

**The**  
**Constitution**  
**OfThe**  
**Zimbabwe Golf Association (ZGA)**

**As adopted at an Annual General Meeting**  
**held on 15 June 2014**

## Preamble

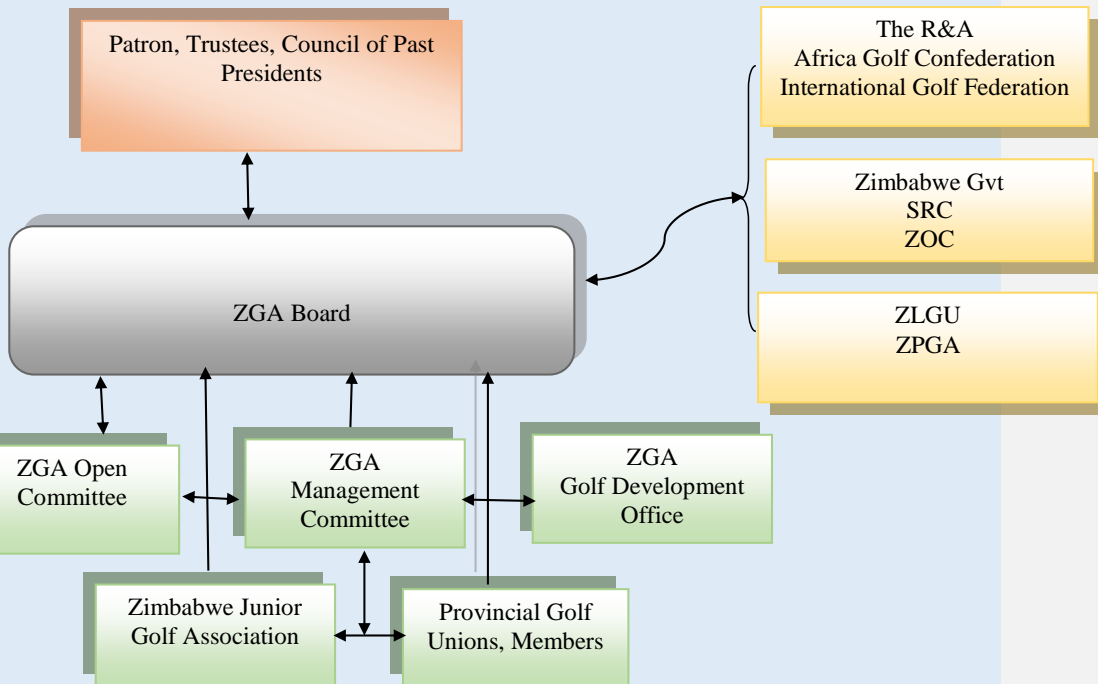
“The Constitution of the Zimbabwe Golf Association has been revised and aligned to contemporary best practice. ZGA is committed to the highest levels of administrative and sporting excellence, discipline, accountability and transparency and supports inclusive, broad-based approaches to the development of sport in Zimbabwe. The Association’s Board and Management Committees shall strive to ensure:

- *Development and maintenance of golf infrastructure and facilities in all the country’s Provinces by encouraging both private and public investments in sporting facilities;*
- *Promoting awareness and interest in golf among all Zimbabweans with special focus on rural and urban youths particularly in schools, colleges and universities;*
- *Providing development opportunities for all through participation in local, provincial, national, regional and international Amateur Tournaments, Pro-Ams and Open Championships*

This Constitution replaces all previous documents and especially the one principally dated 14 June 1976 with various modifications as approved at subsequent Annual General and Special General Meetings”

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**Zimbabwe Golf Association and Key Stakeholders**



## **1. NAME**

The name of the Association is **The Zimbabwe Golf Association** (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”).

## **2. HEADQUARTERS**

The Headquarters of the Association shall be situated in **Harare** (Zimbabwe) or such other place as the Association may from time to time determine by Special Resolution at a Special General Meeting.

