

**RULES  
of  
DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB LTD.**

**1. THE NAME**

The Club shall be called 'The Didsbury Golf Club'.

**2. MEMBERS**

A Member is a member who has been accepted for playing membership, notwithstanding their current level of subscription. The number of Members shall not exceed 670 (excluding Honorary and Honorary Life Members).

**3. CHAIRMAN, OFFICERS & DIRECTORS.**

The Chairman of the Club, who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting to serve a three year term, will act as the Chief Executive of the Club. The Chairman, and his nominees, shall have been Members of the Club for a minimum of 5 years.

The Officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, the President, the Captain, the Captain Elect, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting.

A further minimum of six and maximum of nine members of the Club shall be elected as Directors at an Annual General Meeting. Of these nine elected members, three shall retire annually. Any member who has served on a Committee for three years shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

**4. MANAGEMENT**

The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Club, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary and four other Directors of the Club.

The Golf and Social activities of the Club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Captain of the Club, the President and six other Directors of the Club.

No member shall be eligible for election to either Committee unless he has been a member for a minimum of 2 years.

**5. COMMITTEES**

Both Committees shall hold regular meetings, five members of these Committees shall form a quorum. The Committees shall have power to create Sub-Committees to run the various club activities. Any sub-committee appointed to supervise the sale of intoxicating liquor must only contain members of the Committee who have been elected at the General Meeting.

A joint meeting of both Committees shall be held on at least three occasions each calendar year. This joint Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in their numbers or in the offices of Chairman, President, Captain, Captain Elect, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary or Auditors which may occur between one Annual General Meeting and the next. The Committees shall also have power to co-opt three members of the club or any less number, as additional members of the Committees for the year in which they are co-opted or any less period. Such co-opted members shall have no voting rights within Committees.

## **6. GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of September or October of each year for the following purposes:-

- (a) To receive a report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding year.
- (b) To elect the Officers of the Club and other members of the Committee.
- (c) To appoint auditors for the ensuing year.
- (d) To fix the highest rate of subscription for Full 7 day members.
- (e) To decide any resolution which may be submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.

All members may attend all general meetings at the Club in person. Any member desirous of moving any resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof to the Honorary Secretary in writing not less than four weeks before the date of the meeting.

The Committee may at any time for any special purpose call a Special General Meeting and they shall do so forthwith upon the requisition in writing of any twenty-five Members, stating the purpose for which the meeting is required. At least twenty-one days before the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting a notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to every Member and no business other than that of which notice has been given shall be brought forward at such meeting. Every Member present at any General Meeting shall be entitled to one vote upon every motion and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Every motion shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands. The Quorum at all General Meetings shall be ten members.

## **7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis.

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The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or remove may be made to the members.

The name and address of every candidate for admission must be sent to the Honorary Secretary in writing. Each candidate must be proposed by a member (who has been a member for at least two years) and seconded by another member. The names of all such candidates must be posted in the Clubhouse for at least fourteen days before election. On completion of this posting period the Committee on a simple majority basis may elect the candidate to membership. If an application is received from an established golf club member who has moved into the area, together with a letter of introduction from his previous club, and a handicap certificate, the membership committee should interview this applicant and at their discretion they may admit this applicant as a member. No newly elected member shall be entitled to any privilege of the Club until he has paid his entrance fee and subscription in part or in full.

#### **8. EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS**

If at any time the Committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, they may by letter invite any member to resign from the Club within a time specified in such letter. In default of resignation the question of expulsion may be submitted to a meeting of the Committee to be held within one month after the date by which the member shall have been invited to resign. The member whose expulsion is under consideration shall have the right to offer an explanation to the Committee of his/her conduct either orally or in writing and to call any witnesses before the Committee. If no such explanation is offered or if offered is not accepted by the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to expel such member whereupon he/she shall cease to be a member of the Club. At the Committee meeting voting shall be by secret ballot. If any explanation offered is deemed by the Committee to be unsatisfactory the member concerned shall be so notified and shall have the right to apply within seven days of receipt of such notification to have the matter considered by the Club in general meeting. If such right is exercised a general meeting of the Club shall be convened without delay and at such general meeting the member concerned shall have the right to offer an explanation of his/her conduct either orally or in writing and to call witnesses, but not to be represented legally or otherwise by a third party. Thereafter the matter shall be put to the vote at such general meeting and if two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote and voting shall vote for expulsion he/she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club. Voting at such meeting shall be by secret ballot.

