank concerned the Banking account shall be kept in the name of the Ladies Club (and shall be clearly identified as such) in such Bank as the Ladies Committee may, with the authority of the Committee of Management, from time to time determine. All payments shall be authorised by the Honorary Treasurer and one other authorised Member of the Ladies

Committee.

- 9.3.3 The Ladies Committee shall be entitled to charge and retain all entry fees in Club and Open Competitions under its control and management and for which it has arranged for the provision of prizes.
- 9.3.4 The Honorary Treasurer of the Ladies Club shall, on demand from time to time throughout the year, furnish details of the financial affairs of the Ladies Club to the Committee of Management.
- 9.3.5 The Honorary Treasurer of the Ladies Club shall issue an audited statement of the affairs of the Ladies Club for the financial year ended the 30th September for consideration by the Ladies Committee and for presentation to and approval by the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Club which shall be held not later than the 15th November following.
- 9.3.6 Following the Meeting of the Ladies Committee at which the audited accounts are considered the Honorary Treasurer shall immediately forward a copy of the audited accounts to the Honorary Treasurer of the Committee of Management for information.

10. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

- 10.1 Applicants seeking membership must be approved by two members of the club who are acquainted with the applicant. If applicant is unknown to Nenagh Golf Club members two references must be provided.
- 10.2 The procedure for the election of Members shall be as follows:
 - 10.2.1. Completed applications forms will be submitted to the Management Committee for approval. The Management Committee will approve applications for membership each month until 31st August each year. The mode of election will be by secret ballot. A four /fifths majority vote of all members present being required for election. All increases in membership will be subject to the agreed limitations as to the number of members electable to the different categories.
 - 10.2.2. Immediately upon election of an applicant to Membership notice in writing shall be dispatched to such applicant by the Subscription Secretary together with a copy of the Club Rules and a request for immediate payment of the appropriate Subscription and Entrance Fee and/or Capital Levy (if any).
 - 10.2.3. The Subscription Secretary shall pass on all relevant applicant information to the Secretary of the Men's Club or the Secretary of the Ladies Club as the case may be.

11. MEMBERSHIP

11.1 The following shall be the Categories of Member which may be Elected:

- 11.1.1 Ordinary Members shall comprise Men and Women who, having paid the Entrance Fee (if any), Annual Subscription and Capital Levy (if any) applicable to this category, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Annual General and all Extraordinary General Meetings of the Parent Club and all such Meetings of the

Men's Club and the Ladies Club as the case may be and enjoy all outdoor and indoor facilities prescribed by Sub-Clause 4.4.1 hereof. Only a Member in this category shall have an interest in the Club property which interest will cease on such Member leaving this category unless the Member has been elected an Honorary Member of the Club. Ordinary Members are often known and referred to as Full Members.

- 11.1.2 Family Members shall comprise of spouses or civil partners who are Ordinary Members together with all dependent children up to the age of 25 if engaged in full-time education.
- 11.1.3.1 Honorary Members shall comprise persons whom the Committee of Management wishes to acknowledge as having rendered exceptional service to the Club or to the game of golf or whose distinguished position or public service would render their Membership of special advantage to the Club. No one shall be appointed an Honorary Member unless they are firstly recommended by at least two thirds of the entire Committee of Management voting in secret ballot.
- 11.1.3.2 Honorary Members who have been Ordinary Members shall have all the entitlements of an Ordinary Member. Honorary Members who have not been Ordinary Members shall have all the entitlements of an Ordinary Member save that they shall not have voting rights and shall not be entitled to an interest in the Club Property.
- 11.1.3.3 The President and Captain of the Men's Club and the Ladies Club and the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Parent Club shall be regarded as Honorary Members for the duration of their office.
- 11.1.4 Five Day Members shall comprise persons who wish to enjoy the facilities of the Course from Monday to Friday only each week and the facilities of the Clubhouse at all times subject to the proviso that public holidays are excluded from the facilities of the Course.
- 11.1.5 Student Members shall comprise persons ten years of age and upwards in full time education. Such Membership shall cease on 1st October following graduation or qualification or 25th Birthday whichever is earlier. All student members over the age of 18 years must submit evidence of registration in a course of full-time education duly stamped and verified by the educational establishment concerned.
- 11.1.5 (a) Members between the ages of 18 and 28 who do not qualify for student membership under 11.1.5 be afforded a 50% reduction in their membership. A member progressing from Category 11.1.5(a) on their 28th birthday will then move to the "New" Ordinary member rate for the following two years.
- 11.1.6 Country Membership shall comprise persons who are Ordinary Members of another affiliated Golf Club and who are not residing within 30 kilometres of Nenagh Golf Club.
- 11.1.7 Clubhouse Members shall comprise persons who wish to enjoy the facilities of the Clubhouse.
- 11.1.8 Temporary Members are those referred to in Rule 16.
- 11.1.9 The Membership year shall be from 1st January to 31st of December. .
- 11.1.10 Junior Cadet members shall comprise of persons under 10 years of age. These children can only use the course facilities while accompanied by an adult member.
- 11.1.11 For subscription rates see clause 4.4.4 of the constitution.

