

NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB CONSTITUTION

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1. Name, Ownership & Access Agreement

1.1 The name of the club shall be New Forest Golf Club. This name shall be the common name by which both the ladies and men's club shall be individually and collectively known.

1.2 The address of the New Forest Golf Club is Higginstown, Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath.

1.3 The land, clubhouse and associated facilities (the "Facilities") on which the New Forest Golf Course and clubhouse have been constructed and the company which operates same, NF Golf Club Tyrrellspass Ltd, controls the ownership and use of the Facilities shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Owner" (which expression shall include its successors and assigns and in the case of the Receiver his executors, administrators, replacements, successors and assigns).

1.4 The Club accepts that the name New Forest Golf Club and all associated logos and intellectual property rights relating thereto belong exclusively to the Owner and are exclusively reserved for the use of the Club from time to time approved by the Owner to use the Facilities.

1.5 The Club will use the Facilities under an agreement (the "Access Agreement") to be granted by the Owner to the Club for that purpose strictly subject to the terms and conditions therein. In the event of the Access Agreement being revoked by the Owner for any reason the Club shall notify Golf Ireland forthwith.

1.6 The Club accepts that the Access Agreement to be granted by the Owner to the Club to use the facilities will not entitle the Club to any legal interest in the Facilities but creates an arrangement to use the Facilities only, terminable at the will of the Owner.

1.7 The Access Agreement shall be held by and executed for and on behalf of the Club by the Liaison Sub-Committee.

1.8 The Club is affiliated to Golf Ireland and is organised as a proprietary owned Club.

1.9 The Club is run by voluntary committees (Ladies & Men's) composed of members of the Club who are [elected/appointed] by the members in accordance with this Constitution (section 7. Election of Officers & Committees – Ladies & Men's).

1.10 Each Committee acts on behalf of their respective members and is responsible for maintaining affiliation with Golf Ireland, managing handicaps in line with WHS and administering competitions.

2. Aims and Objectives

2.1 The club shall:

2.1.1 Promote the amateur game of golf amongst its members.

2.1.2 Apply for affiliation of Golf Ireland and undertake to accept and abide by the Constitution and Byelaws of Golf Ireland.

2.1.3 Accept and apply the World Handicap System (WHS) as prescribed by Golf Ireland and such rules thereunder as may be required to be implemented from time to time by Golf Ireland.

2.1.4 Accept and recognise the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as the sole authority for prescribing and implementing the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status.

2.1.5 Maintain and agree (through the Liaison Sub-Committee) the Access Agreement with the Owner in accordance with Golf Ireland affiliation rules.

2.2 To provide competitive opportunities for members in local and national competitions throughout the year.

2.3 To provide coaching opportunities for all members.

2.4 To promote health and fitness of club members.

2.5 To provide social functions for club members.

2.6 To uphold the values and etiquette laid down in the game of golf.

2.7 Encourage an inclusive and democratic culture within the Club.

2.8 Adopt a policy of non-discrimination of any kind in all Club business and activities.

2.9 Adopt the R & A Women in Golf Charter

2.10 Engage with the Sports Inclusion Disability Charter

3. Membership

3.1 The membership of the club shall consist of amateur golfing players who are:

- Ordinary.
- Senior.
- Couple.
- Intermediate.
- Country.
- Student.
- Junior.

3.2 The number of membership categories in the club shall initially be fixed in consultation with the Owner and any subsequent alteration will be by consent of the Owner.

3.3 Only Ordinary, Senior, Intermediate and Couple members, aged 18 years or more, shall be:

3.3.1 Entitled to attend and vote at their respective General Meetings.

3.3.2 Entitled to nomination for and election to Office and Committee in the respective clubs of which they are members and eligible for appointment to the Office of Club President.

3.3.3 Entitled to attend and vote at any Special Meeting.

3.4 "Couple" membership confers Ordinary Membership rights for both individuals.

3.5 The competition rights of the respective membership categories will be decided from time to time by each Committee.

4. Access Agreement

4.1 The Access Agreement acknowledges that the Club requires access to a course of a standard which warrants the allocation of an official course rating.

