



HORSEHAY VILLAGE GOLF CLUB

FOUNDED 1997

CONSTITUTION



(A) NAME

(A1) The name of the Club shall be "Horsehay Village Golf Club" (HVGC).

(B) OBJECT

(B1) To encourage the playing of the game of golf in all formats and to provide social facilities as deemed appropriate for the members of the Club.

Horsehay Village Golf Club is a non-profit making organisation. Any surplus funds are re-invested in the Club and that, in the event of disbandment; any assets will only be distributed amongst the members or another non-profit making organisation.

(C) MEMBERSHIP

- (C1) Application for membership may be from any persons who are deemed amateurs as defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. Professional players may be allowed to join as Honorary Members at the discretion of the Committee but will not be allowed to enter any Club Competitions.
- (C2) Applicants must be proposed and seconded by existing full members and sign an application form upon admission as a member that he or she shall abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Club in operation at that time. All applications shall be forwarded to The Membership Secretary, with the subscription fee due at the time of applying for membership.
- (C3) Each member shall pay the annual subscription, fixed in accordance with the rules, by 31st December of each year. Should any member default by one month then their membership shall automatically end.
- (C4) Any member may resign or change their club status (ie. home or away member) upon written notice to The Membership Secretary of the Club.
- (C5) Membership shall be indefinite subject to C3 and C4 or as determined in accordance with E2b.
- (C6) Membership shall be open (notwithstanding C2) and enable equal access to all, irrespective of ability, sex, religion and ethnicity.
- (C7) Full members of the Club shall be all members, other than Social and Junior members, who opt that Horsehay Village Golf Club will be their home club. Members who do not opt for HVGC as their home club will be known as Away members. Honorary members may, or may not, be regarded as Full members at the discretion of the Committee.
- (C8) Members will also be members of The Junior's, Ladies or Senior's Sections of the Club dependent upon age and gender.

(D) ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (THE COMMITTEE)

- (D1) The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain, Lady Captain, Lady Vice-Captain, Seniors' Captain, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Handicap Secretary, Competition Secretary, Junior's Organiser, Rules Secretary, Team Captain and Greens Committee Representative. The Minutes Secretary will also be an Officer of the Club but will be responsible to the Club Secretary.
- (D2) The Vice Captains are nominated by the Captains and approved at the respective sections AGMs. The Club Captain, Vice-Captain and Immediate Past Captain shall run in a three-year cycle, i.e. The Vice-Captain shall become Captain and the Captain will become Immediate Past Captain. The President, Club Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed. They shall retain their respective positions until such time that they decide to retire, or the members request that they resign. Officers in all other positions shall be elected at the AGM of the Club and will hold office for one year but are eligible to stand for re-election. Election (if more than one candidate is nominated for an Office) will be by a majority of those present and eligible to vote at the AGM.
- (D3) Candidates for election to office or representing any committee at the club must be Full members of the Club no less than 10 days before the AGM and their nominations must be handed to The Club Secretary in writing. They should be signed by a proposer and seconder who must be full members of the Club no less than 10 days before the date of the AGM. If the Junior Organiser elects to be an away member of the Club, he/she may be a committee member but voting rights are restricted solely to matters relating to the Juniors.
- (D4) The Committee may, if required, co-opt any full member of the Club to fill a vacancy that may arise within the Committee.
- (D5) The Handicapping Sub-Committee shall have complete control over all handicapping matters within Horsehay Village Golf Club and shall consist of the Handicap Secretaries of each section. The Sub-Committee shall invite any members they deem appropriate to assist in peer reviews.
- (D6) Competitions shall be run by the individual sections.

(E) FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- (E1) The Committee is to meet monthly unless a Special Meeting is called. A quorum shall be five. Decisions of the Committee will be by a majority of those present and eligible to vote.
- (E2) Subject only to the authority of a General Meeting of the Club, the Committee shall manage the finances and general affairs of the Club and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing shall have control to:
- (a) To make and alter rules governing the conduct of members of the Club and the conditions for and conduct of competitions, provided that they do not contravene the Constitution or Rules of Golf of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.
 - (b) To suspend the membership of, expel from membership, or impose other disciplinary sanctions as Considered appropriate, upon any member who shall, in their opinion, have broken the rules contained or referred to in E2a or to have otherwise behaved in a manner likely to bring, or to have brought, into disrepute the reputation of the Club, or the game of Golf, or behaved in a manner contrary to the interests of the Club.
Before imposing any sanctions, the Committee shall give the member concerned notice of the allegations made against him or her and a reasonable opportunity to make any written or oral representations that he or she may wish.
 - (c) To delegate any of their powers or functions to Sub Committees which shall consist of full home members of the Club.
 - (d) To regulate the manner in which the "Sections" of the Club are administered in order to ensure that they comply with the Constitution and Rules of the Club. The Committee shall have the power to direct a "Section" to comply with the Constitution and Rules if a transgression is identified.

(F) SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription shall be recommended by the Committee and must be approved by full members of the Club from time to time in general meeting.

(G) GENERAL MEETINGS

- (G1) There shall be an Annual General Meeting to be held on a date determined by the Committee of each year.
- (G2) There can be an Extra-ordinary General Meeting if the Committee rule one to be necessary, or if twenty-five or more full members so request. To do this they shall inform The Club Secretary in writing and shall specify the nature of the business to be dealt with. The meeting must be held within twenty-eight days on a date to be determined after The Club Secretary shall have received said notice.
- (G3) Members wishing to raise any specific business at the AGM are to give notice to The Club Secretary of at least fourteen days in advance of the AGM. Any business, other than normally dealt with without such notice, shall only be heard at the discretion of the Chairperson.
- (G4) General Meetings shall be chaired by The Club Captain or in his absence the Vice Captain or in his absence a person elected by those present and eligible to vote at the start of the meetings. In the case of an AGM the outgoing Captain and Vice-Captain shall retain their positions until the hand-over at that meeting.
- (G5) The Club Secretary must post a notice on each Section's notice board at least fourteen days before the date of a General Meeting or give a minimum of fourteen days written notice to all members. The notice must specify the time, date and venue of all General Meetings and must inform members of what is on the agenda. Emails will be deemed acceptable as a means of providing written notice.
- (G6) A quorum at General Meetings shall be a minimum of 15 full members.

(H) ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

All or part of the constitution may be altered, deleted, or added to at a General Meeting of the Club provided that always:

1. At least 75% of those present and eligible to vote shall vote in favour of the amendment and
2. Written notice of the amendment proposed (from which the amendment as voted on shall not be different) shall have been given to all members with the notice of the meeting.

(I) ACCESS TO THE COURSE

The Shropshire and Herefordshire Union of Golf Clubs (SHUGC) shall be allowed access to the course of Horsehay Village Golf Centre at any time that is deemed to be reasonable and with prior notification to the Landowner (Borough of Telford & Wrekin Council)

(J) DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

In the event of the Club being dissolved the net assets (after payment of all liabilities) shall be disposed of within the membership or to a non-profit making organisation. This decision to be made at a General Meeting of the Club.

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