
CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Constitution and Rules of the Leicestershire & Rutland Ladies' County Golf Association

DETAILS AND INTERPRETATION

1. Defined terms

1.1 In the Constitution, unless the context requires otherwise:

“Affiliated Club”	means a Golf Club affiliated to England Golf that lies within the County of Leicestershire & Rutland. In addition, any Golf Club lying within 15 miles of the border of the County may apply, in writing to the Honorary Secretary, to join the Association;
“Amateur Golf”	is the general name for the sport of golf which is governed by the Rules of Golf and played adhering to the Rules of Amateur Status;
“The Association”	means the Leicestershire & Rutland Ladies' County Golf Association;
“Associate Members”	those individuals who are fully paid up members of a Golf Club Affiliated to England Golf based outside of the County may choose to become an Associate Member of the Association on payment of the individual County Affiliation Fee to the Association. Associate Membership entitles the member to play in events organised by the Association with the exception of the County Championships. An Associate Member is also excluded from playing for the County in any matches. An Associate Member shall not be entitled to attend or vote at any general meetings or serve on the Executive Committee;
“Chairman”	means the person appointed to the post of that name, normally the President;
“Club Representative”	means the person nominated by an Affiliated Club and notified to the Honorary Secretary as the person to attend Management Meetings on behalf of the Affiliated Club;
“Competitions Secretary”	means the individual responsible for arranging competitions and such other activities as the Executive Committee thinks fit;
“CONGU”	Council of National Golf Unions;

“Constitution”	means the Regulations and policies of the Association made by the Executive Committee;
“County”	means the County of Leicestershire & Rutland;
“County Affiliation Fee”	means the annual fee payable to the Association by each playing member of an Affiliated Club. The County Affiliation Fee will be set by the Executive Committee and reviewed at regular intervals, normally every 2 years;
“County Captain”	means the individual responsible for managing all aspects relating to the County first team;
“County Championships”	means the annual tournament held to determine the County Champion;
County Expenses Policy	a document setting out the guidelines for claiming expenses whilst acting on behalf of the Association;
“County Junior Organiser”	means the individual responsible for organising and managing all matters in relation to junior golf within the County;
“Disciplinary Regulations”	means the procedures for dealing with any disciplinary matters as set out in the Association’s Disciplinary Regulations document
“England Golf”	means the English Golf Union Limited the governing body for Amateur Golf in England;
“The England Golf Representative”	a person appointed by the Executive Committee who shall attend England Golf General Meetings and other meetings of its members and who shall represent the County and vote on behalf of the Association at those meetings;
“Executive Committee”	means the elected committee of the Association;
“Full Members”	those individuals who are members of an Affiliated Golf Club and have paid any due County Affiliation Fee to the Association. Full Members are entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at General Meetings;
“Handicap Adviser”	means the person appointed by the Executive Committee to deal with all matters relating to the CONGU handicapping system within the County;
“Honorary Member”	those individuals whom the Association has decided to honour in recognition of services to golf on behalf of the Association or to the game of golf in general. Honorary Members are not required to pay the County Affiliation Fee. Honorary Members will be entitled to attend meetings and are eligible to sit on the Executive Committee. Honorary Members are entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at General Meetings;

“Honorary Secretary”	means the individual responsible for providing advice and guidance as required to the Executive Committee and in particular providing support to the President and the County Captain. In addition, the Honorary Secretary acts as the accessible and supportive face of Ladies’ County Golf and as a contact point for Affiliated Clubs and Members of the Association;
“Honorary Treasurer”	means the individual responsible for managing the finances of the Association;
“Management Committee”	the Management Committee is as defined in 11.1.
“Management Meeting”	means the meetings of the Management Committee;
“Member”	a person who is a member (whether voting or non-voting) of the Association. The categorisation and the rights, privileges and obligations of each category of Member shall be laid down in the Rules;
“Objects”	Means the purpose and range of activities of the Association as set out in paragraph 4;
“Ordinary Resolution”	An ordinary resolution of the members of the Association means a resolution that is passed by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote;
“President”	means the person elected from time to time as President in accordance with the Rules;
“Regulations”	means any Regulations, policies or procedures adopted by the Association under these Rules;
“Rules”	means the rules of the Association made by the Executive Committee and approved by the Members at an Annual General Meeting;
“Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status”	means the rules for the sport of golf and governing amateur status as from time to time laid down by R&A Rules Limited (Company Number SC247046) or its successor body or bodies;
“Second Team Captain”	means the individual responsible for managing all aspects relating to the County second team;
“Special Resolution”	A Special Resolution of the Members of the Association means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 75% of those present and eligible to vote;

