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# **CLUB CONSTITUTION**

**OBJECTS & RULES  
OF  
BROMSGROVE GOLF CLUB**

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## OBJECTS AND RULES OF BROMSGROVE GOLF CLUB

### **DEFINITIONS**

<u>Club</u>	means an organisation of those Members elected, appointed or accepted in accordance with these objects and rules..
<u>Golf Manager</u>	the Agent for the Proprietor.
<u>Member's</u>	means those persons accepted into membership of the Club from time to time in accordance with these Rules.
<u>Members Liaison Committee</u>	means those persons referred to in Rule 12.
<u>Member's Fund</u>	Mutually agreed funds payable by the Proprietor annually for each member (excluding juniors and honorary members) to be used by the Member's Committee to provide facilities for carrying on the Club.
<u>Officer's</u>	means those persons appointed in accordance with Rule 8.
<u>Proprietor</u>	the company trading as "The Bromsgrove Golf Centre".
<u>Subscriptions</u>	Subscriptions are the dues or fees paid to become a member and access the facilities available to the category of membership applied for.

### **NAME**

The Golf Club will be called "Bromsgrove Golf Club"

### **CONSTITUTION**

The Club is a Proprietary Club, the Proprietor and Sole Manager of which is The Bromsgrove Golf Centre. All matters relating to the Golf Club are to be addressed to the Club Secretary, Bromsgrove Golf Club, Stratford Road, Bromsgrove, B60 1LD

2.1 The Proprietor will be responsible for providing the Club with the premises to enable the Club to operate in accordance with these objects and Rules.

2.1(1) The Proprietor will pay to the Club mutually agreed funds (to be known as the 'Member's Fund') annually for each member (excluding juniors and honorary members).  
These funds will be used by the Member's Liaison Committee to provide facilities for Carrying on the Club in accordance with these objects and rules.

2.2 The Proprietor will have:

- 2.2 (1) the control of all the financial affairs of the club (apart from club competition, Members Fund and social monies);
- 2.2 (2) the power to engage, control and dismiss employees of the Club;
- 2.2 (3) the administrative powers necessary for the satisfactory running of and carrying Out the Objects of the Club; and
- 2.2 (4) power to make Bye-Laws for all such purposes.

### **2.3 CLUB FINANCES:**

2.3.1 The Member's Liaison Committee as defined in Rule 12 will control the 'Member's Fund', Competition and social monies of the Golf Club.

2.3.2 A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the 'Club Account'). Designated account signatories shall be the Golf Manager, Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by two of the three designated signatories. All monies payable to the club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.

2.3.3 The Club shall keep accounting records for recording the fact and nature of all payments and receipts so as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position, including the assets and liabilities of the Club. The account records to be retained for a minimum of six (6) years.

2.3.4 The Club shall prepare an annual 'Financial Statement', the statement shall be

verified by One independent member and shall be approved by members at a General Meeting.

2.4 Members will be under no financial liability by reason of their membership of the Club save any Annual Subscription, Entrance or Playing Fee which will be determined by the Proprietor.

2.5 This Constitution may be changed at the absolute discretion of the Proprietor in accordance with Rule 26.

2.6 If at an Extraordinary General Meeting (notice of which will be posted on the Club's Notice Board and on the Members page of the Bromsgrove Golf Centre website at least fourteen days prior to the meeting) and at which not less than one half of the membership eligible to vote are present a Resolution for the Dissolution of the club is passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the committee must immediately, or at such a future date as is specified in the Resolution, proceed to release the property of the Club. The proceeds will be used to establish another Golf Club of the same name elsewhere, failing which the proceeds will be donated to such sporting charities as are agreed upon by the membership. In default of such agreement the President of England Golf will nominate the sporting charity or charities.

### 3 **MISSION**

Our Mission is to provide our Members and guests, of all ages and abilities, with the opportunity to play and progress their golf in a friendly and welcoming environment whilst upholding the integrity and traditions of the game.

The Mission Statement is binding on all Committee Members until changed by the Full Committee.

### 4 **MEMBERSHIP**

Full members shall be limited as to such number as the Proprietor may from time to time determine. They shall have the right and privilege of playing golf when the course is open for play, and to such privileges as permitted and advertised by the Proprietor. Other classes of membership shall be limited to such number as the Proprietor may from time to time determine and shall have the right and privilege of playing golf at such times as laid down by the Proprietor.

