



Lagos Country Club

THE CONSTITUTION  
2008

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### **SCHEDULE**

PREAMBLE:

We, the members of Lagos Country Club, Ikeja, having firmly and solemnly resolved;

- (i) To promote recreational and social interests of members.
- (ii) To promote inter-ethnic and inter-racial understanding amongst people.
- (iii) To maintain friendly relations with similar Clubs by the promotion of Inter-Club Tournaments in sports and through social interaction.
- (iv) To promote and sustain sporting and social programmes for the advancement of family values.
- (v) To seek and accept, whenever possible and desirable, reciprocal membership from other Clubs having similar aims and objectives.

AND TO DO other things to enable the Club attain the aims and objectives enumerated above,

DO HEREBY MAKE AND GIVE TO ourselves the following:

Constitution with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2008.

## SECTION 1

### NAME:

- (i) The Club shall be known and called Lagos Country Club, Ikeja (hereinafter called. "THE CLUB") having been registered under the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (ii) The Club shall be a private members' Club with the aims and objectives set out in the preamble hereto.
- (iii) The Club shall maintain an anthem, emblem and a flag as its symbol by which it shall be recognized.
- (iv) The Club shall be a family Club.

## SECTION 2

### EFFECT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- (i) The Club shall be operated by way of this Constitution and its provisions shall be binding on all its members.
  
- (ii) Any Bye-Laws of any accredited Section within the Club, or rules and regulations of Management Council and Management Committee or any Sub-Committee which runs contrary to the provisions of this Constitution shall, to the extent of its inconsistency be null and void, and of no effect.

## SECTION 3

### MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Club shall be open to any individual of good character resident within 80 kilometers radius of Lagos Country Club premises, provided that:
  - (i) The individual is not below the age of 25 years.
  - (ii) Such individual accepts to abide by the Constitution of the Club and the bye-laws of the accredited Sections of the Club.
2. Membership of the Club shall comprise the following:
  - i) The Grand Patron, who shall be the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
  - ii) The Patron, who shall be the Governor of Lagos State of Nigeria
  - iii) Vice Patrons (not exceeding 5 in number) who shall be first-class traditional rulers in Nigeria.
  - iv) Honorary Member
  - v) Life Member
  - vi) Single Membership
  - vii) Double Membership
  - viii) Temporary Membership
  - ix) Reciprocal Membership
  - x) Junior Membership

3. **DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS: GRAND PATRON, VICE PATRON AND LIFE MEMBERS:**

The Grand Patron, Patron, Vice Patron, and Life Members shall enjoy the full privileges of members, except that they:

- (a) Shall be free of all financial obligations as members but can give voluntary donations.

- (b) Shall neither vote nor be voted for at a General Meeting or at any election of the Club, or election or meeting of Accredited Sections in the Club.

### **Honorary Membership:**

Honorary Members' Status: may be conferred upon a prominent / distinguished personality in the society, provided that the number of such shall not be more than two in a year. Hon. Member shall enjoy the full privileges of members, except that they:

- (a) Shall be free of all financial obligations, but can give voluntary donations.
- (b) Shall neither vote nor be voted for at the General Meeting or Election in the Club or accredited Sections.

### **4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

Life Membership Status may be conferred upon a member of the Club, who:

- (i) Has been an active financial member of the Club for 30 years and has attained the age of 60 years, and who in the opinion of Management Council and members has made significant and identifiable contributions to the growth and progress of the Club.
  - (ii) Consents in writing to be nominated as such.
  - (iii) Has not resigned his membership of the Club.
  - (iv) Is of sound mind.
  - (v) Is not declared bankrupt.
  - (vi) Has not been convicted of a criminal offence before a court of competent jurisdiction.
  - (vii) Has not been subject to any Disciplinary action within the Club or Sections.
  - (viii) Is elected as such upon 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of members, at a General Meeting.
  - (ix) The Management Council shall cause a notice to be given to members, at least 7 days before a General Meeting at which a nominee for the status of a Life Member shall be made known.
  - (x) The holder shall be exempted from paying all subscriptions and levies; two free guests per day and Sectional Subscriptions and or levies.

- (xi) The holder and the spouse shall enjoy all benefits according to the members' welfare scheme, if they contribute to the scheme.
- (xii) The holder shall enjoy all benefits and privileges of the Club with his / her spouse and maximum number of six (6) of his children under the age of 25 (Twenty-Five) years.
- (xiii) Upon appointment at the Annual General Meeting, the status and obligations of Life Members shall take effect immediately.
- (xiv) The holder or the spouse shall not have the right to vote or be voted for at any General Meeting of the Club or of a Management Committee of a Section.

PROVIDED that any member, who has attained the age of 65 years, with 25 years uninterrupted financial membership shall qualify for the status, rights and privileges of a Life Member.

5. Single Membership:

- a. Single Membership shall be conferred on any person who has attained the age of 25 years and who satisfies all the admission requirements under this Constitution but remains unmarried at the time of admission.
- b. Single membership status is entitled to all rights, privileges and obligations of members of the Club, except where such are attached to double membership.
- c. A member with single membership status may be upgraded to a Double Membership upon presentation of evidence of marriage and payment of the difference in single membership admission fee and double membership admission fee

6. Double Membership: Double Membership status shall be conferred upon married couple applicants, who in the opinion of the Club satisfy the conditions for admission into the Club OR by conversion from single membership of the requisite additional membership fees and levies OR by upgrading from junior membership, already in existence on application by the member concerned and payment of Double Membership admission renewal fees and levies.

Privileges of Double Membership:

Double Membership shall be conferred on an applicant, the spouse and children to the maximum number of 6 (six) under the age of 25 years registered by the applicant.

Any membership application in excess of these may be conferred on payment of extra fees and subscription as follows:

- Operating admission fee for every additional spouse on application.
- Twenty-five (25%) of operating single membership admission fee for every additional child.

A spouse, who is divorced from an originating member, shall cease to enjoy the membership of the Club upon notice from such originating partner to the Club about the change of their marital status.

A widow or widower of a deceased partner shall retain his / her membership status under the registered family name.

7. Temporary Membership: A Temporary Membership status shall be conferred upon an applicant, who:
  - (a) Is not a member of the Club.
  - (b) Qualifies to apply to be a member of the Club but whose residence within Lagos is temporary (not more than three consecutive months in a calendar year).
  - (c) Agrees to comply with the Constitution of the Club.
  - (d) Pays 25% of the current Double Membership Admission Fee.
  - (e) The Membership is renewable only once at the discretion of the Management Council.  
The Membership may be converted into a Double Membership, subject the payment of appropriate fees and levies.
  