## **3. AREA OF JURISDICTION**

The area of jurisdiction to which this Constitution shall apply includes all Golf Clubs in the Republic of Zimbabwe, and any Golf Clubs outside the Republic which are affiliated to a Golf Club in Zimbabwe.

## **4. STATUS AND PURPOSE**

4.1 The Association is the controlling body of male amateur golf in Zimbabwe. It is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote golfing excellence at all levels and across all social classes without regard whatsoever to the racial, political, religious, gender or moral persuasion or affiliation of its members, and strives to ensure the observance and maintenance of discipline and the traditions of Golf.

4.2 Office Bearers, Trustees or Committee Members of the Association shall, unless otherwise specifically provided, serve the Association on a voluntary basis, but shall be eligible for re-imbursment of bona fide expenses incurred in the discharge of the Association’s business. Members shall not directly or indirectly engage in any economic activity linked to or deriving from golf for self-interest without declaration of such interest in writing to the Association Board (Governing Body) through the Secretary, and shall recuse themselves from voting or taking part in decisions where there is possible conflict of interest

## **5. RULES**

5.1 The Rules governing the Association herein set forth, or as amended from time to time, shall be in all respects be binding on all members of the Association.

5.2 The Association shall adhere to the Rules, Definitions, and Interpretations of the Game of Golf as authorised by the Royal and Ancient of St Andrews and shall be aligned and be in compliance with the provisions, regulations and policies of the Africa Golf Confederation, the International Golf Federation and all the applicable laws and policies of the Government of Zimbabwe.

## **6.OBJECTS**

The Objects of the Association are to:-

6.1 Promote, control, advance, encourage and foster the game of golf in Zimbabwe in close consultation and liaison with the Zimbabwe Ladies Golf Union and the Zimbabwe Professional Golfers' Associations in the interests of the sport, its members and players

6.2 Provide a platform for the federation of Provincial Golf Unions and any other Associations which seek to further the game of golf in line with the objects of the Association.

6.3 Foster and assist members in the administration and general conduct of the game of golf and to protect its interests, and in particular to ensure that only bona fide, competent and certified individuals (professionals) registered with the Association shall be allowed to train Amateur Golfers in Zimbabwe in return for any form of direct or indirect compensation.

6.4 Promote and develop the game of golf at all levels and in all social classes

6.5 Encourage the holding of competitions, championships and assist in the conduct and control thereof

6.6 Formulate, control, arrange and regulate the conditions governing The Zimbabwe Open Championship, The Zimbabwe Amateur Championships and all other Amateur tournaments and events as may from time to time be declared and sanctioned by the Association

6.7 Organise, or to arrange for participation in events and tournaments in co-operation and in consultation with relevant provincial, national, regional and international sporting and golfing partners and authorities

6.8 Formulate and amend rules and regulations (in consultation with ZLGU), for the rating of golf courses, the system of handicapping and any other administrative policy issues to enable efficient and effective management and control of amateur golf activities in Zimbabwe

6.9 Assist members in the settlement of disputes and differences and in the interpretation of the Rules of Golf.

6.10 Operate bank accounts, collect subscriptions and levies as well as to borrow or lend funds as it may deem fit and to administer such funds in order to carry out the objects specified herein with the specific intent to advance the interests of golf in a non-profit manner.

6.11 Acquire, hold, sell or lease property of any description, both moveable and immoveable and to deal with it in any manner

6.12 Invest funds not immediately required by the Association in such manner as to preserve value

6.13 Subscribe, donate, grant subsidies and pay out any sums for purposes deemed to promote the objects herein specified

6.14 Promote Golf in clubs, schools, colleges and universities with special focus on Junior Golf in both urban and rural areas throughout Zimbabwe

6.15 Have an emblem and flag subject and to award National Colours and Annual Golf Awards to individuals and organizations in recognition of their contribution to Golf

6.16 Appoint and remove any paid or honorary officials of the Association.

6.17 Evaluate, certify and register eligible individuals and entities interested in providing training and technical services to the Association, the general public and amateur golfers at private or public golf courses, facilities, academies, schools, colleges or universities in Zimbabwe in return for any form of direct or indirect compensation or gain.

