



# **EVESHAM GOLF CLUB**

## **Rules, Byelaws and Course Rules & Regulations**

**Amended 2019**

**Rule 1.**

The Club shall be called "The Evesham Golf Club."

**Rule 2.**

The Club is formed to provide for members a Golf Course and Clubhouse and to supply members and guests with refreshments and all things incidental to the playing of golf.

**Rule 3.**

The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee (herein called the Committee) consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair (when appropriate), Men's Captain, Ladies' Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Head of Greens, Head of House and Head of Marketing elected from the members (herein called the Officers).

**Rule 4.**

The Chair and Vice Chair, shall be proposed, seconded and elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Club. They shall hold office for three years, when they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election for a further three years only. The Vice Chair may, alternatively, be appointed for a period of one year, prior to being proposed as a candidate for the position of Chair the following year.

The Club Captain who shall either be the current Men's or Ladies' Captain, shall be proposed, seconded and elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Club.

The elected Men's and Ladies' Captains once proposed, seconded, and elected to the Committee at an Annual General Meeting, will hold office on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club following their appointment, and will not hold any other office apart from Club Captain during this period.

The Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Head of Greens, Head of House and Head of Marketing shall be proposed, seconded and elected at an Annual General Meeting, and hold office for three years and be eligible for re-election.

**Rule 5.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year in the month of February at such time and place as the Committee shall determine.

The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Section shall be held in January in the Clubhouse at such time the Men's Captain shall determine.

The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Section shall be held in January in the Clubhouse at such time the Ladies' Captain shall determine.

**Rule 6.**

The election of Officers to the Committee shall take place at an Annual General Meeting of the Club in the following manner:

1. Not less than 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting in each year, the Club Secretary shall post on the Notice Board in the main Club Room a Notice containing five columns headed respectively: -

- (a) Office
- (b) Name of Nominee
- (c) Proposer (Signature)
- (d) Secunder (Signature)
- (e) Signature of nominee assenting to their nomination.

2. Any two members of the Club may nominate a member with three years' full membership to serve on the Committee. The name of the member so nominated shall be written on the list referred to above not less than 48 hours prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting. Each member present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote for people nominated. In the event of the number of nominations exceeding the number of vacancies, voting for membership of the Committee shall be by ballot. In the event of there being an insufficient number of candidates nominated at an AGM, the Committee, so elected, shall be entitled to fill the remaining vacancies from Members of the Club as aforesaid, and any member with three years' full membership so chosen

shall retire at the following Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

3. Any casual vacancy on the Committee may be filled by the Committee and any member with three years' full membership so chosen shall retire at the following Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

4. Members may at any time call an Extraordinary General Meeting under the procedures set out in Rule 32 (b) to propose a vote of no confidence in any Committee member.

#### **Rule 7.**

The Committee, in addition to the powers hereinafter specifically conferred upon it, shall have control of the finances of the Club (which may include from time to time necessary changes to policy regarding entrance fee and subscription levels), the power to engage, control and dismiss the Club Servants, and all such administrative powers as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the objects of the Club in accordance with its Rules. The Committee is authorised to indemnify the Bank whenever necessary for the conduct of the Club's business. Any permanent variation to the agreed rules and constitution will be offered for approval by the membership at a subsequent AGM.

#### **Rule 8.**

(a) The Chair shall preside at the meetings of the Club and of the Committee. The Chair, or in their absence the Vice Chair or the duly appointed Chair of the meeting, shall have a second or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes. The Chair shall lead and direct a club Development Sub Committee which, in addition to the Vice Chair, will consist of at least two members selected by the Chair.

The Chair will report to the Club at least once a year.

The Vice Chair, in the absence of the Chair, will act as Chair at the meetings of the Club and of the Committee and will serve on the Development Sub Committee. It is recognised that the Vice Chair position may not always be filled but that it is advisable for it to be filled by the role-holder for one year, at least, before they are elected as Chair.

The Chair or Vice Chair may not be elected as Men's or Ladies' Captain during their terms of office.

The Chair will not pay an annual subscription and will maintain full playing rights

(b) The Head of Greens will be responsible for all aspects of maintenance and development of the Golf Course and the supervision of greens staff. They will appoint a Health & Safety Officer and may Chair a Greens Committee which may, in addition to the Head of Greens, consist of at least one member from each of the Men's and Ladies' section selected by the Captains of those sections. The Head of Greens will not pay an annual subscription and will maintain full playing rights.

