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Statutes

The purpose of this document is to detail the statutes of the Society. It is intended as a working document and will be updated as and when required. The rules laid out in this document, shall remain in force until further notice

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Mr. Danny Cummins, President

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1 Introduction

The IGSZ is a non-profit golf society set up and managed by a small group of very nice people, to allow like-minded people to play golf in and around the Canton of Zug. Here are our Society statutes:

1.1 Designation

The Society will be known as the International Golf Society of Zug or abbreviated as IGSZ or I.G.S.Z. (hereinafter called "the Society").

1.2 Objectives

The objectives of the Society are as follows:

- Its main aim is to foster the interests of its members by arranging a calendar of golf fixtures throughout the year, which will be open to all members.
- Develop interest in, and raise the standard of the game of golf in the Canton of Zug.
- Everyone is welcome to join the IGSZ, but please note that by joining the golf society, members must accept and agree to the Society terms and conditions

1.3 Management

The management of the Society and its finances will be vested in a committee (or Board) who will normally comprise four people; the Chairman, President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The IGSZ Board will be elected every two years by a members' vote made at the AGM. In the event of a forced change to the IGSZ Board, the Board will be at liberty to co-opt a member, or members of the society, to the IGSZ Board for the remainder of the IGSZ Board's elected life. The current IGSZ Board are as follows:

- Mr. John Stuart, Chairman
- Mr. Danny Cummins, President
- Mr. Gautam (Jimmy) Bajekal, Treasurer
- Mr. Shane Wakefield, Secretary

The roles & responsibilities of the IGSZ Board are outlined here:

- If the number of the IGSZ Board falls below four, the IGSZ Board may appoint additional members and they shall hold office until the next General Meeting.
- A member shall be deemed to have left the IGSZ Board:
 - ✓ On being absent from three consecutive meetings without reason.
 - ✓ In the event of an officer retiring for any reason, a replacement may be elected by means of a postal/electronic vote by the members, without requiring an AGM to implement such a change.

1.4 Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at the start of each Calendar year, typically in the month of March, at a date decided by, and notified by the Board. The posting of a suitable notice e.g. two weeks in advance, shall be considered as adequate notice to all members for the Annual General Meeting or other General Meetings.

When General Meetings are held, the *IGSZ Chairman* shall take the chair. In his absence the *IGSZ President* will take the chair. Four members, including at least two IGSZ Board Members shall be a quorum.

The IGSZ Board may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society at any time, upon giving 14 days notice to the members specifying the subject of the meeting. The discussions at the meeting shall be strictly limited to that subject.

1.5 Membership

No person may become a member unless he or she has been duly proposed and seconded by at least two members of the society. All new membership applications will be put to the IGSZ Board for consideration, membership decisions will remain at the discretion of the IGSZ Board.

The IGSZ Board has the power to suspend or expel a member for violation of the rules contained herein and in other IGSZ documents following an IGSZ Board Meeting, which the member is invited to attend.

Any change of member contact details (address, email, telephone no. etc.) must be provided in writing to the *IGSZ Secretary* as soon as possible.

1.6 Subscription

Current members and prospective members eligible to join the membership of the Society will pay an annual subscription of CHF 60.00 - valid from January to December each year and paid into the bank account of the IGSZ. The IGSZ's operating year shall typically commence 1st March and all subscriptions must be paid by the 1st March each year at the latest.

The subscription covers the administration costs of the society and for prizes during the various events during the year. Trophies will also be awarded at an end of season event for the best golfer, most improved golfer, biggest bandit and hacker. The Board shall, at their discretion have full power to amend the annual subscription as required following review at the AGM.

The *IGSZ Treasurer* is responsible for accounting for all IGSZ events and outgoings individually, and for preparation of the accounts for presentation at the AGM. All fees for society golf days will be notified by email and must be paid by the closing date specified in the email. All outstanding amounts must be settled before the member attends another society golf day.

1.7 Competitions & Events

A regular schedule of golf competitions, events and tournaments shall be held throughout the season, on dates to be communicated to the members either by direct email or via the IGSZ webpage. The *IGSZ President* shall maintain a complete register of all competition scores, which will be notified after each event and made available upon request. The regular IGSZ events are as follows:

- Chairman's Challenge - 9 holes, Stableford rules, held on a Saturday morning
- Sunday Shank - 9 holes, Stableford rules, held on a Sunday morning
- Monthly Medal - 18 holes, Stableford rules, held on a Saturday/Sunday
- IGSZ Masters - 18 holes Stableford, plus 9 holes Texas Scramble
- Ryder Cup / President's Cup - Matchplay challenge
- IGSZ Golf Weekends - Mix of Matchplay and Stableford

The cost for all IGSZ events shall be borne by the individual members and each member shall be responsible for his own green fee if applicable. A minimum of two IGSZ Board members shall attend these events.

Any points of dispute arising shall be settled by the IGSZ Board and their decision will be final. The standards of etiquette and rules of golf as determined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews shall hold good, together with such local rules and by-laws applicable to the course played.

All society members should behave in a courteous and convivial manner to all members of host clubs whilst on the course and within their clubhouse. All members must be mindful of the standard of dress required by the society whilst on the premises of a golf day venue. This will usually entail wearing smart casual golf wear, correct golf shoes, no jeans or T-shirts, whilst on the course.

1.8 Handicaps

Members must have a registered or approved handicap certificate and be eligible to play golf in Switzerland or internationally. The IGSZ Board will meet and consider the handicap of each society member, irrespective of handicaps in other clubs or societies. New members will be notified of their society handicap when invited to join. Their initial society handicap will be decided in one of two ways:

- If he is a member of a golf club then his club handicap will be used, or
- A handicap consistent with his level of play compared with existing society members will be given.

In order to ensure that all members have an equal chance of winning the various events, the IGSZ Board will adjust the handicap of any member on general play if it is considered by them that his current handicap is unfair compared to the rest of the society. The IGSZ Board will consider applications for an increase in society handicap annually at the end of the season.

Handicaps used within the society are not notified to the home golf club of any member, and therefore have no impact or bearing on an official tournament handicap outside of IGSZ events. Under normal circumstances the maximum allowable handicap for a man is 36.