6.18 Undertake anything that may be expedient, necessary, or desirable to further the interests or objects of the Association or which may be incidental thereto.

## **7. MEMBERSHIP**

7.1 Membership of the Association shall comprise of voting Provincial Golf Unions, the Zimbabwe Golf Association and other qualifying independent golfing associations or societies. A voting Golf Union shall have a minimum of two active Golf Clubs and a qualifying non-voting body, association or golf society shall be representative of at least fifty individual members all of which shall be in good standing with the Association.

7.2 At the time of adoption of this Constitution the following Unions and Associations comprised the voting members of the Association:

Harare Provincial Golf Union,  
Manicaland Provincial Golf Union,  
Matabeleland Provincial Golf Union,  
Midlands Provincial Golf Union  
Mashonaland West Provincial Golf Union

## **8. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

8.1 Application for membership of the Association shall be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary. The application shall signify acceptance of these Rules and agreement to be bound by them.

8.2 Each application shall state the name of the applicant, the names of the constituent clubs or body and the total number of full playing members (if any) of each such club or body. A copy of the Constitution or Rules and Regulations of the applicant shall accompany such applications.

8.3 The Association Board shall vote on each application by secret ballot and election shall require the votes in favour of not less than two thirds of those present and eligible to vote at any General Meeting.

## **9. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS**

9.1 The Association shall be a body corporate having separate legal existence from its members with perpetual succession and its assets shall be held or registered in the name of the Association.

9.2 Individual members shall not be liable to meet the debts, engagements or commitments of the Association and the liability of members shall be limited solely to the amounts due by them in respect of Affiliation fees or other monies payable in terms of these Rules

## **10. RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

A member shall cease to be a member of the Association if:

10.1 It resigns from the Association in writing;

10.2 Payment of affiliation fees has not been effected by the 30<sup>th</sup> June year and the member fails thereafter to pay such fees within 14 days the receipt of registered written notice from the Secretary calling for payment.

10.3 The Member has conducted its affairs in an irregular or improper manner, or has wilfully committed a breach of the provisions of this Constitution, or any of the Terms and Conditions upon which it was admitted to membership or has contravened any of the basic rules of golf or any ruling issued by the Association in General Meeting.

10.4 Notice of intention to terminate membership shall be served by the Secretary of the Association upon which the affected member shall have 21 days to regulate its affairs or appeal against such termination. Should the Member fail to regulate its affairs as required or in the event of an unsuccessful appeal, the Secretary of the Association shall serve the member with Final Termination of Membership Notice within 14 days of the expiration of the 21 days initial notice period or from the first day of the failure of any appeal.

## **11. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

The Association Board may, upon receipt of an application in writing from a member whose membership has been relinquished in terms of the preceding Rule, reinstate such member without variance from these Rules.

## **12 RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

12.1 All Members shall be bound and protected by this Constitution

12.2 All Members are expected to act in the best interests of the game and in keeping with its traditions

## **13. THE ZIMBABWE GOLF ASSOCIATION BOARD**

13.1 The Association shall be directed by a Governing Body (hereinafter referred to as the Zimbabwe Golf Association Board) which shall consist of the President, Two Vice Presidents, Immediate Past President, Honorary Life Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Presidents of Provincial Golf Unions, Golf Development Officer, President of the Zimbabwe Junior Golf Association and Board Committee Members.

13.2 The Board shall deliberate on all matters of policy and shall have oversight on the activities of all the Associations' Committees to ensure alignment and timely execution of the Association's strategies, operational effectiveness, governance and accountability

13.3 The Board shall, at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, pass resolutions for the appointment or termination of the services of any Committee Member or Office Bearer of the Association.