4.2 The Access Agreement is provided by the Owner annually, following consultation with the Liaison Sub-Committee. The Agreement will outline the playing rights to the golf club for members. This will include the timesheet availability for members competitions, inter-club competitions and general play, as well as access to the club, clubhouse and facilities.

5. Officers

5.1 The Officers of the respective Clubs shall be the...

- Captain
- Vice-Captain
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer
- Match Handicapping Secretary

5.2 The President shall be an Officer of their respective club.

5.3 Only members whose home club handicap for the previous two years was held at New Forest Golf Club shall be eligible to attain the office of Vice Captain.

6. Management

6.1 The Committees (Ladies & Men's) act on behalf of the members and are responsible for maintaining affiliation with Golf Ireland, managing handicaps in line with WHS, and administering competitions.

6.2 The Men's Committee shall comprise the Officers of that Club along with the elected voting members. The total number of committee members shall be between 10 and 14.

6.3 The Ladies Committee shall comprise the Officers of that Club along with the elected voting members. The total number of committee members shall be between 7 and 10.

6.4 Each Committee may exercise its powers notwithstanding that there might be a vacancy in its membership.

6.5 At meetings of the committee five of those entitled to attend and vote, shall form a quorum.

6.6 At respective committee meetings the chair shall be taken by the Captain or, if absent, by the Vice Captain. In the absence of both of these officers those in attendance shall elect a Chair.

6.7 The Chair at a meeting shall, in addition to a deliberate vote, have, and shall exercise, a casting vote.

7. Elections of Officers and Committees (Ladies & Men's)

7.1 The Ladies & Men's Captains of the Club shall retire after one year's service and shall be succeeded by their Vice Captains unless members at their respective AGM vote that the outgoing Captain should serve in that capacity for a longer period. In such event the tenure of office of the Vice Captain shall be extended for a similar period.

7.2 To ensure equitable representation and continuity in the leadership of the club, the President of the Club shall...

7.2.1 be appointed by the Liaison Sub-Committee at their respective AGM.

7.2.2 serve a maximum term of two years and may hold the office for one term only.

7.2.3 The Office shall alternate between the Ladies' and Men's Clubs.

7.2.4 In the event that the incoming club cannot nominate a candidate for the position, the outgoing club shall nominate a candidate to serve for the subsequent term.

7.2.5 Only members whose home club handicap for the previous two years was held at New Forest Golf Club shall be eligible to attain the office of President.

7.3 The other Officers and committee members of each committee shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election.

7.4 No member shall serve on a committee for a period longer than seven consecutive years. After a lapse of one year, such members may again be nominated.

7.5 The election of Officers, and members of the Committees shall be made at the respective AGM. The appointment of President shall be confirmed as per 7.2.1.

7.6 Nominations (with the consent of the Nominee) for election to any Honorary office or as an Ordinary member of a Committee shall be made:

7.6.1 By the Committee of the club concerned.

7.6.2 By any two Ordinary Members of the club concerned.

7.7 All nominations shall be given in writing to the respective Honorary Secretary (Ladies or Men's), at least 14 days prior to the respective AGM.

7.8 A complete list of Nominees together with their proposers and seconders must be posted on the Club notice board for at least seven days prior to the date of the respective AGM.

7.9 Each respective Committee 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 AGM.

7.10 At any General Meeting, if the election of a continuing member of the Committee to a position as an Officer will leave a vacancy on a Committee, then such vacancy shall be filled at that Annual General Meeting from candidates already nominated for membership of the respective Committee. If no eligible or willing candidate is available from the nominated pool, the respective Committee may fill the vacancy at its next meeting in accordance with section 7.9.

7.11 An Officer's position becomes vacant if they resign, are no longer a member of the Club, or are removed by a resolution at a General Meeting.

8. Committee Meetings

8.1 Stated Meetings of each Committee shall be held no less than ten times per annum.

8.2 Upon a requisition signed by not less than three members of a Committee stating the nature of the business to be transacted, the Captain or Honorary Secretary of the that Committee shall call a Meeting for the consideration thereof; and if the Officers designated above neglect or refuse to call such a Meeting within seven days the same may be convened by notice signed by four members of such Committee.