Temporary membership shall be granted, in the various categories, without payment of an entrance fee on a yearly (or part yearly) basis at the discretion of the Proprietor.

### 5 **CATEGORIES**

Membership of the Club may consist of the following categories:

- 5.1 Full
  - Gold
  - Silver
  - Bronze
- 5.2 Weekday
  - Silver
  - Bronze
- 5.3 Intermediate
  - Gold
  - Bronze
- 5.4 Student
  - Gold
  - Bronze
- 5.5 Junior
  - Gold
  - Bronze
- 5.6 Honorary
- 5.7 Corporate

### 6 **ADMISSION AS A MEMBER**

No person shall become a member unless he has:

- 6.1 been duly accepted to his category of membership
  - 6.2 paid the entrance fee (unless a temporary member)
  - 6.3 paid the annual subscription which shall include any fees due to England Golf, the Worcestershire Union of Golf Clubs and the Worcestershire & Herefordshire Ladies County Golf Association.
  - 6.4 agreed to abide by the Rules of the Club and to act in accordance there with.
- 7 **ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBER**
- 7.1 Proposals for membership must be made on the form provided for that purpose and must be signed by the Candidate for Membership.
  - 7.2 The acceptance of a member will be at the discretion of the Proprietor in conjunction with the Officers on the Members Committee, applicants not accepted for membership for whatever reason will have no right of redress to the Proprietor or the Officers of the Club.
  - 7.3 On the acceptance of a new member, the Proprietor will send him a written copy of his acceptance together with a copy of this Constitution and the Golf Rules of the Club. Until payment is received of all sums due from the new member to the Proprietor, the new member will not enjoy any of the benefits or privileges of the Club (Rule 6).
- 8 **OFFICERS**
- The Officers of the Club shall be a President, Golf Manager(s), Chairperson, Club Captain, Ladies Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Secretary, Assistant Handicap Secretary, Ladies Vice- Captain and Club Vice-Captain.
- These Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting with the exception of the President who shall be appointed by the Proprietor.
- 9 **VICE PRESIDENT**
- The Vice Presidents of the Club shall be the last 3 Captains, both Gentleman and Ladies, retiring in order of seniority, providing that they are still members. The immediate past captains shall serve on committee as a voting non- executive officer for their past captains year.
- 10 **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**
- 10.1 The Club shall duly exercise the disciplinary powers delegated to them under the England Golf Constitution and in accordance with the England Golf 'Instructions for the Procedure and Conduct of Disciplinary Committees'.
  - 10.2 Grievance Procedure – the purpose of which is to resolve quickly, in an informal manner, minor misunderstandings or unintended offensive behaviour.
  - 10.3 Members should initially raise any grievance informally with the Club Secretary who will attempt to resolve it. In the event that the grievance cannot be settled informally, the Member should raise it formally with the Club in writing.
  - 10.4 The Grievance panel will consist of at least three impartial members of the Member's Committee, as nominated by the Chairperson, with the Secretary in attendance, but not involved in any decision.
  - 10.5 The Disciplinary Committee will be any four of the following, the Golf Managers, the Lady or Club Captain, the Lady or Club vice-Captain, the Handicap Secretary with the Secretary in attendance, but not involved in any decision.
  - 10.6 A Member may, by written notice, appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee to the Club secretary. Such notice shall be served on the Club within 14 days of the date of the serving of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 11 **APPEALS COMMITTEE**
- The Appeals Committee will be any four of the following: the President, the Treasurer, the Assistant Handicap Secretary and any of the Committee Members not involved in the original disciplinary committee. Their decision is final.
- 12 **THE MEMBERS LIAISON COMMITTEE**
- 12.1 The Members Committee shall consist of the Officers elected in accordance with rule 8, together with two lady members and two gentlemen members, elected in accordance

- with Rule 13, along with the immediate past Captains and the Golf Managers.
- 12.2 Only members of Bromsgrove Golf Club that have elected Bromsgrove as their Home Club, and have been a member of the Club for at least two years at the date of the Annual General Meeting, may serve on the Committee(s) or be an officer of the Club.
- 12.3 Decisions of the Members Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the committee meeting.
- 12.4 The quorum for the transaction of business of the Members Committee shall be 7.
- 12.5 The Members Committee will meet on the first Wednesday of each month.
- 12.6 An Emergency Committee consisting of the Club Captain, Secretary and Treasurer shall have the power to act in an emergency, and/or call a meeting of the Member's Committee, any action taken being reported to the next meeting of the Members Committee.