13.4 The Board shall, subject to availability of resources, appoint remunerated Office Bearers of the Association to implement the day to day programs, projects and administrative requirements of the Association. The President shall chair a Committee of the Board consisting of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer that shall appoint the Golf Development Officer and any other remunerated senior officers of the Association, and such Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such appointments.

13.5 The Board shall consider and approve where appropriate, the appointment of remunerated independent agents, individuals, or companies for purposes of mobilizing funding and/or for implementing specific golf development projects on behalf of the Association.

13.6 The Patron, Trustees, Honorary Life Members and Auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

13.7 The Board shall meet, in addition to the Annual General Meeting, at least once per calendar quarter at such places and times as may be determined at the conclusion of each preceding Meeting or as shall be advised by the Secretary.

13.8 The Secretary or in his absence the Treasurer, shall record all resolutions and decisions taken by the Board.



13.9 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and in his absence one of the Vice Presidents or the Immediate Past President. In the absence of either, the members present constituting a quorum shall elect one of their number to be Chairman.

13.10 Voting shall be by show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by the majority of the members present at the meeting.

13.11 The President shall only exercise his vote in respect of a casting vote at all Meetings of the Board. The voting Members shall be the Vice Presidents and the Provincial Union Members who shall have one vote each on any matter. Board Members representing Golf Unions on the Board, shall be entitled to one vote in the first instance plus an additional vote for each completed 500 affiliated full playing members above the first 500 with the proviso that no voting member can have more than 5 votes.

13.12 An Officer of the Association or a President of a voting member who is unable to attend a meeting of the Board may appoint a proxy to represent him.

13.13 It is preferable that additional votes are exercised by a delegate duly accredited by the voting member however a voting member may request the Association to appoint a delegate on its behalf provided that such delegate shall vote only in accordance with written instructions received by the Association from the voting member.

#### **14. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

14.1 The Management Committee shall be responsible for the day to day management and administrative affairs of the Association.

14.2 Membership of the Committee shall be determined by the Board in General Meeting from time to time.

14.3 The Management Committee shall provide means and mechanisms of resolving matters and appeals brought to it by any Club or member of the Association as may be permitted in the Rules of the elected member.

14.4 The Management Committee shall determine frequency of its own meetings, provided that at least one such meeting is held per quarter (three calendar months) and at such places and times as maybe determined by the Committee. In view of the cost of travel and time limitations, meetings may be held via teleconference and minutes of agreed actions shall be recorded by the Secretary.

14.5 All Members of the Management Committee shall be eligible to vote on any matter at any Meeting. Voting shall be by show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by the majority of the members present at the meeting. Where agreed, a matter maybe deliberated and voted on electronically by e-mail or any such other electronic means available and agreed by the members.

14.6 The Management Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the Board regarding appointment of National Amateur Team Coach(es)

14.7 The Committee shall be responsible for recommending Zimbabwe Golf Colours to the Board for approval by the Zimbabwe Colours Board.

## 15 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### 15.1 The Zimbabwe Open Committee

15.1.1 **The Board hereby establishes** the Zimbabwe Open Committee, hereinafter called the Open Committee, an entity that is independent of the Board which is responsible for managing the Zimbabwe Open Championship

15.1.2 The Open Committee shall derive its existence from this Constitution and shall have separate legal existence from the Association, operate bank accounts, effect legal and commercial contracts and transactions, own and dispose assets in its own name for the sole purpose of organising, staging and promoting the Zimbabwe Open Championship.

15.1.3 The Chairman of the Zimbabwe Open Committee and its Executive shall be appointed by the Zimbabwe Open Committee at a Special General Meeting of the Zimbabwe Open Committee called for that purpose

15.1.4 The day to day operations of the Open Committee shall be in accordance with a Governance Protocol signed off by the Committee Executive and approved by the Association Board in Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

15.1.5 The Zimbabwe Open Committee is specifically required to act in the best interest of the Association for the furtherance of Golf in Zimbabwe.

