

## **RULES OF REDDISH VALE GOLF CLUB & RVGC LTD**

In these Rules, where the context permits, the expressions 'The Club' and 'The Company' shall mean respectively the REDDISH VALE GOLF CLUB and THE REDDISH VALE GOLF CLUB COMPANY LIMITED. All shareholders have voting rights.

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  - a) The Club shall be called 'REDDISH VALE GOLF CLUB'.
  - b) A Member refers to an adult playing member who has been accepted for Playing Membership, notwithstanding their current level of subscription.
2. The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, club sporting equipment, coaching courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, reasonable away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002. The Club, in connection with the sport purposes of the Club, may also
  - (i) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.
  - (ii) employ Members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, including coaching, on fair terms set by the Council of the Club without the person concerned being present.
  - (iii) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests.
  - (iv) Indemnify the Council of the Club and members acting properly in the course of running the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the club (but only to the extent of its assets).
3. The Club is the property of the Company and the management thereof shall be vested solely in the Board of Directors and Council.
4. The Directors of the Club shall be a President, a Captain, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Captain Elect and an Immediate Past Captain. They shall be proposed, seconded and elected by ballot at each Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
5. The Council of the Golf Club shall consist of the Directors and nine elected Members. Six members of the Council shall form a quorum.
6. The Election of Members of the Council shall take place in the following manner:
  - a) Any two Members of the Club shall be at liberty to nominate a member to serve on the Council. The name of each Member so nominated shall be sent in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting accompanied by a letter from the candidate consenting to serve if elected.
  - b) A list of the names in alphabetical order will be affixed to the Notice Board of the Club at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. Balloting Lists shall be prepared containing the names of the candidates only, and each Member present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote for any number of such candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies. In case there shall not be a sufficient number of candidates nominated, the Council shall fill up the remaining vacancies. If two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, the Council shall select by lot from such candidates the candidate or candidates who are to be Members of the Council.
  - c) The Members of the Council shall retire every year at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
7. Any casual vacancy on the Council shall be filled up by the Council, and any member so chosen shall retire at the following Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible as a candidate for election on the Council at such Annual General Meeting. The Council, in addition to the powers hereinafter specifically conferred upon them, shall have the control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control and dismiss the Club's

- employees, and all such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these Rules.
8. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club, and shall have custody of all documents belonging to the Club. He shall keep full and correct Minutes of all proceedings relating to the Club.
  9. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club and shall make up the annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Club on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year, which shall, after audit, be printed and circulated amongst the Members with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting.
  10. Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting. They, or one of them, shall audit the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and shall certify the same before they are printed.
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    - (a) Membership of the Club shall be open on application to anyone interested in the sports provided regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, membership may be limited on a non-discriminatory basis according to available facilities.
    - (b) The Membership of the Club shall consist of different classes of membership with subscriptions on a non-discriminatory and fair basis.
    - (c) The Club will keep subscriptions at levels which will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
    - (d) The Directors and Council or Club in General Meeting with a two-thirds majority of those present, in either case, shall have power to refuse or terminate membership only for a good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or its sports into disrepute or who shall offend against the rules of the Club. Appeal against refusal of membership or expulsion by the Council of the Club may be made to Members.
    - (e) The name and address of every candidate for admission must be sent in writing to the Secretary of the Club on the appropriate form
    - (f) No newly elected member shall be entitled to any of the benefits of the Club until the appropriate subscription payment has been made, and if such payment is not made within one month of notification of election, their election shall be void unless the Member shall show sufficient cause for such delay to the satisfaction of the Club Committee.
  - 12 If an entrance fee is applicable, it shall be of an amount decided by the Council from time to time.
  - 13 All annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April or by monthly instalments by prior arrangement. No member whose subscription is in arrears can compete for any Club prize or vote at any meeting. A list of all such Members shall be posted in the Club House on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May annually. Any member whose subscription is unpaid on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June shall cease to be a Member and his name shall be erased from the books of the Club but may be replaced by the Council upon an available vacancy on payment of all arrears.
    - a) On the election of a candidate for Membership of the Club any entrance fee in force at the time together with the annual subscription shall be paid forthwith.
    - b) Family Membership shall be available to those Members desiring it and shall include the Member, his wife and all children under the age of 21 at the date of subscription renewal.
  - 14 A Member absent abroad for the whole of a year [ 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March ] shall not be liable for the annual subscription for that year, provided he shall have given to the Secretary previous notice in writing of his intention to be so absent.
  - 15 Life Members, limited to six, shall be elected by the Captain convening a Meeting comprising the Captain, President, Past Captains and all Past Presidents, to nominate

