

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
LAGOS COUNTRY CLUB IKEJA
2013



ARRANGEMENT OF CHAPTERS

Chapter

PREAMBLE:

CHAPTER 1

NAME AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section

1. 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
2. The Club shall be a private members’ club.
3. The Club shall maintain an anthem, emblem and a flag as contained in the 5th schedule to this Constitution.
4. The Club shall be a FAMILY Club.

CHAPTER 2

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

5. The aims and objectives of the Club shall be as follows:
 - (a) to promote recreational and social interests of members,
 - (b) to promote inter-ethnic and inter-racial understanding amongst people,
 - (c) to maintain friendly relations with similar Clubs by the promotion of Inter-Club Tournaments in sports and social interaction,
 - (d) to promote and sustain sporting and social programmes for the advancement of family values,
 - (e) to seek and accept, whenever possible and desirable, reciprocal membership from other Clubs having similar aims and objectives,
 - (f) to organize lectures, seminars and symposia on issues of national, social economic and public interest, and
 - (g) to do other things to enable the Club attain the aims and objectives enumerated above.

CHAPTER 3

EFFECT OF THE CONSTITUTION

6. The Club shall be administered by way of this Constitution and its provisions shall be binding on all its members.
7. Any Bye-Law of a Section within the Club, or rules and regulations of the Management Council, Management Committee, or any Committee which runs contrary to the provisions of this Constitution shall, to the extent of their inconsistency, be null and void and of no effect.

CHAPTER 4

SECTIONS OF THE CLUB

PART I

ESTABLISHMENT AND POWERS

- 8.-(1) There shall be Sections within the Club which shall exist to promote the aims and objectives of the Club.
- (2) The following shall at the commencement of this Constitution be regarded as 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
 - (k) Abuja
- (3) Sections shall have the power to enact Bye-Laws in so far as such Bye-Laws do not conflict with the provisions of this Constitution.
- (4) Sections shall have the power to elect a Management Committee to run the affairs of the Sections according to the Bye-Laws of the Section **PROVIDED** that the affairs of the Abuja Section shall be run by the Management Council of the Club or through a Committee set up by the Management Council of the Club.

- (5) The Management Committee of a Section shall comprise only the following officers:
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Vice Chairman
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Financial Secretary
 - (e) Entertainment Officer
 - (f) Captain
 - (g) Committee Member
- (6) The functions of each officer of a Section's Management Committee shall be as stated in the Bye-Laws of the Section.
- (7) 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.

PART II

PROCEDURE FOR FORMATION OF A NEW SECTION

- 9.-(1) 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) a list of protem members and officers,
 - (b) a draft of its proposed Bye-Laws and
 - (c) a projected cash flow statement to show viability.
- (2) The Management Council, upon being satisfied that the requirements of sub-section (1) above have been satisfied, shall make a recommendation for recognition by way of a MOTION at a GENERAL MEETING of the Club.
- (3) 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 Section and the Section shall be deemed to exist from the date of the resolution.

PART 111

PROCEDURE FOR DISSOLUTION OF A SECTION / MERGER OF SECTIONS

- (4) A Section may be dissolved in any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) Where it is no longer financially capable to run its affairs, or

- (b) Where its membership has gone below 50 in a given year, or
 - (c) Where in the opinion of the Management Council, it is in the interest of the Club that the Section be dissolved, or
 - (d) Where its affairs are not run in accordance with the provision of this Constitution and / or the Section's Bye-Laws.
- (5) A motion for the dissolution of a Section shall be presented by the Management Council at the General Meeting of the Club, and shall require 2/3rd majority of votes of the members present at such meeting.
 - (6) Where a Section is dissolved, it shall not be revived again.
 - (7) A Section may be merged with another Section in any of the circumstances set under Sub-Section (4)(a) – (d) above and the Management Council is of opinion that it is better to merge it with another Section rather than dissolve it.
 - (9) A Section to be merged with another Section shall have similarity in the type of game or sports with the latter Section.
 - (10) A motion for the merger of a Section with another shall be presented by the Management Council at the General Meeting of the Club, and shall require 2/3rd majority of votes of the members of present at such meeting.

CHAPTER 5

TRUSTEES OF THE CLUB

- 10.-(1)** There shall be Trustees of the Club to be known as the **REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF LAGOS COUNTRY CLUB** 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.
- (2) A person shall qualify to hold the office of a Trustee of Lagos Country Club where he/she:
 - (a) has not been subjected to any disciplinary action within the Club or Section,
 - (b) is a distinguished member of the Club with 35 years continuous membership, and
 - (c) has served as a member of the Management Council for 3 meritorious years, and has been out of office for at least 3 years.
 - (3) The Trustees of the Club shall be 5 (five) in number at least one of whom shall, in addition to the requirements of Sub-Section (2) above, be a legal Practitioner who is not less than ten years at the bar.
 - (4) A Trustee shall hold office indefinitely, except in any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) If resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Club
 - (b) If he becomes insane

- (c) If he is declared bankrupt
 - (d) If he is convicted of a criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction
 - (e) If he is recommended for removal from office by two-third majority votes of members present at a General Meeting of the Club
 - (f) If he ceases to reside in Nigeria
- (5) Upon a vacancy occurring in the membership of the 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.
- (6) 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 it is required.
- (7) Any document required to be executed by the Trustees shall be deemed to have been so executed if signed by three of such Trustees and sealed with the common seal of the Club.
- (8) The Trustees shall have the power to sue and be sued on behalf of and in the name of the Club.

