

Veterans' Section Rules

Name

The Section as defined by the Club Constitution shall be called the Upchurch River Valley Golf Club, Veterans' Section.

Object

To promote and foster the game of Golf for the Veterans' Section and arrange all such sporting and social activities as necessary.

Membership

The Veterans' Section shall consist of male persons having attained the age of 60 years and being members of URVGC.

Guests may be invited to play in veterans' competitions at the discretion of the Veterans' Committee. Guests will not be allowed to take part in team competitions except for the current format of the Veterans' Captain's Day.

The Game

The game of Golf within the Veterans' Section shall be played strictly in accordance with The Rules of Golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland and The Rules of Etiquette.

The Committee

The Veterans' Committee shall consist of The Captain, Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain, Club Secretary and six other members.

Captain & Vice Captain

The Captain and Vice-Captain shall be elected by the Committee and shall hold office for one year.

The term of office shall commence on the occasion of the Club's Presentation Night on a date in February.

In the event of the death or resignation of the Captain, the Vice-Captain shall assume office of the Captain until the next Club Presentation Night in February and for one year thereafter. The consequent vacancy for Vice-Captain shall be filled by election at the relevant Committee meeting. The Vice Captain so elected shall hold office until the next Club Presentation Night and for one year thereafter.

Section Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the Section records and will take and maintain minutes of all Committee meetings.

He will also be responsible for meeting agendas and the calling of Committee meetings and Annual General Meetings.

The Secretary shall also be responsible for all correspondence and communications on behalf of the Section, excluding that appertaining to competitions and matches.

Election of the Committee

- a) Members of the Section Committee shall be elected at the AGM of the section and shall hold office for three years when they shall retire. They will be eligible for re-election.
- b) Any two members of the Section may propose and second a member to serve on the Committee. The name of any member so nominated shall be submitted on a proposal form signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee, to reach the Section Secretary not less than 14 days before the General Meeting.
- c) A list of candidates for election to the Committee, indicating retiring members, shall be posted on the Veterans' notice board not less than one week before the AGM.
- d) The election of the ordinary members of the Committee shall take place following election of Captain and Vice-Captain.
- e) If more members are nominated for election as ordinary members of the Committee than there are vacancies, a ballot shall be held.
- f) If fewer candidates are nominated for election to the Committee than there are vacancies, the Committee may co-opt members as necessary to bring the number to six.

Committee Meetings

The Committee will meet on the first Monday of each month, except where such Monday is a Bank Holiday or if it is on the same day of the Club's Annual General Meeting. In case of the aforementioned, the meetings shall take place on a date mutually agreed at the previous meeting.

Any member of the Section may have an item placed on the Agenda having given seven days notice, in writing, to the Secretary.

Section Officers

At the first Section Committee meeting following the Section AGM, the Committee shall appoint the following officers:

1. Chairman (Captain)
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Competition Secretary
5. Club Committee Representative (Vice Captain).

A Committee member may hold more than one post.

Duties of the Committee

- a) For the purposes of the exercise of any of their functions, the Committee may appoint sub-committees as they deem appropriate. A sub-committee shall comprise members of the Section Committee who shall have the option to co-opt where necessary. At no time must the number of co-opted members exceed the number of those from the Section Committee.
- b) The Committee shall be responsible for the running of social functions, the arranging and running of competitions and matches and shall be responsible for all other matters pertaining to the Veterans' Section.
- c) The Committee shall be responsible for all matters of finance relating to the running of golfing affairs and the presentation of the Annual Financial Report of the Veterans' Section by the Section Treasurer. The financial year shall end on August 31st in line with the Club's accounting year.
- d) The Committee may act as a mediator in disputes in relation to Section affairs between members, but only the Club Committee of the URVGC has the power to settle such disputes.

Casual Vacancies on Committee

Any member of the Committee who without reasonable excuse fails to attend three consecutive meetings shall, unless the Committee otherwise decides, cease to be a member of the Committee and the Committee may co-opt any Section member to fill the casual vacancy. If any member of the Committee resigns during the course of the year the Committee may similarly co-opt to fill the casual vacancy.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Section will be held prior to the Club's Annual General Meeting.

At least 21 days notice shall be given of any General Meeting, indicating the business to be transacted and the day, time and place it will be held.

Any member of the Section may have an item placed on the agenda having given 14 days notice in writing to the Secretary.

Alteration to the Rules and Constitution

The Rules of the Veterans' Section may be amended at the Veterans' AGM. Proposed amendments shall be sent to the Section Secretary, in writing and signed by the proposer and seconder, at least 14 days before the date of the AGM.

Disciplinary Rules

All members of the Veterans' Section are subject to the Disciplinary Rules as laid down in the Constitution and Rules of the Upchurch River Valley Golf Club.