8. Reciprocal Membership:  
This shall be conferred upon a member of an affiliated Club, who:
  - (i) Holds a current membership of the affiliated Club.
  - (ii) Shall sign a corporate register as a member of the affiliated Club to gain entrance to then Club
  - (iii) Shall pay appropriate fees, if accompanied by guests.
  - (iv) May enjoy this privilege for not more than three (3) continuous months in a calendar year.

**PROVIDED that:**

- (i) The Management Council reserves the right to withdraw this privilege at its discretion.
- (ii) A reciprocal membership may be converted to a full membership on production of a current membership card and clearance from the reciprocal member's Club, but subject to the completion of membership application form and payment of the following fees;
  - Full amount of single or double member's admission fees LESS appropriate current fee payable in his Club.
  - Current development fee.
  - Other levies currently payable.
  - Other relevant payments as appropriate.

9. **Junior Membership:**

- (a) This shall be conferred upon the child of a member, who is between the ages of 12 and 25 years.

The status shall be operated under the following procedure:

- (i) Children entering the Club shall, unless in the possession of a junior membership card), be accompanied at all times by a member or a nanny.
- (ii) Junior Membership Cards shall be issued to all children of members, if requested for, between the ages of twenty and twenty-five (12 and 25).
- (iii) No junior member under the age of 18 shall be allowed in the main bar.
- (iv) No junior member under the age of 18 shall be served alcoholic drinks anywhere in the Club.
- (v) Nannies at all times shall stay in the Children's play area. Nannies are only allowed to enter the Swimming Pool area if accompanied by a member. Nannies are not allowed to swim in the pool.
- (vi) All children and junior members under the age of 18 shall leave the Club premises by 9.00p.m.

- (vii) On Cinema or Children's Functions Night, all children and junior members under the age of 18 shall leave the Club by 9.00p.m or as soon as the function is over, whichever is later.
- (viii) Junior Members may be allowed to play games subject to the regulations of the Sections.
- (ix) Junior members are not allowed to bring in guests.

(b) **CONVERSION FROM JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP TO SINGLE MEMBERSHIP:**

- (i) Junior Membership shall upon the attainment of the age of 25 years qualify for the status of single membership under Constitution.
- (ii) A junior member who fails to apply and pay for the single membership within a year from the date of attaining the age of 25 years loses the right of conversion.

PROVIDED that a junior member shall not be converted into single membership unless the junior member bears the surname that is in conformity with an existing name of the parent on the Register of members of the Club.

10. **A D M I S S I O N / A N N U A L S U B S C R I P T I O N :**

- (i) Admission fees shall be determined at the discretion of the Management Council.
- (ii) Annual Subscription fees shall be determined at an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

11. **A P P L I C A T I O N F O R M E M B E R S H I P :**

- (i) Application for membership of the Club shall be made on an application form prescribed for that purpose from time to time.
- (ii) The applicant shall be proposed by endorsement on the form by a financial member of the Club of at least 3 years standing and who shall be personally acquainted with the candidate. The proposer shall be seconded by a member of the same capacity as the proposer, and countersigned by 3 members of the Management Council.

- (iii) All completed application forms shall be displayed on the main notice board for not less than 14 (fourteen) days for members' general scrutiny and possible objection.
- (iv) A written objection against the admission of an applicant upon an allegation proven to the satisfaction of the Membership Screening Sub-Committee shall be sufficient to deny such an applicant of the membership of Lagos Country Club with the approval of the Management Council.
- (v) All membership applicants shall go through the screening / interview exercise.
- (vi) Screening / interview shall be conducted in the months of March, June, September and December of every year by a Screening Sub-Committee
- (vii) Members of the Screening / Interview Sub-Committee who shall not be less than 5 years in the Club shall be appointed by the Management Council for a period of one year. The Membership Secretary shall be the Chairman of the Sub-Committee.
- (viii) Either the sponsor or proposer shall accompany the applicant when appearing before the screening / interview Sub-Committee.
- (ix) A successful applicant for membership shall pay relevant fees not later than 30 days from the date of approval by the Management Council.
- (x) An applicant refused admission under the provisions herein shall remain barred, provided that if the ground(s) for the refusal is/are curable, the application may be considered when the disability is satisfactorily cured.
- (xi) The Membership Secretary shall keep a register of rejected applications under above, stating clearly reasons for such rejection and all other relevant information.
- (xii) Membership Cards shall be issued to new members during the induction at the MEMBERS' NIGHT or thereafter.
- (xiii) Every new member shall join at least two (2) Sections of the Club.
- (xiv) The President shall exercise on behalf of the Management Council the discretionary power of admitting a new member, notwithstanding the provisions of S.3 (ii) (v).

12. **RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS:**

- (i) Every member shall pay such fees and levies as may from time to time, be prescribed by a General Meeting.
- (ii) Upon admission and payment of the prescribed fees, a member shall be deemed to have:
  - (a) Accepted to abide by the provisions of this as well as decisions and directives of the Management Council lawfully of the Management Council lawfully made under this Constitution.
  - (b) Accepted to promote the aims and objectives of the Club loyally and to refrain from pursuing any cause of action as may be inconsistent or inimical to the interest of the Club.
  - (c) The right to actively participate in the social activities and games in the Club provided such a member is currently financial and subject to any qualification in the provisions of this Constitution, or the bye-laws of a Section.
  - (d) The right to vote and be voted for subject to the provision of this Constitution.

13. **GUEST shall be:**

- (i) A non-member permitted entry into the Club's premises as a guest of a financial member, who shall sign in the guest at the entrance of the Club.
- (ii) For the purpose of this provision, signing-in the guest shall imply:
  - (a) Entering the name of the guest in the register of guests.
  - (b) Payment of the prescription guests fee.
  - (c) An undertaking of responsibility for the behaviour of the guest within the Club premises.

- (d) A guest, who falsely claims to be a member shall be refused entry into the Club premises or compelled to leave the premises if already admitted.
- (e) The Management Council shall have the power to issue a general invitation to special guests.
- (f) Guests are not allowed to make purchases at any of the Club's Bars.
- (g) Members shall be responsible for the expenses incurred by their guests' actions and any breach of the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Club.
- (h) A member shall not sign-in more than four (4) guests at a time, except by written permission from the Management Council.
- (i) No member of the Club shall introduce a guest, who is a;
  - (a) Member on suspension.
  - (b) Person, who has been expelled or called upon to resign or withdraw his membership of the Club.
  - (c) Non-financial member.