CHAPTER 6

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

PART I

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 11.-(1) There shall be a MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OF THE CLUB to formulate policies for the administration of the entire Club
- (2) The Management Council shall comprise of members duly elected to 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
 - (i) Chairmen of Sections of the Club
 - (j) and the following appointed officers
 - (i) Legal Adviser
 - (ii) General Manager

- (3) The officers stated as in Section.11 (2) (a-h) above shall be regarded as portfolio officers of the Management Council

Provided that the officers stated in Section. 11 (2) (j) (i) & (ii) above shall not have any voting rights at any meetings of the Management Council

PART II

FUNCTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

12. The President shall be Head and the Chief Executive of the Club and shall preside at all General Meetings of the Club and the meetings of the Management Council.

VICE PRESIDENT

13. 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

SECRETARY GENERAL

14. The Secretary General shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Club whose duties shall be:
- (a) the Secretary to the Club, the Management Council, and the General meeting.
 - (b) to keep full and correct minutes of all Management Council meetings, Annual General Meetings and Extra-Ordinary General Meetings of the Club.
 - (c) to administer the affairs of the Secretariat of the Club
 - (d) to attend Annual General Meetings and Extra-Ordinary General Meetings of the Sections of the Club, provided that he shall not be entitled to vote at any such meetings except if he is a paid-up member of the Section.
 - (e) to handle all correspondence on behalf of the Club.
 - (f) to employ or dismiss a member of staff subject to the approval of the Management Council.

15. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Club and his duties shall include the following:

- (a) to ensure the strict adherence to universally accepted accounting standards.
- (b) to ensure the provision of management account for the Management Council
- (c) to give financial reports to the Annual General Meeting

- (d) to formulate general policies for implementation by the head of finance.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

16. The Membership Secretary shall:

- (a) oversee the Membership office of the Club
- (b) be the Chairman of the Membership Screening Committee
- (c) co-ordinate the admission of new members to the Club
- (d) maintain a membership and a disciplinary register of members
- (e) ensure renewal of membership cards and subscriptions
- (f) maintain a register of deceased members
- (g) ensure closure of Membership register prior to Elections
- (h) be responsible for admission of guests into the Club
- (i) co-ordinate status and issuance of Membership/Renewal cards.

SOCIAL SECRETARY

17. The Social Secretary shall:

- (a) be responsible for co-ordinating social and entertainment activities, privately sponsored or organized by the Management Council
- (b) keep a diary of social events in the Club with a view to avoiding a clash of functions where possible
- (c) be the Chairman of Social Sub-committee, comprising Entertainment Officers of the Sections
- (d) shall be the Chairman of the Bar and Catering Committee.

SPORTS SECRETARY

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

- (a) organizing annual intersectional games and sports competitions
- (b) chairmanship of the Sports Sub-committee comprising Captains of Sections
- (c) arranging Inter-Club competitions
- (d) formulating sports policies and events within the Club.

COUNCIL MEMBER

19. The Council Member shall perform the following functions:

- (a) oversee the maintenance of the Club's properties,
- (b) stand in for any portfolio officer in his absence,
- (c) any other functions as assigned by the Management Council.

LEGAL ADVISER

- 20.-(1) A Legal Adviser shall be appointed by the Management Council with the approval of the Annual General Meeting
- (2) The Legal Adviser shall hold office on an annual basis up to a maximum term of 3 years.
- (3) He shall advise the Management Council on all legal matters

CHAIRMEN OF SECTIONS

- 21.-(1) There shall be Chairmen of Sections of the Club, who shall represent their Sections at the meetings of the Management Council.
- (2) In the absence of the Chairman of any Section, where the Chairman has informed the Management Council through the Secretary-General in writing of his intention to be so absent, the Vice Chairman of the Section shall represent the Section and shall perform all the functions of the Chairman at the meeting of the Management Council or at any such meetings or events where the presence of the Chairman is required. However, such Vice Chairman can only attend a maximum of 3 Council Meetings in a year.

GENERAL MANAGER

- 22.-(1) A General Manager shall be employed by the Management Council as the Chief Operating Officer of the Club. His duties shall include but not limited to the following:
 - (a) recruitment, discipline, training, control, welfare and all matters pertaining to staff of the Club, provided that all matters relating to staff shall be referred to the Management Council for approval through the office of the Secretary- General,
 - (b) supervising, maintaining and ensuring proper functioning of the equipment and facilities of the Club,
 - (c) ensuring the proper stocking and record of drinks and other such items in the main bar, Sections and other areas of the Club,
 - (e) exercising supervisory powers over all food outlets within the Club
 - (f) ensuring that all incomes realized through the Bar are paid into the Club's accounts,
 - (f) general administration of the Club and
 - (g) delegating where necessary any of the functions enumerated above to other members of staff.
- (2) The General Manager shall, if at the time of his appointment is not a member of the Club, enjoy membership status during his tenure, provided that he shall not have the right to vote or be voted for.

PART III

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

23. Every officer of the Management Council shall submit a concise written report of the activities of his office to the Secretary- General to be consolidated and presented at the next General meeting.

PART IV

POWER TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 24.-(1) The Management Council shall have the power to make Rules and Regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution for the management of the affairs of the Club
- (2) The Management Council shall have the power to run the affairs of the Club for the benefit of the entire members
- (3) Where in the opinion of the Management Council there is a break-down of law and order in any Section of the Club, the Management Council shall take responsibility for the administration of the affected Section until normalcy is restored or an election is conducted. The intervention of the Management Council shall expire after 30 days. In the event that normalcy is not restored Management Council shall dissolve the Management Committee of the Section and call a Bye-Election within 30 days. Such Officers elected therein shall hold office for the remainder of the tenure of the dissolved Management Committee.
- (4) The Management Council may, from time to time, appoint from among its members or from the members of the Club such Committees as it deems necessary or expedient. Such Committees shall periodically report its proceedings to the Council and shall conduct its business in accordance with the directives of the Management Council.
- (5) The Management Council may invite professionals to its deliberations whenever it is of the opinion that there is the need to do so. Such professionals shall however have no voting rights at the deliberations of the Council.