### 13 **ELECTION FOR THE MEMBERS LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The election of the Officers in accordance with Rule 8 and the four members in accordance With Rule 12 will take place in the following manner:

- 13.1 Any two members of the Club may nominate an Officer or Committee Member. The Nomination Form must be completed showing the name and membership number of the candidate together with the names and membership numbers of those members proposing and seconding the nomination.

The completed form to be sent to the Secretary and must arrive by 5pm - 18 days before the Annual General Meeting.

- 13.2 A list of the Candidates' names will be affixed to the Club Notice Board, and on the Members Page of the Bromsgrove Golf Centre website, at least 14 days before the A.G.M. If a ballot is required the Secretary will then circulate ballot papers at the Annual General Meeting containing the names of the candidates.
- 13.3 Each playing member of the Club (except Junior Members under the age of 18 years, at the date of the AGM) present at the Annual General Meeting will be entitled to vote for the appropriate number of vacancies, as detailed on the top of the ballot paper – All votes do not have to be used; the suggested number is a maximum.
- 13.4 In the event that two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, the Committee shall select those candidates to be members of the committee by lot.
- 13.5 Members can apply for a proxy vote (someone else votes on your behalf) as long as they are a fully paid up member and are eligible to vote, at the deadline date for applying. Members can apply for a proxy vote if they are unable to attend for one of the following reasons:
- You are unable to attend the AGM because you are on vacation, away from your Normal residence or abroad ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.
  - Your employment requires you to work on the night of the meeting, or
  - You are absent due to authorised Club business.
- The deadline for applying is 6 working days before the AGM. To apply members will need to complete and sign an application form (available from the Secretary) personally and return it to the Secretary to arrive no later than 5.00pm, 6 working days before the AGM.
- 13.6 Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card telling them where and when to vote on your behalf.
- Note:
- The proxy must be eligible to vote and attend the AGM.
  - A person can only be the proxy for up to one other person at the AGM.
- If it turns out that you are able to attend the AGM, you can vote in person as long as your proxy vote has not already been counted.
- 13.7 Those members of the members' committee elected under this Rule will retire at the next Annual General Meeting and will be eligible for re-election.
- 13.8 All Officers apart from the Captains and Vice Captains who shall serve in their respective positions for one year only, may offer themselves for re-election annually.
- 13.9 Subject to Rule 13.3, if any casual vacancy of a member or members of the Members Committee elected under this Rule occurs; the remainder of the Members Committee