(c) The Head of House will be responsible for the clubhouse, chairing the House Committee which may, in addition to the Head of House, consist of at least one member from each of the Men's and Ladies' section selected by the Captains of those sections. They will be responsible for the management and organisation of the bar, catering and the associated staff. They will oversee the formation of a Social Committee and they will be the line manager for the Club Steward. They will liaise with the Health & Safety Officer regarding issues relevant to the clubhouse and its activities.

The Head of House will not pay an annual subscription and will maintain full playing rights.

(d) The Head of Marketing will be responsible for all aspects of marketing the Club including brand management and advertising. They will organise promotional activities, within an agreed budget, and this may include open days. The Head of Marketing will liaise with the Captains of the sections to ensure that marketing activities are co-ordinated and they will nominate members to join the marketing sub-committee. The main purpose of their role is to keep existing members satisfied and to generate a flow of new members.

#### **Rule 9.**

The Honorary Secretary will action all club administration and the decisions of the Committee, shall conduct all the correspondence of the Club, and shall maintain Minutes of the meetings of the Committee and of the Club's Annual General or other meetings. Those Minutes, subject to appropriate redaction if there is sensitive personal information contained in them, will be open to inspection at the Annual General Meeting and all members shall have a right to peruse and inspect the same, at that time, or by written request to the Secretary. They will also be available via the club website and will be displayed for a period of 4 weeks on the Notice Board.

The Honorary Secretary will receive an Honorarium determined by the Committee for services, or will not pay an annual subscription, and will maintain full playing rights.

**Rule 10.**

The Honorary Treasurer will be responsible for all aspects of finance, financial planning and budgets and will provide the Committee with relevant financial information to enable them to run the club efficiently. They will keep the accounts of the Club and prepare the annual statements of accounts and balance sheet of the Club to the 31st December in each year which shall, after audit, be printed and circulated amongst all members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

The Honorary Treasurer will receive an Honorarium determined by the Committee for services, or will not pay an annual subscription, and will maintain full playing rights.

**Rule 11.**

A Chartered Accountant shall be appointed as an Independent Examiner at each Annual General Meeting to examine the annual statement of accounts and shall certify the same before they are printed and published.

**Rule 12. (a) Men's Section**

Men members will at their Section Annual General Meeting elect a Captain to chair a Men's Section Committee which may include a vice captain, secretary and treasurer, and such other male members as they may decide to be in charge of all golfing matters for men, including handicaps, competitions, fixtures, team selections, junior golf, and new applicants to the club. The Men's Section Committee shall be responsible for financing its own competitions and other functions. Any proposal or arrangement affecting the Club as a whole shall be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary to be approved by the Committee before taking effect. The Men's Section Committee shall not expend any Club monies without the authority of the Committee. The Men's Captain will serve on the Committee, and report golfing matters accordingly. The Men's Vice Captain will serve in his absence. The Men's Captain will not pay an annual subscription, and will maintain full playing rights.

**Rule 12 (b) Ladies' Section.**

Lady members will at their Section AGM elect a Captain to chair a Ladies Section Committee which may include a vice captain, secretary and treasurer, and such other female members as they may decide to be in charge of all golfing matters for ladies including handicaps, competitions, fixtures, team selections, junior golf, and new applicants to the club. The Ladies' Section Committee shall be responsible for financing its own competitions and other functions. Any proposal or arrangement affecting the Club as a whole shall be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary to be approved by the Committee before taking effect. The Ladies' Section Committee shall not expend any Club monies without the authority of the Committee. The Ladies' Captain will serve on the Committee, and report golfing matters accordingly. The Ladies' Vice Captain will serve in her absence. The Ladies' Captain will not pay an annual subscription, and will maintain full playing rights.

**Rule 13. Seniors' Section.**

Men members who are over 55 years of age may elect a Seniors' Committee consisting of a Seniors' Captain, Seniors' Secretary and Seniors' Treasurer and such other members as they may decide for the Purpose of arranging Competitions and matches with similar sections of other Golf Clubs. The Seniors' Section shall, subject to the approval of the Committee, arrange the competitions for the Seniors' Section trophies and shall be responsible for financing any such competitions. The handicaps for senior members will be allocated by the Men's Section Handicap Committee.

The Seniors' Captain will be awarded a bursary, to be decided by the Committee annually, towards the cost of his tenure.

**Rule 14. Main Sub-Committees.**

Without prejudice to Rule 15 there may be four main Sub-Committees, being Development, Greens, House and Marketing.

