

non-receipt of the same shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolution.

19. AMENDMENT OF RULES

These rules may be altered or amended at any General Meeting by the votes of a majority of the members present.

**THESE RULES SUPERSEDE ALL PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS OF
LYDNEY GOLF CLUB.**

As amended at the AGM
25th. November 1999



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1. CLUB MANAGEMENT

The management of the Club and the administration of its financial affairs is, and shall be, vested in the Committee of Lydney Golf Club which may add, delete or amend any of these Rules as necessary and subject to the approval of a majority of the members at a General Meeting of the Club.

The Club is a non-profit making club, which applies its profits and surpluses to develop the club and its facilities.

The Club may not distribute any profit or surplus it makes other than to:

- (a) Another non-profit making sports club
- (b) In accordance with Rule 18

2. THE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Lady Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Fixture Secretary, the Chairmen of the Course, House, Competitions and Entertainment Sub-Committees and a Lady. Committee members shall be elected to serve for a period of two (2) years, 50% being elected at the Annual General Meeting each year. The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies and, in addition, to co-opt a representative of the Junior & Youth Categories to the Committee. The existing Club Captain nominates the ensuing Captain, subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting. It shall take five members of the Committee to form a quorum.

Subject to any directions given to him by the General Committee, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Club, engage domestic staff and other Club servants as may be necessary for the efficient and economical running of the club, and may lawfully terminate any such engagement.

The Treasurer shall keep such proper books of account as will enable him to present at every Annual General Meeting of the Club, or at any other time if required (on reasonable notice to him) by the General Committee, an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the Club, including a separate statement with regard to the purchase and supply of tobacco and intoxicating liquor, for the preceding year, or for the current year as the case may be, and shall present such report and statement accordingly.

- 4. The maximum number of 5-Day Members shall be 50.
All Club Rules appertaining to Full Members shall apply to 5-Day Members with the foregoing exceptions.

17. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

Neither the Club nor any officer thereof shall be liable to any member or guest of a member for any loss of or damage to any property occurring, from whatever cause, in or about the Club premises; nor for any injury sustained by any member or guest whilst on or entering or leaving the Club premises; and a notice to this effect shall at all times be displayed in a prominent position, on the Club premises.

18. DISSOLUTION

If the number of Full members of the Club shall at any time fall below ten, or if, at any time the Club shall pass in General Meeting by a majority comprising of two-thirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote a resolution (in this rule called “the first resolution”) of its intention to dissolve, the General Committee, or failing them the Trustees, shall take immediate steps to convert into money all the property of the Club, with power however to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular property if the Club in General Meeting shall so authorise. Out of the proceeds of such conversion, the Trustees shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club, including the expenses of such conversion, and any balance remaining in their hands shall be disposed of by them as the Club in General Meeting shall resolve, except that the balance may not be disposed of other than to either a non-profit making sports club or equally between all persons who were full members of the Club at the date of the first resolution; and thereupon the Club shall for all purposes be dissolved. Provided that if the Club shall not, within six months after the date of the first resolution, resolve upon the disposition of any such balance, the same shall be divided equally between all persons who were full members of the Club at the date of the first resolution. A copy of the notice convening any General Meeting under this rule shall be sent by the Secretary by post to every full member at his address last notified to the Secretary not less than fourteen days before the date appointed for the Meeting; but any accidental omission to send such copy or the

due observance of the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 and all other Acts relating thereto, and of any conditions attached to the registration certificate granted in respect of the Club premises.

No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

Intoxicating liquor, purchased other than from the Club, shall not be brought onto the premises for consumption within the Clubhouse or on the course, unless authorised by the House Chairman.

16. 5-DAY MEMBERS

(a) Subscriptions

1. The annual subscription shall be agreed at the Annual General meeting.
2. The joining fee shall be equal to 1 years 5-Day Membership, any 5-Day Member becoming a Full Member at a later stage shall pay the difference in joining fees at the rate applicable at the time of taking up Full Membership.
3. Any current Full Member wishing to change to 5-Day Membership will not be liable for a joining fee and will not be entitled to any rebate of joining fees paid for Full Membership.