PART V

MASTER PLAN

- 25.-(1) The Management Council shall have the power to produce a Master Plan for the Club.
- (2) Such a Master Plan shall contain a proposed physical development plan for the Club within a specified period of ten (10) years.
- (3) All developments or future developments in the Club shall conform to

the proposal contained in the Master Plan.

PART VI

VACANCY OF OFFICE

- 26.-(1) Where an office in the Management Council becomes vacant, the office shall be filled through 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.
- (2) Without prejudice to Section 19 of this Constitution, the Management Council shall reserve the right to assign the functions of the vacant office in the Management Council to any officer of the Management Council until the office is filled following a bye-election or substantive election.

PART VII

MEETINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

- 27.-(1) 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.
- (2) Eight (8) members of the Management Council, of which Four (4) must be portfolio officers, must be present to form a quorum.
- (3) Any Member absent from three consecutive Management Council meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the Management Council unless the Secretary General is informed in writing of the member's intention to be absent.

Provided that the President shall preside at all meetings of the Management Council and, in his absence, the Vice President shall preside and, in his absence the next officer in hierarchy in accordance with Section 28 of this Constitution shall preside.

PART VIII

HIERARCHY IN THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL/TENURE OF OFFICE

- 28.-(1) The hierarchy in the Management Council shall be as follows:-

President
Vice-President
Secretary-General
Treasurer

Membership Secretary
Social Secretary
Sports Secretary
Council Member
Chairmen of Sections

- (2) All elected officers of the Club or of any Section shall hold office for a period of one calendar year from the date of being sworn into office, provided that any person who is elected at a bye-election shall be deemed to have served one Calendar year at the expiration of the tenure of that administration.

CHAPTER 7

PATRONS OF THE CLUB

- 29.** Patrons of the Club shall comprise the following:
- (a) The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria who shall be the Grand Patron
 - (b) The Governor of Lagos State of Nigeria who shall be the Patron
 - (c) First-class Traditional Rulers (not more than 5) in Nigeria who may be appointed Vice Patrons by the Management Council with the approval of an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting solely called for that purpose.

CHAPTER 8

MEMBERSHIP

PART I

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 30.** Membership of the Club shall be open to:
- (a) a person of good character,
 - (b) a person not below the age of 25years and
 - (c) a person who accepts to abide by the Constitution of the Club and the Bye-Laws of the Sections of the Club.

PART II

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 31.**-(1) Application for membership of the Club shall be made on an application form prescribed for that purpose from time to time
- (2) 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 applicant. The proposer shall be seconded by a member of the same status as the proposer, and countersigned by 3 members of the Management Council
 - (3) All completed application forms shall be displayed on the main notice board for 14 days for members' general scrutiny and possible objection
 - (4) A written objection against the admission of an applicant upon proven allegation to the satisfaction of the Membership Screening Committee shall be sufficient to deny such an applicant the membership of Lagos Country Club with the approval of the Management Council
 - (5) All membership applicants shall go through the screening exercise
 - (6) Screening of applicants shall be conducted in the months of March, June, September and December of every year by the Membership Screening Committee
 - (7) Either the proposer or seconder shall accompany an applicant when appearing before the Screening Committee
 - (8)
 - (9) Where the application for membership is refused, the applicant may re-apply upon satisfactory evidence that the basis of the refusal has been clarified
 - (10) The Membership Secretary shall keep a register of rejected applications, stating clearly the reasons for such rejection
 - (11) Membership Cards shall be issued to new members during the induction at the NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT or thereafter
 - (12) Every member shall join at least two (2) Sections of the Club
 - (13) There shall be a Membership Screening Committee established by the Management Council. Members of the Committee shall be members who shall have been in the Club for a period of at least five (5) years to serve for a period of one year.

- (14) Every member shall pay such fees and levies as may from time to time be prescribed by a General Meeting
- (15) Upon admission and payment of the prescribed fees, a member shall be deemed to have:-
 - (a) accepted to abide by the provisions of this Constitution; and
 - (b) agreed to promote the aims and objectives of the Club and actively participate in the social activities and games in the Club and in consequence thereof the member shall have the right to vote and be voted for in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

PART III

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

32. Membership of the Club shall comprise the following:

- (a) Double membership
- (b) Single membership
- (c) Junior membership
- (d) Life membership
- (e) Honorary membership
- (f) Temporary membership
- (g) Reciprocal membership

PART IV

DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP

33.-(1) Double Membership status may be conferred:-

- (a) upon a married couple who satisfies the conditions for admission into the Club; or
 - (b) upon a single member who applies for conversion to Double Membership upon marriage and payment of additional membership fees and levies.
- (2) The privileges of Double Membership shall extend to a member, the spouse and 6 (six) children under the age of 25 (twenty five) years registered by the member.
- (3) The inclusion of additional wife or child shall attract the payment of additional fees and subscription as follows:
- (a) Operating admission fee for every additional spouse on application.