15.1.6 The Open Committee shall submit audited accounts to the Board within time frames to be agreed from time to time.

15.1.7 The Association reserves the right to dissolve the Open Committee at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose should the Open Committee fail to deliver on its objectives, bring the name of Golf or the Association into disrepute or fail to conduct its affairs in ethical and honourable ways required in terms of best practice.

### 15.2 The Disciplinary and Selection Committees.

15.2.1 The Management Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary and Grievance Committee in pursuance of 14.3

15.2.2 The Board shall appoint a Selection Committee that shall be responsible for determining and communicating criteria for the selection of

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amateurs eligible for selection to represent Zimbabwe in international events. The Selection Committee shall, in consultation with the Zimbabwe Open Committee, determine and communicate the number and criteria for selecting amateurs eligible to participate in the Zimbabwe Open Championship.

## **16. PATRON**

A Patron may be elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall hold office for one term (two calendar years) and be eligible for re-election thereafter every term for a successive period not exceeding 10 years.

## **17. OFFICE BEARERS**

17.1 The following office-bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one term consisting of two calendar years running from the first such AGM:

- (a) President
- (b) Two Vice Presidents

17.2 Each of the above shall be eligible for re-election without nomination, save that the President shall not be eligible for a third consecutive term in that office unless the Association in General Meeting shall approve by a 75% majority in favour that he/she shall be permitted to be nominated for further term not exceeding one year at a time. Nominations for new office-bearers may be made and seconded by any members of the Board, and such nominated officials shall signify acceptance in writing to the Secretary not less than 14 (fourteen) days before the Annual General Meeting.

17.3 No person who has been convicted of a criminal offence or found guilty of improper conduct likely to bring the game into disrepute shall be nominated for office or shall be allowed to continue as an office-bearer of the Association or any of the Association Committees, including the Zimbabwe Open Committee.

17.4 The President and Vice Presidents of the Board shall be Zimbabwean Citizens

17.5 A Past President of the Association shall be eligible for re-election provided that at least four calendar years would have elapsed from his last office as President.

17.6 Any member of the Board shall be eligible for nomination as President or Vice President provided that they would have served at least one full term of two calendar years on the Association Board in any capacity, or at least four years as Provincial Union President, Executive of the Zimbabwe Open Committee, Captain or President of a major successful Golf Club with not less than 500 paid up members in good standing with the Association.

17.7 In the event of incapacitation or dissolution of a sitting Board for any reason whatsoever, the Council of Past Presidents shall run the affairs of the Association for a period not exceeding twelve months pending the election of new Office Bearers of the Association.

## **18. TRUSTEES**

18.1 The property of the Association shall be vested in three Trustees who shall have the power to institute and defend any action or to sell, lease, donate, mortgage, acquire or grant servitudes, or otherwise alienate any of such property on behalf of the Association when authorised to do so by the Association.

18.2 A Trustee shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting and shall continue in office provided that –

- (a) He is not removed at a General Meeting of the Governing Body called for that purpose and by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote.
- (b) He is not absent from Zimbabwe without leave for a period of more than twelve months. In the temporary absence of a Trustee, or in the event of a vacancy in the office of Trustee, the President, or a member of the Executive shall act as Trustee; in the latter instance until the next Annual General Meeting when a new Trustee shall be appointed.
- (c) A Trustee shall not have a vote.
- (d) A Trustee shall be eligible for re-election in perpetuity.

## **19. HONORARY OFFICE-BEARERS**

Provided that the nomination shall in each case have been made by resolution of the Board, Honorary Life Vice-Presidents may be elected at an Annual General Meeting provided that not more than four Honorary Life Vice Presidents may be in existence at any one time and that an Honorary Office-Bearer shall not have a vote. A person nominated as an Honorary Life Vice President shall be elected by 75% majority of voting members in Annual General Meeting. A person ceases to be Honorary Life Vice President if they are convicted of crimes against the State or are guilty of general conduct likely to tarnish the reputation and traditions of the sport.

