

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006
PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF
CHESTER-LE-STREET GC TRADING LIMITED
(Company)

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act	the Companies Act 2006.
Articles	the Company's articles of association for the time being in force.
Business Day	any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in the United Kingdom) on which clearing banks in the City of London are generally open for business.
Club	The Chester-le-Street Golf Club Limited, a company limited by guarantee without a share capital with company registration number 00449060, which on the date of incorporation of the Company was the sole owner of shares in the Company.
Conflict	a situation in which a director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company.
Eligible Body	any "eligible body" for the purposes of the sporting exemption as defined in the notes to Group 10 of VAT Act 1994 and set out in section 4 of VAT Notice 701/45: sport.
Eligible Director	a director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors (but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter).
Group	the Company, any subsidiary of the Company, any company of which the Company is a subsidiary (its holding company) and any other subsidiaries of any such holding company, in each case for the time being, and member of the Group shall mean any of them.
holding company	has the meaning given in article 1.6.
Model Articles	the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229), as amended prior to the date of

adoption of these Articles and reference to a numbered **Model Article** is a reference to that article of the Model Articles.

subsidiary has the meaning given in article 1.6.

1.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles. The final paragraph of Model Article 1 shall not apply to the Company.

1.3 Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.

1.4 A reference in these Articles to a numbered **Article** is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise.

1.5 Unless expressly provided otherwise in these Articles, a reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time, taking account of:

1.5.1 any subordinate legislation made under it, whether before or after the date of adoption of these Articles; and

1.5.2 any amendment or re-enactment, whether before or after the date of adoption of these Articles and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts.

This article 1.5 shall not apply to the definition of **Model Articles** in article 1.1.

1.6 A reference to a **holding company** or **subsidiary** means a holding company or a subsidiary (as the case may be) as defined in section 1159 of the Act and for the purposes only of the membership requirement contained in sections 1159(1)(b) and (c), a company shall be treated as a member of another company even if its shares in that other company are registered in the name of (a) another person (or its nominee), by way of security or in connection with the taking of security, or (b) its nominee.

1.7 Any words following the terms **including, include, in particular** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.

1.8 The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by, or are inconsistent with, these Articles.

1.9 Model Articles 8(3), 11(2) and (3), 14(1), (2), (3) and (4), 19(2), (3), (4) and (5), 36, 38, 52 and 53 shall not apply to the Company.

1.10 Model Article 7 shall be amended by:

1.10.1 the insertion of the words "for the time being" at the end of Model Article 7(2)(a); and

- 1.10.2 the insertion in Model Article 7(2) of the words "(for so long as he remains the sole director)" after the words "and the director may".
- 1.11 In Model Article 8(2), the words "copies of which have been signed by each eligible director" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "of which each Eligible Director has signed one or more copies".
- 1.12 Model Article 20 shall be amended by the insertion of the words "and the company secretary (if any)" before the words "properly incur".
- 1.13 In Model Article 25(2)(c), the words "evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "evidence and indemnity".
- 1.14 In Model Article 30(4), the words "the terms on which shares are issued" shall be deleted and replaced with "the rights attached to any shares".
- 1.15 In Model Article 32(a), the words "the terms on which the share was issued" shall be deleted and replaced with "the rights attached to the share".
- 1.16 Model Article 44(3) shall be amended by the insertion of the words "A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made" as a new paragraph at the end of that Model Article.

2. OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY

The objects of the Company are to carry on business as a general commercial company to procure profits and gains for donation or distribution to the Club for the purpose of supporting the promotion of participation in the amateur sport of golf or other qualifying sports for the purposes of the Community Amateur Sports Club scheme and the maintenance and improvement of the golfing and other sporting facilities of the Club.

3. USE OF DISTRIBUTABLE PROFITS

- 3.1 All profits or surpluses from the playing activities of the Company will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of articles 3.2 and 3.3 to enable the maintenance and improvement of the facilities of the Club.
- 3.2 At the end of each financial year the Company shall donate all of its distributable profits to the Club or, in circumstances in which it is no longer possible to make donations to the Club, to one of the following bodies:
 - 3.2.1 a different registered community amateur sports club which promotes the participation of the community in the amateur sport of golf and which qualifies as an Eligible Body;
 - 3.2.2 a registered charity which promotes the participation of the community in the amateur sport of golf and which qualifies as an Eligible Body; or
 - 3.2.3 a governing body for the time being of the sport of golf and which qualifies as an Eligible Body.
- 3.3 The Company shall not:

3.3.1 retain any amount of the distributable profits made in one financial year for use in any following financial year; or

3.3.2 distribute or donate any of its profits to any person, organisation or body which is not an Eligible Body.