14. MEMBERS' WELFARE SCHEME:

- (i) The Club shall operate a Welfare Scheme ("The Scheme") for the benefit of members.
- (ii) The Scheme shall be administered by 5 (Five) Trustees which shall comprise;
  - (1) AN INSURANCE PRACTITIONER.
  - (2) AN ACCOUNTANT
  - (3) A LAWYER
  - (4) A MEDICAL DOCTOR AND
  - (5) ANY OTHER MEMBER
- (iii) The Scheme shall be administered in accordance with rules laid down from time to time by the Management Council in consultation with the Trustees of the Scheme and with the approval of members through a General Meeting of the Club.

15. CONSEQUENCES OF CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

- (i) A member, who resigns shall be eligible for re-admission upon his compliance with S.3 (ii) of the Constitution.
- (ii) A member, who is suspended from the Club or voluntarily withdraws in accordance with (i) above shall not be eligible for re-admission within a period of 6 (six) months from the date of suspension or withdrawal.
- (iii) A member, who resigns, withdraws or is expelled, shall forfeit all his annual subscription outstanding from the date of cessation of membership.

## SECTION 4

### TRUSTEES OF THE CLUB

- (i) There shall be Trustees appointed at a General Meeting of the Club following a nomination by the Management Council. Such meeting should have been called for the purpose of appointing Trustees.
- (ii) A person shall be qualified to hold the office of a Trustee of Lagos Country Club where he / she satisfied any of the following criteria:
  - (a) Has not been subjected to any disciplinary action within the Club or Section.
  - (b) A distinguished member of the Club with 35 years continuous membership;
  - (c) Any member, having served as a member of the Management Council for 3 meritorious years, and must have been out of office for at least 3 years.
- (iii) The Trustees of the Club shall be five (5) in number, one of whom may, in addition to the requirements of S.4 (ii) above be a Legal Practitioner, who is not less than ten years at the bar. The Trustees shall be known as “The Registered Trustees of Lagos Country Club”.
- (iv) A Trustee shall hold office indefinitely, except in the following circumstances:
  - (a) Resigns from office or cessation of membership of the Club.
  - (b) He becomes insane.
  - (c) He is officially declared bankrupt.
  - (d) He is convicted of a criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction.
  - (e) He is recommended for removal from office by a two-third majority vote of members present at a General Meeting of the Club.

- (f) He ceases to reside in Nigeria.
- (v) Upon a vacancy occurring in the membership of Trustees, a General Meeting shall be held to ratify the Management Council's nomination of another eligible member of the Club to fill the vacancy.
- (vi) The Trustees shall have a common seal, which shall be in the custody of the Secretary-General of the Club, who shall make it available for the use of the Trustees whenever the Trustees so demand.
- (vii) Any document required to be executed by the Trustees shall be deemed to have been so executed if signed by two of such Trustees and sealed with the common seal of the Club.
- (viii) The Trustees shall have the power to sue and be sued on behalf of the Club.
- (ix) All assets of the Club wherever located in any part of the world are vested in the Trustees, but subject to the administrative Control of the Management Council.
- (x) There shall be NO disposal or transfer by any means whatsoever any asset of the Club without the consent of the Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Management Council.

## SECTION 5

### MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

- (i) There shall be established Club Committee to be known as the Management Council.
- (ii) The Management Council shall manage the affairs of the Club.
- (iii) The Management Council shall comprise members who are duly elected to hold any of the following offices:
  - a) President
  - b) Vice President
  - c) Secretary-General
  - d) Treasurer
  - e) Membership Secretary
  - f) Social Secretary
  - g) Sports Secretary
  - h) Council Member (Ex-Officio)
  - i) Chairmen of Accredited Sections of the Club
  - j) Legal Adviser
  - k) General Manager of the Club

PROVIDED that the officers stated in (j) and (k) herein shall not have any voting rights at any meetings of the Management Council.

- (iv) Definitions of Officers and Duties:
  - (a) **THE PRESIDENT:** The President shall be the Head and Chief Executive of the Club and shall preside over all General Meetings of the Club and the meetings of the Management Council.
  - (b) **THE VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President shall deputize for the President in his absence and perform other functions as may be delegated to him by the Management Council.

- (c) **THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:** The Secretary-General shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Club, whose duties shall be:

To keep full and correct minutes of all Management Council and General Meetings.

To administer the affairs of the Secretariat of the Club.

To attend Annual General Meetings and Extra-Ordinary General Meetings of the Management Committee of Accredited Sections of the Club, provided that he shall not be entitled to vote at any of such meetings.

To employ or dismiss a member of staff subject to the approval of the Management Council.

- (d) **THE TREASURER:** He shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Club and his duties shall include the following:

-To ensure that monies paid to the Club are banked.

-To ensure that accounts are settled subject to the authority and consent of the Management Council.

-To provide a monthly statement of account and cash flow statement of the Club to the Management Council.

-To provide a duly audited balance sheet of the Club at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, which balance sheet shall incorporate the finances of the Sections of the Club.

- (e) **THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:**  
The function of the Membership Secretary shall be as follows:

-Chairmanship of Membership screening Sub-Committee.

-Admission of new members to the Club.

- Maintaining the current membership list.
- Renewal of membership cards and subscriptions.
- Maintaining register of deceased members.
- Ensuring closure of register prior to Elections.

(f) **THE SOCIAL SECRETARY:**

The Social Secretary shall be responsible for:

- Social and entertainment activities in the Club. Co-ordination of Sections' social activities and all members' private social activities to be held within the Club's premises.

(g) **THE SPORTS SECRETARY:**

The Sports Secretary shall be the Chief Sports Officer of the Club, and his duties shall include:

- Organizing annual Inter-Club Games and Sports Competitions.
- Co-ordinating through sports, Sub-Committees (comprising captains of Sections), the sporting activities of the various Sections.

(h) **THE COUNCIL MEMBER:**

The Council Member shall be an Ex-Officio Member, who shall stand in for any Portfolio Officer, who is he shall perform such other functions that may be assigned to him by the Management Council and shall be responsible for maintenance of the Club's properties.

(i) **LEGAL ADVISER:** A Legal Adviser shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Management Council on an annual basis, subject to a maximum of 3 years upon confirmation at the Annual General Meeting.