## **20. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

20.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held before 30 June of each year at a venue to be decided by the Board.

20.2 Provincial Unions and the Zimbabwe Junior Golf Association shall hold their Annual General Meetings before the date of the Association's Annual General Meeting.

20.3 The President shall preside or in his absence a Vice President, and in the absence of all of these Officers, a Chairman shall be elected by the delegates present at such meeting.

20.4 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be conducted in the following order:-

- (a) To confirm the affiliation of those present and receive delegates' credentials in writing,
- (b) To read and confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting.
- (c) To receive a report from each Provincial Union and the Junior Golf Association.
- (d) To receive reports from the Chairmen of the Association Management Committee and the Zimbabwe Open Committee
- (e) To receive the President's Report,
- (f) To receive the Treasurer's Report and confirm the financial statement for the past year and the proposed budget for the following year.
- (g) To consider and fix the amount of the annual levy and/or subscriptions for the ensuing year
  
- (h) To fix the remuneration of the Auditors for the previous year, and to appoint Auditors for the ensuing year.
- (i) To elect new members applying for membership in terms of the Rules
- (j) To amend, modify or amplify the Constitution and any standing rules
- (k) To determine the Provincial Union in which the ensuing year's Amateur Championships, Inter-Provincial Championship and any other national events shall be played
- (l) To fix the tournament fees for the ensuing Amateur Championships and ZGA sanctioned events for the ensuing year
- (m) To consider and ratify any resolutions or recommendations brought forward by any member or the Board or delegates.
- (n) To fix the borrowing powers of the Association.
- (o) To elect a Patron, Trustees, Office Bearers, Committees and to receive confirmation of incumbents to the Office of Secretary, Treasurer, Golf Development Officer, Board Committee Members and the Executive of the Zimbabwe Open Committee

20.5 Preliminary notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each member at least 21 days before the date of the Meeting.

20.6 Notice of any business or resolution to be placed before the meeting shall be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the Meeting.

20.7 Formal notice of the Meeting containing the Agenda and any special business or resolutions to be submitted to the Meeting, and copies of

nominations for Office Bearers, together with the Report of the Executive and the Accounts for the past year shall be forwarded to members 14 days before the meeting.

## **21. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

21.1 A Special General Meeting of the Association may be called by the Board through the Secretary or in his absence the Treasurer or by a requisition signed by one or more voting members and, unless condoned as provided below, shall deal only with the Special Resolutions notice of which has been given in writing to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the date by which the Secretary is required to give notice to Office-bearers and members.

21.2 Notice of Special General Meeting shall be 28 days before the Meeting incorporating the exact terms of any Special Resolution to be proposed shall be given to all Office-bearers and members by the Secretary.

21.3 Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may be condoned by the Special General Meeting concerned, save that only the business specified on the Agenda may be considered.

## **22. QUORUM**

22.1 The quorum for the Association Board Meetings including the Annual General Meeting and all Special General Meetings of the Board shall be at least sixty per cent (60%) of the Provincial Union Board Members (in good standing) and at least fifty one percent (51%) of the rest of the Board Members.

22.2 The quorum for a Management Committee Meeting shall be consistent with the 22.1 above.

22.3 If within half an hour from the time appointed for a Meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such other day or time as the Board or Committee may determine. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, those present and entitled to vote shall be a quorum.

## **23. VOTING**

23.1 Voting at the Association Board Meetings shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

23.2 At meetings of the Management Committee or any other Committee each member shall have one vote.

## **24. PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**

24.1 There shall be a Past President's Council which shall be the supreme body of the Association with final powers to rule on specific matters presented to it.