The Development Sub-Committee will be responsible for strategy, long-term planning and finance and consist of the Chair, Vice Chair and such other elected or co – opted members, not being less than two in number.

The Greens Sub-Committee may manage and control the golf course and ground staff, and consist of the Head of Greens and such other nominated or co-opted members, not being less than two in number.

The House Sub-Committee may manage and control the Clubhouse, Clubhouse staff and all facilities of the Clubhouse including the bar, and purchase of and supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor and other drinks and consist of the Head of House and such other nominated or co-opted members not being less than two in number.

The Captains, or Vice Captains in their absence, shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees. Sub Committees should publish and display minutes of meetings on the Club notice board.

**Rule 15.** Sub-Committees other than main Sub-Committees.

The Committee may also appoint such sub-committees as they think fit and delegate matters to them and may co-opt to any sub-committee any member who is not a member of the Committee. The Captains, or Vice Captains in their absence, shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees

**Rule 16.**

1) Full Membership.

a) This class of membership shall apply to members of the Club who have attained the age of 21 years, who have been duly elected and paid a full subscription in accordance with these Rules or have qualified for a reduction of the full subscription in accordance with Rule 18 (b) or Rule 19. The total number of Full members paying a full or reduced subscription shall be 370. All members must abide by the Byelaws/Guidelines laid down by the Management Committee.

b) Equity Members

- i) All playing members of the Club as at 22.2.18, except a small number who joined since 28.02.17 and who declined the offer of paying a joining fee accepting that this precluded them from having an equity stake, are agreed as having an existing equity stake in the Club and are 'Equity Members'. This includes members who joined before 28.02.17 but who might not have paid a joining fee.
- ii) All new playing members of the Club aged 21 or over (other than those on the Introductory Memberships) will have the opportunity to become Equity Members on payment of a sum (additional to their playing subscription) equivalent to the cost of one year's Full Annual Membership subscription. Such payment may be made in full at the time of joining or by spreading the cost over up to 5 years by making equal annual payments with no interest accruing.
- iii) New members who choose not to become Equity members will be Non-equity Members. They will not have a share in the assets or liabilities of the Club and will not have voting rights at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings (GMs) of the Club. They can attend GMs.
- iv) Any Non-Equity Members who subsequently wish to acquire Equity membership may make application to the Secretary who will put their case to the Management Committee. If their application is successful, they will pay the appropriate fee due at that time as outlined in 2 above.
- v) Any individual's right to equity in the Club shall cease at such time as that individual's playing membership lapses.
- vi) Previous members who are re-joining the Club as playing members and have previously paid a joining fee may restore their Equity Membership on payment of a restoration fee of £100.
- vii) It is noted that the Club may in the future:
  - offer different subscription rates for various playing categories to Equity and Non- Equity members,
  - make Equity Membership a condition of joining the Club.

2) New Membership Options (agreed at 2018 AGM):

In addition to the standard 7-day playing membership several alternative membership types exist as follows:

<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
5-day Membership	can play weekdays and Bank Holidays.
5-day "plus" Membership	as 5-day plus after 2 p.m. weekends (competitions/matches allowing); replaces Gold membership. <b><i>This category no longer available to new applicants.</i></b>
Summer Membership	can play April to September inclusive – can upgrade to full membership for an additional £150 in that year.
Winter Membership	can play December to March inclusive.
Executive Membership	can play Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays at any time or weekdays after 3 p.m. (competitions/matches allowing).

Executive Lite	can play weekdays after 3 p.m. and weekends and bank holidays after 2 p.m. (competitions/matches allowing).
Age Related Membership (21–25 years of age)	access as full membership
Age Related Membership (26–30 years of age)	access as full membership
Age Related Membership (31–39 years of age)	access as full membership
3-month Introductory Membership	Can play all days except Saturdays –
6-month Introductory Membership	Can play all days except Saturdays (Note: 3 and/or 6 months Introductory schemes only available twice.)
Flexible Membership	fixed payment then green fees per round.
Facility Membership	social membership plus practice facilities