2. Interpretations

2.1 In the Constitution, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Committee"	any reference to a committee shall include a sub-committee and vice versa;
"Document"	includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;
"Electronic form"	a document or information is sent or supplied in electronic form if it is sent or supplied: (a) by electronic means (for example, by e-mail or fax), or (b) by any other means while in an electronic form (for example, sending a USB stick by post);
"Writing"	means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise;

3. Name

- 3.1 The name of the Association shall be THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

4. Objects

- 4.1 The objects of the Association will be:

- 4.1.1 to promote, administer, encourage the development of, and wider participation in and to further the interest of Amateur Golf for women and juniors within the County of Leicestershire and Rutland;
- 4.1.2 to affiliate to England Golf and co-operate with England Golf in all matters relating to Amateur Golf, including compliance with the Articles, rules, regulations or bye-laws of England Golf and the rules and regulations of any body to which England Golf is itself affiliated;
- 4.1.3 to co-operate with England Golf and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and other county golf unions, associations and organisations in all matters relating to the administration, promotion and playing of Amateur Golf in such manner as the Association shall decide;
- 4.1.4 to assist in maintaining the unified handicapping system for the Council of National Golf Unions within the County and to duly operate the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme 1983 as amended from time to time, and any replacement scheme of handicapping adopted or implemented by the Council of National Golf Unions;
- 4.1.5 to provide for, make and vary all such rules, regulations and bye-laws as they relate to women and girls involved in Amateur Golf in the County from time to time provided such rules, regulations and bye-laws do not conflict with the Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status and/or the Articles, rules, regulations or bye-laws of England Golf;
- 4.1.6 to arrange championships, trophy events, matches, competitions and such other activities as the Association may think fit and to organise and administer the annual County Championships;
- 4.1.7 to act as a central authority for determining all questions that may arise concerning golf within the County and to use the powers delegated to the Association by England Golf in matters of handicapping and discipline;
- 4.1.8 to take such action from time to time as the Executive Committee may consider desirable for the benefit of its Members;
- 4.1.9 to support the principle and practice of equity, equality and equality of opportunity, to work with England Golf to ensure that all people, irrespective of their age, gender, ability, social status, race, ethnic origin, religious belief, disability or sexual preference have a genuine and equal opportunity to participate in golf in the County, and to assist with challenging discrimination that is indirect, direct, intentional or unintentional. In furtherance of this object the Association shall support and promote diversity, equality and fairness in its appointments to the Executive Committee and other posts and of representation at meetings; and
- 4.1.10 to do all such other things to further the interests of the Association which are pursuant to, incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects stated in this Section.

5. Powers

- 5.1 The Association shall have the powers to do all such lawful things as are consistent with the furtherance of its Objects ("the Powers").
- 5.2 The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly by way of distribution, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the Members.
- 5.3 Nothing in the Objects or Powers shall prevent the payment in good faith by the Association:
 - 5.3.1 of honoraria to the Executive Committee
 - 5.3.2 to any Executive Committee or sub-committee member of reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the conduct of their office in accordance with the Objects;
 - 5.3.3 of reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses to any Member when representing the County or the Association
 - 5.3.4 of any premium in respect of the purchase and maintenance of indemnity insurance in respect of liability for any act or default of the Executive Committee (or any of them) in relation to the Association;
 - 5.3.5 other payments as are permitted by the Constitution.

