

WHITSTABLE AND SEASALTER GOLF CLUB

RULES OF THE CLUB

1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be **Whitstable and Seasalter Golf Club**

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Club are to promote the game of golf and to join with Seasalter Golf Club Ltd ("the Company") acting by its board of directors ("the Board") in providing a place where golf may be played and facilities ancillary thereto.

3. CONSTITUTION

The Club is a members club. It shall be situated at Whitstable.

4. MANAGEMENT

Save for matters reserved to the Board, the General Committee of the Club shall be responsible for its affairs.

5. OFFICERS AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

- a) The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Men's Captain, Men's Vice-Captain, Ladies' Captain, Ladies' Vice-Captain and Honorary Secretary.
- b) The President shall be appointed by the Board. The term of office shall be three years. The Board shall have the power to extend the appointment by a period of not more than two years.
- c) The Office of Men's Captain shall be filled annually at the Annual General Meeting ("the AGM") by the former Vice-Captain. Before the AGM the then Vice-Captain shall choose his successor from a list of names supplied by the Men's Committee. Subject to ratification by the Board, the membership shall be notified of this appointment at or before the AGM.
- d) The Office of Ladies' Captain, shall be filled annually at the AGM by the former Vice-Captain. Before the AGM the then Vice-Captain shall choose her successor from a list of names supplied by the Ladies' Committee. Subject to ratification by the Board the membership will be notified of this appointment at or before the AGM.
- e) In advance of the AGM the then Men's and Ladies' Vice-Captains shall seek to decide which of them is to be the Club Captain for the ensuing Club year. If they fail to reach an agreement the decision shall be for the General Committee.
- f) The Honorary Secretary shall be appointed by the Board.
- g) The General Committee shall include the Officers of the Club, and up to three playing members elected annually. The General Committee shall have the power to co-opt further members providing its total number does not exceed twelve.
- h) General Committee vacancies shall be filled at the AGM. A nomination, which shall be made by two or more adult playing members, shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretary on or before 31 October and be countersigned by the candidate. A ballot shall be held at the meeting if there are more candidates than vacancies.
- i) The General Committee shall have the power to constitute sub-committees and to delegate its powers or not as it sees fit.
- j) Unless the General Committee decides otherwise, a member of any committee who does not attend three successive meetings shall be taken to have resigned from it.
- k) The Honorary Secretary shall keep in a book, full and correct minutes of all proceedings at any General Meeting or meeting of the

General Committee. The minutes shall, if confirmed, be signed by the Chairperson at the respective General or General Committee Meeting next following. The book shall be produced at every General or General Committee Meeting.

6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- a) An Application for membership shall be countersigned by a proposer and seconder who are both playing members and to whom the applicant is known personally. Members generally may not propose or second more than two candidates in any one year, but the President, Men's Captain, Ladies' Captain, Honorary Secretary and the Membership Director of the Board may do so. They may also, at their discretion, propose or second a candidate who is not known to them personally.
- b) An application shall not be considered until after it has been fully completed and displayed in the clubhouse for a period of fourteen days.
- c) The Membership Committee shall determine whether to admit an application to membership and if so the terms thereof. The Membership Committee shall not be required to give reasons for its decisions.
- d) The Honorary Secretary shall give notice of the determination to an applicant and provide details of any sums payable to the Company by way of entrance fee, share purchase or subscription. On payment thereof, the new member shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club and subject to its rules.
- e) Subject to the terms of the Articles of Association of Seasalter Golf Club Ltd each playing member over the age of eighteen shall hold a certain number (to be determined by the Board) of shares in the company.
- f) The Board shall have power to elect:
 - i) to honorary membership for life or annually a person who has rendered special services to the Club or the game of golf generally.
 - ii) any person or persons to temporary membership for a period not exceeding six months and to determine the terms thereof.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The Board shall determine membership categories and the levels of subscriptions. It shall also have power to reduce or waive the subscription of any member.
- b) The Club Year shall commence on 1st April. Subscriptions shall be payable to the Company in advance of that date.

Unless otherwise agreed by the Board:

- i) At all times, payment is due for the whole of the Club Membership Year, excepting that a new member shall be liable to payment from their time of joining until the end of the current Club Membership Year.
- ii) A person who by 15th April, has not made full payment, or made arrangements to pay to the satisfaction of the Finance Director, shall not be entitled to use of the course or any other Club facility.
- iii) A person who by 30th May, has not made payment of all monies due or made arrangements to pay to the satisfaction of the Finance Director, shall have their membership automatically terminated.