9. Owner's staff

9.1 Each Committee of the Club shall co-operate with such staff as are employed by the Owner in the maintenance, service and upkeep of the Course and Clubhouse and shall direct the members to facilitate such staff in the execution of their duties in the interest of both the Owner and the Club.

10. Liaison Sub-Committee

10.1 The members of the Liaison Sub-Committee shall comprise 2 members of the Men's committee, 2 members from the Ladies Committee, and the Club President. These members shall be appointed by their respective committees. This Committee shall elect its own Chairperson from amongst its members who in addition to a deliberate vote, shall also have a casting vote.

10.1.1 Each member shall hold office until resignation or removal from office by their respective committees.

10.2 The Liaison Sub-Committee shall:

10.2.1 Make and from time to alter, such Byelaws and Regulations as are considered necessary in the interest of the members and is agreed from time to time with the Owner.

10.2.2 Make such Local Rules (provided they are not at variance with the Rules of Golf) and Regulations for the use of the Course as required and as agreed from time to time with the Owner.

10.2.3 Hold and execute on behalf of the club, the Access Agreement of the facilities as granted by the Owner.

10.2.4 Appoint the Club President.

11. Appointment of Sub-Committees

11.1 Each Committee (Ladies & Men's) shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees, such as a Disciplinary Committee, and to define the composition, scope of their authority, and to delegate and confer on such Committees the powers necessary for the discharge of the function or functions for which such Sub-Committee was formed.

11.2 Each Sub-Committee shall retire annually on the date of the AGM or when the function for which it was appointed is completed.

11.3 The quorum of each Sub-Committee shall be defined at the time of appointment.

11.4 The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall, in addition to a deliberate vote, have, and shall exercise a casting vote.

11.5 Each Committee (Ladies & Men's), shall appoint a Handicap Sub-Committee to organise, maintain and administer handicaps in line with the Rules of Handicapping and WHS requirements. This Sub-Committee shall consist of three members of the Club and the Chairperson shall be the Honorary Handicapping Secretary.

11.6 Each sub-committee shall keep minutes of their meetings and decide at its inaugural meeting what their quorum shall be.

12. Administration

12.1 The Club shall be administered as follows:

12.1.1 Each Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for the everyday affairs of their respective Club except such duties which are specifically assigned to another Officer of the Club.

12.1.2 All written complaints concerning matters under the jurisdiction and control of the Committees of the Club shall be primarily referred to the relevant Honorary Secretary who, if unable to resolve same, shall place the complaint on the agenda for the next Meeting of their Committee for investigation and decision.

12.1.3 All other communication with the committees, shall be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, via email or written correspondence. Committee members should not be contacted privately (outside of the club).

13. Finance

13.1 The financial affairs of the Ladies & Men's Clubs shall be administered as follows:

13.1.1 Each Honorary Treasurer shall keep full and detailed accounts, books and records, showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements.

13.1.2 The Banking Account shall be kept in the name of the respective Club (and clearly identified as such) in such Bank as each Committee may, from time to time determine. All cheques shall be signed and authorised by resolution of the relevant Committee.

13.1.3 The Club shall collect and remit to the Golf Ireland the annual per capita subscription and Provincial Levies on members as required.

13.1.4 The Ladies & Men's Committee shall be respectively funded upfront by the owner to an agreed sum of monies as decided between the Owner and the Liaison Sub-Committee and be entitled to retain all control of the respective funds to manage and run the affairs of the respective branches in accordance with Byelaws of Golf Ireland.

13.1.5 In the event of either Committee having an exceptional year the respective Committee may make an application to the owner to fund the difference in accordance with an agreed protocol. The protocol shall include that a set of Financial Statements will be required to further the funding application. The application will be made by the respective Honorary Treasurer.

13.1.6 Each Honorary Treasurer shall issue a Financial Statement of the affairs of the respective Club for the financial year end, for consideration by each Committee and for presentation and approval by the members at the respective Annual General Meeting which shall be held before the last day of January following.

14. Admission of Members

14.1 Membership shall be automatically granted to individuals whose applications have been accepted by the Owner, provided they have paid any applicable joining fee, and their annual subscription is up to date.