candidates whose qualification shall be Membership of longstanding. The Member or Members nominated by them shall be submitted to the Council in time to be placed on the Agenda at the next Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership without payment of the annual subscription.

- 16 On the recommendation of the Council, Honorary Members may be elected at any meeting of the Council over and above the complement of ordinary members. Honorary Members may be elected for life or for such other period as Council may deem expedient and they shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership.
- 17 The Council may elect:
- i) Members with limited membership, namely
    - a) 'Student Members' any person who is in full time education up to the age of 23, who has been a junior member or has a parent who is a current member, be classed as a Student member with an annual subscription of £xxx as the Council in their absolute discretion shall determine.
    - b) Five Day Members' who shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except that they shall not be entitled to play on the course on Saturdays and Sundays except on payment of green fees.
    - c) Six Day Members who shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except that they shall not be entitled to play on the course on Saturdays except on payment of Green fees.
  - d) 'Country Members' who must be full playing members of another golf club and reside outside a radius of 20 miles from the Club House. Country Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except they shall not be entitled to vote at meetings or serve as Directors or on the Council, or play for medals or other prizes.
  - ii) Subscribers, namely:
    - c) Non Playing Members.
    - d) Juniors who are under the age of 18 years.
    - e) Juveniles who are under the age of 14 years.
- In each and every case the subscription payable shall be that designated by the Council from time to time.
- 18 A Member may, at any time, by giving notice in writing to the Secretary resign his membership of the Club, but shall continue to be liable for any annual subscription due and unpaid at the date of his resignation.
- 19 Any Member who resigns or who otherwise ceases to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all such rights to or claim upon the Club or the Company as he otherwise would have by reason of membership.
- 20 Guests - A Member may introduce guests to the privileges of the Club House. Each guest is to be accompanied by his introducer.
- 21 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year in the month of March at such time and place the Council shall determine.
- 22 The Council may call an Extraordinary General Meeting when any question of urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so on receiving a requisition signed by 20 Members of the Club.
- 23 At least 21 days Notice of any General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted and the date place and hour of meeting shall be sent to every Member by email [ or letter if no email access]. Such notice to be placed on the main notice board at least 21 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 24 No Rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered and no new Rule shall be made save by a two-thirds majority of the Members present at a General Meeting. At least one calendar month's notice of the intention to propose any new Rule or alteration shall be given to the

Secretary who shall send notice of the same to every Member by email [ or letter if no email access] at least 21 days before the General Meeting.