### 3) Junior Membership.

- a) A Junior Member shall be a Member who is under the age of 21 and must have been duly elected and paid a subscription in accordance with these Rules. The maximum number of members shall be 50, or as determined by the Committee.
- b) A Junior Member may become a Full playing member on attaining the age of 21 years, and must write to the Committee with a recommendation from the Junior organiser supporting this request.
- c) Once accepted as a Full playing member, the former Junior Member will become liable to pay the Entrance Fee applying at the time less an allowance of 20% for every completed year of membership.
- d) There shall be two classes of Junior Membership.
  - (i) Provisional Junior.  
Being newly admitted or not having attained a sufficient understanding of the Rules and Etiquette and not reached a proficient standard as determined by the Junior Organiser, The Professional or the Assistant Professional. They may only use the course during organised playing times or if accompanied by a member of Evesham Golf Club, and are not allowed to invite guests at any time. If after a reasonable period, minimum twelve months, the Junior Organiser is not satisfied that a Provisional Junior Member can be confirmed as a Full Junior, then at the discretion of the Committee that person shall cease to be a member.
  - ii) Full Junior.  
Must be recommended for full Junior Membership by Junior Organiser and approved by the Committee. Providing they have the approval of the Captain they may play on the course unaccompanied and may play in full club competitions if there are vacant spots. May also with prior permission invite one guest only at the reduced green fee on weekdays but not at weekends or on Bank Holidays.
- e) The following conditions will apply to all classes of Junior Membership: -
  - (i) Are not permitted to purchase intoxicating liquor if under age of 18.
  - (ii) Do not have Voting Rights and cannot vote at any general meetings of the Club.
  - (iii) Juniors are responsible to the Junior Organiser at all times.

Junior members who do not conform to the Rules and Bye-laws of the Club, Etiquette of the Game, or conduct themselves properly on the Course or in the Club House shall receive one written warning, and any further infringement will result in suspension or cessation of membership solely at the discretion of Committee whose decision shall be final on all matters.

### 4) Social Membership

A social member shall be a member who has been duly elected and who has paid a subscription in accordance with Rule 18 hereof. Social members shall be entitled to the use of the clubhouse facilities only.

5) Country membership.

Shall be limited to a maximum of 20 people who must reside a minimum of 50 miles from the Club, who shall:

- have 5 years' unbroken membership of the Club before moving away from the area, or
- be members of another established Golf Club and have a current handicap, or
- be accepted for other reasons accepted by the Committee.

6) Concessionary Membership.

Members of 15 years' standing with the Club may apply to the Committee in writing for this category of membership with an annual subscription determined by the Committee. Any decision by the Committee will be based on the confidential assessment of each individual case and will be final.

**Rule 17.**

The entrance fee for full members shall be a sum equal to the annual subscription for full membership at the rate in force at the time of election to the Club.

**Rule 18.**

**Annual Subscriptions.**

The Annual Subscriptions all be payable as follows: -

(a) Full Membership shall be fixed at a General Meeting from time to time.

Married Couples Membership – Two full memberships less £100.

Family Membership (as married couples but children/grandchildren under 12 free) – Two full memberships less £100.

(b) Full Membership Age-Related as determined by the Committee from time to time:

21 - 25 years 55% of Full Annual Subscription.

26 - 30 years 75% of Full Annual Subscription.

31 - 39 years 90% of Full Annual Subscription.

**2018 Membership Options.**

Adult full membership 5-day – Full membership less £150.

Adult full membership 5-day Plus – Full membership less £100.

Summer Membership – Full membership less £150.

Executive Membership – Full membership less £150.

Executive Membership Lite – Full membership less £350.

Flexible Membership - £300 (or as determined by the Committee) plus member's guest green fee per round

Winter Membership - £230.00 (or as determined by the Committee).

Facility Membership - £95 (or as determined by the Committee).

**Special Introductory Memberships**

3-month membership £250.

6-month membership £450.

Or as determined by the Committee from time to time.

**Junior Membership.**

Under 12 years of age £25 per annum no EGU fees.

12 - 16 years £95 per annum plus EGU fees

17 - 20 years £150 per annum plus EGU fees

Or as determined by the Committee from time to time.

**Social Membership:** 5% of Full Subscription.

**Country Membership:** 30% of Full Subscription (and joining fee at 30% of full subscription when they join).

**Rule 19.**

Full members under a previous qualification of age and continued membership will be allowed to retain a £60 reduction on their annual subscription. However, this allowance has been ceased and is no longer offered.

**Rule 20.**

The annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on 1st April each year. No member whose subscription is in arrears can compete for any club prize or vote at any meeting. Any member whose subscription is unpaid on 1st May in any year shall cease to be a member and their name shall be erased from the Club Book and the Club shall be under no liability to give the member written notice of their intention. A member whose name is erased in accordance with this Rule may apply for re-election to the Club upon giving to the Committee a sufficient and adequate reason for their failure to pay the subscription on the due date. The decision of the Committee as to the member's re-election or otherwise shall be final and absolute. In the case of a member paying by 10 monthly direct debit payments, a service charge as determined by Committee from time to time will be added, and all conditions will apply.