12. ENTRANCE FEE

- 12.1 On election, the following categories of Member shall be required to pay the prescribed entrance fee (if any), Ordinary, Five Day, Country and Clubhouse.
- 12.2 Student Members shall not be required to pay an entrance fee.
- 12.3 When a Student Member is obliged to relinquish his/her category and seeks election to another category within the Club, no entrance fee shall be payable on election.
- 12.4 Should a Five Day, Country or Clubhouse Member apply to become an Ordinary Member the amount of the entrance fee payable shall be the appropriate amount payable at the date of election as an Ordinary Member.
- 12.5 The amount of entrance fee payable by the different categories of Member shall be fixed under Sub-Clause 4.4.4.

13. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- 13.1 All categories of Member, except Honorary Members, shall be required to pay an Annual Subscription.
- 13.2 The amount payable by the different categories shall be fixed under Sub-Clause 4.4.4.
- 13.3 All members will remain members until the 31st March provided subscriptions are paid in full or a part payment arrangement be approved and entered into by the 31st March.
- 13.4 Where a Member's subscription remains unpaid at 31st March Membership shall be deemed to have lapsed and the name of such Member shall be removed from the Register of Members /Club VI system/Golf Ireland, except in exceptional circumstances where the Committee of Management, at its absolute discretion, decides to extend the period for payment.
- 13.5 The Honorary Treasurer of the Parent Club shall notify the Honorary Secretary of the Men's Club and the Women's Club of the name of any such Member and the Committee concerned shall not allow such Member to compete in any Club or Open Competition under its control.

14. LEVY

- 14.1 A Capital Levy shall only be imposed by a resolution at a General Meeting of the Parent Club.
- 14.2 The amount of such levy shall be payable at such time or times and in such manner as the General Meeting of the Parent Club shall resolve.
- 14.3 Student Members or Ordinary Members who have been accorded a reduction in Annual Subscription under Rule 15 shall not be liable for payment of any Capital Levy introduced under this Rule.
- 14.4 The annual social levy is €40 for ordinary members and €80 for family members. The said levy is to be used within the calendar year and any sum that is not used by 31st December each year shall be forfeited to the Golf Club.

15. REDUCTION IN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- 15.1 An Ordinary Member within the year of reaching the age of 70 or at any time

thereafter and having completed 20 years Membership of Nenagh Golf Club shall be entitled to notify the Committee of Management of such fact and shall be accorded a reduction of 25% of the ordinary members subscription. This same facility shall be afforded to Family Members on either partner reaching the qualifying age. Ordinary and Family Members currently on a reduced subscription for ages 66 to 69 on 31/12/2023 will be afforded the over 70 rate.

- 15.2 All Ordinary and Family Members, who had reached the age of 70 years and who had qualified for a reduction of 85% of their annual subscription in or prior to the 2011 Subscription Year will benefit from a 75% reduction in their subscriptions for 2012 and future years. This reduction will not be extended to other Members meeting this criteria after that date.