6. Membership

- 6.1 Any member of an Affiliated Club who satisfies the conditions governing the membership of County Associations as laid down from time to time in the regulations of England Golf shall qualify as a Full Member of the Association by paying the County Affiliation Fee due from time to time and in accordance with collection arrangements agreed by the Association with their Affiliated Club..
- 6.2 Any member of an affiliated club of another County Association who satisfies the conditions governing the membership of County Associations as laid down from time to time in the regulations of England Golf, and on payment of the County Affiliation Fee due from time to time and in accordance with the collection arrangements agreed by the Association with their Affiliated Club, may become an Associate Member of the Association.

7. County Affiliation Fee

- 7.1 The Association will be financed by a County Affiliation Fee payable by all Full Members of the Association.
- 7.2 Such payment will be collected on behalf of Full Members by their individual Affiliated Clubs and paid over to the Association on their behalf.
- 7.3 If a Full Member is a member of more than one Affiliated Club within the County only one County Affiliation Fee is payable by that Member.
- 7.4 The County Affiliation Fee becomes due on affiliation and is then payable as part of the annual individual Affiliated Club subscription renewal in accordance with collection arrangements agreed with the Association

- 7.5 Changes to the amount of the County Affiliation Fee will be approved at the Association's Annual General Meeting in November and come into effect from 1 December in the year of change or other such time as determined by the Executive Committee
- 7.6 If any Affiliated Club shall fail to pay the County Affiliation Fee on behalf of its members within three months of its subscription renewal date in any year it shall not be entitled to be represented on the Management Committee and its members shall not be entitled to play in County competitions. This restriction will remain in place until the outstanding County Affiliation Fees are received as cleared funds in the Association's bank account.
- 7.7 Any Affiliated Club wishing to withdraw from the Association shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than 31st August of the current year or it shall be liable for the following year's County Affiliation Fee payment. Membership of the Association will cease on 30th September of the year in which notice is given. A Club having complied with this rule and wishing to rejoin shall on rejoining, pay such re-entry fee as the Executive Committee shall decide from time to time. Under no circumstances will there be any refund of whole or part of any County Affiliation Fees already paid to the Association.
8. **Executive Committee**
- 8.1 The maintenance and administration of the Association's affairs will be carried out by a duly elected committee – the "Executive Committee".
- 8.2 The Executive Committee will comprise the President, County Captain, Vice-Captain, 2nd Team Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Competitions Secretary, County Junior Organiser and an England Golf Representative.
- 8.3 Candidates for election to the Executive Committee may be nominated by:
- 8.3.1 The Executive Committee
 - 8.3.2 The Management Committee
 - 8.3.3 The Ladies/Women's Committee of any Affiliated Club
 - 8.3.4 Any two Members of the Association.
- 8.4 Every such nomination by Clubs or Members must be made in writing and reach the Honorary Secretary by 31st August in any year.
- 8.5 The retiring President will be asked to nominate a successor President in conjunction with the Executive Committee. Such nomination will require approval of the Executive Committee. The President will hold office for no more than two years consecutively. During her term of office, the President will act as Chairman of the Executive Committee, chair all meetings and have a casting vote.
- 8.6 The Captain will hold office for two years consecutively.
- 8.7 The Captain will be asked to nominate the Vice-Captain for approval by the Executive Committee. The Vice-Captain will hold office for up to two years consecutively, including the year immediately prior to her Captancy, after which period she will become Captain.
- 8.8 The retiring 2nd Team Captain will be asked to nominate by 2nd Team Captain for approval by the Executive Committee. The 2nd Team Captain will hold office for two years consecutively.

- 8.9 The Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Competition Secretary County Junior Organiser and England Golf Representative will serve for no more than five years consecutively, unless otherwise agreed by the Executive, when appointments can be extended by up to one year at a time. After serving for the term of office, she will retire and one year must elapse before she is again eligible for election as an officer.
- 8.10 Once nominated, each of the Executive Committee to be proposed and seconded by two members of the Management Committee and elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.11 If, for any reason, a nomination is rejected by the Management Committee, alternative nominations can be made by the Executive Committee or any Affiliated Club for consideration. These nominations will need to be proposed and seconded by two members of the Management Committee and elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.12 Only Full Members can serve on the Executive Committee.
- 8.13 The Executive Committee may appoint a person to fill a casual vacancy which may arise, such appointment to take effect until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 8.14 The County Handicap Adviser will be nominated by the Executive Committee but will not be a member of the Executive Committee.
- 8.15 Officers serving on the Executive Committee will be entitled to receive an annual honorarium if this has received prior approval at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.16 Officers serving on the Executive Committee, any sub Committees and any nominees authorised by the Executive Committee will be entitled to reimbursement out of the Association's funds of reasonable expenses properly incurred in connection with their attendance at:
 - 8.16.1 Meetings of any committee of the Association; or
 - 8.16.2 General Meetings of the Association
 - 8.16.3 or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Association.