14.2 All individuals admitted as members shall be deemed members of either the Ladies' Club or the Men's Club, as applicable, and shall be subject to the Constitution of the Club.

15. Annual Club Subscription and Fees

15.1 All categories of member shall be obliged to pay an Annual Club Subscription, if one is in place, in addition to the annual course and entrance fees (if any).

15.2 The amount of the annual subscription and entrance fees (if any) shall be determined by the Owner in consultation with the Committees of each of the Clubs.

15.3 All subscriptions shall be payable on the 1st January each year and must be paid before the 31st March in each year, except when a member has entered into an agreement with the Owner to pay the subscription on an incremental basis, and then the subscription must be paid in accordance with the terms of said agreement. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the member to be ineligible to complete in club or open competitions, to enter championships or tournaments or to represent the club.

16. Visitors

16.1 Prior to playing on the Course, a visitor introduced by a member shall pay the appropriate Green Fee. This will entitle that visitor to become a member of the course and facility for that day only.

17. Expulsion and Suspension of Club Members

17.1 Complaints of misconduct against a member must be submitted in writing to the respective Captain or Honorary Secretary of the Club to which the member belongs (Ladies or Men's). Only complaints concerning a breach of this constitution, golfing rules or golfing etiquette will be considered for investigation by the respective Committee.

17.2 If any allegation of misconduct by a member be submitted in writing to the respective Captain or Honorary Secretary of the Club, such a complaint shall be placed before the respective Committee, which shall, in meeting, decide whether to form and refer the complaint to a Disciplinary Committee (a sub-committee) for further investigation.

17.3 The Disciplinary Committee shall conduct all necessary enquiries to gather relevant details regarding the complaint. Based on the information obtained, the Disciplinary Committee shall make a determination and, if appropriate, propose a sanction. The findings and proposed sanction (if any) shall be presented to the Committee, which shall review and decide on the outcome.

17.4 If in the opinion of the Committee the conduct in question may warrant suspension (by temporary withdrawal of the privileges of Membership) or expulsion of such member they shall be so informed in writing by the Honorary Secretary. The member shall have the right to appear and speak at and/or to make a written submission which shall be read at any subsequent meeting at which the conduct in question shall be considered and all related information shall be placed before the Committee.

17.5 If after making such further enquiries as it considers necessary into the conduct of the member and on hearing such explanation, if any, as they may offer, the Committee decides that their conduct has not been explained or accounted for to its satisfaction but was not such as to warrant the expulsion of the member, the

Committee may instead by a simple majority, suspend the member for a period at the discretion of the committee. Should such a majority of the Committee not be satisfied that the charges of misconduct have been proved, no further action should be taken.

17.6 If no explanation of their conduct shall be given by the member, or if such explanation shall be considered unsatisfactory by the Committee after consulting with the Owner, it may expel the member, provided that not less than two thirds of the Members of the Committee present vote for such a course of action.

17.7 If on the taking of a vote under Clause 17.6 less than two-thirds of members vote for the expulsion, the Committee shall make a decision in accordance with the provisions of Clause 17.5.

17.8 When the Committee has resolved that a member be suspended or expelled, such Member shall, within seven days of the date of decision, be given notice in writing by the Honorary Secretary of the decision of the Committee, by registered post, or by delivery of such notice to their last known address. Such person shall have the right to appeal against the decision, within fourteen days of the date of the decision. The appeal shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

17.9 Notice of appeal under Clause 17.8 having been given, the decision shall not take effect for a period of twenty one days from the date of the decision and the Member shall have the right to have his appeal heard at a Special General Meeting requisitioned provided that the necessary signatures for such requisition are procured either by the member in question or any other voting member. This meeting shall, by a simple majority, decide whether the expulsion shall be confirmed or repealed, or whether the period of suspension shall be confirmed, reduced, or repealed. Should the signatures provided for not be obtained within twenty-one days from the date of the decision, the Committee shall have power to deem the appeal to have lapsed and to enforce the decision forthwith or to allow an additional appeal should it decide by a simple majority, that the circumstances warrant it.

17.10 A decision of the Committee under this Rule shall stand unless and until a notice of appeal is received, by the Honorary Secretary of the respective Club provided notice of an appeal has been received, and a Special General Meeting duly requisitioned, the expulsion or suspension shall not take effect, pending the holding of the Special General Meeting.

