

IRELANDS EYE GOLFING SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

Adopted at a Special General meeting on 28th February 2023

TITLE

The name of the Society, shall be Irelands Eye Golfing Society

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society shall be to promote the game of golf in accordance with the Rules of Golf, as endorsed by Golf Ireland and to foster comradeship and sportsmanship amongst the Members.

MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Persons who are members of Howth Yacht Club are eligible for Membership
- (b) Candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded by current members of the Society. The proposal shall be considered and determined by the Committee in a timely manner.
- (c) Total membership of the Society shall be determined by the Members at a General Meeting but in any event shall not exceed a maximum of 80 Members.
- (d) The committee may unanimously elect up to a maximum of 10 Honorary or Complimentary members, (persons who may participate in the Society's Golf Outings and Social occasions) for such time and for such reasons as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit. Honorary and Complimentary Members shall not have voting rights.
- (e) In the event of a vacancy arising for any officer or committee positions, the committee may co-opt members to fill any vacant position or positions.
- (f) Society Members terminating membership shall do so by notifying the Hon. Secretary in writing and shall not be entitled to any refund of fees paid.
- (g) The yearly subscriptions of the members shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting. This subscription must be paid to the Society within 30 days of notification. Membership will automatically lapse if subscription is unpaid on or before the commencement of the Society's 2nd outing of its calendar year. Lapsed Members may reapply for Membership which application will be considered at the sole discretion of the then current committee.
- (h) The business and affairs of the Society shall be conducted by the Committee elected annually and shall consist of a President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and four ordinary Committee members.
- (i) A quorum for the purpose of holding Committee meetings shall be 5 members.
- (j) The outgoing Captain will remain on Committee, ex officio, for one year only, in order to preserve continuity.
- (k) The President shall be elected to hold office for a period of 2 years.
- (l) The Captain shall be elected to hold office for a period on 1 year
- (m) Committee members shall be elected for a maximum term of 5 years

- (n) The longest serving Member of the Committee shall retire each year.
- (o) The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall serve for three years, but may elect to serve for a maximum of a further three years
- (p) The Hon. Secretary shall keep Minutes of each Committee meeting, Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting.
- (q) The Hon Treasurer shall keep books of account.
- (r) The Committee shall meet as often as the affairs of the Society demand. But, shall meet on at least 2 occasions to ensure the smooth operations of the Society
- (s) Two Members elected from within the Committee shall regulate handicaps in accordance with the Golf Ireland WHS handicapping system. They shall also administer any points reduction system devised to ensure an equitable distribution of prizes throughout the Society's year.
- (t) The Committee is empowered to formulate local Rules as occasions arise.
- (u) The expense of the Golf Competition- Prizes , other than the 'Captain's Prize' shall be borne by the Society's funds.
- (v) The Committee at its sole discretion may permit the inclusion of guests at its outings where it determines the comfort of members is not unduly inconvenienced.

BANKING

The Committee shall operate a Bank Current Account. The Committee will decide on an annual basis the limits upon which the Officers are authorised to disburse society funds. Members to be advised by the Treasurer of such limits at the AGM.

DISCIPLINE

(a) If a member is alleged to have infringed any of the rules, or to have behaved in a manner likely to bring the Society into disrepute, the committee may initiate the following steps --; Convene a disciplinary committee consisting of 3 members to investigate the facts and report back to the committee. The disciplinary committee within 7 days of being convened, will advise the member alleged to have infringed the rules, of the disciplinary committee names, details of the alleged infringement and date , time and place of a meeting which the member should attend for the purpose of establishing the facts. The member may be accompanied by any person of his/her choosing.

(b) The disciplinary committee shall, except in special circumstances, within 14 days of any such meeting, reach a decision on the facts, and if it finds that an infringement has taken place, shall decide on a sanction. Within the same period the disciplinary committee shall notify the member in writing of the findings and of any sanction up to and including termination of membership of the Society. A decision of the disciplinary committee shall be unanimous.

If a member does not accept the decision of the disciplinary committee, he or she may serve notice of appeal within 14 days of being served notice of the decision stating the grounds of his/her dissatisfaction on the Honorary Secretary of the society, who shall put the same before the committee of the society as soon as is reasonably possible. Within 14 days the committee will make a determination on the appeal and its decision will be final, The member will be advised accordingly.

The list of range sanctions available to the committee shall include (but not limited to) any of the following.

- (a) Termination of membership,
- (b) Temporary suspension of membership.
- (c) Imposition of a fine or payment of a specified sum to a charity or institution.
- (d) Redress to any person of restitution of property which has been destroyed by the member being sanctioned.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be convened before the end of February each year.
- (b) The committee may at its discretion hold or conduct its General Meetings in person or by Electronic means or by means of a hybrid version of the afore mentioned options
- (c) A quorum for the purpose of holding an Annual General Meeting shall consist of 15 fully paid up Members entitled to vote being present at such a meeting

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:-

1. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting shall be read, agreed and signed, together with the Minutes of any Special General Meeting held since the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. The Annual Report of the Hon. Treasurer together with financial statements for the year under review. The accounts shall be duly reviewed by a reporting accountant appointed by the Committee.
3. The taking the reports of the outgoing Captain, the Hon secretary.
4. Consideration of any other business properly arising

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION and SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

The Committee shall be entitled to call a Special General Meeting of Members for the purpose of amending the Society's Constitution or for such other purpose the Committee deems necessary in the best interests of the members. Same shall be done by giving the members 21 days notice of the proposed meeting and particulars of the proposed resolutions to be considered.

Consideration shall be given to any proposed alterations, amendments or additions to these Articles at a Meeting convened for this purpose. Such proposals to be successful shall require a full two-thirds majority of the Members present who are present and voting.

Any 15 Members being members entitled to vote, may, by giving 21 days notice to the Hon. Secretary with full particulars of the matters being proposed for consideration, can cause a Special General Meeting to be convened.

The quorum for any Special General meeting shall be 20 persons attending and entitled to vote.

WINDING UP OF THE SOCIETY.

In the event of the Society ceasing to function all assets of the Society will be donated to the R.N.L.I. (Howth Branch).