**Rule 21.**

On the recommendation of the Committee a member of the Club may be nominated for election to Life Membership. The election of a Life Member shall be at any general meeting of the Club and it shall require the assent of two thirds of those members who are present at the general meeting and who are entitled to vote and voting.

A member who is elected to Life Membership shall thereafter be entitled to all the privileges of membership enjoyed at time of election to such membership without paying the annual subscription or any special payment for such Life Membership.

**Rule 22.**

The expression "member of the Club" shall unless otherwise stated, include all the aforementioned classes of membership.

**Rule 23.**

Candidates for election to the Club who have completed an application form, shall be elected only by the committee as defined in these Rules. A candidate for membership should be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club who must have paid their current membership fees and discharged all other liabilities to the Club arising under or by virtue of any of these Rules or produce from the Secretary of another Golf Club a letter of recommendation which the Committee consider to be satisfactory. A Candidate's application form shall be posted by the Club Secretary on the Club Notice Board at least 14 days before interviewing the candidate prior to accepting to the Club or waiting lists. When vacancies arise, an informal interview shall be arranged to introduce the candidate to the Chairman and Officers of the Club.

On election of a new member, the Club Secretary shall notify the candidate in writing furnishing them with a copy of the Rules and a request for them to pay their entrance fee and first annual subscription. No member shall enjoy any of the benefits or privileges of the Club until such payment or payment arrangement shall have been made.

**Rule 24.**

The Committee may give precedence in election to established golfers and in respect of such election the decisions of the Committee shall be final and binding.

**Rule 25.**

A Full Member elected in accordance with these Rules shall be entitled to introduce up to 3 guests, at a reduced fee (to be set by the Committee from time to time), providing that the member is playing with them and providing that no person whose application has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest.

The member introducing a guest shall enter the name and address of the guest together with their own name and address in a book which shall be kept at the clubhouse (Professional's Shop). A guest introduced under this Rule shall be entitled to the use of the clubhouse and course upon the payment of such fees as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Committee.

**Rule 26.**

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 to purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises viz:

- a) Any member of a recognised Golf Club visiting the Club Course for the purpose of a competition or match or other event arranged by any Section of the Club.
- b) Recognised Golfers on payment of the appropriate green fee and members' guests.



- c) Those attending any function organised by the Club.
- d) Any person introduced by a member providing they have signed the Visitors' Book kept in the Bar.

**Rule 27.**

Visitors in accordance with Rules 25 and 26 above shall abide by the Rules of the Club which shall be deemed to be applicable to them whilst they are upon the Club premises. A member of the Committee may refuse permission for any visitor to use the Club premises and the Golf Course if in the opinion of that member of the Committee, or of any of the members present, the visitor is acting in an inappropriate manner or is a person who has been denied Club privileges for any purpose whatsoever.

**Rule 28.**

On days when Competitions have been arranged on the Course, the players in the competition shall have precedence over all other members. The Committee may at their discretion close the course or restrict playing times to non-competitors on those days.

**Rule 29.**

- a) The permitted hours for the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquors shall be Monday to Saturday, 11.30 am - 2.00 pm and 4.30 pm - 10.30 pm. Sunday, Christmas Day 12 noon - 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm or such as may from time to time be determined by the Committee in accordance with the Licensing Laws laid down by the Local Licensing Authority under the relevant Acts in force at that time, which will be displayed in the Club House. Members and their guests and other persons who are authorised by these Rules to enter the club are entitled to be served with intoxicating liquors, subject to transitional provisions of the Licensing Act 1964.
- b) Management and organisation of the bar shall be the responsibility of the Head of House who shall appoint a Bar Steward (whether paid or not) and the Bar Steward shall keep an account of the bar takings and shall account to the Treasurer or Head of House in respect thereof at least once in every week.
- c) The Bar Steward will be responsible for opening and closing the bar at the appropriate times and for complying with the licensing laws with regard to the sale of intoxicating liquor.
- d) The Steward shall not be permitted to place any order for intoxicating liquors or other drinks or food for sale in the bar without the consent of the Head of House. A regular audit of stock held in the bar shall be undertaken and for that purpose the Head of House and the Steward shall keep all appropriate books and records relating to purchases and sales.
- e) The Honorary Treasurer and the Head of House shall carry out regular audits of the bar takings and regular stock takings and shall report any deficiency to the Committee.

