

# **RULES of STONELEES GOLF MEMBERS CLUB**

Revised April 27th 2022

1. The Club shall be called STONELEES GOLF MEMBERS CLUB. (The Club)
2. **OBJECTIVES**
  - 2.1 To promote, administer and encourage amateur golf at Stonelees Golf Centre, Ebbsfleet, Kent.
  - 2.2 To arrange and manage such competitions, matches and other events as the Committee (as hereinafter define) consider appropriate.
  - 2.3 To take such action and to arrange such social activities from time to time as the committee may consider desirable for the benefit of the members.
  - 2.4 To make arrangements to ensure that all members are covered by the Club's insurance, so that all members are insured to an adequate level of insurance giving personal liability cover, non negligence cover and personal accident cover. This insurance cover is included in the membership fees.
- 3.0 **OBLIGATIONS** The Club shall:-
  - 3.1 Recognize the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as the Ruling Body of Amateur Golf and shall abide by the Rules of Golf and Amateur status as laid down from time to time by the R. & A.
  - 3.2 Agree to comply with the Council of National Golf Union's Regulations and Rules of the Course Rating, Slope Index & WHS Handicapping scheme (and any conditions imposed by England Golf).
  - 3.3 **Subscriptions to England Golf**  
Pay all subscription due to the County Union and England Golf in respect of every male playing member of whatever category.
  - 3.4 **Disciplinary Powers**  
Duly exercise the Disciplinary Powers delegated to them under the England Golf Constitution.
  - 3.5 **Elections**  
The Members at the Annual General Meeting or the elected Committees, which ever is appropriate shall appoint a Competition and Handicap Committee (the majority of which shall be elected members) which shall have complete control of Handicapping matters in the Club.
- 4.0 **MEMBERSHIP**  
The Club shall consist of members of the following categories;-
  - 4.1 Full E.G.U.
  - 4.2 Juniors up to the age of 18 years.
  - 4.3 The committee may propose the granting of an honorary club membership to any person or persons to be ratified by the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Such honorarium to take immediate effect for the current year or to be a life honorarium as agreed at said Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- 5.0 **MANAGEMENT**
  - 5.1 The management of the members club shall be in the hands of the committee who shall have full power in respect of the purchase and disposal of its assets, the general conduct of the club, the finances of the club and the transaction of any business relating to the club.
  - 5.2 **Projects, Awards and Donations**  
Any income will only be applied in furthering the approved objects.
- 6.0 **OFFICERS**  
The Officers of the club shall be:-
  - President
  - Captain
  - Vice Captain
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Competition Secretary
  - Seniors CaptainThe Officers, who must have a minimum of two years full membership of the club, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year save the President who shall be a director of the Stonelees Centre. The office of Captain will automatically be filled by the Vice Captain, and shall not be filled by the same person in any two consecutive years.

7.0 TRUSTEES

7.1 Three Trustees shall be appointed at an Annual General Meeting. The assets of the club shall be vested in the Trustees. Nominations for Trustees shall be made as for the Officers (Rule6).

8.0 THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall be constituted as follows;-

8.1 The Officers of the Club.

8.2 One representative of The Stonelees Centre nominated by the Stonelees Centre.

8.3 Twelve elected members, who must qualify for nomination with a minimum of one year's membership of the club, three of whom shall retire by rotation annually and be available for re-election. Retirement shall be decided by lot in the first instance, thereafter members having served two years will offer themselves for re-election. Nominations in respect of each candidate for membership of the committee duly proposed and seconded by individual members and counter signed by the candidate consenting to serve if elected shall be sent to the Secretary of the club not later than 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, a list of the names in alphabetical order shall be posted on the Club notice board 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

8.4 Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by ballot at the Annual General Meeting from the list of nominees, should there be more vacancies than nominees the committee shall fill the remaining vacancies from the members eligible to serve on the committee. Any committee members who fail to attend 3 consecutive meetings without giving satisfactory explanations will be asked to stand down from the Committee. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by the committee from members eligible; a member so appointed shall retain office until the next Annual General Meeting when he shall be eligible for election.

8.5 The Captain shall be the Chairman of the Committee unless at the first meeting of the committee after the Annual General Meeting he declines the office. In this case the committee shall elect one of its members to become chairman for the ensuing year. The Chairman may vote and in addition shall have a casting vote.

8.6 Sub-Committees

The Committee shall appoint such sub-committees as shall be required from time to time for any special purpose or purposes. The Committee shall determine the terms of reference and delegate powers of each of the sub-committees.

8.7 A quorum for the committee shall be five one of whom shall be an officer of the Club and one of whom may be a director nominated under Rule 8.3.

9.0 SUBSCRIPTIONS

9.1 The appropriate subscription for each category of membership shall be determined by the committee and confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. Upon such confirmation the Treasurer will post a notice on the club notice board showing the rate for the following year.