9. **Powers of the Executive Committee**

- 9.1 Except as otherwise stated in these rules, all powers of the Association will be vested in the Executive Committee, and in particular, the Executive Committee will have power to:
 - 9.1.1 Carry out all objects as stated in Rule 4 (Objects).
 - 9.1.2 Amend, update the Constitution and Rules, as and when considered necessary, subject to ratification by a simple majority of members attending and entitled to vote at the general meeting next held following amendment by the Executive Committee:
 - 9.1.3 Amend, update or adopt any Regulations, policies or procedures that the Executive Committee consider necessary or appropriate:
 - 9.1.4 Put in place safeguarding policies, which shall ensure compliance with the safeguarding policies and procedures of England Golf.
 - 9.1.5 Set out equality policies which shall ensure compliance with the equality policies and procedures of England Golf.
 - 9.1.6 Set out Regulations covering disciplinary procedures for Members to ensure compliance with the disciplinary procedures of England Golf;

- 9.1.7 Set out Regulations covering Anti-Doping procedures for Members to ensure compliance with the Anti-Doping Regulations of England Golf.
- 9.1.8 Delegate such of their duties, as they think necessary to sub-committees or Affiliated Clubs.
- 9.1.9 Nominate the President, Captain, Vice-Captain, 2nd Team Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Competition Secretary, County Junior Organiser and the England Golf Representative.
- 9.1.10 Determine the amount of any Honorarium (if appropriate).
- 9.1.11 Appoint a Handicap Adviser.
- 9.1.12 Fill any casual vacancy.
- 9.1.13 Arrange all details of County Competitions, including promotion, entry fees and prizes, including number and monetary value etc. Be responsible for the purchase of prizes for competitions.
- 9.1.14 Nominate those Executive Committee members to be given the power to use the Association's cheque book and/or debit card and other banking services for the defrayment of proper L&RLCGA expenses. The Executive Committee reserves the right to withdraw such power from any person.
- 9.1.15 Grant Honorary Membership to Members for their outstanding services to women's golf in Leicestershire & Rutland.
- 9.1.16 To suspend or expel any Member if required.

10. **Selection Committee**

- 10.1 A Selection Committee, responsible to the Executive Committee, shall comprise three persons to deal with all matters relating to the 1st and 2nd teams, squad selections and coaching. The Committee shall be made up of the Captain, the 2nd Team Captain and another to be approved by the Executive Committee (normally the Vice-Captain).

11. **Management Committee**

- 11.1 The Management Committee will consist of the Executive Committee plus a representative from each of the Affiliated Clubs and the Handicap Adviser. The Fixtures Secretary and other Club representatives may also be invited to attend the meetings.

12. **Meetings**

- 12.1 There will be a number of formal meetings of the Association each year:
 - 12.1.1 Executive Committee Meetings
 - 12.1.2 Management Meetings (Club Representatives Meeting)
 - 12.1.3 Annual General Meeting
 - 12.1.4 Extraordinary General Meetings called by the Honorary Secretary if required in accordance with the Constitution.
- 12.2 Minutes will be taken at all meetings. At every meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting will be taken as the first business. The Executive Committee has an obligation to treat all matters discussed at an Executive Committee Meeting as private and confidential.