- (b) Twenty-five (25) percent of operating single membership admission fee for every additional child.
- (4) A spouse, who is divorced from an originating member shall cease to enjoy the membership of the Club upon notice from such originating member to the Club about the change in his or her marital status.
- (5) A widow or widower of a deceased member under a double membership shall retain his /her membership status under the registered family name

PART V

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

- 34.**-(1) Single Membership may be conferred on any person who has attained the age of 25 (twenty five) years and who has satisfied all the admission requirements under this Constitution
- (2) A Single Member is entitled to all the rights, privileges and obligations of members of the Club, except those attached to double membership.
 - (3) Single membership status may be upgraded to Double Membership upon presentation of evidence of marriage and payment of the difference between single membership admission fee and double membership admission fee.

PART VI

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- 35.**-(1) Junior Membership may be conferred upon the child of a member, who is between the age of 12 (twelve) and 25 (twenty-five).
- (2) The status shall be operated under the following regulations:
 - (a) Children of members between the age of 12 (twelve) and 25 (twenty five) shall enter the Club with their junior membership card
 - (b) Children of members under the age of 12 (twelve) shall be allowed into the Club only if they are accompanied by either of the parents.
 - (c) Junior membership cards shall be issued to all children of members, if requested for, between the age of 12 (twelve) and 25 (twenty-five).
 - (d) No junior member under the age of 18 (eighteen) shall be allowed in the main bar.

- (e) No junior member under the age of 18 (eighteen) shall be served alcoholic drinks anywhere in the Club
- (f) 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.
- (g) All children and junior members under the age of 18 shall leave the Club premises by 9.00 pm.
- (h) On Cinema or Children's functions nights, all children and junior members under the age of 18 shall leave the Club by 9.00 pm or as soon as the function is over, whichever is later.
- (i) Junior members may be allowed to play games subject to the regulations of the Sections.
- (j) Junior members are not allowed to bring in guests.

PART VII

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

36.-(1) Life Membership status may be conferred by the Management Council with the approval of the General meeting upon a member of the Club who:

- (a)
 - (i) has been an active financial member of the Club for an uninterrupted period of 30 (thirty) years and has attained the age of 60 (sixty) years, and
 - (ii) who in the opinion of Management Council and members has made significant and identifiable contributions to the growth and progress of the Club; or
 - (iii) has attained the age of 65 (sixty-five) years, with 25 (twenty-five) years uninterrupted financial membership.
- (b) has not resigned his membership of the Club
- (c) is of sound mind
- (d) is not a declared bankrupt
- (e) has not been convicted of a criminal offence before a court or competent jurisdiction.
- (f) has not been subjected to any disciplinary action within the Club or in any Section save that pardon has been granted by the Management Council, as provided in Section 59 below.

- (2) A person must apply for Life Membership in writing to the Management Council.
- (3) The Management Council shall cause a notice to be given to members, at least 14 days before a general meeting at which a successful applicant for the status of a Life Member shall be presented to members.
- (4) A Life Member or the spouse shall not have the right to vote or be voted for at any general meeting of the Club or the Management Committee of a Section.
- (5) A Life Member or the spouse shall be entitled to all benefits accruing under the Members' Welfare Scheme if they contribute to the scheme.
- (6) A Life Member shall enjoy all other benefits and privileges of the Club and all Sections in the Club with his/her spouse and a maximum number of six children under the age of 25 years.
- (7) A Life Member shall be exempted from paying all subscriptions and levies due in the Club and Sections and is entitled to two free guests per day.

PART VIII

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 37.** Honorary Membership status may be conferred by the Management Council upon a prominent/distinguished personality in society, provided that the number of such shall not be more than two in a year. An Honorary Member shall enjoy the full privileges of members, except he / she:
- (a) shall be free of all financial obligations, but can give voluntary donations,
 - (b) shall neither vote nor be voted for at General Meetings or Elections in the Club or any of its Sections and
 - (c) shall enjoy all benefits and privileges of the Club with his/her spouse and maximum number of six of his/her children under the age of 25 years.

PART IX

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 38.**-(1) Temporary Membership status may be conferred upon any person who:
- (a) is not a member of the Club
 - (b) is recommended by an Employer, Solicitor, Accountant, Clergyman, Commissioner for Oaths, or an eminent personality in the society

- (c) qualifies to be a member of the Club but whose residence within Lagos is temporary.
 - (d) agrees to comply with the Constitution of the Club.
 - (e) pays 25% of the current Double Membership admission fee
- (2) A Temporary Member shall be entitled to the privileges of a full member except he / she shall not vote or be voted for.
 - (3) Temporary Membership shall be for a period of one calendar year and renewable at the discretion of the Management Council.
 - (4) Temporary Membership may be converted into a Double Membership, subject to the payment of appropriate fees and levies.

PART X

RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP

- 39.**-(1) Reciprocal Membership shall be conferred upon any person who holds current Membership of an Affiliate Club. The applicant shall:
- (a) sign a register as a member of the affiliate Club to gain entrance into the Club
 - (b) pay appropriate fees, if accompanied by guests
 - (c) enjoy this privilege for not more than 90 (ninety) days within 12 calendar months, and
 - (d) have no existing disciplinary issue at the affiliate Club
- (2) The Management Council reserves the right to withdraw Reciprocal Membership privilege at its discretion.
 - (3) A Reciprocal Membership may be converted to a 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:
 - (a) Full amount of single or double member's admission fees LESS appropriate current fee payable in the Affiliate Club;
 - (b) Current development fee;
 - (c) Other levies currently payable;
 - (d) Other relevant payments as appropriate.

PROVIDED that the membership shall be deemed to commence from the date of conversion from reciprocal membership to membership (single or double).