16. VISITORS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS

- 16.1 Any Ordinary, Country or Honorary Member may introduce visitors.
- 16.2 It shall be a condition precedent that the Member effecting the introduction shall enter each visitor's name, address and date of visit immediately on entering the Clubhouse in a book to be kept for the purpose called a "Visitor's Book" and such entry must be attested by the signature of the introducing Member.
- 16.3 No visitor shall be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation of and in the company of the introducing Member.
- 16.4 The charge for playing visitors shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee of Management under Sub-Clause 4.4.5 who are also empowered to make regulations for the admission of non-playing visitors.
- 16.5 Before using the facilities of the Course or the Clubhouse, a playing visitor must enter his or her name, the name of the Golf Club of which He or She is a Member and the name of the introducing Member and the date in a Green Fee Register and pay the appropriate fee as stipulated by the Committee of Management.
- 16.6 The Committee of Management, or a person authorised to act on its behalf, having made and attested the necessary entry in the Green Fee Register, may permit any person or group not having an introduction from a Member to play on the Course and use the Clubhouse as visitors on payment of such Green Fee as the Committee shall from time to time decide.
- 16.7 The payment of the Green Fee shall entitle the visitor to temporary Membership of the Club for the day on such terms and subject to such restrictions as may be fixed from time to time by the Committee of Management.
- 16.8 A Member who fails to enter a visitor's name in the Visitor's Book or Green Fee Register shall be liable to a fine to be decided by the Committee of Management and shall be personally responsible for the payment of the appropriate Green Fee where applicable.
- 16.9 The Committee of Management shall have power to suspend the Rules permitting the introduction of visitors or temporary Members at any time and refuse permission for any particular visitor or temporary Member to use the Clubhouse or Course.
- 16.10 Competitors in Club Open Competitions held on the Course and extending for more than one day shall, on payment of the entrance fee for the competition and on such fee being accepted by the Committee in charge of the competition be eligible to use the Course and Clubhouse, without further payment or nomination for election as Temporary Members and for every day during the continuance of such competition on such terms and subject to such restrictions as the Committee

of Management may from time to time decide.

- 16.11 Competitors in Club Open Competitions limited to one day shall likewise be eligible for Temporary Membership status on the day of the competition only.
- 16.12 Any Office Bearer or any two Members of the Committee of Management may (and without assigning any cause if they so think right) cancel the admission of any Day Visitor or Temporary Member whose admission may be irregular or whose presence they may deem objectionable, or who deliberately breaks any of the Rules, Bye-Laws or Regulations of the Club.
- 16.13 The Fee paid by any such Visitor or Temporary Member may, at the discretion of the Committee of Management be either forfeited or refunded.
- 16.14 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing Rules contained, the Committee of Management may permit any person, team or group to play on the Course and use the Clubhouse without payment of any Green Fee provided that the Committee complies with the provision of the Registration of Clubs Act 1904/1988 and the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1988 and any amendment or extension to those Acts.

17. FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

- 17.1 The Committee of Management is empowered to impose fines for breaches of the Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Parent Club in force for the time being or for breaches of the etiquette of golf, and may also at any time (either instead of, or in addition to, fines) temporarily withdraw the use of the Clubhouse and Course from any Member whose conduct or breaches of the Rules, Bye-Laws or Regulations may, in the opinion of the Committee of Management, justify this course.
- 17.2 Any Member refusing or failing to pay a fine so imposed and after notification thereof, shall be suspended from the use of the Clubhouse and Course until such fine shall be paid.
- 17.3 Each of the Men's and Ladies Committees shall report any Member of their Club to the Committee of Management for investigation and penalty under this Rule if they, in their absolute discretion, consider the breach warrants it.

18. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 18.1 The Committee of Management shall have the power to be exercised only in accordance with the provisions of this Rule, to deprive a Member of Membership of the Club.
- 18.2 The Committee of Management may, by a majority of not less than two thirds of its Members then present at a Committee Meeting, decide that it is in the interests of the Club that a Member should be called on to resign Membership of the Club.
- 18.3 The Committee of Management shall fix a date for the Committee Meeting at which the matter of the Member's resignation shall be considered. The Member shall be given three weeks previous notice of the date and place of the Meeting.
- 18.4 The notice shall be in writing and shall inform the Member of the Committee's decision and of the reasons why the Member is being called on to resign. It shall incorporate a copy of this Rule.
- 18.5 The notice shall be deemed to have been duly given if sent by prepaid registered post to the Member's last known postal address or to the Member's last address

appearing in the records of the Club.