4. COMMERCIAL INFLUENCE

The Company is not and shall not become subject to any commercial influence or part of a wider commercial undertaking (other than its own Group which is controlled by an Eligible Body).

5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The directors may establish such classes of associate membership including social members and temporary members, with such rights and obligations (including without limitation the obligation to pay a subscription) as the directors think fit and may admit and remove such associate members in accordance with the regulations made by the directors from time to time, provided always that:

5.1 no such associate members shall be members or shareholders of the Company for the purposes of these Articles or the Act;

5.2 the establishment of any such class of associate members, their rights and obligations, including any changes to the same, are approved in advance by the Club; and

5.3 such associate membership shall meet the requirements of sections 62 to 66 of the Licensing Act 2003.

6. DIRECTORS' GENERAL AUTHORITY

6.1 Any or all powers of the directors (or any of them) shall be restricted in such respects, to such extent and for such duration as the Club may from time to time by notice in writing to the Company prescribe.

6.2 The directors shall comply with all instructions given to them from time to time by the licensing committee of the Club.

7. QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of directors is any two Eligible Directors.

8. TRANSACTIONS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY

8.1 Subject to section 177(5) and (6) and section 182(5) and (6) of the Act, and provided he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company:

8.1.1 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested;

- 8.1.2 shall be an Eligible Director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the directors (or committee of directors) in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
 - 8.1.3 shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of directors (or of a committee of the directors) or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
 - 8.1.4 may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director;
 - 8.1.5 may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested; and
 - 8.1.6 shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the Act)) derives from any such transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit, nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act.
- 8.2 The provisions of article 8.1.1 to article 8.1.6 (inclusive) are subject, where applicable, to any terms and conditions imposed by the directors in accordance with article 9.3.
- 8.3 A director shall not be paid any salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Company from time to time for discharging his or her duties as a director.
- 9. DIRECTORS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
- 9.1 The directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this article 9, authorise any Conflict proposed to them by any director which would, if not authorised, involve a director (an **Interested Director**) breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest.
- 9.2 Any authorisation under this article 9 will be effective only if:
- 9.2.1 to the extent permitted by the Act, the matter in question shall have been proposed by any director for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the directors may determine;
 - 9.2.2 any requirement as to the quorum for consideration of the relevant matter is met without counting the Interested Director; and
 - 9.2.3 the matter was agreed to without the Interested Director voting or would have been agreed to if the Interested Director's vote had not been counted.
- 9.3 Any authorisation of a Conflict under this article 9 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) impose on the Interested Director such conditions or

limitations, or be granted subject to such terms, as the directors may think fit for the purposes of dealing with the Conflict and the Interested Director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any such terms and conditions.

9.4 The directors may revoke or vary such authorisation at any time, but this will not affect anything done by the Interested Director, before such revocation or variation, in accordance with the terms of such authorisation.

9.5 A director, notwithstanding his office, may be a director or other officer of, employed by, or otherwise interested (including by the holding of shares) in, any member of the Group and no further authorisation under article 9.1 shall be necessary in respect of any such interest.

9.6 A director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit that he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the directors in accordance with these Articles, by the Company or by these Articles (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

10. RECORDS OF DECISIONS TO BE KEPT

Where decisions of the directors are taken by electronic means, such decisions shall be recorded by the directors in a form that enables the directors to retain a copy of such decisions.

11. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

11.1 The number of directors shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than two.

11.2 If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision to:

11.2.1 appoint further directors; or

11.2.2 call a general meeting so as to enable the members to appoint further directors.

12. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

12.1 The Club may at any time and from time to time by notice in writing to the Company appoint one or more persons to be a director or directors of the Company and to remove any director or directors from office (whether or not appointed pursuant to this article 12).

12.2 Model Article 18 shall be amended by the inclusion of the words "notification of the director's removal is received by the Company from the Club pursuant to article 12.1" as a new paragraph (g) at the end of that Model Article.