- 25 The Council are empowered to make repeal and amend such bye-laws as they may from time to time consider necessary for the well-being of the Club, which bye-laws repeals and amendments shall have effect until otherwise determined by the Council or a General Meeting.
- 26 All complaints should be made in writing to the Secretary who if he shall be unable to deal with them shall submit them to the Council whose decision shall be final. In no instance shall an employee or contracted agent of the Club be reprimanded directly by a Member.
- 27 No Member shall take away or permit to be taken away from the Club House under any pretence whatsoever or shall injure or destroy any property of the Club.
- 28 The Clubhouse shall be opened daily at 9.00 am and closed at such hours as the Council from time to time determine except that on December 25<sup>th</sup> the Course & Clubhouse shall be closed.
- 29 The purchase of intoxicating liquor supplied by the Club shall be in the absolute discretion of a sub-committee of not less than three Members being Members of the Council appointed by Council for that purpose. In the event of any Member ceasing to be a Member of the Council he shall automatically cease to be a Member of the sub-committee and another Member of the Council shall be appointed in his place.
- 30 The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be decided by the Club Council from time to time within the requirements of the licensing act 2003. No person shall be permitted to purchase or consume intoxicating liquor upon the premises of the club whilst under the age of 18 years.
- 31 No person shall, at any time, be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club or any Member thereof any commission percentage or similar payment on or with reference to the purchase of intoxicating liquor by the Club, nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to Members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart from any benefit a person may derive indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.
32. The Club may admit to its premises persons other than Members and intoxicating liquor may be supplied to such persons by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises only provided that such persons are:
  - a. Bona fide guests of Members who are introduced pursuant to Rule 20 hereof.
  - b. Visitors to the Golf Club who have paid the appropriate green fee.
  - c. Employees of and golf caddies of the Club.
  - d. Persons attending a function at the Club promoted by a Member and approved by the Council, admission to which function is by a private invitation obtained otherwise by payment therefore.
  - e. Persons attending a function (other than one authorised by (d) above) which have received prior approval from Council.
- 33 No paper notice or placard will be exhibited in the Club House or in anyway brought to the notice of the Members without the sanction of a Member of the Council.
- 34 Members are required to pay all expenses they incur on their own behalf or for guests in the Club House or on the course before they leave.
- 35 Every Member shall from time to time communicate to the Secretary his address & email address.

Such address shall be inserted in the membership system and all notices sent by email or post to such address will be deemed to have been duly delivered on the day following the date of posting.
- 36 The Rules of the Game of Golf as adopted from time to time by the Royal and

- Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews except insofar as they are modified by bye-laws of the Club shall be observed.
- 37 Every Member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club: serious breaches may result in suspension of Membership.
- 38 Where there is any conflict between any of the above Key Rules and any other rule or rules, the Key Rules will take priority. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002.
- 39 The Directors may raise or borrow an amount not exceeding £100,000 in order to run the company in a proper manner. This sum to be reviewed on an annual basis at the AGM to ascertain if the amount is suitable.
- 40 No changes are to take place on the course that will significantly alter the playing nature of a hole without a two thirds majority at a general meeting.
- 41 21 days notice must be given before the felling of any mature trees [ i.e. over 12cm in diameter ]. Such notice to be given on the main notice board with an explanation/ reason for the action along with details of the location.

## **BYE-LAWS OF REDDISH VALE GOLF CLUB**

Extract from the Rules of the Club:-

“The Council is empowered to make, repeal and amend such bye-laws as it may from time to time consider necessary for the well-being of the Club, which bye-laws, repeals and amendments shall have effect until otherwise determined by the Council or a General Meeting.”

### **1. TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

A Member over the age of 18 years may introduce a visitor as a temporary member under the following rules:

- a) Before commencing play, temporary members must pay the appropriate Green fee in force at the time, must sign the Green Fee book and must obtain an official receipt for the payment of the Green Fee. Such receipts shall be produced at any time on demand of an Officer of the Club or any Council member and shall bear the date issue and the period for which it is available.
- b) A temporary member shall not be allowed to introduce a guest or take part in any Club competition.
- c) No Member shall introduce more than THREE temporary members in any one day at the reduced fee.

- d) No temporary Member shall be entitled to play at the reduced fee on more than SIX occasions in any one year. (Invitation days excepted).
- e) The introducing member shall be responsible for the payment of all fees.
- f) On Sunday mornings visitors shall not be permitted to commence play prior to 9.00 am. On Weekdays, no visitors shall be allowed to commence play between 12.30 and 1.30 pm.

