

**THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

**of the**

**TURA BEACH MEN'S GOLF CLUB**

**as amended**

**October 2018**

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(as amended at the October 2018 AGM )

(To be read in conjunction with and reference to the Constitution of Tura Beach Country Club Limited)

### 1. NAME:

The name of the Club is TURA BEACH MEN'S GOLF CLUB.

### 2. INTERPRETATION

- (a) "The Company" means the Tura Beach Country Club Limited.
- (b) "The Club" means the Tura Beach Men's Golf Club, a sub club of the Company.
- (c) "The Committee" means the members for the time being of the Committee of Management of the Club as constituted in accordance with these rules.
- (d) "Month" means calendar month.
- (e) "Register" means the Register of Members of the Club.
- (f) "Secretary" shall include any Honorary Secretary and any Acting Secretary Honorary or otherwise.
- (g) "Treasurer" shall include any Honorary Treasurer and any Acting Treasurer Honorary or otherwise.
- (h) "Writing and Written" shall include any means of representing or reproducing words in visible form.
- (i) Words imparting the singular number only shall include the plural and words imparting the plural number only shall include the singular.

### 3. OBJECTS

The objects for which the Club is established are:-

- (a) To promote the game of golf as a relaxation and pastime for Club members and their visitors to the Club.
- (b) To administer the men's golfing section of the Company adhering to the rules as laid down by the Committee and the Board of Management of the Company.

### 4. MEMBERSHIP

Any financial male member of the Company, who has paid the prescribed "Affiliation Fee" for golf, shall be classed as a Sporting Member of the Club.

### 5. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS

Full Members shall consist of male persons who are Sporting Members as defined by the Constitution of the Company and who have paid the appropriate fee for that category of membership. Full Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club.

Intermediate Members, Country Members, Junior Members and Cadet Members shall be entitled to stand for election as Office Bearers or Committeemen of the Club and vote at any General Meeting of the Club.

### 6. FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP

If any member fails to pay his annual subscription and/or "Affiliation Fee" he shall cease to be a member of the Club.

### 7. EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, REPRIMAND OF MEMBERS

- (a) Every member of the Club undertakes to comply with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Club and the Constitution and Rules of the Company. Any expulsion, reprimand, or suspension of a member's rights shall be the sole right of the Company, to whom the

Committee may report any member who, in its opinion, is guilty of breaching the Rules or is guilty of conduct prejudicial to the good order and interests of the Club.

- (b) When any member is competing in a golfing competition under the control of the Golf Committee, then the Golf Committee shall have the right to reprimand or suspend any member from such competition.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution and Rules, the powers of the Committee in relation to disciplinary action against a member shall be governed by the Rules of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of any provision in these rules.

## **8. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the members of the Club through the Annual General Meeting and/or General Meetings as hereinafter provided.

## **9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the members shall be held at a place fixed by the Committee at least once in each membership year.
- (b) A notice advising members of the time and place appointed by the Committee for such meeting shall be placed on the club's Notice Board at least twenty one (21) days before the date of such meeting. At this time Nomination Forms for the Tura Beach Men's Golf Club committee are to be made available from the Secretary.
- (c) The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be in the following order:-
  - i. Reading of Notice confirming the Meeting;
  - ii. Reading and confirmation of minutes of previous Annual and/or General Meeting;
  - iii. Reading of Annual Reports, including reports of the President, Captain and Treasurer, consideration and adoption thereof;
  - iv. Transact any other business affecting the interest and welfare of the Club of which due notice has been given in accordance with these rules;
  - v. Election of Office Bearers;
  - vi. Any other General Business.

## **10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

- (a) Nominations for election to the Committee shall be made in writing on forms provided by the Secretary. The nomination must be signed by two (2) members of the Club and signed by the Nominee and such must be delivered to the Secretary of the Club or lodged at the Tura Beach Country Club office of the Company before a date and time previously determined by the Committee and advised in the Notice to members of the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) At Annual General Meetings, the election of all officers shall be by SECRET BALLOT, which shall be conducted by two (2) scrutineers appointed by the meeting. Members shall record their votes on the Ballot Paper using consecutive numbers, commencing with the figure 1 for their preference of candidate(s).
- (c) If there are not sufficient nominations in writing to fill the required number of vacant offices – the written nominees shall be declared elected and further nominations shall be accepted from members present at the meeting.
- (d) (i) In the case of an equality of votes for any candidate or candidates, then the scrutineers shall determine by Lot the candidate to be elected.  
(ii) The expression “determine by Lot” means determine in accordance with the following direction:-

The names of the candidates concerned, having been written on similar slips of paper, and the slips having been folded so as to prevent identification and mixed and drawn at random then the candidate whose name is first drawn is elected.

