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- 1. The name of society shall be the Friendly Round of Golf Society ("FROGS"). The society was constituted in 1987 for an unlimited period of time. The society is not a partnership or joint venture and there shall be no joint liability - neither the society nor any of its (other) members shall be liable for damages caused by or as a consequence of the actions or inactions of any member or guest, whether or not such actions or inactions occurs at an event sanctioned or organised by the society.**
- 2. The objectives of the society are:**
  - a. To encourage the participation in golf amongst residents of and people who exercise their primary employment in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg ("Luxembourg"), and their guests, if space allows, via the organisation of regular competitions and social events.**
  - b. To provide a handicapping system for purposes of 2a.**
  - c. To co-ordinate and organise competitions and events with other golf societies active in Luxembourg and surrounds.**
- 3. Membership**
  - a. Membership shall be limited to:**
    - i. full time residents of Luxembourg**
    - ii. persons who exercise their primary employment in Luxembourg**
    - iii. members (and former members) of the Society that have relocated from Luxembourg**
  - b. Application for membership will be via a request submitted to**

a member (the “Introducer”) and passed on to the committee constituted in accordance with 7 below (the “Committee”) for acceptance or rejection.

- c. The Introducer will be responsible for the conduct of the member introduced for a period of one year from acceptance of the new member.
  - d. Resignations from the society should be made in writing to the Committee.
- 4. There shall be a subscription fee of EUR 65 per annum (or such other amount set by the Committee in relation to a specific year and communicated to the membership) payable in full by such time as communicated by the Committee before the commencement of the golfing season for each relevant year.
- 5. In the event of the dissolution of the society, the funds, assets and properties of the society shall be passed to a similar golf society located in Luxembourg or as shall be used as otherwise determined by the Committee.
- 6. Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (“R&A”)/ Fédération Luxembourgeoise de Golf (“FLG”).
  - a. The society agrees to abide by the Rules of Golf as laid down by the R&A.
  - b. The society agrees to abide by the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A.
  - c. The society recognises that the FLG is the governing body for amateur golf in Luxembourg and as such recognises its authority to govern the game.
- 7. Officers and Committee
  - a. The society will appoint a committee comprised of between three and seven persons from within its members to run the affairs of the society. New Committee members will be proposed and seconded by existing members of the Committee and invited to join the Committee.

- b. The society shall initially elect a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a Handicap Secretary. These officers and any others deemed to be required later shall be elected by and from within the Committee.**
- c. The members of the Committee will form both the competition and handicapping committee and will organise competitions, set the participation fees and prizes (if any) and set and control the handicapping therein.**
- d. The competition and handicapping committee will determine the conditions and local rules (if any) that appertain to each competition and supply all members with details of these conditions and local rules.**
- e. The Committee shall keep full records of competitions and handicaps of members and these records to be available on request.**
- f. Any vacancy in the Committee may be filled by the Committee co-opting a replacement from among the members.**

#### **8. Discipline / Sanction Procedures**

- a. Society members should remember that we are visitors to all golf clubs and as such are subject to their rules and regulations.**
- b. Golfing etiquette must be adhered to at all times.**
- c. Should the society receive any complaint, from any source, regarding the conduct of any of its members, disciplinary action may be taken. The member(s) in question will be notified in writing of the nature of the complaint and must reply to this within 10 days. Both the individual member(s) and the Committee will have the right to request a personal hearing, at which the member may be accompanied by any other member. Sanctions which may be taken should the member(s) be found to be in breach of society or host club rules or the general rules of etiquette will range from formal warnings to suspension or, in serious cases expulsion from the society.**

9. There shall be no requirement to hold an Annual General Meeting. Any ten members may jointly and in writing request that an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) be held. Once such a request has been received, the Committee shall set and communicate to the membership the time and place of such EGM. An EGM may only be validly held if a quorum of at least 1/3 of paid up members is present. At any such quorate EGM, each paid up member will be entitled to exercise one vote in person (no proxies will be allowed) and any resolution shall be passed by a majority of 2/3 of members present at the meeting.
10. Handicapping - The method to be used to establish and adjust society handicaps is as detailed in Appendix A.

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## **APPENDIX A – HANDICAPPING & SCORING**

It must be stressed that whatever handicap is allocated for the purpose of Society events, this can in no way be considered as an official handicap for any other purpose.

The Committee maintains the handicap of each member and uses appropriate software and hardware to track and adjust handicaps in accordance with the provisions of this Appendix.

### **Allotment of Handicaps & adjustments**

The Committee shall set the handicap of each member at the start of each season (or when such member first becomes a member, whichever is the earliest) and shall adjust such handicap with reference to standard scratch score after each event in accordance with the adjustments determined by the Committee and implemented with the aid of a suitable software program as determined by the Committee.

The handicap so set will be used for society events unless the Committee agrees to use club handicaps (or functions thereof) for specific events involving other persons

**(for example the annual Ryder Cup event).**

**Where the Committee considers that a player's handicap does not reflect his current playing ability (adjusted to align with the society handicap of players of similar ability), they may reduce or increase the player's society handicap to the figure it feels appropriate.**

**The maximum 9 hole handicap shall be 14**

## **Scoring**

**The Committee shall determine the format and scoring system to apply to each event. In the event of tied scores, the Committee shall determine the winner on a countback. For 9 hole events, the countback will be conducted on scores posted for the last 3 holes played, thereafter (and only if scores remain tied) the last 6 holes, thereafter (and only if scores remain tied in each case), holes 9, 8, 7, 6, etc. until a winner is determined. For 18 hole events, the countback will be conducted on scores posted for the last 9 holes played, thereafter (and only if scores remain tied) the last 6 holes, thereafter (and only if scores remain tied in each case), holes 18, 17, 16, 15, etc. until a winner is determined.**

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