**Rule 30.**

A member may at any time resign their membership of the Club by giving notice in writing to the Secretary to that effect. The member resigning shall continue to be liable for any annual subscription which is due and unpaid at the date of their resignation. A member who resigns their membership, having discharged all of their obligations and liabilities to the Club, and who wishes to apply for re-election, may be proposed, seconded and elected in accordance with these Rules. They will receive priority on re-admittance, when a vacancy arises, at the discretion of the Committee whose decision shall be final. A returning member who has paid an Entrance Fee previously will be exempt from another payment of such should it apply. The Committee may at their discretion refund a part of the subscription to a member resigning or dependents of a deceased member.

**Rule 31.**

No member shall be expelled from the Club except as provided in this Rule. Every member shall be bound by and submit to the rules, bye laws and course regulations of the Club. Any member found in contravention of these rules may be suspended forthwith by the Chairman or Club Captain for a period of 21 days during which time the member's conduct will be considered by the Committee. Where circumstances exist requiring the membership of any member to be considered by the Committee, a notice signed by five members shall be delivered to the Secretary describing the circumstances that give rise to the notice. The Secretary shall thereafter communicate with such member informing them that they must, within 21 days, give a written explanation of the conduct complained of or may appear before the Committee to explain their actions or, alternatively, resign their membership of the Club as provided by these Rules. The Secretary shall summon a meeting of the Committee to be held at the expiration of the 21-day period. The Committee will consider the Notice submitted by the five members as herein described and shall also consider any observations

forwarded by the member. If a two thirds majority of the members of the Committee present vote for the member's expulsion, the member shall be deemed to be expelled from the Club and all their rights and privileges in respect of Club membership shall be deemed to have come to an end on the date of the meeting when the resolution for expulsion shall have been passed. The decision of the Committee as to the expulsion of a member shall be final and binding. However, any member so expelled has the right to require the Committee to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to apply for reinstatement, which must be confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting. Any member expelled in accordance with the Rules or otherwise ceasing to be a member shall forfeit all such rights to, or claims upon, the Club or its property or funds, as they otherwise would have by reason of membership.

**Rule 32.**

(a) The Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting when any matter of urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so on receiving a requisition signed by twelve members of the Club.

(b) If necessary, the Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting should a Vote of no Confidence be received against any member of the Committee signed by twelve members of the Club. If a two thirds majority of those present and voting at such a meeting agree to the motion, the member of the Committee concerned will resign.

**Rule 33.**

At least fourteen days' notice of any General Meeting, specifying the business to be transacted and the day, place and hour of meeting, shall be sent to every member by letter or email to their address in the Club Register. A Quorum for a General Meeting shall be fifteen.

**Rule 34.**

No Rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered and no new Rule shall be made, save by not less than a two thirds majority of the members present entitled to vote and voting at a General Meeting. One calendar month's notice of the intention to propose any new Rule or alteration shall be given to the Secretary who shall send notice of the same to every member to their address in the Club Register, or to their email address, at least fourteen days before the General Meeting.

(a) Such voting to be by show of hands or by ballot as may be decided by a simple majority of the members present and entitled to vote and voting at the General Meeting at which amendments of the Rules are proposed.

(b) A member who is entitled to vote but is unable to be present at any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting may record a "Yes" or "No" for any motion on the agenda of that meeting by giving such notification in writing, duly dated and signed, to the Secretary not less than 7 days before that meeting.

(c) In cases where postal approval is sought, a "Yes" or "No" vote from those entitled to vote will be required by the date duly stated on the notice.

(d) If the Club Rules are amended, the Secretary shall give written notice of the alteration to the Chief Officer of Police, Clerk to the Justices and the Clerk to the Local Authority, as appropriate, within 28 days of the amendment.

**Rule 35.**

The Committee is empowered to make, repeal and amend such bye-laws as they may from time to time to consider necessary for the well-being of the Club, which bye-laws repeals and amendments all have effect until otherwise determined by the Committee or a General Meeting.

**Rule 36.**

All complaints shall be made in writing to the Secretary, who shall submit them to the Committee whose decision shall be final. In no instance shall a servant of the Club be instructed or reprimanded directly by a member.

**Rule 37.**

The property of the Club shall be vested in four trustees, who shall be appointed by the Committee, and who will hold office for up to eight years. The Committee shall have power to remove any of the trustees and all vacancies occurring by removal, resignation or death, may be filled by the Committee. The trustees shall have power to invest money and adopt such measures as may appear to them necessary in the interest of the Club, subject to the approval of the Committee. The members of the Club hereby indemnify the Committee and the Trustees for the time being against all claims and liabilities as shown in the balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting each year when the accounts are passed and also against all claims and liabilities which are normally incurred from time to time in the management of the Club.