13. Notice of meetings

- 13.1 A notice of the Annual General Meeting will be sent to each Affiliated Club at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer's Statement of Accounts will be available at the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.2 Not less than 14 days' notice will be given before an Executive Meeting and a Management Meeting.
- 13.3 Not less than 21 days' notice will be given before an Extraordinary Meeting
- 13.4 The omission to give proper notice to any Full Member or person entitled to receive such notice, or the non-receipt by any such person, will not invalidate the proceedings at any general Meeting.
- 13.5 Notice of any meetings must indicate its date and time, and location. Notices of meetings need not be in writing and can be in electronic form
- 13.6 All notices shall be given to the Club Representatives of Affiliated Clubs and the Association shall not be required to give any notice to individual Members.

14. Executive Committee Meetings

- 14.1 The Executive Committee will meet no less than three times per annum.
- 14.2 Executive Meetings will be chaired by the President. In the absence of the President, the Honorary Secretary will appoint a Chairman for that meeting only.
- 14.3 Any five members of the Executive Committee will constitute a quorum.
- 14.4 Voting on all questions will be decided by a show of hands of those present. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the Meeting will have a casting vote.
- 14.5 The Honorary Secretary to be responsible for appointing a minute taker and for circulation of minutes to the Executive Committee.

15. Management Committee Meetings

- 15.1 The purpose of the Management Committee is to discuss matters brought forward by the Executive Committee together with any matters brought up by the Club Representatives and to vote accordingly. Such votes are advisory only and will not be considered binding on the Executive Committee.
- 15.2 The Management Committee will meet no less than three times per annum.
- 15.3 Management Meetings will be chaired by the President. In the absence of the President, the Honorary Secretary will appoint a Chairman for that meeting only.
- 15.4 At least a third of eligible members of the Management Committee will constitute a quorum. The Executive Committee will constitute one member for the purposes of calculating a quorum.
- 15.5 The nominated Club Representatives of Affiliated Clubs will have the right to speak and vote at the Management Meetings.

- 15.6 A Club Representative will have a number of votes according to the number of Full Members at her Affiliated Club as set out below:

No of Full Members at Club paying County Affiliation Fee	No of votes available
1-50	1
50-100	2
100-150	3
150-200	4

- 15.7 The Executive Committee shall have one vote which will be exercised by the President or the next most senior member of the Executive Committee present.
- 15.8 All questions will be decided by a show of hands, unless a ballot is directed by the President or demanded by not less than six persons present at the Meeting. In the case of equality of votes, the President, as Chair of the Meeting, will have a casting vote.
- 15.9 The Honorary Secretary to be responsible for appointing a minute taker and for circulation of minutes.
- 15.10 Minutes of the Management Meetings will be circulated to the members of the Executive Committee plus the nominated representative of each Affiliated Club.

16. Annual General Meeting

- 16.1 The Association will hold a general meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 16.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting will be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 16.3 The Annual General Meeting will be held in early November, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee
- 16.4 The Annual General Meeting will be chaired by the President. In the absence of the President, the Honorary Secretary will appoint a Chairman for that meeting only.
- 16.5 All Full Members of the Association are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. At the Annual General Meeting, each Executive Committee Member will be entitled to an individual vote.
- 16.6 Any thirty Full Members present at the Meeting and entitled to vote will form a quorum. No business other than the appointment of the Chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a General Meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum within 30 minutes of the time set for commencement of the meeting. If the meeting is abandoned it will be reconvened on a date which is within 3 months of the original date as determined by the Executive Committee.
- 16.7 All questions will be decided by a show of hands, unless a ballot is directed by the Chairman or demanded by not less than six persons present at the Meeting. In the case of equality of votes, the Chair of the Meeting, will have a casting vote.
- 16.8 The Honorary Secretary to be responsible for appointing a minute taker and for circulation of minutes.
- 16.9 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be circulated to the members of the Executive Committee plus the nominated representative of each Affiliated Club.