PART XI

CONVERSION FROM JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP TO SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

- 40.-(1) A Junior Member shall, upon application by him between the age of 25 and 30, be upgraded provided that:
- (a) The parent of the junior member must be a financial member up to the point of conversion.
 - (b) The parent of the junior member must have been a member of the Club for not less than 5 years.
 - (c) The application is approved by the Membership Screening Committee.
 - (d) The surname of the junior member to be converted must be in conformity with the existing name of the parent on the Register of members of the Club, and the junior member **MUST** have been registered in the records of the parent held in the Club.
- (2) A junior member who fails to apply for and be converted to a full member within a year from the date of attaining the age of 30 (thirty) years loses the right of conversion.
- (3) Any time after the period allowed for free upgrade to full membership, the junior member shall be liable to pay 25% of joining fees and full amount of whatever is charged in the Sections he/she may wish to join.

Provided that such junior member shall be paying full annual subscription to the Club and to the Sections as charged, including full payment of other levies as may be imposed by the Club from time to time.

PART XII

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 41.-(1) Membership of the Club shall cease in any of the following circumstances:
- (a) Death of a member
 - (b) Voluntary withdrawal of membership
 - (c) Expulsion from the Club
 - (d) During period of suspension

- (e) Where the member is convicted of a criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction
- (2) A member who withdraws his membership or is suspended shall forfeit all his annual subscriptions.
- (3) A member whose membership has ceased cannot have access to the Club, and cannot enter as a guest.

PART XIII

PROVISIONS RELATING TO GUESTS

42.-(1) A Guest shall be:

- (a) a non-member permitted entry into the Club's premises as a guest of a financial member, who shall sign in the guest as such at the entrance of the Club.
- (b) For the purpose of this provision, signing-in the guest shall imply:
 - (i) signing in the guest as such at the Club's entrance
 - (ii) payment of the prescribed guest fee, and
 - (iii) an undertaking of responsibility for the behavior of the guest within the Club premises.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The Management Council shall have the power to issue a general invitation to special guests.
- (4) Guests are not allowed to make purchases at any of the Club's Bars.
- (5) Members shall be responsible for the expenses incurred by their guests.
- (6) Members shall be responsible for the actions or any breach of the Constitution or Rules and Regulations of the Club or Sections by their guests.
- (7) A member shall not sign in more than four (4) guests in a day.
- (8) No member shall introduce as a guest a Member who has been suspended, expelled or who has withdrawn his membership or who is a non-financial member.

CHAPTER 9

MEMBERS' WELFARE SCHEME

- 43.**-(1) There shall be a Board of Trustees constituted by the Management Council to administer the fund contributed into the Members' Welfare Scheme.
- (2) Members of the Board of Trustees of the Scheme shall be appointed by the Management Council subject to the approval of the General meeting and shall serve for a single term of 5 years and no more.
- (3) Members of the Board of Trustees of the Scheme shall not be less than 10 (ten) years in the Club.
- (4) Membership of the Board of Trustees shall comprise the following:
- (a) AN INSURANCE PRACTITIONER
 - (b) AN ACCOUNTANT
 - (c) A LEGAL PRACTITIONER
 - (d) A MEDICAL DOCTOR
- (5) There shall be maintained a Bank Account for the Scheme to which all monies accruing to the Scheme shall be paid.
- (6) The Account of the Welfare Scheme shall be audited by the auditor of the Club and presented at the Club's General Meetings.

CHAPTER 10

GENERAL MEETINGS

PART I

- 44.**-(1) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during the month of MAY. 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 General Meeting.
- (2) The Management Council shall call an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Club, in the following circumstances:-
- (a) Anytime it considers necessary.

- (b) If the Secretary-General receives in writing a request signed by at least 100 (One Hundred) financial members to do so.
- (3) Notice of such Extra-Ordinary General Meeting specifying, date, place, time and purpose of the meeting shall be displayed on all the Notice Boards in the Club at least 14 days before the date of the meeting and not later than twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of the request for such meeting stated in Section 44 (2) (b) above by the Secretary-General. Provided that 100 members shall form a quorum, which must include at least 75 of those who made the request.
- (4) Notice of General Meetings, except an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting specifying date, place, and time of the Annual General meeting shall be conspicuously displayed on the Main Notice Board of the Club and on the Notice Boards in all Sections in the Club premises and published in a National Newspaper at least **Twenty-One (21) days** before the date of the meeting.
- (5) All Sections including the Garden Bar and Main Bar shall be closed during any General Meeting.
- (6) 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 in the Management Council, shall preside. 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.
- (7) All matters shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and who are entitled to vote. Each financial member shall have one vote only. In the event of a tie in the votes cast, the Presiding Officer of the meeting shall have a deciding vote.
- (8) Voting at any meeting in the Club shall be by show of hands.

PART II

MOTIONS

- 45.-**(1) Notice of motions shall be submitted to the Secretary General at least 21 days before the date of the meeting at which it is to be moved; such notice shall be posted by the General Secretary on the notice boards of the Club and Sections 14 days prior to the said meeting.
- (2) 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.
- (3) All motions and Counter Motions shall be posted on the Notice Board of the Club and Notice Boards of each Section in the Club.

- (4) No amendment, save typographical errors on the face of any Motion or Counter Motion may be allowed on the floor of the meeting.
- (5) All motions or Counter Motions shall have a Proposer and a Secunder who are paid-up members of the Club and who shall have their names, membership numbers and signatures appended to the motion or counter motion.
- (6) Both the Proposer and the Secunder of a motion or counter motion fixed for hearing at the meeting shall be present for the purpose of moving the motion or counter motion failing which the motion or counter motion shall be struck out.
- (7) Any Motion or Counter Motion may be accepted or rejected in its entirety on the floor of the House.
- (8) No Motion or Counter Motion shall be raised or entertained at any General Meeting which has not been published in accordance with the provision of this Constitution.