24.2 The Council shall comprise all Past Presidents of the Association and any Honorary Officers and any three so qualified persons shall be a quorum. They shall select one of their members as Chairman in any proceedings.

24.3 The Council shall be empowered to hear any statements relating to the matter brought to it and a decision on the matter must be unanimous. In the event that the Council cannot reach a unanimous decision the Zimbabwe Sports and Recreation Commission shall be competent to appoint a three person panel whose majority decision in the matter shall be final.

## **25. AFFILIATION FEES**

25.1 Each Provincial Union Member and non-voting members of the Association shall pay to the Association an annual affiliation fee which shall be determined by the Association at the preceding Annual General Meeting based on the number of full playing members multiplied by the approved Annual Levy or in the case of independent golf associations, bodies or societies, an annual affiliation or membership fee to be decided from time to time.

25.2 A full playing member is a member who has nominated the club as his home club and who is handicapped by the club. Board Members, Committee Members, Past Presidents, Honorary Life Office Bearers and Office Bearers of the Association shall be exempt from paying Annual levies or subscriptions.

25.4 The Association shall have the power at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting to set an extraordinary levy to defray the cost of any extraordinary expenditure provided 75% of the voting members are in agreement

25.5 The annual affiliation fee becomes due on 1 January in each calendar year and is to be calculated based on the total number of full playing members on the books of all clubs affiliated to the Provincial member multiplied by the Annual Levy.

25.6 Provincial members shall pay to the Association the amounts actually collected from clubs as a lump sum not later than 30 April in each calendar year; otherwise they shall be deemed not in good standing and shall forfeit voting rights until all arrears are paid.

## **26. LIABILITY**

**26.1 Player.** A player who fails to pay any just due of any kind to any of his clubs by due date or is otherwise not in good standing with any of his clubs (which shall include any period of suspension by any such club) shall not be in good standing with the Association until he is again in good standing with all his clubs.

**26.2 Club.** A club's liability is to pay to its Provincial member the levy imposed by the Association and the Provincial member in respect of all full playing members as at 1 January in every year who have nominated it as their home club or who have no other golf club. The club shall pay such liabilities not later than a date laid down by the Provincial member which may not be later than 31 March in such year. In the case of clubs which are not solely golf clubs the levies shall be payable in respect of all full playing members who play golf. Any club which fails to pay its dues in full to its Provincial member by the due date shall not be in good standing until such dues are paid.

**26.3 Provincial Member.** Every Provincial member shall use every endeavour to collect the just dues owed by any constituent club. No member of any club which is not in good standing will be allowed to operate a handicap or take part in any event under the control of the Association or the Provincial member. No representative of any such club will be allowed to exercise any voting rights at any meeting of the Provincial member nor shall any event under the control of the Provincial member be held at such club.

**26.4 Person.** No person who is not in good standing with all his clubs or whose nominated home club, or only club, is not in good standing with its Provincial member or whose Provincial member is not in good standing with the Association will be allowed to maintain a handicap or play in any event under the control of the Association.

## **27. MINUTES**

Minutes of all meetings of the Association, the Executive and any committee of the Association shall be recorded and shall be confirmed at the next ensuing meeting of the body concerned.

## **28. ACCOUNTS**

28.1 The Treasurer or in his absence the Secretary shall keep proper and true accounts of all revenue and expenditure which shall be duly audited for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

28.2 The financial year of the Association and all voting members shall end on 31 December.

28.3 The funds of the Association shall be banked in the name of the Association; such accounts shall be operated under the direction of the Executive.



## **29. ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES**

29.1 No alteration to the Constitution or Rules of the Association shall be made except at a Special General Meeting of the Executive by way of a special resolution

29.2 No such alteration shall be made unless it receives the approval of not less than two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Association.

29.3 All Constitutional Amendments shall be ratified at the AGM of the Association

## **30 INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES**

30.1 In case of doubt as to the meaning of any of the Rules of the Association the interpretation of the Management Committee shall be binding on the members until such time as the Board may otherwise determine.