**Rule 38.**

Members are required to pay all expenses they incur on their own behalf, or for their visitors, in the clubhouse or on the course before they leave the premises.

**Rule 39.**

Every member shall from time to time communicate to the Secretary their postal address and, where appropriate, their email address, or the address of their banker or agent. Such address shall be inserted in the Register of members and all notices sent by post to such address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered on the day following the date of posting.

**Rule 40.**

The Rules of the game of golf as adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, except in so far as they are modified by Bye-Laws and Course Regulations of the Club, shall be played.

**Rule 41.**

All previous Rules, Bye-Laws and Course Regulations are hereby rescinded.

**Rule 42.**

Any surplus moneys or profit arising from its exempt playing activities or the operation of the bar or from functions run by the Club or from investments made by the Trustees shall be used only for the benefit of the Club members or in the improvement of the Club premises or the provision of new or improved facilities for the Club members or for such purposes connected with the Club or for such charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined by resolution of the members. On the winding up or dissolution of the Club, the distribution of any surplus funds will be made to its members, or another non-profit making body.

**Rule 43.** The Club shall comply with all the conditions required by the English Golf Union and County as conditions of affiliation.

The Secretary  
January 2019

# BYELAWS EVESHAM GOLF CLUB

**DRESS IN THE CLUB HOUSE.** Members, guests and visitors using the lounge bar and dining room must be suitably dressed at all times. Gentlemen using the dining room after 7.00pm for formal meals are normally expected to wear a jacket and tie. Casual wear, which must be clean and tidy, may be worn in the lounge, but preferably not the clothes in which golf has been played. The Captain or an Officer of the Club may relax the Dress Rules on a hot day, or at their discretion.

## DRESS ON THE COURSE

Men: Collared shirt or golf style mock neck/polo shirt.  
Ladies: Sleeveless shirts with collar.  
Men: Long trousers/plus2s/4s knee length tailored shorts.  
Ladies: Trousers/cropped, culottes, skirts or tailored shorts.  
Socks: Knee length, predominantly white ankle socks, or trainer socks.  
**Not Acceptable:** Collarless tee shirt/hoodies, shirt not tucked in, cargo style trousers/shorts. Beach shorts/jogging wear. Track suits/leggings/denim jeans. Trousers tucked in socks or rolled up.

## LOCKER ROOMS AND CORRIDOR.

Members are asked to clean their shoes thoroughly before entering. Bags, clubs and trolleys must not be left in the corridor, but taken straight through to the member's locker.

**NOTICES.** Notices may only be posted on the Club's notice boards with the authority of the Captains or Secretary. No paper, notice or placard written or printed shall be exhibited, put in the Clubhouse or in any way brought to the notice of members without the sanction of the Captains or Secretary. No member shall take away or shall injure or destroy any newspaper, pamphlet, book or other article, the property of the Club or deface or alter any notice posted for the information of the members.

**VISITORS AND GUESTS.** Members are responsible for their guests' playing ability, conduct and dress.

**DOGS.** No dogs shall be allowed on the course, or on the Clubhouse property or surrounds, without the prior permission of the Secretary.

**INSURANCE.** The Club general insurance policy covers all players, guests or visitors for any injury or damage to persons or property caused by a ball being struck on or from the course. Full cover against all risks for players' bags, clubs and other equipment, whether on the course, in the Clubhouse or elsewhere, is entirely their own responsibility and the Club devolves itself of any liability. The Club operates a membership insurance policy via GolfPlan which provides individual cover at extremely competitive rates. More information is available from the Secretary.

**PARKING.** Cars are parked in the club car park at the owner's risk and they should be parked to avoid inconveniencing other drivers. On days when the official club parking area is full, the overflow park on the land incorporating the practice area, should be used. **The cafe/tenants' car park must not be used at any time.**

**FOOD AND BEVERAGES.** Food/Beverages consumed on the premises must be purchased from the Steward or the Bar.

**ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.** Members' attention is drawn to the fact that alcoholic drinks cannot be purchased by persons under the age of 18 years, visitors and guests may only do so in accordance with Rule 26. Only alcoholic drinks bought at the club may be consumed on the premises.