The Committee shall have the power to exclude such member from the Club premises until the case has been finally decided.

Any member expelled from the Club shall upon ceasing to be a member forfeit all right to and claim upon the Club and its property.

If at any time the Committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require they may suspend a member for such period as they may deem appropriate. Before so doing they shall give notice to the member of the grounds of complaint and shall give him/her the opportunity (to be notified in writing) to offer an explanation of his/her conduct orally or in writing to the Committee and to call any witnesses he/she may so desire. At the Committee meeting voting shall be by secret ballot.

Such suspension shall take immediate effect, but if the suspended member within seven days by notice in writing demands that the matter shall be referred to general meeting of the Club then such a meeting shall be convened without delay and a similar procedure shall be adopted as in the case of expulsion. The member meanwhile shall remain suspended.

#### **9. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

The Committee may propose for election at the Annual General Meeting names for Honorary Life Membership.

#### **10. ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The highest subscription rate payable by Full 7 day Members shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting of the members.

Any entrance fee and the subscription for all other categories of member as well as the surcharge referred to below shall be decided by the Committee.

Any member elected during the year shall pay as his/her first subscription such proportionate part of the annual subscription on a pro-rata basis having regard to the date of his/her election as shall be determined by the Committee.

The Annual Subscription shall be due on the 1st April each year but any Member may pay his/her subscription in two instalments by paying one half on the 1st April and at the same time paying a post dated cheque October 1st for the second half subject to a surcharge as fixed by the Committee. Payment by credit card shall also be subject to a surcharge as fixed by the Committee. Any member who has not paid his/her subscription in full or by the method referred to in the last sentence by the 21st April each year shall not be entitled to play on the course or to use any of the facilities of the Club until such payment has been made. Should any such member fail to complete payment by the 1st May each year the Committee shall have power to remove his/her name from the register of members and any such member shall not be re-admitted except on payment of the entrance fee in force at the time of his/her re-admittance and all arrears of money owing.

No entrance fee shall be payable by a former member on re-election unless the amount of the entrance fee has increased since the date of his/her resignation in which case he/she shall pay the difference only.

Any Entrance Fee payable may be paid in two equal instalments during the following twelve months. If paid in two parts the fee will be increased by the same surcharge as is applicable to the subscriptions quoted in sub-paragraph 4 above and the second payment will be made by post-dated cheque dated six months after election to the Club.

#### **11. EMERGENCY LEVY**

In the event of insurance cover being withdrawn all members will be required to undertake if demanded by the Committee, in the event of severe flooding of the Club Buildings to pay a supplementary subscription of not more than £100 on demand from the Honorary Treasurer, the amount of such supplementary subscription to be determined by the Committee.

#### **12. NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS**

The Committee may admit former playing members resident permanently beyond a radius of twenty five miles from the Clubhouse as Non-Resident Members. Such members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership except that they shall not be eligible to enter competitions or have any voice in the management of the club nor share any interest in the assets of the club. Visits to the club for playing golf shall be limited to 10 times per annum.

#### **13. FIVE-DAY MEMBERS**

Members who are awaiting 6 or 7 day playing membership or who only wish to play on five days a week may be admitted as FIVE DAY MEMBERS but such members shall not be permitted to use the course on Saturdays and Sundays except on such specific occasions as decided by the Committee and on payment of the appropriate green fee. Such five-day members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership except that they shall only be eligible to take part in competitions specially designated by the Match and Handicap Committee.

#### **14. SIX DAY MEMBERS**

Members who are awaiting 7 day playing membership or who only wish to play on six days a week may be admitted as SIX DAY MEMBERS but such members shall not be permitted to use the course on Saturdays except on such specific occasions as decided by the committee and on payment of the appropriate green fee). Such six-day members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership except that they shall only be eligible to take part in Competitions specially designated by the Match and Handicap Committee.

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#### 15. MEMBERSHIP LIMITS

The number of 7 day members shall not exceed 365 and the number of 5 and 6 day members combined shall not exceed 305.

#### 16. FRIENDS, VISITORS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS

A member may at any time introduce a friend or any number of friends on any number of occasions to the use of the clubhouse and course upon payment by such members of the appropriate green fee. The maximum number of visitors a member may introduce to play golf at any one time shall be three.