- may co-opt a replacement by majority vote. Any member so chosen will retire at the next Annual General Meeting, but will be eligible for re-election. The co-opted replacement will have the same voting rights as those elected under this rule.
- 13.10 The Handicapping and Competition sub-committee shall be formed, consisting of the Handicap Secretary, Assistant Handicap Secretary, Club Secretary and two other members (1 male, 1 female) appointed from the elected Committee Members and will meet on the first Wednesday of the month, on alternate months to the Members Committee i.e. February, April, June and August. The current Handicap Secretary will act as Chairperson and will chair the meetings, or in his absence the Assistant Handicap Secretary will officiate. The Committee will have complete control of handicapping and competition matters in the club.
- 13.11 Any request for the introduction of a new competition, for whatever reason, to be put to the Club Secretary who will arrange for the suggestion to be discussed by the Handicapping and Competition sub-committee who will decide if agreement should be granted. The request to be accompanied by the reasons for the introduction of the new competition, the cost to enter, details of prizes/ trophies to be awarded and the beneficiaries with suggested date for running the competition. Prior agreement to be obtained in writing before organising or publicising the event. See also paragraph 34 charitable donations.
- 14 **GENERAL MEETINGS**
- 14.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in every year and there will not be more than fifteen months between one Annual General Meeting and the next.
- 14.2 Thirty members present, in person, shall be a quorum at General Annual Meetings of the Club.
- 14.3 Any proposition relating to the welfare of the Club may be discussed at the Annual General Meeting, but no resolution shall be proposed thereat unless forty days previous notice of the same shall have been given to the Secretary in writing, or unless the form of the resolution shall appear in the Agenda annexed to the notice convening the meeting.
- 14.4 Extraordinary General Meetings may be called at any time by the Committee or upon receipt of a request to such effect addressed to the Secretary and signed by at least fifty members setting out the resolution to be proposed thereat. On receipt of such a request, the Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting within 21 days.
- 14.5 The Secretary shall post Notices for the General Meetings on the Club Notice Board and on the Members page of the Bromsgrove Golf Centre website giving 21 days' notice for Annual General Meetings and for Extraordinary Meetings fourteen days. Copies of the resolution(s) to be proposed thereat will be posted on the Club's Notice board at least seven days before the meeting.
- 14.6 A minimum of two Scrutineers (if required) to be appointed by the meeting to conduct a count of the ballot papers. Those appointed must not include either Members of the Committee, candidates or their proposers and seconders.  
The number of votes for each candidate to be recorded.
- 15 **SUB-COMMITTEES**
- 15.1 A Senior Gentlemen's Section' sub-committee shall be formed from senior gentlemen Members (aged 55 years & over), elected at an Annual Meeting. The Senior Gentlemen's Committee will consist of the Senior Men's Captain, Senior Men's Vice Captains, and two senior gentlemen members.
- 15.2 A Junior Section sub-committee, comprising the Junior Organiser, Junior Captain, Junior Vice Captain and two Committee members shall be formed from eligible members of the Club and the Junior Membership and elected to the Junior Section Committee at an Annual Meeting.
- 15.3 Any two members of the Club may nominate an Officer or Sub Committee Member for the Senior or Junior Sub Committees. A Nomination Form must be completed showing the name and membership number of the candidate together with the names and membership numbers of those members proposing and seconding the nomination. The completed form to be sent to the Secretary and must arrive by 5pm - 1 day before the

- Annual Meeting.
- 15.4 Sub – committees have the power to co-opt other members, where they have a particular skill set or area of interest which is considered to be of assistance to the sub-committee in a given situation. The co-opted member(s) will not have voting rights and will cease to be a member of the sub-committee at the next annual meeting of the Section.
- 15.5 Any other or special Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Members Committee as required.
- 16 **CHAIRPERSON**
- 16.1 The Chairperson, or in his/her absence a Captain, will chair General Meetings and the Members Liaison Committee Meetings.
- 16.2 The Senior Gentlemen’s Section Sub-Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Gentlemen’s Captain, or in his absence, the Senior Gentlemen’s Vice Captain.
- 16.3 The Junior Section Sub-Committee shall be chaired by the Junior Organiser, or in his/her absence, another Junior Committee Member.
- 16.4 In the case of an equal number of votes, the Chairperson (who has no vote) shall have the casting vote.
- 16.5 In the absence of the nominated Chairperson, the Officers shall nominate a Chairperson.
- 17 **RULING BODIES**
- 17.1 The club agrees to recognise the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A) as the ruling body of Amateur Golf and shall abide by the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status as laid down from time to time by the R&A.
- 17.2 The club agrees to comply with National Golf Unions Regulations and the CONGU Unified Handicapping System Rules (and any conditions imposed within the scheme by England Golf).
- 17.3 The club agrees to comply with the Constitution and Rules of the England Golf and their County Unions as laid down from time to time.
- 17.4 The Club agrees to adopt ‘The Children in Golf’ (CiG) Child Protection policy and procedures as defined in the England Golf GolfMark Award.
- 18 **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**
- The duties of the Officers shall be as laid down by the Committee and documented within the appropriate Job description.
- 19 **RECORDS**
- All documents, records and minutes of any kind relating to the Club shall be the joint property of the Members and the Proprietor.
- 20 **SUBSCRIPTIONS**
- 20.1 The Annual Subscription (or part of) will be such sum as the Proprietor shall determine from time to time. The Proprietor may terminate the membership of any member whose subscription is not paid by the first day of the new season. A Member whose annual subscription is more than two (2) months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned. Such person’s name will be removed from the register of members and he or she will immediately cease to be a member of the Club and forfeit all rights of membership.
- 20.2 The Club shall pay all subscriptions due to England Golf and County Unions in respect of every member of whatever category
- 20.3 All members will have the opportunity to pay the Golf Centre an advance (minimum amount as defined by the Golf Centre) on their membership card, which will attract a discount on various product / facilities throughout the Centre. The discount percentage and product / facilities that attract this discount may be changed entirely at the Proprietors discretion starting each subscription year. This credit will be deemed “in trust” and will be refunded to the member on leaving the Club for any reason.