## 2. COMPETITION RULES

- a) A competition fixture schedule shall be arranged by the Council and a copy shall be provided for each Member of the Club.
- b) The Back Medal Tees are reserved for recognised Club competitions.
- c) The Council shall have the right to reserve the Course for the playing of competitions and shall fix the dates and times of all competitions and determine the prizes to be played for.
- d) All competitions shall be played off full handicap unless otherwise stated.
- e) All competitions and play-offs shall be played from the White Tees, unless otherwise determined by the Council.
- f) On all occasions where a starting sheet is used, there will be an interval of 10 minutes between matches, unless otherwise determined by the Council.
- g) Competitors shall enter only their own names on the Starting Sheet unless permission has been granted by playing partners. Competitors entering and failing to turn up will not be allowed to enter two subsequent competitions unless they can produce a convincing reason for this failure.
- h) No cards shall be taken out at times other than those on the Starting Sheet.
- i) Players not present on the first tee at their appointed starting times, but who arrive within 5 minutes of those times, will be penalised two shots (see Rule 6.3). Players may change their starting times only with the agreement of the Competition Committee.
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- k) In all competitions where an entrance fee is payable, the fee must be paid to the Professional or his deputy and the Competitors name and handicap entered in the Competition Book before commencement of play. Each player must ensure his details recorded on the scorecard are correct. All competition cards, whether or not complete, must be returned signed, to the Handicaps Committee immediately on completion of the round (a box is provided for this purpose) and make such computer entries as may be required. Players not returning their cards will not be allowed to enter the next two Club Competitions.
- l) Each Competitor holds a position of trust in respect of the whole field of players, and it is their duty to play and see that his partners play the game strictly in accordance with the rules. The marker must see each stroke played and the ball holed out.
- m) In the event of a tie in any non-boarded competition played over 18 holes or fewer, the result shall be decided by a card play-off over the last 9 holes played and then, if still tied, the last 6 then 3 then 18<sup>th</sup> then 12 then 15 holes. In the event of a tie for first place in a major boarded competition of 18 holes or more, there will be a play-off over 18 holes: should this play-off still be tied, the normal method of a card play-off as above will be applied using the play-off scores. If there is a tie for minor places in any major competition then these will be decided by the card play-off procedure, using aggregate scores for multi round competitions. All competition scores are processed by club 2000 handicapping system and it will fractionalise medal scores as per CONGU guidelines.
- n) A Member whose subscription is unpaid on the first day of April shall not be entitled to play in any competition until his subscription has been paid.

- o) A Competitor failing to comply with any of these rules is liable to disqualification.
- p) Members winning a prize in competition are expected to attend the Prize Presentation to receive this prize and to dress correctly with jacket and tie at the presentation.
- q) The Club Knock Out Competitions shall not be open to Five Day Members.

### **3. LADIES**

- a) Ladies have priority on the Course on Ladies Day (Thursday).
- b) The Council reserve the right to amend the permitted playing hours for Lady Members in the Council's absolute discretion.

### **4. FULL, JUNIOR & JUVENILE MEMBERS**

- a) A Full Member reaching a standard of play of 18 handicap or less may play in Club Competitions provided that he plays with a Senior Member.
- b) The permitted playing times for Junior and Juvenile Members are those which apply to Lady Members with the following exceptions:
  - i) Junior Competitions may be played in conjunction with Senior Competitions at the discretion of the Handicaps Committee.
  - ii) A Junior or Juvenile Member may play with a Senior Member on Sundays after 9.45am
- c) Male Junior or Juvenile Members who have obtained a single figure handicap shall be permitted to play in all Club Competitions under the following conditions:
  - i) That one Junior must play with at least two adult Members.
  - ii) That the Junior must obtain the permission of the adult Members to put his name on the starting sheet in order to play with them.
  - iii) That having obtained such permission, the Junior shall not place his name on the starting sheet until after 4.00pm on the Wednesday preceding the particular competition.
  - iv) That the Junior will pay the full entrance fee for the competition.
  - v) That Junior and Juvenile Members satisfying all of these previous conditions may take the Senior Prize in the Club Championship or any non-boarded competition.
  - vi) Notwithstanding Bye-Law 4 sections i), ii), iii), iv) and v) the Council may award full playing privileges to a Full, Junior or Juvenile Member who has attained a category one handicap.
- d) Members under the age of 18 are not permitted in the Club House after 7.00pm (Winter) or after 10.00pm (Summer – April to September). They are not permitted to enter the MacKenzie Room without the express permission of a Director or Council member.. In addition, no children under the age of 12 are allowed in the Main Lounge. To be allowed in the Spike Bar children under 12 must be either Members or accompanied by an adult Member. The only exceptions to these rules will be by special concession from the Council eg. for parties or functions or to receive prizes.

