

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The organisation shall be known as COPE Golf Alliance hereinafter referred to as the Alliance.
2. The purpose of the Alliance is to aid financially the work of COPE Foundation through competitions played under the rules of golf.
3. There shall be separate sections for men and women and each section shall consist of 240 members made up of 60 members from each of the Founding Clubs; Cork, Douglas, Monkstown and Muskerry.
 - a. In addition, there shall be a Special membership category to allow for individuals with a current handicap who have rendered long service as a Trustee, but are no longer a member of one of the four Founding Clubs.
 - b. Such members would be expected to pay the annual fee but would be additional to the membership total of 480.
 - c. A Special member re-joining one of the Founding Clubs would be extra to the 60 allowed for that Club.
4. Each section shall have a President and Captain to be elected at a meeting of the Committee to be held in the month of January each year.
5. The offices of President and Captain shall follow the alphabetical rota of Cork, Douglas, Monkstown, Muskerry, Cork et seq., starting from 1978 when the order was Muskerry (Men's President); Douglas (Men's Captain); Cork (Ladies President) and Monkstown (Ladies Captain).
6. The Alliance shall have four trustees chosen from its members who shall hold office for a maximum of 5 years unless terminated by resignation or decision of the Committee. Trustees can serve a second term of 5 years if sanctioned by the Officers of the Alliance.
7. The Alliance shall be under the control of a Committee of its members, consisting of the following:
 - a. Presidents and Captains of each section and ex-officios (the immediate past President and Captain of each section of the Alliance).
 - b. An Honorary Treasurer & Honorary Secretary, (or a combination of both by one person).
 - c. Two gent and two lady delegates from each of the 4 Founding Golf Clubs as nominated by their respective Club Officers and notified to the Alliance.
 - d. IT Officer.
 - e. The 4 current trustees.
8. No fewer than three Committee meetings shall be held in the calendar year, and at least one of these is to be held in the month of January.
 - (a) Not fewer than nine members shall form a quorum
 - (b) The Presidents shall agree between themselves which meeting each will Chair.

9. The duties of the Committee shall be:
 - (a) To control the funds of the Alliance.
 - (b) To book and manage fixtures.
 - (c) To accept and reject applications for membership and proposals for Special membership.
 - (d) To make such rules and regulations and to do such things as are considered necessary for the good order and management of the Alliance.
 - (e) To appoint sub-committees, set out the terms of reference and confer on them the powers needed to carry out their duties.
 - (f) To interpret the rules and regulations and decide on all questions and disputes affecting the Alliance. The Chair of the meeting shall have the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

10. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Committee shall be empowered to vary the Club membership quota so as to maintain as far as possible the maximum number of 240 in each section.

11. The Committee shall be empowered to suspend or terminate the membership of any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, is such as to bring the Alliance into disrepute.

- 12.** The decision of the committee shall be final in all matters and acceptance of this is a necessary condition of membership.