Upon payment of subscription, a dated disc will be provided for fixing to the membership label. Such labels must be displayed in a prominent position on a member's bag whilst on the course.

8. RESIGNATION

A person who ceases to be a member of the Club, whether by

resignation or otherwise, shall have no entitlement to the return of any part of a subscription already paid, or cancellation of any monies due to be paid for the current Club Membership Year, excepting that the Board may, as it sees fit and at its absolute discretion, make a refund of money paid or cancellation of monies due.

9. DISCIPLINARY CODES AND PROCEDURES

All matters will be dealt with as per the guidelines issued by the National Golf Clubs Advisory Association, a copy of which is available in the office.

10. GREEN FEES

- a) Subject to the provision of a signature in the book kept for that purpose and payment of a green fee an accredited golfer may be authorized by the Honorary Secretary or his nominee to use the Course and Clubhouse. Such person must comply with the Rules of the Club. The authority shall specify its duration (day or time) and extent (the number of permitted holes). A reduced fee may be applicable in the case of a non-member playing with a playing member. The reduction will not apply to more than one non-member per playing member.
- b) The right is reserved to restrict the number of green fees payable by any one person in any one year.

11. INTOXICATING LIQUOR

Intoxicating liquor may be sold to or for consumption on the club premises by those persons over the age of 18 and entitled to use the premises. No person under the age of 18 may be sold or supplied or obtain intoxicating liquor on the Club premises.

12. BAR HOURS

Subject to the licensing laws the Board shall decide at which times intoxicating liquor may be supplied. Notice thereof shall be displayed in the Clubhouse.

13. COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Complaints and suggestions shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary. As appropriate, submission to the Board or the General Committee will follow.

14. GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held no later than on the last Saturday in November at a time and place to be determined by the General Committee. The General Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting and shall be bound to do so on a requisition signed by 10% or more of the members who are eligible to vote (14c). At least twenty-one days' notice of any General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted and the time and place of the meeting shall be given/sent to every member by letter to his address in the Club's register.
- b) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 10% or more of the playing members and for meetings of the General Committee five. The Club Captain shall chair any meeting at which he or she is present. In his or her absence the members present at a meeting shall appoint a Chairperson.
- c) In the event of a ballot the right to vote is limited to playing members over the age of 18.
- d) The Chairperson of any meeting shall have an additional and casting vote and its use shall be mandatory.

15. ALTERATION OF RULES

A rule shall not be altered or repealed or a new rule made (excepting local golf rules which may be made altered or rescinded by the

General Committee together with the Greens Director of the Board) unless the resolution to do so is approved by two thirds or more of the members present and voting at a General Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt abstainers are not counted as voters. Resolutions may be proposed only by voting members (Rule 14c). Notice thereof shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting date. The Honorary Secretary shall cause the notice to be promptly displayed in the Clubhouse.

16. ACCESS TO THE CLUBHOUSE AND COURSE

Use of the Clubhouse and Course shall be open only to playing members and to persons duly authorized in accordance with Rule 10 or otherwise. Social members shall be entitled to use of the Clubhouse but may only use the Course on payment of a green fee.

17. RULES OF THE GAME

The Rules of the Game, so far as applicable, shall be those adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

18. GENERAL

- a) Every member shall receive a copy of the Club Rules and be bound by and submit to them.
- b) A member shall not use the Club address in advertisements or otherwise for business purposes.
- c) Notices shall not be displayed within the Club premises without the consent of the Honorary Secretary.
- d) Dogs are not permitted on the Course. Only guide dogs and assistance dogs are permitted in the Clubhouse.
- e) Having consulted the members, the Club Committee will decide upon the Dress Rules. These will be displayed in the Clubhouse and must be adhered to at all times
- f) Except in emergency, mobile phones are not to be used on the Course and their silent use only is permitted within any part of the Clubhouse.
- g) Strict compliance is required with the Fog and Lightning Rules as displayed in the Clubhouse.
- h) No employee of the Club shall be reprimanded directly by a member.
- i) Only food and drink purchased in the Clubhouse is to be consumed within it except with the specific permission of the Board.
- j) The use of e-cigarettes is not permitted within any part of the Clubhouse.
- k) Observance of the rules by a guest shall be the responsibility of the introducing member.
- l) Members are expected at all times to act in an appropriate manner and with due regard to the Club's published policies, including but not limited to: Equal Opportunities, Social Media and Behaviour Towards Employees.
- m) In these rules, except for references to the election of Men's and Ladies' Captains, masculine includes feminine and singular includes plural.

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