### **5. HOUSE REGULATIONS**

- a) The changing of shoes and/or dress must take place only in the locker rooms and not in the car park.
- b) Members and guests are not permitted to wear golf shoes of any description in the Club House except in the Spike bar.
- c) On the Course and in the Club House, Members and guests are expected to maintain a tidy and respectable standard of dress and to conduct themselves in a responsible and orderly manner. Under no circumstances will shirts without collars/t-shirts, track suits,

training shoes be permitted on the Course or in the Club House. Tailored shorts with sports socks may be worn on the Course and in the bars. Ladies may wear shorts and socks as defined in the Lounge before and after play.

- d) In the Lounge ,jackets and ties will be worn for special functions where indicated.
- e) Parents bringing children into the Club House must accept **full responsibility** for their control and behaviour at all times.
- f) On the golf course, the use of mobile phones is prohibited, except in an emergency.In the clubhouse please be considerate. It is preferred that mobile phones are on silent in the lounges and bar areas. No calls to be made or received in these areas.

## **6. ETIQUETTE & COURSE REGULATIONS**

### **a) Courtesy on the Course**

In the interest of all, players should play without delay.

No player should play until players in front are out of range.

Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for five minutes before doing so. They must then not continue to play until those passing are out of range.

### **b) Behaviour During Play**

When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

No person should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke. The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees up his ball.

### **c) Priority on the Course**

In the absence of special rules, two ball matches should have precedence over and be entitled to pass any three-ball or four-ball match. Any match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round.

A match shall be permitted to take its place in the queue of matches waiting to tee-off at the first tee only when all members of that match are present on the tee.

Players starting at the first tee have priority over those starting at any other tee, with the exception that official Club matches starting other than on the first tee will have precedence over all other matches.

On the occasions of official Seniors' Club matches the members' start time on the first tee will be amended to 1 p.m.

On Sundays, only four ball matches shall be permitted to start at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee prior to 10.00 am.

On Sundays, four-ball Medal Play is not allowed at any time.

If a match fails to keep its pace on the Course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it **must** invite the match following it to pass.

Players reaching the sixth green should, if the sixth tee is occupied, mark the position of their balls on the green and allow those on the tee to play their shots.

Players should not encroach upon alien fairways without making sure that these fairways are not being used.

Players on the thirteenth tee must wait for the seventeenth green to be clear before driving.

Players on the seventeenth green should not commence to putt if the thirteenth tee is already in use.

### **d) Care of the Course**

Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by him.

On all parts of the Course except the teeing areas, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him is replaced at once and pressed down and that any damage to the putting green made by the ball or the player is carefully repaired.

Players must not leave litter lying about the Course.



**e) Golf Trolleys**

Golf trolleys should not be taken onto any tee or green and should also be kept to the outside of bunkers adjacent to greens.

Trolleys must be stored in the trolley shed and NOT in the locker room. Facilities for charging batteries are also available in the trolley shed at an annual fee.

**f) Golf Buggies**

Members are not allowed to store buggies on site but can use their own buggies subject to producing proof of third party liability insurance, they will also be required to sign a waiver form. A copy will need to be delivered to the office every 1<sup>st</sup> April in order for use of the buggy to be allowed. All visitors using their own buggies on the course will be required to produce proof of insurance cover for third party liabilities or sign a waiver form.