- (j) **CHAIRMAN OF SECTIONS:** There shall be Chairmen of Sections of the Club, who shall represent their Sections at the meetings of the Management Council.
- (k) **THE GENERAL MANAGER:** The General Manager shall be employed by the Management Council as the Chief Operation Officer of the Club. His duties shall include but not be limited to the following:
- Assisting the Secretary-General in the Administration of the Secretariat of the Club.
  - Assisting the Secretary-General in the recruitment, discipline, training, control, welfare and all matters concerning staff of the Club.
  - Supervising, maintaining and ensuring proper functioning of the equipment and facilities of the Club.
  - Ensuring the proper stocking and record of all drinks and other such items in the main bar, Sections and other areas of the Club.
  - Exercising supervisory power over all food outlets within the Club.
  - Supervising the stock and takings of all food outlets within the Club.
  - Supervising the stock and takings of all Barmen, and ensure that all income realized through the Bars are paid into the Club's accounts.
  - Delegating where necessary any of the functions enumerated above to other members of staff.
  - The General Manager shall, if at the time of his appointment is not a member of the Club, enjoy membership status during his tenure.

- (l) **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:** Every Officer of the Management Council shall submit a concise written report on the activities of his office bi-annual to the Management Council. These reports shall be consolidated by the Secretary-General and presented at the next General Meeting.
- (m) **POWERS TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS:**  
The Management Council shall have the powers to make rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution for the management of affairs of the Club.
- (n) Management Council shall have the powers to run the affairs of the Club for the benefit of the entire members, and shall have the powers, whenever it is so expedient, in the case of breakdown of law and order, to suspend or dissolve the Management Committee of a Section and assure management responsibility of the Section upon a resolution passed by simple majority at a Management Council Meeting.
- (o) The Management Council may, from time to time appoint from among its members or from the members of the Club such Sub-Committee as it deems necessary or expedient. Such Sub-Committee shall periodically report its proceedings to the Council and shall conduct its business in accordance with the directives of the Management Council.
- (p) The Management Council may invite a professional to its deliberations whenever it is of the opinion that there is the need to do so. Such professional shall however have no voting rights at the deliberations of the Council.
- (q) No elected member into the Management Council shall hold office simultaneously in any accredited Section of the Club.
- (r) **VACANCY OF OFFICE**
- (s) Where an office in the Management Council becomes vacant, the office shall be subject to a bye-election, which shall hold within 60 days from the date of the vacancy or at the next General Election for the same office; whichever date is earlier.

(t) Without prejudice to S.5(iv) (b) and S.5 (iv) (h), the Management Council shall reserve the right to assign the functions of the vacant office of the Management Council to any officer of the Management Council until the office is filled following a bye-election or substantive election.

(u) **MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:**

(a) The Management Council shall hold a meeting at least once in a month or as the business of the Council may demand in the month.

(b) Eight members of the Management Council, out of which five must be elected members, must be present to form a quorum.

(c) Any Management Council Member absent from three consecutive regular meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the Council unless the Secretary is informed in writing of the member's intent to be absent.

(vi) **HIERARCHY:  
HIERARCHICAL ORDER IN THE  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:**

The President  
The Vice President  
Secretary-General  
Treasurer  
Membership Secretary  
Social Secretary  
Sports Secretary  
Council Member  
Chairmen of Sections

(vii) **TENURE:**

All Officers elected during the Annual General Meeting shall hold office for a period of one calendar year from the date of being sworn into office.

## SECTION 6

### SECTIONS OF THE CLUB

- (i) There shall be Sections within the Club which shall exist to promote the aims and objective of the Club as stated in the preamble to this Constitution.
- (ii) The following Sections shall at the commencement of this Constitution be regarded as Accredited Sections:
  - (a) Snooker / Billiards
  - (b) Swimming
  - (c) Tennis
  - (d) Darts
  - (e) Badminton
  - (f) Table Tennis
  - (g) Squash
  - (h) Scrabble
  - (i) Taekwondo / Aerobics
  - (j) Other Games

PROVIDED that the property of the Club situated at Gwarimpa, Abuja and which shall be known as the LAGOS COUNTRY CLUB, GWARIMPA, ABUJA shall be regarded as an Accredited Section of the Club under this Constitution to be administered under the portfolio of the Management Council.

- (iii) Sections shall have the powers to enact Bye-Laws in so far as they do not conflict with the provisions of this Constitution.
- (iv) Sections shall have the powers to elect a Management Committee to run the affairs of the Section according to the Bye-Laws of the Section. Such Management Committee shall comprise only the following officers:
  - (a) The Chairman
  - (b) The Vice Chairman
  - (c) Secretary

- (d) The Financial Secretary
  - (e) The Entertainment Officer
  - (f) The Captain
  - (g) The Committee Member
- (v) The functions of each officer of a Section's Management Committee shall be as stated in the Bye-Laws of the Section.
- (vi) No Section of the Club shall be allowed to engage in sporting or any other activities with any Club, person, group of persons, teams or associations from outside the Club without the consent of the Management Council.
- (vii) Procedure for formation of Section:
- (a) A group of members, not less than 100, seeking the establishment of a new Section shall make a written application to the Management Council supported with the following documents of the proposed Section:
    - A list of protem members and officers.
    - A draft of its proposed Bye-Laws.
    - A projected cash flow statement to show viability.
  - (b) The Management Council, upon being satisfied that the requirements of Section (6) (vii) (a) above have been satisfied, shall make a recommendation for recognition by way of a MOTION to a GENERAL MEETING of the Club.
  - (c) A resolution duly passed at such GENERAL MEETING by a simple majority of members present and voting at the said General Meeting shall approve recognition of the intending accredited Section and the Section shall be deemed to exist from the date of the resolution.

## SECTION 7

### GENERAL MEETINGS

- (i) The Annual General Meeting and the Bi-Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held during the months of MAY and NOVEMBER respectively each year. The meeting shall be held at such time and day in the month mentioned above and such place within the Club premises, as the Council shall decide. 100 (One Hundred) members must be present to form a quorum at the Annual or Bi-Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) Management Council shall call an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Club, in the following circumstances:
  - (a) Anytime it considers necessary.  
Notices of such meeting specifying day, place and hour of the meeting shall be published on the Club's Notice Board and in a National Newspaper at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. One Hundred (100) members must be present to form a quorum.
  - (c) If the Secretary-General receives in writing a request signed by at least 100 (One Hundred) financial members to do so.  
  