Prospective playing members may be admitted to the use of the Clubhouse and course as temporary members for a period of three months only, subject to the approval of the Committee and upon payment of fees fixed by the Committee. Such persons may be eligible for admission to this category on one occasion only.

Persons aged between 18 and 22 who are in full time education and have been Junior members of a recognised Golf Club immediately prior to moving into the area may be admitted as temporary 5 or 6 day members subject to the approval of the Committee and upon payment of fees fixed by the Committee.

No person shall be entitled to the use of the Clubhouse or course unless he/she shall have been introduced by a member of the club either by having his/her name and other particulars which the Committee may from time to time specify entered in the Visitors' Book or by letter addressed to the Honorary Secretary by such member. A member may introduce a friend or friends to the use of the Clubhouse only, without incurring any fee provided that any charges incurred by such a friend or friends be discharged by the member whilst the member who introduces the visitor/s is present.

Visitors to, or temporarily resident in or near the district of Didsbury, may be admitted to the use of the Clubhouse and course as temporary members for a period or periods of not less than one month and not exceeding in the aggregate six months in any one calendar year on the written introduction of two members and subject to the approval of the Committee upon payment of fees fixed by the Committee.

Such temporary members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership except that they shall not be eligible to enter competitions or have any share or interest in the assets of the club or have any voice in the management of the Club.

Subject to any restrictions which may from time to time be imposed by the Committee, the following persons shall be entitled to admission to the Club premises and be allowed to purchase and consume intoxicating liquor on the premises, viz:

- i) Golfers on payment of the appropriate green fee.

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- ii) Those non-members attending any event organised by the Club except that these shall not exceed 12 such events in any one year.
- iii) Members of visiting Clubs or organisations engaged in sporting or recreational events, competitions, or tournaments in which members of Didsbury Golf Club are eligible to compete.

#### **17. NON-PLAYING MEMBERS**

The Committee may elect as non-playing members:

- (a) former members of the club who have ceased active participation in the game.
- (b) other applicants for Non-Playing Membership.

Non-Playing members shall not be permitted to play on the course (except on payment of the Green Fee mentioned in Rule No.13). They shall have no interest in the assets of the Club nor any voice in the management of the Club.

The number of Non-Playing members shall not exceed 100.

#### **18. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

The Committee may elect as Associate Members:

- (a) former members of the club who have resigned from playing membership more than one year before their application date to this category, unless the Directors deem that there are special circumstances.
- (b) other applicants for Associate Membership.

Associate Members will be required to pay an annual subscription and a green fee equivalent to the visitor with member rate each time they play.

Associate Members are subject to the same entry requirements as applicants for playing membership. They shall have no interest in the assets of the Club nor any voice in the management of the Club. They are eligible to compete in competitions, other than Saturdays, as determined by the Directors.

The number of Associate Members shall be limited by a factor of two times the number of vacancies available in the overall membership limit as set out in Rule 15. All other conditions relating to Associate Membership will be determined by the Directors.

#### **19. JUNIOR MEMBERS**

The Committee may elect Junior Members, boys and girls (up to their 18th birthday) subject to the conditions as laid down in the Bye-Laws. Nothing in this rule shall prevent anyone being elected a member on attaining the age of 18 years.

The number of Junior Members shall not exceed 75.

#### **20. RESIGNATION**

Any member wishing to resign from the club shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than the 25th March in each year and shall pay all monies owing by him/her to the club on the date of such notice.

#### **21. DOGS**

No dogs will be allowed in the club house or on the course.

#### **22. BYE-LAWS**

The Committee shall have power to make and amend Bye-Laws as they consider desirable provided that nothing in the Bye-Laws shall contradict any rule of the Club.

#### **23. BAR**

The hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied or consumed in the club will be displayed on the notice board.

#### **24. ALTERATION OF RULES**

The Rules of the Club shall be altered only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. but not (if relevant) so as to jeopardise the Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002 and not in any event to alter its purposes or winding up provisions. The Club purposes may be changed to include another eligible sport if the committee unanimously agree and the members also agreed the change by a 75% majority of votes cast. Any proposed alterations must be sent in writing to the Honorary Secretary in time to permit him/her to indicate the general nature thereof of each member before the meeting.

*(As amended following the AGM of 09.10.10).*