CHAPTER 11

ELECTIONS

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS/ELECTORAL PANEL

- 46.-**(1) Elections shall be held into the offices of the Management Council annually or where a bye-election is called by the Management Council to fill a vacant office.
- (2) There shall be an Electoral Panel which shall be constituted by the Management Council at least **42 days** before the date of any election.
 - (3) The Management Council shall invite each Section to nominate one of its members who is not less than **5 years old** in the Club as a member of the Electoral Panel, which shall include a member from the Management Council.
 - (4) Where there is a written objection against the nomination of any member of the Electoral Panel, the Management Council, if satisfied after an investigation that the objection has merit shall withdraw the nomination and substitute another member from the appropriate nominating Section or Management Council.
 - (5) Upon its formation, the Electoral Panel shall submit a budget of financial requirements for the election through the Treasurer to the Management Council. The Management Council shall approve a reasonable amount and the Treasurer shall be bound to disburse such approved funds to the Electoral Panel.

- (6) Members of the Electoral Panel shall appoint one of its members as the Chairman, who shall be the Returning Officer and another as Secretary.

PART II

FUNCTIONS OF THE ELECTORAL PANEL

47.-(1) The Electoral Panel shall be charged with the responsibilities of:

- (a) publishing Election Programmes
 - (b) printing the ballot papers;
 - (c) providing the ballot boxes
 - (d) certifying the voters' list as true and correct and handling complaints arising there from;
 - (e) conducting elections into the offices of the Management Council;
 - (f) announcing the result of the elections, and
 - (g) performing all ancillary functions relating to the elections.
- (2) The Electoral Panel shall issue notices at least **28 (Twenty-Eight) days** prior to the date of election(s).
- (3) The period of issue and submission of nomination papers shall not be later than **25 (Twenty-five) days** to the date of the election(s).
- (4) In addition to the above functions, 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 Club and Sectional Notice Boards and shall be updated from time to time by the Returning Officer or a member of the Electoral Panel so empowered.
 - (b) screen the candidates not later than **20 (Twenty) 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 election.
 - (e) ensure the display of the voters' list not later than 7 (Seven) days before the election.
 - (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).
 - (h) ensure accreditation of eligible voters on the voting day and conduct screening of voters by presentation of identity card.
- (5) 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).
 - (6) A ballot box shall be provided for each office and the label on each box shall bear the names of the office being contested for.
 - (7) 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. Where there is a tie between two or more candidates for a post, a run-off election shall be held not later than **7 days** from the date of the first election.
 - (8) 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).
 - (9) Each candidate shall submit the name of a polling agent to the Electoral Panel at least Three (3) days before the elections.
 - (10) The Returning Officer shall announce and display the result of the election immediately after counting.
 - (11) All complaints or 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 of conclusion of the election. The report shall also include an account of expenses incurred by the Panel conducting the election.

PART III

ELIGIBILITY TO CONTEST ELECTION

- 48.**-(1) A candidate shall be proposed by two Financial Members who shall indicate in the prescribed form their names, membership numbers and signatures.
- (2) A member sponsoring a candidate shall have spent a period of not less than five (5) 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.
- (3) A candidate contesting for the office of President or Vice President shall have spent a period of not less than 10 (Ten) years of continuous membership AND in the case of other portfolio officers, the candidate must have spent a period of not less than 5 (Five)

years provided that in determining a period of continuous membership, a broken membership shall not be counted as continuous membership.

- (4) Any candidate for the office of President or Vice President shall have served as an officer for at least 3 years in either the Club's Management Council or in the Management Committee of a Section.
- (5) A member 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) A member seeking election into the Management Council must have served in the Management Committee of any Section in any capacity for at least one year.
- (8) No elected member into the Management Council shall hold office simultaneously in any accredited Section of the Club.

PART IV

ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN RULES

- 49.**-(1) 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.
- (2) On no account shall banner(s) announcing the candidature of any contestant be displayed within the Club's premises.
 - (3) There shall be NO drumming or musical entertainment during campaigns and / or elections.
 - (4) Publication(s) in the Radio, Television and Print Media are hereby prohibited provided that campaign through social networking tools including face book, twitter, SMS are permitted.
 - (5) Only one handbill of not more than A4 paper size shall be allowed per candidate. Such handbill shall contain the following important information:
 - (a) The Bio-Data of the contestant
 - (b) The Position being contested for

- (c) Past services rendered by the contestant to the Club (if any)
- (d) Vision and mission of the contestant
- (6) The Electoral Panel must approve all handbills before they are put into use.
- (7) Candidates may visit Sections of the Club to hold their campaigns.
- (8) Candidates must focus on issues and not personalities.
- (9) 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 thus:-, Any information given by any of the candidates is subject to verification and any false declaration will lead to disqualification. .

PART V

DISQUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

- 50.** A candidate into any elective office shall be disqualified from contesting for such office if he/she falls into any of the following categories:-
- (a) Found guilty of a criminal offence in a court of competent jurisdiction
 - (b) Engaged in any election malpractice
 - (c) Adjudged bankrupt
 - (d) Is found to be insane
 - (e) Has been sanctioned under the Disciplinary provisions of this Constitution
 - (f) Violated any electoral rules contained in this Constitution

PART VI

CLOSURE OF MEMBERSHIP REGISTER

- 51.-**(1) The Membership Secretary shall close temporarily the membership register for 14 (Fourteen) days preceding the Election Day to enable the voters' list to be prepared
- (2) Notwithstanding the closure of the register, annual subscription and Admission Fees may be received but such payment will not confer voting right on such member at the particular election
 - (3) The Membership Secretary shall display a notice to this effect on all notice boards in the Club

- (4) Any complaints on the voters' list before the date of the election shall be directed to the Membership Secretary at least **48 hours** before election

PART VII

SCREENING OF VOTERS

- 52.** 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.