Notice of such Extra-Ordinary General Meeting specifying day, place, hour and purpose of the meeting shall be displayed on the Notice Board at least 14 days before the date of the meeting and not later than twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of the request of such meeting by the Hon. Secretary-General provided that 100 members shall form a quorum, which must include at least 75 of those who made the request.
- (iii) Notice of a General Meeting, specifying day, place and hour of the Annual General Meeting shall be conspicuously displayed in the Club premises and published in a National Newspaper at least Twenty-One (21) days before the date of the meeting.
- (iv) All Sections, the Garden Bar and Main Bar shall be closed during any General Meeting.

- (v) At the General Meeting of the Club, the President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in their absence the next officer in hierarchy of the Management Council, shall preside. Every question shall be decided by a show of hands, and any proposal, whether carried or not, shall be entered into the minutes of the Meeting. In the absence of the entire Management Council, members present shall elect a Chairman and Secretary from the floor for the purpose of the meeting.
- (vi) All matters shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and who are entitled to vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands. Each financial member shall have one vote only. In the event of a tie in the votes cast, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a deciding vote.
- (vii) MOTION:**
  - (a) Notice of motions shall be submitted to the Secretary-General 21 days before the date of the meeting at which is to be moved; such notice shall be posted on the notice board of the Club and Sections, 14 days prior to the said meeting.
  - (b) Any counter-motion to any motion shall be submitted at least 7 (Seven) days prior to the said meeting to the Secretary-General. Such counter-motion shall be posted on the notice board at least 3 days to the said meeting.
  - (c) No amendments, save typographical errors on the face of any motions may be allowed on the floor of the meeting.
  - (d) All motions shall have a Proposer and Seconder who are paid-up members of the Club and who shall have their membership numbers appended to the said motions.
  - (e) Both the proposer and the seconder of the motion fixed for hearing at the meeting shall be present for the purpose of the motion, failing which, the motion shall be struck out.
  - (f) Voting on motions shall be by a show of hands.
  - (g) Any motion shall be accepted or rejected in its entirety on the floor of the House.

## SECTION 8

### ELECTIONS

Elections into Offices of the Management Council:

- (i) Elections shall be held into the offices in the Management Council annually or where a bye-election is called by the Management Council to fill a vacant office.
- (ii) There shall be an electoral Panel, which shall be constituted by the Management Council at least 42 days before the date of any election.
- (iii) The Management Council shall invite each Section to nominate a member who is not less than 5 years old in the Club to form the Electoral Panel, which shall include a member from the Management Council.
- (iv) Any written objection against any member nominated into the Electoral Panel based on proven or provable allegation sent to the Management Council shall exclude membership, if the Management Council is satisfied on a balance of probability that the petition has merit.
- (v) Upon its formation, the Electoral Panel shall submit a budget of financial requirements for an election through the Treasurer to the Management Council. The Management Council shall approve a reasonable amount and the Treasurer shall be bound to disburse funds to the electoral Panel.
- (vi) Members of the Electoral Panel shall appoint one of its members as the Returning Officer.
- (vii) **DUTIES:** The Electoral Panel shall be charged with the responsibilities of:
  - (a) Printing the ballot papers;
  - (b) Providing the ballot boxes;
  - (c) Performing all other ancillary duties relating to the election;
  - (d) Certifying the voters' list as true and correct and handling complaints arising therefrom;
  - (e) Conducting the elections;
  - (f) Announce date and time of election.

- (viii) The Electoral Panel shall issue notices at least 25 (Twenty-five) days prior to the date of election(s).
- (ix) The period of issue and submission of nomination papers shall not be later than 18 (eighteen) days to the date of the election(s).
- (x) **The Electoral Panel shall:**
  - (a) Publish the list of candidates who have obtained nomination papers for elections. Such list of names and positions nominated for the election shall be displayed on the Main Notice Board and shall be updated from time to time by the Returning Officer or a member of the Electoral Panel so empowered.
  - (b) Screen the candidate not later than 14 (Fourteen) days before the election(s) to determine eligibility.
  - (c) Authorize the commencement of election campaigns not later than 17 (Seventeen) days before the elections.
  - (d) Ensure the direct closure of the membership register, which shall be for 14 (Fourteen) days ending at midnight of the date of elections.
  - (e) Ensure the display of the voters' list not later than 7 (Seven) days before the election and screen voters during voting.
  - (f) Display withdrawal notices not later than 7 (Seven) days before election(s).
  - (g) Provide other relevant information that may contribute to smooth, free, fair and peaceful election(s).
- (xi) The Returning Officer shall print ballot papers and eligibility cards in absolute secrecy not later than 5 (Five) days before the date of election(s).
- (xii) A ballot box shall be provided for each office being contested for and the label on each box shall bear which office to be contested.
- (xiii) There shall be no voting by proxy. Only members who are qualified to vote and who are present in person at the elections shall vote.

(xiv) Where in a contest two or more candidates tie for a post, a run-off election shall be held not later than 7 days from the date of the first election.

(xv) (a) The Returning Officer shall announce and display the result of the election immediately after the election.

(b) All complaints, suggestions relating to the conduct of the election shall be lodged with the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer shall submit to the Management Council a report of the election conducted within 7 (seven) days from the date of such election. The report shall also include an account of expenses incurred by the Panel conducting the election.

(xvi) NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES:

(a) A candidate shall be proposed by two Financial Members, who shall indicate in the prescribed forms their names, membership numbers and sign the forms.

(b) A member sponsoring a candidate shall have spent a period of not less than five years in the Club and must be duly paid-up on all Subscriptions and lawfully imposed levies payable to the Club on the date of the sponsorship.

(c) Any nominee to an office being contested for reserves the right to accept or reject the nomination.

(xvii) CANDIDATES:

(a) A candidate contesting for an elective post shall have spent a period of not less than (5) years from the date of joining as a member of the Club, save in the election for the post of the President and Vice President, the candidate who shall have spent a period of not less than ten (10) years from the date of joining as a member of the Club of continuous membership. PROVIDED that in determining the period of continuous membership, a broken membership shall not be counted as continuous membership.

(b) Any candidate for the post of the President or Vice President shall have served as an officer for at least 3 years in any management capacity in

either the Club's Management Council or the Section's Management Committee.

- (c) A candidate who has served in the Management Council for three consecutive years shall not be eligible for election into any other post in the Management Council until after a period of one calendar year from the expiration of his term.
- (d) A candidate who has submitted a duly completed nomination form for an election and wishes to withdraw from that election shall inform the electoral panel in writing not later than ten (10) days to the date of the election(s).
- (e) No elected member of the Management Council who resigns shall be eligible for election into any office in the Management Council for 12 calendar months from the date of the resignation.
- (f) Each candidate shall submit the name of a polling agent to the Electoral Panel at least three (3) days before the elections.
- (g) A member coming into the Management Council must have served in the Management Committee of an Accredited Section in any capacity for at least one year.