## **11. VOTING**

At any Annual, General or Committee Meetings a resolution or motion put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, except as otherwise provided in these rules or where a poll is demanded by a majority of members in attendance. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote. Every other member shall have one vote only.

## **12. QUORUM**

The quorum of an Annual General or General Meeting shall be fifteen (15) members present in person. If within half an hour after the time appointed for the start of the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a date to be fixed within fourteen (14) days and if at the adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within half an hour of the appointed starting time, those present shall constitute a quorum.

## **13. RULES OF DEBATE**

The rules of debate for all Annual, General, Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings of the Club shall be the accepted rules of general debating practice.

## **14. GENERAL MEETINGS**

- (a) A General Meeting shall be convened by the President or Honorary Secretary upon them receiving a requisition in writing stating the business for which it is required from not less than fifteen (15) members or five (5) per centum of the members of the Club (whichever is the less).
- (b) The Committee may call a General Meeting when necessary, at any time.
- (c) A notice advising members of the time place and nature of business to be brought forward at such meeting shall be placed on the Club's Notice Board twenty one (21) days before the date of such meeting. No business other than that advised in the Notice shall be dealt with by the meeting.

## **15. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

- (a) The members shall vest control and business of the Club in a Committee of Management of up to nine (9) members who shall be elected by them at the Annual General Meeting. Such Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Club as hereunder and they shall hold office, except as hereinafter stated, for a period of twelve months or until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Officers of the Club shall include:

- i. President
- ii. Captain
- iii. Honorary Secretary
- iv. Honorary Treasurer
- v. Five (5) Committeemen

The Committee may appoint a Vice-President and Vice-Captain from among its number to assist the President and Captain in their respective duties and to act in their absence.

- (b) Committee of Management shall hold periodical meetings and shall meet at least six times per year to transact the business of the Club and the President and/or Secretary shall when necessary and as provided for within these rules, convene a Special Meeting of the Committee of which seven (7) days notice shall be given to Committee-men.
- (c) The President, or in his absence, one of the Committeemen shall preside at all Committee Meetings.
- (d) Should any member of the Committee fail to attend for three (3) consecutive meetings without leave of absence, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Committee.

- (e) Casual vacancies – When any vacancy occurs on the Committee, the Committee shall have power to fill such vacancy at a meeting of the Committee.
- (f) The committee may from time to time delegate any of their powers to Sub-Committees, and shall as they think fit appoint, recall or revoke any such delegation or appointment. The President and Secretary, or their delegates, are ex-officio on all Sub-Committees.
- (g) The Secretary or his properly appointed substitute shall record the minutes of all meetings, resolutions and proceedings.
- (h) The Committee shall have the power to:-
  - i. Elect Sub-Committees, appoint delegates & make Rules – consistent with these Rules – and to do all such acts and things that it deems advisable for carrying out and managing the business and affairs of the Club and which conforms to the Constitution of the Company.
  - vii. Adopt by-laws, standing resolutions or Regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution, embodying additional provisions for the management of the Club. Such by-laws, standing resolutions or Regulations may be amended from time to time as provided therein.
  - ii. Interpret the Rules of the Club; the interpretation of the Committee being final.
  - iii. Carry out all resolutions passed at an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the Club.
  - iv. Do all such acts and things that it deems advisable to exercise the powers and responsibilities delegated to them by the Board of the Tura Beach Country Club.

#### **16. ALTERATION OF RULES**

No new rule or By-law shall be made or any existing rule or By-law altered or repealed except at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose and only then upon the motion being carried by a majority of two-thirds of members present at the meeting in person. Life members and Sporting members shall be the only members eligible to vote on any Special Resolution to amend this Constitution.

#### **17. RULES OF THE GAME OF GOLF**

The rules of the game of golf and the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews & golf's governing bodies, shall apply to all games played under the control of the Club, except when specially stated otherwise. Failure to observe any such laws will render the offending player liable to disqualification from the competition or match.

#### **18. DISPUTES, SUGGESTION, ETC.**

All complaints and suggestions must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary who will bring the matter before the Committee at its next meeting.