(b) Playing

1. 5-Day Members shall be entitled to play Monday - Friday inclusive, with the exception of Bank Holidays.
2. 5-Day Members wishing to play at weekends and Bank Holidays shall pay a green fee and be accompanied by a Full Member.
3. A Full day competition will be held on each Wednesday to enable 5-Day Members to maintain and/or obtain their handicaps. It is envisaged that there will be a monthly medal open to 5-Day Members only.

(c) General

1. 5-Day Members shall have no voting rights at the Annual General Meeting.
2. 5-Day Members shall have social Member status at weekends and Bank Holidays, offering all club facilities apart from golf (see playing item 3).
3. 5-Day Members shall have a yellow bag tag (Full Members' being white) and this must be displayed at all times.

3. TRUSTEES

There shall be four Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Club in General Meeting from among ordinary or honorary members who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during his life, or until he shall resign by notice in writing given to the General Committee, or until a resolution by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

All property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as necessary and practicable, for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the General Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment by the Club in General Meeting of a new Trustee in his place; and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into names of the Trustees as constituted after the said appointment. The Trustees shall in all respects act, in regard to any property of the Club held by them, in accordance with the directions of the General Committee; and shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Committee's directions. But no purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given.

4. PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The membership shall elect a President and a maximum of two vice-presidents. These persons will remain in office so long as they remain members of the club.

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November each year, when the audited accounts shall be presented and the Officers and Committee elected for the ensuing year. Notice of such Annual General Meeting shall be posted in the Clubhouse at least fourteen clear days before the date of the meeting. Business to be transacted at the meeting must be notified to the Hon. Secretary at least seven days before the meeting, in writing, by the proposer. The agenda for the meeting shall be published in the Clubhouse not later than seven days before the meeting; any additional items can be discussed only with the permission of the Chairman. Special General Meetings shall be called by the Hon. Secretary at the request of the Committee or on the requisition in writing of ten members of the Club, but not less than seven clear days notice shall be given of the date and the nature of the meeting.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Each candidate for membership must be proposed and seconded by two full members of the Club; any such proposer and seconder must have been a member for at least a year.

The Membership Secretary shall post a copy of the application of each candidate on the Notice Board at least seven days prior to the date of election.

The Committee may use their discretion as to the order of election of candidates on the waiting list and may accept or refuse any application for membership subject to any over-riding decision of the AGM

A new member on election will be notified by the Membership Secretary and provided with a copy of the Rules of the Club.

No member shall be absolved from the effect of these Rules on an allegation of not having received a copy.

All fees are payable immediately and if not paid within one month of election the Committee may declare the election void.

The name of any candidate who has been rejected shall not again be posted in the candidate's list until one year has elapsed from the date of such rejection, unless it can be proved that previous information on which rejection was based was inaccurate.

Prospective new members are allowed six games per year only, on payment of Green Fees, of which three will be refunded if the member actually joins in that membership year.

7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

A person becomes a member of the Club by being elected by the Committee to one of the following categories: **ONLY FULL MEMBERS MAY HOLD OFFICE OR VOTE AT GENERAL MEETINGS.**

(1) FULL MEMBER.

This membership confers all rights and privileges of the Clubhouse and Course. Within this category the Club shall allow at a reduced subscription the following:

(a) SENIOR Member
Aged 60 and over on January 1st.

(b) HONORARY MEMBER (ANNUAL).

(c) LIFE MEMBER

Any member attaining the age of 80 years and having been a member for 25 years

14. THE CLUB HOUSE

(1) The Committee may set aside any part of the Clubhouse for the exclusive use of the Committee, private function or the serving of meals. No member shall take away from the Club premises any pamphlet, book or other article belonging to the Club. Any loss or damage to the property of the Club or grounds shall be made good at the expense of the person or persons causing such damage or loss.