(xviii) ELECTORAL RULES:

- (a) On no account shall a contestant or his / her supporters offer drinks, food or souvenirs of any description to any member, group of members or Section(s) in the Club while soliciting for votes during campaigns and /or at the elections.
- (b) On no account shall banner(s) announcing the candidature of any contestant be displayed within the Club's premises.
- (c) There shall be NO drumming or musical entertainment during campaigns and / or elections.
  - a) Paid advert(s) in the Radio, Television or Print Media by contestants or their supporters during campaigns and / or election is not allowed.

- b) Only one handbill of a size not more than A4 size should be allowed per candidate. Such handbill should contain:
- i) The Bio-Data of the contestant
  - ii) Position being vied for
  - iii) Past services rendered to the Club (if any)
  - iv) Aims and Objectives of the contestant.
- c) The Electoral Panel must approve all handbills before they are put into use.
- d) Candidates may visit Sections of the Club to hold their campaigns.
- e) Candidates must focus on issues and not personalities.
- f) The above Rules should be boldly printed at the back of the application forms to be completed by contestants. The application form for contestants in the election should indicate, “Any information given is subject to verification”.
- g) The Electoral Panel shall investigate, and any contestant who violates any of the above rules shall be liable to disqualification. Upon disqualification, the Electoral Panel shall formally inform the Management Council after the election, for the contest so disqualified to be brought before the Disciplinary Committee of the Club.
- h) **DISQUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES:**

A candidate into any elective office shall be disqualified from contesting for such office if he is liable under any of the following:

- Found guilty of a criminal offence in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- Engaged in any election malpractice.
- Adjudged bankrupt.
- Is found to be insane.
- Has been sanctioned pursuant to S.9. (iii) of this Constitution.

- i) **CLOSURE OF MEMBERSHIP REGISTER:**
  - (i) Subject to S.8 (x) (d) thereto, the Membership Secretary shall close temporarily, the membership register for two weeks preceding the Election Day to enable an up-to-date voters' list to be prepared. The Register shall be opened the next day after the elections either for new enrolment or payment of annual subscriptions. The Membership Secretary shall display a notice to this effect on the main notice board.
  - ii) Any complaints on the voters' list shall be handled by the Electoral Panel.
- J) **SCREENING OF VOTERS:** The Electoral Panel shall screen members for eligibility to vote before being admitted into the voting hall. Any member whose name does not appear on the voters' list and who cannot satisfy the Electoral Panel that he / she has satisfied all conditions of eligibility, before the close of the membership register, shall not be entitled to vote. Eligibility Cards shall be issued to members, who have passed screening.
- k) **METHOD OF VOTING:** The Returning Officer shall take charge of the affairs of the elections and shall exhibit and open the empty ballot boxes to the members present. He shall place all the boxes side-by-side a convenient position for voting. Ballot papers shall be distributed to members of the electoral panel who shall cast their votes before and in the public view of individuals around at the time. Ballot papers shall then be distributed to the members.
- l) **METHOD OF COUNTING VOTES:** Before any of the ballot boxes is opened, the Returning Officer shall announce to members the total number of ballot papers issued to voters.

He shall also count and announce the number of eligibility cards collected from voters for the election. Each ballot box shall be

opening at a time in the presence of polling agents representing the candidates contesting the post to which the box belongs.

- The Returning Officer shall announce the result of each post immediately after counting of votes.
- Polling Agents of candidates who contested an election where results are already announced shall immediately leave the stage to enable the next set of polling agents come on the stage.
- The polling agents shall be allowed to observe the sorting, counting and compilation of the result of election of their candidates.
- Once the results of the election of their candidates are announced, they shall be requested to leave the counting area and take their seats as other members.
- No candidate shall nominate more than one polling agent.

M) VOID BALLOT PAPERS: The following types of ballot papers found in the ballot boxes, during sorting shall be declared void:

- Ballot papers not properly marked
- Defaced papers not properly marked
- blank ballot papers
- Ballot papers cast for any candidate who has withdrawn from the election. All void ballot papers shall be kept and the respective elections for which they were used clearly marked on their containers.

N) VERDICT: The verdict of the Returning Officer as to the conduct of election shall be final.

## SECTION 9

### DISCIPLINE

- (i) A Disciplinary Committee shall be set up by the Management Council to enforce discipline in the Club. The Committee shall be constituted by the Management Council and shall include a representative of Management Council and at least 2 (two) legal practitioners of not less than 5 years' experience at the Nigeria Bar.

PROVIDED that no member shall be appointed into the Committee unless such member shall have been a consistent financial member of the Club for a period of not less than 5 years on the date of appointment.

- (ii) The Disciplinary Committee shall have jurisdiction over infractions of the Club's Constitution committed in any area of the Club.

PROVIDED that where such infraction is committed in any Section, the Management Committee of the Section shall, if deemed necessary, refer such case to the Management Council for referral to the Disciplinary Committee.

- (iii) Any member of the Club who is alleged through a written petition by another member to the Management Council to have done any of the following shall be liable to be punished if the allegation is proved before the Disciplinary Committee of the Club:
  - (a) A breach of any of the provisions of this constitution and / or by-laws of Sections.
  - (b) Anti-Club activities or actions that may bring the Club into hatred, contempt, ridicule or disrepute in whatever manner.
  - (c) Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives of the Management Council or the Management Committee of Sections, or flouting the rulings or directives of the Management Council or Management Committee.
  - (d) Engaging in dishonest practice within the Club.

- (e) Using abusive words or making scandalous or derogatory remarks which are calculated to annoy another Club member, or member of staff.
  - (f) Engaging in physical combat against any person within the Club premises.
  - (g) Acts or conducts that can result in physical injury or pain to a member or staff of the Club, or which causes damage to the property of the Club.
  - h) Any other acts, conducts, utterances behaviour, which in the opinion of the Management Council is capable of disrupting the peaceful co-existence of members and staff of the Club and the smooth running of the Club.
- (iv) In the event that a member behaves in any of the manner described in S.9 (iii) above, such a member may be ordered to leave the Club immediate for the remaining part of the day by a member of the Management Council there present and witnessed by three other members. The member of the Management Council shall make a report to the Management Council for its consideration.
  - (v) Where any allegation of any of the provisions of S.9 (iii) is leveled against a member of the Management Council or a member of the Management Committee of a Section, and the case is referred to the Disciplinary Committee, Such a member shall take compulsory leave of the office and shall not be permitted to participate in the deliberations of the Management ommittee of the Section pending the outcome of an investigation by the Disciplinary Committee.
  - (vi) Where the member involved is a member of the Management Council, the decision of the Management Council on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee shall be subject to ratification by a General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose within 30 days of the recommendation. The decisions of the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting or Annual General Meeting, whichever is earlier shall be final. The ratification shall be on the basis of simple majority.