17.11 During the period of suspension the Member shall not be entitled: -

17.11.1 To any of the privileges of the Clubhouse or Course afforded to Members, save only to attend any General Meeting which may be held during the period of his suspension.

17.11.2 To the refund or rebate of the whole or any part of their annual subscription or other sum paid or payable to the Club in respect of the year during which the suspension occurs.

17.12 A person who has been expelled from Membership shall not be entitled: -

17.12.1 To any of the privileges of the Clubhouse or Course afforded to Members.

17.12.2 To the refund or rebate of the whole or any part of their annual subscription or other sum paid or payable by them to the Club in respect of the year during which the expulsion occurs.

17.13 All voting under this rule shall be by secret ballot.

18. General Meetings

18.1 The Annual General Meeting of the respective Club shall save in exceptional circumstances, be held before the last day of January for receiving the respective Committees Annual Report, the Financial Statement for the previous financial year end, the electing of Officers, Members of the Committee, and transacting such other business of the respective Club as may be on the agenda.

18.2 Notwithstanding Cl 18.3 Twenty-eight days' notice, at least, of such Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing by post or e-mail to the Members of the Club who are entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Club, as set out in 3.3 above.

18.3 Such notice shall be posted on the Notice Board. This shall be considered sufficient intimation to the Members of the Meeting. The accidental omission or the non-receipt of such notice by any person who is eligible to attend shall not invalidate its proceedings.

18.4 Every notice calling a general meeting shall specify the place and the day and hour of the meeting. The notice shall also include the agenda and business to be transacted at the meeting. The notice shall be accompanied by the financial statements. Any General Meeting shall not start before 5.00pm on weekdays.

18.5 Notices of Motion and Nominations of Officers and Members of the Committee must be made to the respective Honorary Secretary in writing at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting.

18.6 Such Notices and Nominations shall be promptly posted in the Members Notice Board in the Clubhouse.

18.7 Notices of Motions and Nominations not made as required cannot be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

18.8 The quorum required for the Ladies Club General Meetings shall be ten voting members.

18.9 The quorum required for the Men's Club General Meetings shall be fifteen voting members.

18.10 The respective Captain shall Chair their General Meetings.

18.11 If the Captain is absent or declines to preside, any other Chair may be appointed by the Meeting.

18.12 Each Chair in addition to a deliberative vote shall have and shall exercise a casting vote.

18.13 Any motion passed at a General Meeting of the Ladies' or Men's Clubs that pertains to the Rules and/or Constitution and affects all members of the Club shall not, by itself, result in any amendment to the Constitution. Such motions must be presented by the respective Club at a Special General Meeting of the entire membership for consideration and decision. The motion shall only take effect upon receiving the approval of the requisite majority, as stipulated in the Constitution, at the Special General Meeting.

19. Special General Meeting

19.1 Special General Meetings of the Club may be called at any time by direction of the respective Club or on a requisition to the respective Honorary Secretary signed by at least twenty-five members entitled to vote at such Meeting, stating the business to be brought forward and this matter will be the only business considered at that meeting.

19.2 On receipt of such a requisition, it shall be the duty of the respective Committee to arrange for a Special General Meeting to be called without delay. If the Committee does not issue a notice for such a meeting within fourteen days of receiving the requisition, any fifteen members who signed the requisition may issue the notice themselves. Such notice shall be considered sufficient if it is posted on the members' notice board at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the meeting.

19.3 The quorum required for Special General Meetings shall be twenty-five voting members.

19.4 The President, shall Chair Special General Meetings of the Club.

19.5 If the President is absent or declines to preside, any other Chair may be appointed by the Meeting.

19.6 Each Chair in addition to a deliberative vote shall have and shall exercise a casting vote.

20. Mode of Voting at General Meeting (Annual or Special)

20.1 Attendance in person is required, and no proxies or representatives will be permitted to vote or act on behalf of any member.

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

20.3 Ballot shall mean a vote on voting paper.

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

20.5 In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have and shall exercise a casting vote.

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

20.7 The election of candidates for membership of the Committees shall be by ballot. Members may vote for up to the full number of candidates for whom there are vacancies. Ballot papers shall remain valid even if fewer than the total number of vacancies are filled.