(2) All clothes, clubs or equipment left in the Clubhouse without being properly marked may be placed in store and, if not claimed within three months, may be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee. The Club shall not be responsible for the loss of or damage to the property of any member or visitor occurring on or in any part of the land or buildings occupied or owned by the Club.

(3) No servant of the Club shall be reprimanded by any member, except with the full authority of the Committee.

(4) No dogs shall be allowed on the course or in the clubhouse except on a leash.

15. INTOXICATING LIQUOR

The supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club premises shall be permitted during the following hours: -

Weekdays:

11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Sundays and Good Friday

12.00 noon to 10.30 p.m.

No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to members or to any other persons on the Club premises or to persons under the age of 18 years or otherwise than by or on behalf of the Club. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for payment to any person on the premises except to a member or:

1. to visiting sports teams and their supporters,
2. to non-members who shall have paid a daily green fee,
3. to non-members attending organised functions in the function room, which is part of the clubhouse under the provisions of Section 49 of the Licensing Act 1964.

The General Committee shall arrange the supply of intoxicating liquor to the Club members, and to other persons on the Club premises, and shall secure the

next year's subscription shall become due.

12. EXPULSION OF A MEMBER

Any member accused of misconduct must be given the right to make representation to the Committee in defence of the allegation. In the case of a members conduct being, in the opinion of the Committee, detrimental or injurious to the reputation or interest of the Club the Committee shall, providing a majority of the Committee present at the meeting agree, direct the Secretary in writing, to ask the member to resign. If within 14 days of such request the member has not resigned he or she shall be expelled. Any member who is expelled or resigns upon request shall be ineligible for re-election. Any member dealt with under this Rule shall have the right of appeal by notice, in writing, to the Secretary within seven days of his or her expulsion or resignation. Such a member shall not be entitled to any privileges of membership until such an appeal has been held.

Any member expelled in accordance with this Rule shall forfeit all rights to, or claims upon, the Club, its property or funds.

13. RULES OF GOLF

Rules approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews together with the Local Rules shall apply in all competitions and matches. If any doubt shall arise as to the proper interpretation of such Rules, the point shall be referred to the Competitions Committee, whose decision shall be final.

It is the responsibility of all playing members to be acquainted with the Rules of Golf as so laid down. The Committee may make such bylaws as it may consider desirable in the interests of the Club. Any bylaw made under this Rule shall come into force upon being placed on the Notice Boards in the Clubhouse. Such copies shall be deemed to constitute notice to ALL members of the making and operation of the bylaw.

Matters to be regulated by such bye-laws shall include precedence of Club competitions and inter-club matches; times and tees which games may start, particularly at weekends and Bank Holidays; the closure of the course due to adverse weather conditions; the use of trolleys; and those parts of the course where members may practice.

(d) STUDENT MEMBER.

This membership is limited to persons who are over the age of 18 and under the age of 23 and are full-time students at University or other Educational Establishment and continue so to be.

(2) COUNTRY MEMBER.

This membership is open to persons who are resident not less than 25 miles radius from the Clubhouse, and continue so to be. They shall be fully paid-up members of another Club. Such a member has the rights and privileges of the Clubhouse and Course, except that they may not play in the Club Championship.

(3) JUNIOR MEMBER.

A youngster under the age of 16 is eligible for this membership and may retain it until 31st December following their birthday.

Junior members:

(a) shall normally not be entitled to play Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays before 12 noon (4 p.m. in the summer months). They shall not play between 4.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays during the summer months.

(b) may play in such competitions as the Committee may decide.

(c) Juniors with handicaps of 24 or less are eligible to play in named competitions.

(4) YOUTH MEMBER.

A youngster over 16 and under 18 is eligible for this membership and may retain it until 31st December following their birthday.