9.2 Member's subscription shall be renewed each year to the Treasurer /Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

9.3 No member in arrears shall compete in any club competition.

9.4 New members shall pay Stonelees Golf Members Club an entrance fee, determined by the committee and confirmed by the members at a General Meeting.

10.0 DUTIES OF SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for all books, documents and records of the club. He or she shall keep full and accurate records of meetings. He or she shall attend to all of the Club's correspondence and day to day running of the club. The Secretary may be granted an honorarium by the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting in respect of the previous completed year. In conjunction with the Handicap Secretary and Handicap sub-committee shall be responsible for complying with the regulations and rules of the handicap system.

10.1 DUTIES OF THE COMPETITION SECRETARY

The Competition Secretary shall be responsible for the running of competitions and the keeping of records and results only. Competition monies are the responsibility of the Treasurer.

11.0 DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper accounting of all monies received by him on behalf of the club and for the payment of all bills. He shall keep the accounts of the club and together with the Auditors make up the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to the last day of December in each year and after audit post them on the notice board of the club with the notice of an Annual General Meeting and send a copy to The Stonelees Golf Centre. An abridged version of the accounts shall be posted to each member together with a notice of the Annual General Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt the Secretary and the Treasurer may be one and the same person.

12.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in each year at such a time, date and place as may be decided at the previous year's Annual General Meeting and in default of such a decision at the discretion of the committee with at least 28 day's notice being given by the Secretary to each member together with an Agenda of the business to be transacted which shall include the following:-

12.1 To receive a Report upon the working of the Club for the year.

12.2 To consider and if approved to pass the Club accounts for the proceeding year.

12.3 To elect Officers.

12.4 To elect Committee.

12.5 To appoint an Auditor.

12.6 To consider any resolution submitted by a member. Any such resolution shall be sent to the Secretary duly proposed and seconded at least 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

12.7 The President or in his absence a member of the committee elected by the meeting shall act as chairman, he shall have a casting vote in addition to his own vote.

12.8 A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 15 members.

12.9 Only Members shall vote at the Annual General Meeting, each member shall have one vote.

13.0 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee or upon requisition of any thirty members signed by the said members and made in writing to the Secretary. Upon receipt of such a requisition the Secretary shall fix a date for the meeting and 14 days prior to such date shall send notice to all members of the business to be transacted at such meeting and a copy of the requisition. A quorum shall be thirty members. Only full members shall vote at a Special General Meeting each full member shall have one vote.

14.0 ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

14.1 No new rule shall be made nor shall any be altered, amended nor repealed except at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club.

14.2 At least 21 day's notice of such proposed new rule, alteration, amendment or repeal shall be given by the Secretary to each member and notice of any amendment to any proposed resolution must be submitted in writing duly signed by the proposer and seconder to reach the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the date of the said meeting.

14.3 When a proposal for a new rule alteration or repeal of any rule is considered it shall be competent for any member voting on such proposal to alter or amend any such proposed new rule or any such alteration, amendment or repeal or to make any addition or alteration to such proposal provided that any alterations amendments or additions made under this rule shall not effect the substance or intent of the original proposal.

14.4 No new rule alteration, amendment or repeal of any rule may be approved without a majority of at least 75% of the votes cast by those present and voting at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

15.0 RULES FOR COMPETITIONS AND MATCHES

The committee shall be empowered to make rules for competitions to meet temporary emergencies or for any purpose for the well being of the Club, including modifications necessary to allow disabled golfers to participate (See 15.1) and such rules shall remain effective until repealed by the committee or set aside by the Members at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting (provided always such rules shall not conflict with the bylaws of the course nor the rules laid down from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews).

15.1 Competition rules and handicaps may be amended by the committee to allow the inclusion of disabled golfers in line with R&A guidelines. Any amendments made to be determined on an individual basis and for each competition as required.

16.0 GENERAL

Only players who have club handicaps shall be permitted to enter competitions of the club or take part in matches organised by the club. This rule shall not apply to social events or similar competitions. Each member is responsible for playing to his correct handicap.

17.0 SCORECARDS

Score cards as approved by the committee must be used for all competitions and must be handed in and returned as arranged by the Competition Secretary immediately on completion of the round. The time limit for handing in cards in a competition is half an hour after sunset unless otherwise specially specified.

18.0 ASSETS

If upon winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property or assets, these shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the club but shall be given or transferred to some charitable institution having objects similar to the objects of the club and which shall also prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members, such institution to be determined by the members of the club at or before the time of dissolution and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.

19.0 Annual Subscriptions & Joining Fee

Annual Subscriptions for the following categories due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April are as follows;-

Full Membership .....£45.00p