- 18.6 The Member may give notice to the Honorary Secretary of the Committee of Management of intention to attend the Meeting.
- 18.7 If the Member attends the Meeting, the Committee, having heard what the Member may have to offer, may elect finally to deal with the matter itself or to refer it to be dealt with by a Special Body, to be set up in accordance with the provisions of this Rule and this right to elect shall also obtain if the Member does not attend the Meeting.
- 18.8 The Member may also elect to have the matter finally dealt with by the Committee or referred to a Special Body. The Member shall be informed of such right to elect.
- 18.9 If the Committee or the Member shall elect to have the matter dealt with by a Special Body that Body shall be constituted as follows. It shall consist of five Ordinary Members of the Club none of whom shall be a Member of either the Men's or Ladies Committee or of the Committee of Management.
- 18.10 The Committee and the Member whose Membership is in question shall each nominate two Members of the Special Body. These four shall, if possible, agree on a fifth Member to be their Chairperson.
- 18.11 In default of agreement the President of the Club shall nominate a Chairperson.
- 18.12 When constituted, the Special Body shall fix a date for a Meeting to consider the matter and shall not give less than one week's previous notice in writing to the Committee of Management. The Member concerned and such other Club Members and Members of Staff it may wish to interview of the date, time and place of the Meeting.
- 18.13 Those to be interviewed shall only be present at the Meeting when being interviewed.
- 18.14 The Committee of Management and the Men's or the Ladies Committee concerned shall each appoint a representative to attend the Meeting on its behalf.
- 18.15 Such representatives and the Member shall each have the right to attend the Meeting, to be heard and to call such evidence and make such case, as each may think fit.
- 18.16 Where the matter is dealt with by the Committee of Management it shall have the power, by majority of not less than two-thirds of its Members then present at a Committee Meeting, to remove the Member's name from the list of Members of the Club.
- 18.17 Where the matter is dealt with by a Special Body the following provision shall apply. The quorum of the Special Body shall be five. It shall have the power by a simple majority of its Members then present at a Meeting of the Body, to remove the name of the Member from the list of Members of the Club.
- 18.18 If the Special Body reach a decision on the matter the decision shall be final.
- 18.19 If they fail to reach a decision the matter shall be finally decided by the Committee of Management.
- 18.20 Where, in accordance with the provisions of this Rule, the Committee or Special Body remove the name of a Member from the list of Members of the Club such person shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club and shall be notified accordingly in writing.
- 18.21 Any category of Member may be deprived of Membership in accordance with the provisions of this Rule.

19. GENERAL MEETINGS

19.1 The Men's Club

- 19.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be held not later than the 15th of November for receiving the Men's Club Committee's Annual Report and the duly audited Financial Statement for the year ended the previous 30th September; for electing Office Bearers, Auditors (if any), Members of Committee, revising (subject to approval of the Parent Club) its Rules and transactions and such other business of the Men's Club as may be on the Agenda.
- 19.1.2 Seven days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Male Ordinary Members of the Club who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club.
- 19.1.3 Notices of Motion must be made to the Secretary of the Men's Club in writing not less than twenty one (21) days before the Meeting.
- 19.1.4 Such notices shall be sent to each Member of the Men's Club together with the Agenda for the Meeting.
- 19.1.5 Nominations of Officers and Members of the Committee of the Men's Club shall be in accordance with Sub-Clauses 7.2.4 and 7.2.5 respectively.
- 19.1.6 Notices of Motion and nominations not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