Youth members

(a) shall not normally be entitled to play on Sundays or Bank Holidays before 12 noon (4 p.m. in the Summer months), They shall not play between 4.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays during the Summer months. and

(b) may play in such competitions as the Committee may decide.

(c) Youths with handicaps of 24 or less are entitled to play in named competitions.

(5) OVERSEAS MEMBER.

This membership is limited to persons who are resident outside the United Kingdom for more than three months in a subscription year. They may enter all competitions except those qualifying for Club Championship.

(6) SOCIAL (NON-PLAYING)

This membership confers all rights and privileges of the Clubhouse. Such a member may introduce visitors.

(7) TEMPORARY MEMBER.

Membership of recognised Golf Clubs or any persons introduced by a member of the Club may be admitted as a Temporary Visiting Member to the use of the Clubhouse and Course on payment of a green fee. Such Temporary Members shall not be entitled to compete for club prizes. The names and addresses of all Temporary Members must be entered in the Visitors' Book at the Clubhouse and green fees paid prior to commencement of play. The Committee has the power to suspend any Temporary Member.

(8) FIVE-DAY MEMBER.

May be admitted at the discretion of the Committee when ordinary membership is full.

8. MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

The Committee shall limit the number of members in any category of membership if they consider it necessary in the general interests of the Club. The maximum number of Playing Members shall be 300. "Playing Member" shall not include Honorary, Life, 5 Day, Social, Overseas, Junior, Youth or Country categories.

9. STANDARDS OF DRESS

LADIES.

Tidy trousers, skirts, divided skirts, golf shorts, Bermuda shorts are permitted on the Course. Jeans, jogging suits, athletic shorts, brief suntops are NOT allowed.

GENTLEMEN.

Jeans or denim trousers will NOT be worn on the Course, nor may combat trousers, track suits or shell suits.

No football socks cut-off jeans or sports shorts may be worn on the Course or in the Clubhouse.

Shorts should be of the tailored type with knee-length socks or white ankle socks. Shorts are NOT acceptable in the Clubhouse after 7.30pm.

Shirts shall be worn at all times, must have sleeves and a collar and must be

buttoned so as not to cause offence.

Rugby or football shirts are not acceptable.

Vests or any type of sports vest will not be worn. A sweater may be worn in the winter months in lieu of a shirt.

Suitable golf shoes must be worn on the golf Course and may not be worn in the Clubhouse except in the changing room

Caps/hats will NOT be worn in the Clubhouse.

After playing representative matches and matches versus the ladies, all male members must wear a jacket and tie; only at the discretion of the captain of the day may jackets be excused.

The Committee reserves the right to amend this Code of Dress as style change for both the Ladies and the Gentlemen.

10. ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND INSURANCE

(a) The Entrance Fees, Subscriptions and Insurance shall be such amounts as the Committee may from time to time determine; and shall be approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting. All members shall subscribe to the Public Liability Insurance Scheme unless they certify that they are covered by another policy providing an equal cover.

Entrance Fees can be imposed at the discretion of the Committee as circumstances warrant.

(b) All subscriptions become due on January 1st. each year. Until the subscription is paid a member shall not be eligible to play in any competition after January 31st. In the event of a subscription being outstanding after January 31st the member shall be notified that his or her fees are overdue and that an extra payment of 10% of the subscription is now also due. Failure to pay such overdue moneys by March 1st shall result in termination of membership.

(c) The Committee may at their discretion reinstate any such member, as they deem fit. An ex-member wishing to rejoin the Club shall follow and be subject to the procedure for election as laid down in Rule 6 and, if re-elected, shall pay the current rate of subscription and entrance fee applicable to his or her category of membership.

(d) The Committee may at their discretion waive payment, or reduce the charge of a further entrance fee.

11. RESIGNATIONS

Any member wishing to resign from the Club shall give notice in writing to this effect to the Secretary ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31st; otherwise the