- (vii) Upon recommendation by the Disciplinary Committee, the Management Council shall have the powers to approve any of the following sanctions:
  - (a) Reprimand
  - (b) Replacement of Club's or member's damaged property or Payment in lieu
  - (c) Barring from holding office
  - (d) Suspension or removal from office
  - (e) Suspension from the Club
  - (f) Expulsion from the Club
  - (g) Any other sanction as may be considered appropriate
- (viii) Any member who is suspended from office or the Club under the provisions of S.9 (vi) above shall be barred from holding any office in the Club for a period of 5 years from the expiration of his suspension.
- (ix) Every member shall have the right of fair hearing in all matters that affect him within the Club.
- (x) Any member aggrieved by the decision of the Management Council pursuant to S.9 (vi) of this Constitution shall have a right of appeal to the Trustees of the Club within 14 days of the decision. If the aggrieved member is not satisfied with the decision of the Trustees following his appeal, he shall have a right to cause the Management Council to list his appeal for the next Annual General Meeting for discussion and ratification. The Secretary shall inform the appellant in writing of the said appeal to the Annual General Meeting.
- (xi) Any member who is aggrieved by the decision of the Management Committee pursuant to the disciplinary procedures of the Section shall have a right of appeal to the Management Council.
- (xii) The Management Council upon receipt of the said appeal shall forward the appeal to the Disciplinary Committee, which shall assume jurisdiction on the appeal. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee on the appeal shall be submitted to the Management Council within 14 days of the referral of the appeal to the Disciplinary Committee.

- (xiii) The decisions of the General Meeting on matters of discipline shall be final.
- (xiv) Notice of punishment to any member found liable under S.9 (iii) shall be displayed on all notice boards in the Club not later than 72 (Seventy-Two) hours after disposal of the case. The name and photograph of a suspended or expelled member shall be displayed on all notice boards of the Club. The spouse and family of such member suspended or expelled shall not be entitled to use the Club during the period of such member's suspension or expulsion.
- (xv) A member shall be answerable for the conduct of his or her spouse and each of his or her children under the age of 25 years and his or her guest(s) while in the Club premises and may be subject to disciplinary action in respect of them.
- (xvi) The recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee as approved by the Management Council shall apply in all areas and Sections of the Club.
- (xvii) A member shall exhaust all available sources of redress enshrined in this Constitution on matters of discipline before seeking further redress outside the Club.
- (xviii) The Chairman and Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed from amongst the members by members of the said Committee.
- (xix) The Disciplinary Committee shall be a standing Committee which shall operate for 1 year from the date of inauguration.
- (xx) **DISCIPLINARY REGISTER:**  
The Membership Secretary shall keep a register of expelled and suspended members of the Club, stating clearly offences, judgments passed, punishment imposed and other relevant information in such cases.

## SECTION 10

### FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

(i) **FINANCIAL YEAR:**

The financial year of the Club shall be from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April to 31<sup>st</sup> March each year.

(ii) **SOURCES OF FUNDS:**

The funds of the Club shall be raised from the following sources:

- (a) Application and Admission Fee
- (b) Annual Subscriptions
- (c) Special Contributions or Levies
- (d) Entertainments, donations, etc
- (e) Grants and Loans
- (f) Proceeds of sales from the bar
- (g) Lotteries
- (h) Income from the Restaurant
- (i) Hire of Club properties
- (j) Fines
- (k) Other sources

(iii) **BANK ACCOUNTS:**

The Club shall maintain Accounts with Financial Institutions and which shall be operated by two signatories one from each of the following two groups:

**GROUP A**

- 1. The President
- 2. The Vice President
- 3. The Secretary-General

**GROUP B**

- 1. The Treasurer
- 2. Membership Secretary
- 3. Social Secretary

(iv) **AUDITOR:**

Auditors of the Club shall be appointed as provided for under S.162 of Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990, or any law enacted in Federal Republic of Nigeria for this purpose.

PROVIDED that such Auditor shall be re-appointed annually but not exceeding 5 years from the first appointment.

## SECTION 11

### INCOME AND PROPERTY

- (i) The income and property of the Club, however derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club as set forth in this CONSTITUTION and no portion thereof shall be paid if transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise however by way of profit to the members of the Club.
- (ii) If in the event of winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, and property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed to members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to a charitable organization or some other institutions having similar obligations and objectives like the Club. Such institutions which are prohibited from distributing its income and property amongst its members to an extent at least as imposed on the Club under this Constitution, such institutions to be determined by members of the Club at the meeting at which the resolutions for winding up was adopted.

## SECTION 12

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### General Rules:

- (i) A member shall gain entry into the Club premises only on production of his / her current membership card and renewal card.
- (ii) Members shall observe the car parking regulations at all times, and shall park within the parking slot marked on the ground. A member who violates this provision shall be disciplined.
- (iii) All members' fees shall fall due and be paid on or before first day of April or first day of October as the case may be every year. In addition, all payments and levies shall be by CHEQUE. Dud Cheques paid by members shall incur the penalty of costs of clearing the cheque. Failure to redeem by Bank Draft within 14 days shall cause the matter to be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- (iv) All drinks must be consumed on the premises of the Club.
- (v) Initial sectional subscription paid by new members shall be credited to the account of the Section to which such new members had subscribed.
- (vi) Members' Annual Subscription shall cease during posting out or prolonged absence from Lagos, provided the member notified the Membership Secretary in writing. The member shall pay twenty percent (20%) of the annual subscription for each year of his absence as administrative charge and the full subscription of the year of his return.
- (vii) All information concerning members as recorded in the Club's records shall be deemed as the Club's property. Retrieval of any information from the Club's records concerning any member of the Club shall be upon the express written approval of the Membership Secretary save in circumstances where a member may seek information concerning his own records.

