



RULES AND REGULATIONS OF HAMPSHIRE LADIES' GOLF

1. NAME

The Company shall be called "Hampshire Ladies' Golf Limited" and in these Rules and Regulations referred to as the "Company".

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Company shall be:

- a) To encourage and promote the interests of ladies' amateur golf at all levels in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands.
- b) To arrange and regulate the County Championship and all other competitions held under the auspices of the Company.
- c) To employ the funds of the Company in the best interests of ladies' amateur golf in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. The Company is a non-profit making organization and all profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Companies facilities and services. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body.
- d) To select the Hampshire County Teams and to award County Colours. County Colours shall be awarded on merit and on recommendation of the County Captain.
- e) To make, maintain and publish such regulations as may be considered necessary to meet the above objects.

3. CONSTITUTION

The Company shall consist of golf clubs in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands affiliated to England Golf and every annual amateur lady playing member thereof. All clubs becoming members of the Company under Rule 4 are hereinafter called 'Affiliated Clubs'.

4. CONDITIONS GOVERNING MEMBERSHIP

- a) The payment of a mandatory County per capita levy as determined by the Board and approved at the AGM entitles playing members of Affiliated Clubs to County Membership as *either*:
 - i) **Full Members** who possess one or more of the County Golf qualifications laid down in Reg 6 of the England Golf County Golf Regulations. Full members are entitled to play in all County competitions, in the County Golf Championship and for the County Teams, *or*
 - ii) **Associate Members** who are Full Members of another County. Associate Members are entitled to play in all County competitions but are excluded from the County Championship and the County Teams.
- b) **Honorary Membership.** Players who are Honorary Members of more than one County may only represent one County in any one County year and must declare which County they intend to represent.
- c) **General.** A player is personally responsible for ensuring that she is a Full Member of only one County. If a player holds Full Membership of one County and Associate Membership(s) of other Counties, she is responsible for ensuring that the Counties of which she is an Associate Member are aware of this fact. A player holding Associate Membership may only convert to Full Membership as provided in Rule 7b.
- d) **Change of County Affiliation.** If a club changes its County of affiliation, members of that club will become either Full or Associate Members of the new County.
- e) Each Affiliated Club shall be entitled to send their nominated member, hereafter called delegate' to General Meetings and Delegates' Meetings, and will have the power to vote.
- f) The County year shall be from 1st November to 31st October. No Affiliated Club whose levy is in arrears may participate in the inter-club competitions, send a delegate to the Delegates' Meetings or attend General Meetings.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Members are entitled to

- a) attend all General Meetings but may not vote,
- b) apply for a County Card,
- c) enter all County competitions in accordance with Rule 4a. They must enter from the Club where their handicap records are maintained, with the exception of inter-club matches.

6. ACCOUNTS

The financial year of the Company shall close on the 31st October of each year. The Finance Director shall prepare a Statement of Accounts for the year which shall be reviewed by an independent accountant and forwarded, together with the agenda for the Annual General Meeting, to every Affiliated Club.

7. RESIGNATIONS & TRANSFERS

- a) Affiliated Clubs wishing to resign from membership of the Company shall notify the County Secretary in writing by 31st October.
- b) A Full Member wishing to resign from her County or transfer to another must always give notice according to the rules of the County concerned. The player is ineligible to join another County until the start of the next County year.

8. ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) The President, nominated by a Committee of Past Presidents, shall be elected for a term of three years. (Retiring Presidents shall become Honorary Vice-Presidents and shall be eligible to attend the Delegates' Meetings and all General Meetings but may not vote.)
- b) The Captain shall be nominated by a Committee consisting of the current Captain and Vice-Captain and at least three of the previous five past Captains. After the appointment is confirmed at the Annual General Meeting, she shall serve as the Vice-Captain, responsible for the Second Team, during the term of office of the Captain. The Captain shall not hold office for more than two consecutive years.
- c) The Finance Director and County Secretary shall be elected for such a period as the Board thinks Fit.
- d) The Competitions Director, Governance Director and Junior and Intermediate Golf Director shall be elected for a term of three years.

9. ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS AND NON VOTING MEMBERS

- a) The Knockout Competitions Secretary, Website/Press Officer, and Isle of Wight and Channel Islands representatives shall serve a term of office of three years. The Knockout Competitions Secretary and Website/Press Officer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Isle of Wight Representative shall be elected by the Isle of Wight Affiliated Clubs. The Channel Islands Representative shall be elected alternately by each Island (Guernsey to include Alderney) by the Channel Islands' Affiliated Clubs.
- b) Co-opted Members: Veterans' Captain, Seniors' Captain, Scratch Score Assessor, Handicap Advisor, Safeguarding Officer or any member of England Golf Committees.
- c) Other officers and Co-opted Members will be invited to attend Board meetings in a nonvoting capacity.

10. POWERS OF THE BOARD

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules and Regulations the management of the Company shall be vested in the Board and in particular the Board shall have the following powers:

- a) Carry out all the objects of the Company as specified in Rule 2, except those that can only be dealt with by a General Meeting.
- b) Delegate such duties as deemed necessary to sub-committees. The Board may appoint members, other than Board members, to such sub-committees.
- c) Order any Affiliated Club or playing member who has been found guilty of any breach of the Rules of the Company, the Rules of Golf, the Rules of Amateur Status and for any conduct which may bring the game of golf, the Company, England Golf or the R&A into disrepute to be either:
 - i) expelled from the Company or
 - ii) suspended for such period as the Board shall deem reasonable or
 - iii) in the case of a player declared ineligible for all or any competitions held under the auspices of the Company for such period as the Board shall deem reasonable, taking into account the nature and effect of any such breach or misconduct. Any Affiliated Club or playing member dealt with under this Rule shall have the right of appeal in writing or in person, in accordance with the HLG/England Golf disciplinary procedure. Any Affiliated Club or individual shall have the right to appeal to a Special Meeting convened by the County Secretary. Notice of any appeal must be lodged in writing to the County Secretary of the Company within 28 days of the date of notification of the relevant order passed by the Board.
- d) Propose amendments to the Rules that best achieve the objects of the Company.
- e) Grant Honorary Membership to members for their outstanding service to ladies' amateur golf in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year. The President of the Company shall take the chair or, in her absence, the Captain. The Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.
- b) Notice of the Annual General Meeting with the agenda and any resolutions shall be sent to the Ladies' Secretaries of the Affiliated Clubs not less than four weeks before the Annual General Meeting. The accidental omission to give notice to any person entitled thereto, or the non-receipt by any such person shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.
- c) Resolutions shall be proposed and seconded by Affiliated Clubs or Full Members and must be received in writing by the County Secretary 6 weeks prior to the AGM.
- d) Those eligible to vote at General Meetings are Delegates on behalf of their Clubs.
- e) Any alteration to the Rules of the Company must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the votes properly recorded at a General Meeting. All other resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote.
- f) Extraordinary General Meeting. The County Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting when directed by the Board, or on receiving a request to call such a Meeting signed by the Ladies' Secretaries of not less than 10% of the total number of clubs affiliated to the company. Three weeks' notice of the meeting must be given by the County Secretary to all those entitled to vote. Only the business for which the meeting has been called shall be discussed.

- g) Proxy Votes. Votes may be given either in person by the Delegate appointed in accordance with Rule 4e or by proxy. A proxy shall be appointed in writing. The notice appointing the proxy shall be delivered to the County Secretary not later than seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, whichever shall be appropriate.

12. STANDING ORDERS FOR BOARD MEETINGS

- a) The chair shall be taken by the Captain or, in her absence, the Vice-Captain. In the absence of both the Captain and Vice-Captain, the Committee shall appoint a Chairman. The Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- b) Five members of the Board present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum.
- c) The County Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board. In exceptional circumstances the Board may appoint a Board member to take the Minutes.
- d) Co-opted members of the Board are not entitled to vote.

13. PUBLICATION OF THE RULES

A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Company shall be forwarded to all Affiliated Clubs.

14. DECISIONS

The Decision of the Board shall be final and binding in respect of any dispute or question arising over the Rules and Regulations of the Company.

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