30.2 Any decision of the Board in terms of this rule shall not affect the validity of anything done in conformity with a decision of the Management Committee prior to such decision being reversed or altered.

## **31. COURTESY OF THE COURSE**

31.1 Affiliated clubs of the Association are requested to exercise their discretion in favour of granting the courtesy of the course to Past Presidents, Honorary Vice Presidents, Trustees, The Patron, sitting ZGA Board Members, the Open Committee Executive and Presidents of neighbouring National Golf Associations and the reigning Amateur Champions of Zimbabwe as advised by the Secretary of the Association from time to time.

31.2 Courtesy of the Course ordinarily refers to a waiver of green fees at any Club in Zimbabwe and any other form of respect deemed reasonable.

## **32. WINDING UP**

32.1 The Association may be wound up and the property or assets disposed of by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board by a three-fourths majority of those members present and eligible to vote. The Immediate Past President shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Council of Past Presidents and Trustees within 28 days of the resolution to wind up for debate and approved by at least 75% of the Trustees and Council of Past Presidents whose decision becomes final.

32.2 No such resolution shall be passed unless notice of the proposal has been given to member bodies, members of the Management Committee, the Council of Past Presidents and Trustees for a minimum period of three calendar months prior to the date of the meeting.

### 33. CASUS OMISSUS

In the event of any "causomissus" in these Rules the Executive shall decide as they consider best and proper.

### 34. TOURNAMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Association shall arrange, organise and promote, as necessary, sufficient tournaments to satisfy any selection criteria as specified by the Selection Committee or requirements of an Order of Merit and Official World Amateur Golf Rankings criteria.

34.1 The Zimbabwe Open Championship shall be run and organized by the Zimbabwe Open Committee on behalf of the Association as provided for by this Constitution.

34.2 The winner of the Zimbabwe Open Championship shall be the Zimbabwe Open Champion for the relevant event until the next playing of the Championship.

34.3 The Zimbabwe Amateur Championships shall be run and organised by the Management Committee.

34.4 The following events shall, at the discretion of the Board as recommended by the Management Committee, be sanctioned ZGA events to be played in each calendar year at such times and places as may be determined by the Board in consultation with all key stakeholders from time to time:

- The Zimbabwe Open Championship
- The Zimbabwe Open Amateur Championship
- The Zimbabwe Mid-Amateur Championship
- The Zimbabwe Senior Amateur Championship
- The Zimbabwe Junior Amateur Championship
- Provincial Amateur Championships
- Zimbabwe Open Amateur Match Play Championship
- Zimbabwe Amateur Inter-Provincial Championship
- Designated National Tournaments

34.5 **The Zimbabwe Amateur Championships** shall be rotated throughout the Provinces and Clubs within Provinces and shall be played on golf courses of a standard consistent with the status of the events. Participation in all Amateur Championships and sanctioned events shall be open to any amateur who is a full playing member in good standing of a club affiliated to a Provincial member or a Golf Union recognised by the Association. The Championships shall be played for over 72 holes. Tournament rules and conditions shall be determined and communicated by the Tournament Committees in consultation with the Management Committee.

34.6 **Inter-School and Inter-College Events.** The Association supports golf as part of regular ex-curricular sports in all schools, colleges and universities.

#### 34. SPECIFIC ZGA AWARDS

Inscribed medals or similar memorabilia may be awarded annually by the Association in Gold and Silver for Champions and Runners –Up of selected events including but not limited to the following:

- Zimbabwe Amateur Championships;
- Golfer of the Year
- Zimbabwe Match Play Championship;
- President’s Cup (Inter-Provincial Championship);
- Most Improved Player of the Year

An inscribed memento will be awarded each year for meritorious service to the Association or the game of golf in general by an administrator.

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Date 15 June 2014

President

Vice President

Vice President

Secretary