- 16.10 The business of the Annual General Meeting will be:
- 16.10.1 To receive and agree the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
 - 16.10.2 To receive and approve the reports from each member of the Executive Committee (Honorary Secretary, County Captain, Competitions Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, 2nd Team Captain, County Junior Organizer and the England Golf Representative).
 - 16.10.3 To receive and approve the Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.
 - 16.10.4 To elect the President, Captain and Vice-Captain.
 - 16.10.5 To elect the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Competitions Secretary, County Junior Organiser and 2nd Team Captain.
 - 16.10.6 To approve the County Affiliation Fee.
 - 16.10.7 To approve the Honoraria to be paid to officers of the Association (if appropriate).
 - 16.10.8 To vote on any resolution which may be submitted to the meeting.
17. **Extraordinary General Meetings**
- 17.1 All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called General Meetings.
 - 17.2 An Extraordinary General Meeting will be called by the Honorary Secretary when required by the Executive Committee or within 30 days after receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition of no fewer than a third of Clubs affiliated to the Association.
 - 17.3 Such requisition must state the object of the meeting and include one or more resolutions to be put to the meeting.
 - 17.4 No other business will be transacted at such a meeting except that specified in the requisition.
 - 17.5 All Full Members of the Association are entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting. Any attendee at a General Meeting shall be entitled to speak at such meeting.
 - 17.6 Any General Meeting will normally be chaired by the President. In the absence of the President, the Honorary Secretary will appoint a Chairman for that meeting only.
 - 17.7 Any thirty members present at the Meeting and entitled to vote will form a quorum. No business other than the appointment of the Chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum.
 - 17.8 All questions will be decided by a show of hands, unless a ballot is directed by the President or demanded by not less than six persons present at the Meeting. In the case of equality of votes, the President, as Chair of the Meeting, will have a further casting vote.
 - 17.9 The Honorary Secretary to be responsible for appointing a minute taker and for circulation of minutes.
 - 17.10 Minutes of the General Meetings will be circulated to the members of the Executive Committee plus the Club Representatives.

18. Accounts

- 18.1 The financial year of the Association will close on 30th September each year, or such date as determined by the Executive Committee, and the Honorary Treasurer will thereafter prepare a Statement of Accounts for such year which will be verified and circulated at the Annual General Meeting.

19. Expenses

- 19.1 Any officials or nominee authorised by the Executive Committee to attend a meeting or travel on behalf of the Association will be entitled to be reimbursed out of the funds of the Association, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and in line with the County Expenses Policy.

20. Breaches of Rules and Regulations of the Association/Misconduct

- 20.1 Any Affiliated Club, player, official or Member of the Association which or who has been found guilty, after a proper investigation, of any breach of the Rules and Regulations of the Association, any misconduct on or off the golf course, or any serious or regular breach of the Rules of Golf may be:

20.1.1 Expelled from the Association,

20.1.2 Suspended for such period as the Executive Committee consider appropriate,

20.1.3 Declared ineligible for all or any competitions held by, or on behalf of, the Association for such period as the Executive Committee consider appropriate,

- 20.2 All disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations of the Association (published separately).

21. General

- 21.1 A copy of this Constitution and Rules will be made available on the L&RLCGA website at www.lrlcga.co.uk.

- 21.2 All Rules and Regulations so long as they are in force, shall be binding on all Members.

- 21.3 No new Rule of the Association shall be made and no existing Rule shall be altered or repealed except by a simple majority of the votes properly recorded at a General Meeting. Any alteration or addition so made shall take effect as from the date of such a meeting.

- 21.4 The decision of the Executive Committee will be final and binding in respect of any dispute or question over the Rules of the Association.

- 21.5 The Executive Committee will from time to time make such Bye-laws not being inconsistent with these Rules for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Association as it shall deem necessary. Such Bye-laws remain effective until ratified at the following Annual General Meeting or any other General Meeting. A copy of the Bye-laws currently in force at any time will be made available to all Affiliated Clubs. Every Member shall be bound by and submit to these Rules and Bye-laws currently in force.

- 21.6 No proposal for the dissolution of the Association can be accepted without the support of a minimum of 75% of Full Members and may not be passed without a majority of 75% of the votes properly recorded at an Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall thereupon, or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Association and after discharge of all liabilities shall transfer the same to England Golf and upon completion of such transfer the association shall be dissolved.

- 21.7 Members of the Association agree and acknowledge that all communications between the Association and its Members will take place between the Association and nominated Club Representatives rather than individual Members.
- 21.8 Any notices to the Association can be sent via email using the email addresses located on the L&RLCGA website at www.lrlcga.co.uk.