PART VIII

METHOD OF VOTING

- 53.(1)** The electoral panel shall have the power to determine the method of voting including but not limited to ballot boxes, E-voting etc..

PART IX

METHOD OF COUNTING VOTES

- 54.-(1)** 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.
- (2) Each ballot box shall be opened at a time in the presence of polling agents representing the candidates contesting the office to which the box belongs.
- (3) The Returning Officer shall announce the number of votes cast in respect of each office immediately after counting of votes.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The polling agents shall be allowed to observe the sorting, counting and compilation of the results of election of their candidates.
- (6) Once the results of the election of their candidate are announced, they shall be requested to leave the counting area and take their seats as other members.
- (7) No candidate shall nominate more than one polling agent.

PART X

VOID BALLOT PAPERS

- 55.-(1) The following types of ballot papers, if found in the ballot boxes during sorting, shall be declared void:
- (a) Ballot papers not properly marked.
 - (b) Defaced papers not properly marked.
 - (c) Blank ballot papers.
 - (d) Ballot papers cast for any candidate who has withdrawn from the election.
- (2) All void ballot papers shall be kept and the respective elections for which they were used clearly marked on their containers.

PART XI

VERDICT

56. The verdict of the Returning Officer on the conduct of election shall be final.

PART XII

INAUGURATION

57. Inauguration of newly elected members of Management Council shall be conducted by the Trustees on the 6th of June following the election.

CHAPTER 12

DISCIPLINE

PART I

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

- 58.-(1) There shall be a Disciplinary Committee constituted by the Management Council. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of 3 (three) nominees of the Management Council who shall not be members of the Management Council and 2 (two) of whom shall be Legal Practitioners of not less than 5 (Five) years post-call experience and 1 (one) nominee each of the Management Committee of each Section of the Club.
- (2) No member shall be appointed into the Disciplinary Committee unless such member shall have been a uninterrupted financial member of the Club for a period of not less than 7 years on the date of appointment.
 - (3) The Chairman and Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed from amongst its members.
 - (4) There shall be no other Disciplinary Committee in any Section of the Club.
 - (5) The Disciplinary Committee shall have jurisdiction over infractions of the Club's Constitution committed in any area of the Club.
 - (6) Where a member is alleged to have committed any of the offences listed below and a written petition is directed to the Management Council or where the Management Committee of a Section refers a disciplinary issue to the Management Council, the Disciplinary Committee shall investigate and make recommendations to the Management Council:-
 - (a) A breach of any of the provisions of this Constitution and /or Byelaws of Sections.
 - (b) Anti-Club activities or actions that may bring the Club into hatred, contempt, ridicule or disrepute in whatever manner.

- (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 with 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) Where a member presents a cheque for payment of his/her Annual subscription, or levy in the Club and the cheque is dishonored, and the member fails to redeem it after a period of 14 days of being notified.
 - (i) Any other act, conduct, utterance or 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.
- (8) Where any allegation of commission of any of the offences in (6) above 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 Council or Management Committee of the Section pending the outcome of an investigation by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (9) 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 done by a simple majority.
- (10) 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) Debarring from holding any elective 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.
- (11) Any member who is suspended from office or the Club under the provision of sub-section (10) (e) above shall be barred from holding any office in the Club for a period of 5 years from the expiration of his suspension.
- (12) Every member shall have the right of fair hearing in all matters that affect him within the Club.
- (13) Any member aggrieved by the decision of the Management Council made pursuant to subsection (10) above shall have a right of appeal to the Trustees of the Club through the office of the Secretary-General within 14 days of being notified of the decision.
- (14) The Secretary General shall forward the letter of appeal to the Trustees within 7 days of the receipt of the appeal. The Trustees shall consider and send its recommendation to the Management Council within 14 days of receipt of the appeal. The decision of the Trustees shall be conveyed to the concerned member by the Management Council within 7 days of receipt of the decision of the Trustees.
- (15) 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.

PROVIDED that the aggrieved member shall be allowed to attend the prosecution of all appeal at the said annual general meeting.

- (16) Notice of punishment of any member found liable under subsection (10) above shall be communicated to the member and posted on all notice boards in the Club not later than 72 (Seventy-Two) hours after the expiration of the 14 days right of appeal as contained in subsection (13) above.
- (17) Where the concerned member exercises his right of appeal under this Constitution, there shall be no posting of the Disciplinary decision in any part of the Club until the expiration of the various time of appeal or the final disposal of the appeal.
- (18) The name and photograph of a suspended or expelled member shall be displayed on all notice boards of the Club and communicated to all affiliated Clubs. 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, except members of the family that are already members of the Club in their own right.

(19) A member shall be answerable for the misconduct 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

CHAPTER 13

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

PART I

FINANCIAL YEAR

- 60.** The Financial year of the Club and all Sections shall be from the 1st of April to 31st March of the following year.

PART II

SOURCES OF FUNDS

- 61.** The Funds of the Club shall be raised from sources including but not limited to the following:
- (a) Sales of Applications Forms and from Admission Fees
 - (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's properties
 - (j) Fines
 - (k) Investments

PART III

BANK ACCOUNTS

- 62.** The Club shall maintain Accounts with reputable Financial Institutions. The Accounts shall be operated by two sets of signatories one from each of the following two groups.