19.2 The Ladies Club

- 19.2.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be held not later than 15th November for receiving the Ladies Club Committee's Annual Report and the duly audited Financial Statement for the year ended the previous 30th September; for electing Office Bearers, Auditors (if any), Members of Committee, revising (subject to approval of the Parent Club) its Rules and transactions and such other business of the Ladies Club as may be on the Agenda.
- 19.2.2 Seven days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Female Ordinary Members of the Club who are the only persons entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Club.
- 19.2.3 Notices of Motion must be made to the Secretary of the Ladies Club in writing not less than twenty one (21) days before the Meeting.
- 19.2.4 Such notices shall be sent to each Member of the Ladies Club together with the Agenda for the Meeting.
- 19.2.5 Nominations of Officers and Members of the Committee of the Ladies Club shall be in accordance with Sub-Clauses 7.2.4 and 7.2.5 respectively.
- 19.2.6 Notices of Motion and nominations not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

19.3 The Parent Club

- 19.3.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be held in the month of December for receiving the Committee of Management's Annual Report and the duly audited Financial Statement for the year ended the previous 30th September: for electing Office Bearers, Auditors (if

any), Members of Committee, revising Rules and transactions and such other business of the Club as may be on the Agenda.

- 19.3.2 Seven days notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Members of the Club entitled to attend and vote.
- 19.3.3 Notices of Motion must be made to the Secretary of the Committee of Management, in writing, not less than twenty-one (21) days before the Meeting.
- 19.3.4 Such notices shall be promptly posted in the main entrance hall of the Clubhouse.
- 19.3.5 Nominations of Officers and Members of the Committee of the Parent Club shall be in accordance with Sub-Clauses 7.2.4 and 7.2.5 respectively.
- 19.3.6 Notices of Motion and nominations not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting except as provided in Sub-Clause 19.4.3 hereof.

19.4 Annual notification to Parent Club of certain information and documents

- 19.4.1 Immediately following the Annual General Meetings of each of the Men's and Ladies Clubs the respective Honorary Secretaries shall notify the Secretary of the Parent Club of the names of the President, Captain, Vice Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of their Club who shall represent that Club on the Committee of Management for the ensuing year.
- 19.4.2 Each Honorary Secretary shall also forward to the Secretary of the Parent Club for submission to the Committee of Management a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statement and such Notices of Motion or Recommendations as such Club wishes to submit for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Club.
- 19.4.3 Any such Notice of Motion or Recommendation shall be submitted not less than 14 days prior to the relevant General Meeting to allow for its inclusion on the Agenda for the Meeting.

19.5 Extraordinary General Meetings

- 19.5.1 Extraordinary General Meetings of any of the Clubs may be called at any time by direction of the Committee of the Club concerned or on a requisition to the Secretary of that Club signed by at least 20 Members entitled to vote at such Meeting, stating the business to be brought forward.
- 19.5.2 On receipt of such requisition it shall be the duty of the Committee of such Club to have a General Meeting called without delay and failing notice calling such Meeting being issued by direction of the Committee concerned within fourteen days after receipt of the requisition by the Secretary of that Club, any twelve Members who have signed the requisition may issue notice of a General Meeting, which notice shall be sufficient if published in two successive issues of a local newspaper circulating in the locality of the Club and posted in a prominent position at the main entrance to the Clubhouse at least fourteen days before the date fixed for such Meeting.

19.6 Notification of Extraordinary General Meetings

- 19.6.1 Seven days notice of every Extraordinary General Meeting convened by order of a Committee shall be given to the Members entitled to vote by a circular specifying the time and place of Meeting and the business to be transacted.

19.6.2 All notices calling Meetings may be sent by post and addressed to Members at such address as may be recorded in the Club books.

19.7 Chairperson at General Meetings

19.7.1 The President shall preside at all General Meetings of the Men's Club and the Ladies Club respectively.

19.7.2 The Chairperson, or if absent the vice-Chairperson of the Committee of Management shall preside at all General Meetings of the Parent Club.

19.7.3 If the foregoing Officers are absent or decline to preside any other Chairperson may be appointed by the Meeting.

19.7.4 The Chairperson in addition to a deliberate vote shall have and shall exercise a casting vote.

19.8 Mode of Voting at General Meetings and Quorum

19.8.1 No proxies shall be allowed.

19.8.2 Voting shall be either by a show of hands or by ballot.

19.8.3 Ballot shall mean a vote on voting paper.

19.8.4 A majority of one shall be sufficient to decide any question under discussion unless a greater majority is required by some other Club Rule.