- (viii) Any member who fails to pay his annual subscription and other levies lawfully imposed within 30 days from the due date shall be deemed non-financial and shall cease to enjoy any of the amenities or other privileges provided by the Club. Where the member fails to pay the subscription for a continuous period of six months, his membership shall automatically lapse unless the Management Council otherwise decides.
- (ix) Any member who is convicted of any criminal offence involving dishonesty or fraud shall cease to be a member of the Club.
- (x) Complaints meant for the Management Council or a General Meeting shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General at least seven (7) days before the date appointed for the meeting.
- (xi) Any officer who neglects his duties shall be subjected to the disciplinary process as appropriate to his status in accordance with the provision of this Constitution. The Management Council may delegate the duties of such an officer to another member of the Management Council to prevent a breakdown of the administration of the Club and temporarily suspend him from office pending the outcome of the disciplinary process.
- (xii) **INSURANCE OF CLUB'S PROPERTY:**  
The Club's property shall be insured annually against fire, tornado and burglary or any other risks. Updating the Insurance Policy shall be carried out by the Management Council.
- (xiii) **HIRE OF CLUB'S PROPERTY OR PREMISES:**
  - (a) Financial members may on application be permitted to use some parts of the Club's premises for social functions in which such a member is directly involved, provided that only non-game playing areas of the Club shall be rented for social functions, except otherwise approved by the Management Council.
  - (b) Applications for use of the premises as provided in S.12 (xiii) (a) above shall be made to the Management Council which may approve the request after due consultation with any Section or group in the Club that is likely to be most affected by the use of the area for the occasion.

- (c) The Management Council may make rules and regulations for the hire and use of the Club's property from time to time.
- (xiv) Any Section of the Club whose premises or any part thereof may be hired for any purpose shall be entitled to the proportion of income derived from the hire of the said premises; such proportion to be determined from time to time by the Management Council.
- (xv) **CONDITION FOR TAKING DRINKS OUT OF THE CLUB'S PREMISES**  
Management Council may authorize the Club's General Manager to sell any brand of drinks, being surplus, to the Club's requirement to members who may take such drinks purchased out of the Club's premises.
- (xvi) **CLOSURE OF SECTIONS:**  
In the conduct of special function, either for the benefit of members or non-members, the Management Council, may, after consultation with the Section concerned by written notice, close temporarily any part of the Club to the use of the members for the duration of the function, which shall be indicated on the notice board.

**PROVIDED** that any damage to the Section's facility resulting from the use for such function shall be repaired or restored at the expense of the Club.

## SECTION 13

### AMENDMENTS

No provision of this Constitution shall be amended, added to or varied unless by a resolution duly passed at a General Meeting. Such resolution shall not be deemed to have been duly passed, unless supported by three quarters of the votes cast at such General Meeting.

- (i) No addition, alteration, or amendment shall be made to or in the Constitution for the time being in force, if such additions, alterations or amendments conflict with the provision of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.
- (ii) Any motion brought for the amendment to the provisions of this Constitution shall be appropriately titled, "MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF LAGOS COUNTRY CLUB".
- (iii) Any amendment to this Constitution shall be referred to as the (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, as the case may be), Amendment to the Constitution of Lagos Country Club.

## SECTION 14

### WINDING UP

The Club may be wound up voluntarily if and only if the following procedures are followed:

- (i) A petition duly signed by at least 250 financial members of the Club requesting the Management Council to call a General Meeting at a date not earlier than 28 days from the date of delivery of the petition to the Secretary-General for the purpose of winding up the Club.
- (ii) The Secretary-General shall post a copy of the petition together with a notice convening the meeting on the Notice Board not less than 21 days before the date appointed for the meeting. The petition shall also be advertised in at least three national daily newspapers.
- (iii) The quorum for such meeting shall be 80% of financial members, which must include at least two hundred (200) of the petitioners.
- (iv) A resolution to wind up shall only be deemed to have been passed by a vote of 75% of all financial members of the Club at the time the resolution is proposed.

## SECTION 15

### INTERPRETATION

Without prejudice to the interpretation of words and phrases used in this Constitution stated below, any question as to the meaning of any Section or clause in this Constitution and any not provided for shall be referred to the Trustees, who may act through an Ad-Hoc Technical Committee, set up by the Trustees for that purpose.

**Accredited Sections:** These are Sections as contained in Section 3 of this Constitution.

**Bye-Laws:** These are the laws made under this Constitution by the Accredited Sections of the Club.

**Broken Membership:** Non-payment of membership fees and all levies as at the due date.

**Constitution:** This is the Constitution of Lagos Country Club.

**Date of Joining:** This is the date of first payment of prescribed admission and membership fee.

**Management Committee:**  
This is the Management of the Accredited Sections in the Club.

**Management Council:** This is the Management of Lagos Country Club.

**Rules and Regulations:** These are standard procedures set by Management Council and Management Committee for the smooth running of the affairs of the Club and accredited Sections.

**SCHEDULE**

**OATH OF OFFICE OF TRUSTEES**

**1,** .....do

Solemnly swear / affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Lagos Country Club. That as a Trustee of Lagos Country Club, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Lagos Country Club, and always in the interest of the growth, development and pursuit of the greater interests of Lagos Country Club. That I will not allow my personal interests to influence my official conduct or my official decisions. That I will discharge my official duties without fear or favour. That I will, to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of Lagos Country Club.

So help me God.

**OATH OF OFFICE OF  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**1,** .....do

Solemnly swear / affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Lagos Country Club, that as the.....

And member of the Management Council of Lagos Country Club, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Lagos Country Club, and always in the interest of the growth, development and pursuit of the greater interests of Lagos Country Club, that I will not allow my personal interests to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that I will discharge my official duties without fear or favour; that I will, to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of Lagos Country Club.

So help me God.

**OATH OF OFFICE OF  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**1,** .....do

Solemnly swear / affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Lagos Country Club. That as the.....  
Of .....Section of Lagos Country Club, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of Lagos Country Club and Bye-Laws of.....  
Section, and always in the interests of the growth, development and pursuit of the greater interests of Lagos Country Club and ..... Section.  
That I will not allow my personal interests to influence my official conduct or my official decisions. That I will discharge my official duties without fear or favour. That I will, to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Bye-Laws of .....Section and the Constitution of Lagos Country Club.

So help me God.

**OATH OF MEMBERSHIP**

I, Mr. / Mrs.....

hereby affirm to abide by the Constitution of the Lagos Country Club. That I promise at all times, to fulfill my obligation to the Club and to promote her virtues.

So help me God.

President says:

On behalf of the Registered Trustees, Management Council, and entire members of Lagos Country Club,

I, .....hereby this evening

Induct all of your into the fold.

God Bless.