The head Green Keeper in conjunction with the Professional & the Secretary / Manager will decide if the course is deemed safe for buggy use.

In the event that buggies are banned from use access to the course will be allowed on foot only. As a result of this, should a disabled golfer insist on using their own buggy or a club buggy the course will immediately be closed to all golfers. This will be done to ensure we are not seen to be discriminating against disabled golfers.

**g) Caddies**

Any caddie must be either (i) a Member or (ii) a relative or friend of the golfer. In all cases, the golfer using the caddie is responsible for the conduct and behaviour of the caddie.

Caddies are not allowed to congregate on the Club premises.

**h) Top Five**

It is not permitted to play more than once consecutively around the top five holes.

**i) Practice Ground**

Members using the practice ground should exercise particular care when playing towards the Course. This should not be done at all during competitions or if the Course is busy.

**7. GENERAL**

a) On rejoining the Club, past playing Members having already paid an entrance fee shall not be required to pay another entrance fee but only the amount (if any) by which the entrance fee has increased since they last became Members.

b) A full Member reaching the age of 21 shall be liable to pay the current entrance fee unless he has been a Member for at least three years immediately prior to attaining his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

c) Members shall submit all suggestions relating to the affairs of the Club in writing to the Secretary. A suggestions book is provided to assist in this purpose.

d) All golf balls found on the Course are the property of the Club and shall be returned to the Club House. Any person found removing golf balls from the Course shall be liable to prosecution.

Members must not purchase balls from Caddies, nor from any other person on the Club premises or Course other than the Professional.

e) Members are advised that personal property, including golf clubs and accessories is not covered by the Club insurance policy. It is essential for Members to ensure that they have third party cover for personal damage, eg. caused by a driven golf ball. They are strongly advised to take out some form of golfers personal insurance to cover all risks.

f) Any Member or visitor who may have caused damage to buildings, etc. on or off the Course must leave brief details of this, together with his name and telephone number with the Professional.

g) Reddish Vale Golf Club Co Ltd do not accept any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained on the Golf Course or Club Premises by any Member or visitor.

h) 4balls are not allowed on a Wednesday after 3pm, this will include competitions, knock outs, members with or without guests and visitors.

- i) **Courtesy of the Course:** In order to limit loss of green fees and to guard players against loss of insurance cover, a member will be allowed to bring 1 visitor to play free of charge per golfing year. The practice of allowing courtesy to Golf Professionals, members of the GCMA, Captains in office and BIGGA members will continue along with Past Captains of RVGC & Council members being allowed to invite a visitor. A non-member will only be allowed to play once under any or all of the above between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> March. In all instances the guest needs to be signed in to ensure the insurance is operative.

## **8. DISCIPLINE**

### **a) Expulsion of a Member**

To expel a Member from the Club for conduct which, in the opinion of the Council, is injurious to the interests of the Club, it shall be necessary that notice be sent to the Secretary, signed by five members acquainting him with the circumstances which gave rise to such notice. The Secretary shall then communicate with such Member (so that he may have the opportunity of explaining his conduct in writing or orally, or withdrawing from the Club) and shall call a meeting of the Council who are empowered to decide the question.

The Member shall be expelled if a two-third majority of the Council Members vote for his expulsion. Any member expelled shall have the right to appeal to an Extraordinary General Meeting to be summoned within 21 days of the members expulsion when a majority of two thirds of the members present at such Extraordinary General Meeting shall be required to confirm the expulsion.

- b) The Council shall have the power to suspend a Member for a period not exceeding three months.

### **Voting at a General Meeting**

- [a] Rules – Resolution to create or amend a rule 2/3rds majority required
- [b] Bye-laws – Ordinary resolution to amend a bye-law 50% + 1
- [c] Financial – Special resolution 75%

All the above to include proxy votes.