19.8.5 In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have and shall exercise a casting vote as provided in Sub-Clause 19.7.4

19.8.6 If any Member at a General Meeting proposes that the mode of voting on any particular matter shall be by ballot and this is seconded by another Member, then the question of whether voting should be by a show of hands or by ballot shall be decided by a show of hands.

19.8.7 An election of candidates for Membership of the Committee of either the Men's or Ladies Club or for Membership of the Committee of Management shall be by ballot.

19.8.8 Forty Members entitled to attend and vote shall form a quorum at all General Meetings save those of the Ladies Club where the quorum shall be twenty and the Men's Club where the quorum shall be thirty.

20. MINUTE BOOKS

20.1 The Men's Club the Ladies Club and the Parent Club shall each keep:

20.1.1. A Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes of Annual, General and Extraordinary General Meetings held in compliance with Clause 7.3.

20.1.2. The respective Minutes shall be read out at the next General or Extraordinary General Meetings and when approved as being a correct record, shall be signed and dated by the Chairperson.

21.1.2(a)The respective minutes of all committee meetings shall be forwarded to all committee members by email in advance of the committee meetings and at the said committee meetings when approved as being a correct record, shall be signed and dated by the chairperson.

20.1.3. The Men's Club and the Ladies Club shall each submit its Minute Books to the Committee of Management when required.

21. RULES OF GOLF AND LOCAL RULES

- 21.1 The Rules of the Game of Golf for the Men's and Ladies Clubs shall be the Rules of Golf as approved by Golf Ireland and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- 21.2 In addition the Committee of Management, in compliance with Sub-Clause 7.5.2 shall from time to time prescribe such Local Rules as it considers necessary having regard to the nature of the Course or otherwise provided such Local Rules are not contrary to or at variance with the Rules of Golf or directives issued by the respective Union to which the Men's or Ladies Club is affiliated.

22. PLAYING FACILITIES

- 22.1. The Committee of Management shall prescribe the days and times when the members of Nenagh Golf Club shall have the use of the Course or when the Course is closed or reserved for team events. It shall also decide on the facilities to be afforded to Societies or other groups.
- 22.2. The Committee of Management shall also be empowered to direct the days and times when fourballs, singles or other formats shall have priority commencing play on the 1st or 10th Tees and generally regulate the use of the Course for the benefit of Members.

23. PERSONAL PROPERTY

- 23.1 Any personal belongings of Members, visitors and others, brought to or kept at or left on the premises of the Club (either in the Clubhouse or outside in the Car Park or on the Course) shall be at the sole risk of the owners, and neither the Club nor any Committee shall be responsible for any loss or damage thereto however arising; but this rule shall not prejudice any claims by the Club or the owners against Insurance Companies in case of fire, or when otherwise covered by Insurance.

24. INTOXICATING LIQUOR

- 24.1 The club shall, at all times, be bound by the provisions of the Registration of Clubs Act (1904-2008) and any amendments thereto:-
- 24.2 Subject to the exception specified in sub paragraph (3) of this Clause, 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 those premises by any person (other than such a member)-
- (a) At any time on Christmas Day or, (b) On any other day, outside the following hours
- (i) St. Patrick's Day: between 12.30 pm and 12.30 am on the following day;
 - (ii) The 23rd December; if it falls on a Sunday, between 10.30 am and 11.30pm;
 - (iii) Christmas Eve; between 10.30 am and 11.30 pm;
 - (iv) The Eve of any Public Holiday (other than Christmas Eve); If the Eve

falls on a week day, between 10.30 am and 12.30 am on the following day, or if it falls on a Sunday, between 12.30 pm to 12.30 am on the following day;

- (v) Any other Sunday (except a St. Patrick's Day which falls on a Sunday); between 12.30 pm and 11.00 pm.
- (vi) Any other Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 10.30 am and 11.30 pm and;
- (vii) Any other Friday or Saturday: between 10.30 am and 12.30 am on the following day.