21 **MEMBERS' ADDRESSES**

Each member will from time to time provide details of his or her current address to the Golf Manager who will enter that address in the register of Members. All notices sent to that address will be deemed to have been delivered in the normal course of post. The Proprietor shall maintain a Register of Members at all times which shall be kept on the premises.

22 **REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP** - Gold or Silver membership categories only.

- 22.1 Suspension of membership shall be at the sole discretion of the proprietor and memberships may be suspended for a minimum period of one month and a maximum period of 6 months for one of the following reasons:
1. Injury/Illness or pregnancy (must provide medical documents). In the event of the member being unable to use their membership due to medical conditions, then a request for suspension should be made in writing to the proprietors together with appropriate and relevant supporting evidence such as a doctor's certificate.
  2. Military activation (must provide proof).
  3. Working out of town (must provide proof).
- 22.2 For Membership suspension due to working away from home the Proprietors will require notification in writing/email at least one month prior to the suspension period. A maximum 6 months suspension will be allowed per membership year, subject to the Proprietor's discretion.
- 22.3 Suspension of membership will commence on the date the request is received together with the documentary evidence. (No retrospective requests will be considered).
- 22.4 All suspensions of membership must be for full calendar months only.
- 22.5 The Member will not be entitled to any of the membership privileges, such as member's discounts, during the period of suspension.
- 22.6 In all of the above suspensions, when agreed by the Proprietors, a pro-rata credit (based on the monthly direct debit payment or the 'one-off' payment divided by 12) will be applied to the members account, this credit is non refundable but can be used towards the members Annual Subscription, either when the suspension is lifted or towards next year's subscription value.
- 22.7 This paragraph does not apply to suspension of membership as a result of the action taken under paragraph '25 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS'.

23 **RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS**

A member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Proprietor. Any member who has resigned remains liable for any subscription due and unpaid at the date of resignation. A member shall not be entitled to any refund or repayment or compensation other than "in trust" funds. (Rule 20.3)

24 **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

- 24.1 The Proprietors may expel from the Club (or suspend from Membership) a member who has otherwise materially or persistently breached the provisions of the Constitution, Rules or Bye-laws, or has in the opinion of the proprietors, after consultation with the Members Liaison Committee, behaved in such a way as to prejudice the character, interests or good name of the Club.
- 24.2 Before a member is expelled or suspended, such member's conduct shall be investigated, in accordance with Rule 10 if applicable, by or on behalf of the Proprietor and such member shall be given an opportunity to explain and justify his behaviour. If the Proprietor is then of the opinion that the member is guilty of such conduct as mentioned in Rule 23.1 and that the member has failed to explain and justify it satisfactory, the Proprietor may either expel or suspend such member at the Proprietor's discretion after consultation with the Members' Liaison Committee.