GROUP A

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary General

GROUP B

1. Treasurer
2. Membership Secretary
3. Social Secretary

PART IV

AUDITOR

- 63. (a)** The Club shall appoint an External Auditor at its Annual General Meetings to audit the Accounts of the Club for ensuring year and present its reports at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The External Auditor must be qualified in accordance with the provision of Section 358 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act or any law in force in the Federal Republic of Nigeria for this purpose.
- (c) Provided that such Auditor shall be re-appointed annually but not exceeding 5 years from the first appointment.

CHAPTER 14

INCOME, PROPERTY AND INSURANCE

64. (1) The income and property of the Club, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the aims and objectives of the Club as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to the members of the Club.
- (2) 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.
- (3) There shall be NO disposal or transfer by any means whatsoever of any asset of the Club without the consent of the Registered Trustees, provided that the net proceed of the sale of asset acquired by any Section shall be shared between the Club and the Section equally.
- (4) The Management Council may make rules and regulations for the hire and use of the Club's property from time to time.
- (5) 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.

CHAPTER 15

GENERAL RULES/PROVISIONS

- 65.-(1) A member shall gain entry into the Club premises only on production of his/her current membership card and renewal card.
- (2) 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.
- (3) All Annual Subscriptions 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.
- (4) Payments and levies shall be by CHEQUE issued in the name of Lagos Country Club or any other mode of payment that may be prescribed by Management Council from time to time. Dishonored cheque will attract administrative fees.
- 5) Any member who fails to pay annual subscription and other levies lawfully imposed within Thirty (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 decides to the contrary.

- (6) All drinks must be consumed on the premises of the Club.
- (7) Initial Sectional Subscription paid by new members shall be credited to the account of the Section to which such new members have subscribed.
- (8) Members' Annual Subscription shall cease during prolonged absence from Lagos, provided the member notifies 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.
- (9) The presence of animals and possession of guns or any other offensive weapons are prohibited within the Club premises.
- (10) All information concerning members as recorded in the Club's record shall be deemed the Club's property. Retrieval of any information from the Club's record 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.
- (11) Any member of the Management Council who neglects his duties shall be subjected to the disciplinary process as prescribed in this constitution.
- (12) 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.
- (13) Members are free to enter and use any Section of the Club but shall not be permitted to take part in any sporting activities except he or she is a financial member of the Section.

CHAPTER 16

HIRE OF CLUB'S PREMISES

- 66.-(1) A Financial member may on application be permitted to use some parts of the Club's premises for such functions in which such a member is directly involved, provided that only non-game playing areas of the Club shall be used for the social functions, except otherwise approved by the Management Council.
- (2) Applications for use of the premises as provided in subsection (1) above shall be made to the Management Council which may approve the request after due consultation with any Section in the Club that is likely to be most affected by the use of the area for the occasion.
- (3) Any Section of the Club whose premises or any part thereof is hired for any purpose shall be entitled to a proportion of income derived from the hire of the said premises; such proportion to be determined from time to time by the Management Council.

CLOSURE OF SECTIONS:

In the conduct of special functions, 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.

CHAPTER 17

AMENDMENT

67. 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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. amendment.

CHAPTER 18

DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

- 68.** The Club may be dissolved in any of the following ways:
- (1)-(a) By 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 dissolution of the Club.
 - (b) The Secretary General shall post a copy of the petition together with a notice convening the meeting on all the Notice Boards in the Club not less than 21 days before the date appointed for the meeting. The petition shall also be advertised in at least two (2) national daily newspapers
 - (c) The quorum for such meeting shall be physical presence of 80% of the Financial Members of the Club
 - (d) A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be deemed to have been passed by a vote of 75% of all financial members of the Club
- (2) In accordance with the provisions of Section 608 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004

CHAPTER 19

INTERPRETATION

69. 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 for that purpose.

Uninterrupted Membership means Non-payment of membership fee and all levies as at the due date.

Bye-Laws mean Laws made under this Constitution by the Sections of the Club.

Constitution means the Constitution of Lagos Country Club.

Date of Joining means the date of first payment of prescribed admission and membership fee.

Management Committee means the Management Committee of a section in the Club

Management Council means the Management Council of Lagos Country Club.

Rules and Regulations mean standard procedure set by the Management Council and Management Committees for the smooth running of the affairs of the Club and Sections.

Sections mean Sections as stated in Chapter 4 of this Constitution.

Trustees mean The Registered Trustees of Lagos Country Club.

CHAPTER 20

COMMENCEMENT DATE

70. This Constitution shall come into effect on the **1st day of June 2013.**

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

OATH OF OFFICE OF TRUSTEES

I,.....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 interest of Lagos Country Club. That I will not allow my personal interest 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.

SECOND SCHEDULE

OATH OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

I,.....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.

THIRD SCHEDULE

OATH OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I,.....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 ofSection, and always in the interest 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, to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend and the Bye-Laws ofSection and the Constitution of Lagos Country Club.

So help me God.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

OATH OF OFFICE OF MEMBERSHIP

I, Chief/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 you into the fold.

God Bless.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

LAGOS COUNTRY CLUB ANTHEM

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LAGOS COUNTRY CLUB

r: r: r: r: d: r: m:-
FOUNDED NINETEEN FORTY NINE

m: f: f: f: r: r: s: s: d:
A SECOND HOME FOR THE FAMILY

r: m: m: m: f:- m: r: d: t: i: s:
A MODEL IN SPORTS AND SOCIAL HARMONY

f': m: m: r: d:- t:- d:-
A HAVEN FOR YOU AND ME

s: d: s: d: d: r: r: m:- d:-
TOGETHER WE SHALL MAKE IT GREATER

d: m: d: m: m: f: f: s: m:
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