20.8 Candidates with the highest number of votes will fill the vacancies, starting with the top vote-getters until all positions are filled.

20.9 If two or more candidates tie for the final vacancy, the tie will be broken by either:

- a) A drawing of lots, if agreed by the tied candidates, or if not,
- b) A run-off vote between the tied candidates

21. Minute Books

21.1 Each Club shall keep: -

21.1.1 A Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes of Annual General and Special General Meetings and also,

21.1.2 A Minute Book in which shall be recorded the Minutes from all Committee Meetings held.

21.1.3 The respective Minutes shall be read out at the next General Statutory or other Committee Meeting and, when approved as being a correct record, shall be signed and dated by the Chairperson.

22. Personal Property

22.1 The Club shall not be responsible for any personal belongings of members or members visitors brought to, kept at, or left on the Facilities of the Club (either in the Clubhouse or outside in the Car Park or on the Course). Such personal belongings shall be at the sole risk of the owners thereof, and neither the Club nor any Committee thereof, shall be responsible for any loss or damage thereto, howsoever arising but this rule shall not prejudice any claims by the Club or the owners of the property against Insurance Companies in case of fire, or when otherwise covered by Insurance. In addition, the members shall have due regard for any relevant conditions imposed by the owner of the facilities.

23. Change of Constitution and Rules

23.1 No Rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered, or new Rule made except at a Special General Meeting of the Club and by consent of the Owner and at least two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at such meeting and written notice of the proposed changes must be sent to their respective Honorary Secretary with the names of the Proposer and Seconder attached at least fourteen days previous to the Meeting at which same is to be considered.

23.2 No such Rule which directly or indirectly affects the rights and interests of the Owner can be repealed or altered or new Rule made without the prior written consent of the Owner.

23.3 The respective Honorary Secretary shall place the proposal on the Club Notice Board and put the item on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Club.

23.4 Any changes in the Rules of the Club shall not be in conflict with the Constitution of Golf Ireland.

24. Rules of Golf and Local Rules

24.1 The Rules of the game of Golf for the Club shall be the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

24.2 The Committee and/or the Liaison Sub-Committee 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 Golf Ireland.

25. Safeguarding Guidance for Children & Young People in Sport

25.1 New Forest Golf Club are fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing for their members. Every individual in golf should at all times, show respect and understanding for the members rights, safety, and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation, and the guidelines contained in the:

“Safeguarding Guidance for Children & Young People in Sport”

In working with young people in golf our first priority is the welfare of the young people, and we are committed to providing an environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

26. CLUB PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

The Club has adopted the principle of gender equality across Club activities and in how the Club operates. The Club is committed to anti-discrimination and equality. The Club shall not tolerate discriminatory behaviour or harassment of any kind.

The Club takes safeguarding children and vulnerable adults very seriously and has appointed a Club Children's Officer with the required training and vetting. The Club has a welfare and safeguarding statement and policy in place which it follows and requires its members to follow without exception.

The Club has adopted Golf Ireland's 9 Governance Principles

Principle 1: Good Governance

Governing the Club well by adopting a robust constitution and set of policies to enable adherence to standards, best practice and legislation.

Principle 2: Controls

Ensuring appropriate internal financial and management controls are in place.

Principle 3: Accountability & Transparency

Being open about the process of decision making, ensuring elections are democratic and accounting to membership regularly.

Principle 4: Gender Equality

Taking positive action to increase and encourage the number of women and girls playing, leading and working at the club.

Principle 5: Safeguarding

Adopting and implementing the "Safeguarding Guidance for Children & Young People in Sport"

Principle 6: Inclusivity

Developing an inclusive environment and welcoming diversity at all levels of the game.

Principle 7: Compliance

Complying with the R&A Rules of Golf and Amateur Status, the affiliation rules of Golf Ireland and the Rules of Handicapping.

Principle 8: Engagement

Committing to active involvement and communication with volunteers and stakeholders

Principle 9: Integrity

Being honest, fair and impartial. Acknowledging and managing conflicts of interest and loyalties appropriately.