24.3 Nothing in the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904 -2008 or contained, by virtue only of the operation of Clause 24.2 above to prohibit the supplying for consumption on the club premises of excisable liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable liquor on those premises by any person-

- (a) On Christmas Day, between 12.00 midday and 10.00 pm, or
- (b) On any other day, for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of that day during which it is lawful for the club, by virtue of Clause 24.2(b) above, to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the club premises;

If in each case the excisable liquor is-

- (i) Ordered by or on behalf of that person at the same time as a substantial meal is so ordered and,
- (ii) Consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended.

The hours in paragraph 24(2)b above in respect of any days specified in that paragraph are in addition to the period between midnight and 12.30 am on that day, where that period is included in the hours so specified in respect of the eve of that day.

In paragraph 24(2) "public holiday" has the meaning given to it by the Organization of Working Time Act 1997.

24.4 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under the age of eighteen years.

24.5 No member of the Management Committee and no Employee of the club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or in the profits arising from such sales.

24.6 Except as permitted under section 30 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000, 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 a visitor to the club premises, or immediately upon his/her being supplied with such liquor, enter his/her own name 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.

24.7 No person under the age of 18 years shall be allowed in the licensed area of the Club after 9.00 pm. However, a child who is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian may be allowed in to the licensed area of the club between the hours of 10.30 am (12.30 pm on Sunday) and 9.00 pm.

24.8 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.

- 24.9 No excisable liquor shall be sold for consumption outside the premises of the club, except to Club Members, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock at night.
- 24.10 The Management Committee may alter or add to these rules for the purpose of complying with the Registration of Clubs Act (1904-2008) and any amendments thereto, or for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the members in accordance with such laws.
- 24.11 In addition to the foregoing Rules, the Rules and Regulations embodied in the Registration of Clubs Acts (1904-2008) and the acts extending and amending the same shall be deemed Rules of the Club.

25. CHANGE OF RULES

- 25.1.1. No Rule of either the Men's Club or the Ladies' Club shall be repealed or altered or new Rule made except at a General Meeting of such Club and by a vote of the majority of those present and voting at such Meeting and written notice of the proposed change must be sent to the Secretary of the Club concerned with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least twenty one (21) days previous to the Meeting at which same is to be considered.
- 25.1.2. Such notice shall be promptly posted in the main entrance hall of the Clubhouse.
- 25.1.3. The Secretary of the Club concerned shall place the notice on the Agenda of the Club concerned and acquaint the Committee of Management of same.
- 25.1.4. Any repeal, alteration or new Rule so passed is subject to approval of the Committee of Management.
- 25.1.5. No Rule of the Parent Club shall be repealed or altered or new Rules made except at a General Meeting and by a vote of the majority of those present and voting at such Meeting and written notice of the proposed change must be sent to the Secretary of the Club, with the names of the proposer and seconder attached, at least twenty one (21) days previous to the Meeting at which it is to be considered.
- 25.1.6. Such notice shall be promptly posted in the main entrance hall of the Clubhouse.
- 25.1.7. The Secretary of the Committee of Management shall place the notice on the Agenda.
- 25.1.8. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the provision of this Constitution for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved, in writing, by the Revenue Commissioners.

26. COMMENCEMENT

- 26.1 Notwithstanding any Rule, Clause, Sub-Clause or Sub-Sub-Clause hereinbefore contained, the accounts of Nenagh Golf Club and its associate Membership (if any) shall be presented to the Parent Club's Annual General Meeting for ratification.
- 26.2 Until such time as the Officers and Committee of Management of the Parent Club are elected under this Constitution, the Officers and Committees of Nenagh Golf Club as heretofore constituted shall continue to act and shall have all necessary powers under this Constitution and the Officers of the Men's Club and of the

Ladies Club shall not take office until that event.

- 26.3 During the transitional period prior to the first Annual General Meeting of the Parent Club the Officers of the Ladies Committee together with the Officers, Trustees and Ordinary Members of the Committee of Nenagh Golf Club shall act in the capacity of the Committee of Management as provided for under Rule 7.1.3.
- 26.4 On the passing of this Constitution all Associate Lady Members under the previous Rules (whether as individuals or by virtue of Family Membership) shall be deemed to be Ordinary Members of the Ladies Club and of the Parent Club.

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