**PRIVATE PARTIES.** Private parties or functions must be authorised by the Committee.

**SMOKING.** Smoking is prohibited in all parts of the Club including buildings and, in particular, the areas where food is served which include the Bar, Lounge, Patio, and Kitchen. Members must not smoke at Patio tables where

food is served and they must dispose of all butts safely. Cigarette butts must not be dropped/left anywhere at the club apart from in receptacles provided for that purpose.

**MOBILE PHONES.** Members are requested to have phones set to silent mode and no calls may be made in the Bar/Dining Room.

# COURSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

**ETIQUETTE.** The etiquette of the game must be observed at all times and, on priority must be given to two-balls if they are being held up. Members are asked to act in a courteous manner at all times and not to cross over the 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> fairway whilst players are on the tee or likely to interfere with those playing the hole.

**ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINT.** The only official alternative starting point to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee for friendly games is the 4<sup>th</sup> tee. It should only be used if the 1<sup>st</sup> tee is occupied, and then only providing any match playing the 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> has not played their second shots and are not likely to be held up.

**All Club Matches and Competitions must start at the 1st Tee** (unless there is a shotgun start).

**DESIGNATED ROUND.** Is normally 9 or 18 holes, but on this course a lesser number of 12 or 15 holes will be classed as such providing it is an officially designated competition. (This mainly applies during the winter months).

## **PLAYING GOLF AND CLOSURE OF COURSE TO NON-COMPETITORS.**

Diary entries and any other notified Official Competitions prevent non-entrants from plying until ALL players in that competition are forward of the 10th tee in the last session of any particular 18-hole competition.

\*\*A competition on a Saturday will normally have a morning and an afternoon session.

\*\* A competition on a Tuesday in summer hours will normally have tee times from 8.30am until 8.45am when non-entrants may follow. The 1st and 10th tees will then be reserved from 11.30am until clear at approximately 3.30pm.

Competitions with shotgun starts close the course to non-competitors in the session allocated.

Diary entries and any other notified official club matches have the 1st tee reserved until clear and matches when they are approaching the 10th. tee should be given priority.

\*\* Senior matches only starting at 8.30am or 9.00am will start from the 1st and 17th tee until clear.

**PRIORITY.** The Club Captain has priority on the 1st tee at all times. Players starting at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee must give way to those who have commenced playing the 9<sup>th</sup> hole and thereafter alternate.

**COMPETITIONS.** All matches must tee off promptly when allocated a specific teeing time. Players in Knock-Outs should carry a Priority Wrapper on their bag to enable those in front to call them through.

**MULTI PRACTICE SHOTS.** May only be played within the designated practice areas and not on the course. All long iron or wood practice shots must be played on the practice area across the road. Single players have no status or priority on the course and must only play a maximum of two balls.

**SLOW PLAY – LOST BALLS.** Members are requested to avoid slow play and where a match has lost a clear hole, they must call through those following. Where it is obvious that a ball may be lost or difficult to find, after a quick search call those following through and then make a more thorough search afterwards.

**PITCH MARKS – DIVOTS – BUNKERS.** The Rules of Golf require that players repair Pitch Marks, replace Divots and rake out Bunkers, leaving the Course in the condition they would like to find it.

**APPROACH TO 8<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> GREEN.** Approach shots must not be played towards the green until the previous match, after leaving the green, has reached the 18th Tee.

**BUGGIES.** All owners of ride on buggies must ensure that their machines are properly maintained. They must be ridden carefully and courteously and without causing damage to the course. In particular, they must not be taken close to greens and approach areas. Where possible, they should be ridden in the rough and not on fairways.

**TRACTOR MARKS.** If a ball comes to rest in a tractor mark, it may be lifted cleaned and dropped without penalty.

**TROLLEYS.** Must not be taken across Tees or edges of Greens and kept clear of areas designated by a white line or hoops. They should not be taken between bunkers and greens.

**RIVER AVON – BRIDGES – BANKS.** A ball in the river is Out of Bounds. A player may elect to play off a bridge, bank or out of a ditch without penalty.

**OUT OF BOUNDS.** Are generally defined by white posts for identification purposes but the actual line is determined by a brown or white cutting. A ball completely lying on the out of bounds line is out of bounds. An out of bounds post is an integral part of the Course and may not be removed to play a shot, R and A Rule 24(a) applies. Any ball in a hedge is not out of bounds unless it lies past the centre of the hedge line or fence.

**GLASSWARE ON COURSE.** Glass bottles or any form of glassware are strictly prohibited on the course.

**MOBILE PHONES.** Must always be in the silent mode if taken onto the course and should only be used in emergencies.

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