- 24.3 A member expelled or suspended in accordance with this Rule shall forfeit all the privileges of membership without any claim for any refund, repayment or compensation other than "in trust" funds. (Rule 20.3)
- 25 **SOCIAL MEDIA**
- 25.1 A member's behaviour on any social networking or other internet site must be consistent with the expected behaviour of members generally. Posting inappropriate or disparaging comments about the Golf Club, Golf Centre or its members will be treated as misconduct. Because Social Media interactions, will be public for many years and can be copied and widely disseminated in a way that the member may not be able to control, the member should be mindful of the impact their contribution might make to people's perception of the Golf Club or Golf Centre.
- 25.2 The Club will take a particularly serious view of any social media communications, or the inappropriate use of emojis, or posts of any kind, that may be construed in a way that could damage the Golf Club or Golf Centre's reputation, even indirectly.
- 26 **INTOXICATING LIQUOR**
- The Sale or supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club shall be permitted within the general licensing hours in force within the general licensing district in which the Club premises are situated (and any extensions thereof granted by the Justices) and the bar opening hours will be fixed by the Proprietor. Intoxicating liquor will be sold only in accordance with the terms and conditions (if any) imposed by the Justices License granted in respect of the Club premises.
- 27 **ALTERATION OF RULES**
- 27.1 Save as in provided Rules 17 and 24, these Rules may at any time be revoked, supplemented or altered by the Proprietor after consultation with the Members Committee.
- 27.2 Rules 10.1, 13.10, 17, 20.2 and this Rule shall not be amended or revoked without the prior written consent of England Golf.
- 28 **DISPUTES**
- Any dispute or difference which may arise as to the meaning or interpretation of these Rules or as to the powers of the Officers or Members Committee or any sub-committee or the validity of any election or proceedings of the Members Committee or any sub-committee or otherwise shall be determined by the Proprietor after full consultation with the Officers, and such decision shall be final and binding on all Members of the Club.
- 29 **BYE-LAWS**
- Every member will be bound by and submit to the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club. Copies will always be available from the Proprietor.
- 30 **GOLF MANAGER(S)**
- The Golf Managers are the appointed representatives of the Proprietor to whom all matters appertaining to the Proprietor should be addressed.
- 31 **DELEGATION**
- The Proprietor may at any time delegate any of its powers to the Golf Manager, The Members Committee or to any Sub-Committee, on such terms and subject to such conditions as it may stipulate.
- The Handicapping and Competition sub-committees appointed from the elected Officers and Committee Members may not delegate its overall control of handicapping of members under Rule 13.10 but may delegate part or the whole of the clerical work of the schemes to the Golf Manager or other members of the Club and the Golf Manager may be co-opted on to such Sub-Committees.
- 32 **EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

The Proprietor, management and staff of Bromsgrove Golf Centre will not accept any responsibility or liability for any loss or damage to equipment and/or property, or injury sustained by you or caused to other people whilst on Bromsgrove Golf Centre land or property.

33 **GENERAL**

- 33.1 No member shall take away or permit to be taken away from the Bromsgrove Golf Centre under any pretence whatsoever, or injure or destroy, any property of the Club.
- 33.2 No paper, written or printed notice, or placard shall be exhibited, put in the Clubhouse or Locker Rooms or in any way brought to the notice of the members without the sanction of the Proprietor.
- 33.3 Members are required to pay all expenses incurred on behalf of themselves or their guests in the Clubhouse or on the Course before leaving Bromsgrove Golf Centre.
- 33.4 Due to the possible risk of contamination and in order to maintain specified hygiene standards in food preparation areas dogs are not permitted in the Clubhouse Bar & restaurant, with the exception of guide and assistance dogs. Owners with 'well behaved' dogs are permitted in the following areas, but must be supervised and kept on a lead at all times;  
Clubhouse Patio inc. undercover walkway areas.  
Clubhouse Foyer/ Lobby.
- 33.5 The use of illegal drugs and/or excessive consumption of alcohol are prohibited at all times during Club Functions (or competitions). The Centre reserves the right to refuse service of alcohol to any member who is, in the Centre's view, behaving inappropriately. Food and drinks will be available at many Club events, including alcoholic beverages. If members choose to drink alcohol, members are expected to drink responsibly, and be respectful to other members.
- 33.6 Any unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with, if necessary under the formal disciplinary procedure (See Section 10 above), which could result in suspension of membership or in extreme cases expulsion from the Club.

34 **INTERPRETATION**

- 34.1 References to the masculine will include the feminine and where appropriate the singular will include the plural.
- 34.2 The headings for these Rules are for ease of reference only and will not be taken into Account In their interpretation.

35 **CHARITABLE DONATIONS:**

The main charitable donations will be raised in support of the Club Captain and Lady Captains nominated charity during their year of office. All other fundraising, for organisations other than the nominated charity, to be agreed and sanctioned by the Members Committee before organising the event and agreement if given will be for a named event only. Once agreement has been given no changes to the charity will be allowed without prior agreement of the said Committee. All applications to run a fund raising event to be forwarded to the Club Secretary who will arrange for the issue to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.