12.3 Any removal of a director pursuant to article 12.1 shall be without prejudice to any claim for breach of contract under any employment agreement between the Company and the director so removed.

13. SECRETARY

The directors may appoint any person who is willing to act as the secretary for such term, at such remuneration and on such conditions as they may think fit and from time to time remove such person and, if the directors so decide, appoint a replacement, in each case by a decision of the directors.

14. ISSUE OF NEW SHARES

The directors shall not exercise any power of the Company to allot shares or other securities in, or to grant rights to subscribe for, or convert into, shares or other securities of, the Company without the prior written consent of the Club. Without limitation, the powers of the directors under section 550 of the Act are limited accordingly.

15. TRANSFER OF SHARES

15.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within these Articles or the Model Articles, the directors shall not decline to register any transfer of shares, nor may they suspend registration thereof, where such transfer:

15.1.1 is to any bank, institution or other person to which such shares have been charged by way of security, or to any nominee of such bank, institution or other person (or a person acting as agent or security trustee for such person) (a **Secured Institution**); or

15.1.2 is delivered to the Company for registration by a Secured Institution or its nominee in order to perfect its security over the shares; or

15.1.3 is executed by a Secured Institution or its nominee pursuant to a power of sale or other power existing under such security;

and the directors shall forthwith register any such transfer of shares upon receipt and furthermore notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Articles no transferor of any shares in the Company or proposed transferor of such shares to a Secured Institution or its nominee shall (in either case) be required to offer the shares which are or are to be the subject to the transfer as aforesaid to the shareholders or any of them and no such shareholder shall have any right under these Articles or otherwise howsoever to require such shares to be transferred to them whether for valuable consideration or otherwise.

16. QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

16.1 No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the meeting and also when that business is voted on.

16.2 Where the Company has only one shareholder for the time being, one qualifying person (as defined in section 318 of the Act) present at the meeting shall be a quorum. In any other case, the quorum shall be the Club present in person, by proxy or by authorised representative.

17. PROXIES

- 17.1 Model Article 45(1)(d) shall be deleted and replaced with the words "is delivered to the Company in accordance with the Articles not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate".
- 17.2 Model Article 45(1) shall be amended by the insertion of the words "and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid, unless the directors, in their discretion, accept the notice at any time before the meeting" as a new paragraph at the end of that Model Article.

18. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

- 18.1 Any notice, document or other information shall be deemed served on or delivered to the intended recipient:
 - 18.1.1 if properly addressed and sent by prepaid United Kingdom first class post to an address in the United Kingdom, 48 hours after it was posted (or five Business Days after posting either to an address outside the United Kingdom or from outside the United Kingdom to an address within the United Kingdom, if (in each case) sent by reputable international overnight courier addressed to the intended recipient, provided that delivery in at least five Business Days was guaranteed at the time of sending and the sending party receives a confirmation of delivery from the courier service provider);
 - 18.1.2 if properly addressed and delivered by hand, when it was given or left at the appropriate address;
 - 18.1.3 if properly addressed and sent or supplied by electronic means, one hour after the document or information was sent or supplied; and
 - 18.1.4 if sent or supplied by means of a website, when the material is first made available on the website.

For the purposes of this article 18, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a Business Day.

- 18.2 In proving that any notice, document or other information was properly addressed, it shall suffice to show that the notice, document or other information was addressed to an address permitted for the purpose by the Act.

19. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

- 19.1 Subject to article 19.2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled:
 - 19.1.1 each relevant officer shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer:

19.1.1.1 in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them; and

19.1.1.2 in relation to the Company's (or any associated company's) activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Act),

including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, or regulatory investigation or action, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are, or the investigation or action is, otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company's (or any associated company's) affairs; and

19.1.2 the Company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings, investigation, action or application referred to in article 19.1.1 and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.

19.2 This article 19 does not authorise any indemnity to the extent that such indemnity would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law and any such indemnity is limited accordingly.

19.3 The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss.

19.4 In this article 19:

19.4.1 **associated company** means any member of the Group and **associated companies** shall be construed accordingly;

19.4.2 a **relevant loss** means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that relevant officer's duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company or associated company; and

19.4.3 a **relevant officer** means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company or an associated company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined by section 235(6) of the Act)).