

RULES OF THE

Chorlton-Cum-Hardy Golf Club

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1. Name

- 1.1 The Club shall be called 'THE CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY GOLF CLUB'. Its objects shall be the playing, promoting and encouraging participation in golf, and in addition cards and any games sanctioned by the Council, and also the promotion of social activities amongst Members. The number of Members shall be within the discretion of the Council.

2. President and Vice-Presidents

- 2.1 A President and any Vice-Presidents may be appointed at any General meeting.

3. Management

- 3.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Council consisting of the Mens Captain, the Ladies Captain, the immediate Mens Ex-Captain, the Honorary Treasurer and their assistant (if any), Honorary Secretary and their assistant (if any) and twelve Members elected by the Club in Annual General Meeting. One-third of the elected Members shall retire each year by rotation and shall be eligible for re-election. The Members to retire each year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but between those who became Members at the same time, those to retire shall be decided by lot.
- 3.2 Chorlton-Cum-Hardy Golf Club is a non profit making Club and will not make any distribution of surpluses, unless the Club is dissolved or wound up. In such case the surpluses, after payment of all debts, will be disposed of to one or more of the following: to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or to the Club's governing body, the English Golf Union, for use by them for related community sports and/or to the Golf Foundation, the Charity which supports Junior Golf.

4. Officers

- 4.1 The Mens Captain, the Ladies Captain, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary (and the Assistant Honorary Treasurer and/or Secretary if the Council shall from time to time consider such appointment desirable) shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. They shall be Members ex-officio of all committees and shall be eligible for re-election.

5. Nomination and Election Of Elective Members of Council

- 5.1 Any two Voting Members of the Club may nominate any Voting Member to serve on the Council, having previously obtained their assent. A notice for the insertion of the names of the Voting Members proposed as Officers and Members of Council together with the signatures of their proposers and seconders, in their own handwriting, shall be posted and remain in the Club from the first day of February until the Monday night immediately preceding the day of election. No one shall be eligible as an Officer or Member of the Council unless they shall duly be proposed and seconded. No person shall be nominated as an Officer or to serve on Council, other than being co-opted by Council, until they have been a Voting Member for at least two years.
- 5.2 If the number of candidates does not exceed the number to be elected, the Members so nominated shall be declared elected at the Annual Meeting.
- 5.3 In case there shall not be a sufficient number of candidates nominated, the Council shall fill up the remaining vacancies.
- 5.4 If the number of nominations exceed the number to be elected, the election shall be by means of ballot papers, which shall be given to all Voting Members who are present at the Annual General Meeting. The Auditors shall be the Scrutineers and in their absence two Scrutineers shall be appointed at the Meeting by open nomination and show of hands, and they shall declare the result of the election as soon as possible, by handing to the Chairperson a report, signed by them, giving the names of, and number of votes recorded for each candidate, and distinguishing those that are elected.
- 5.5 Each Member shall be entitled to one vote for each vacancy and shall vote by making a cross against the names of each of the candidates as they may select, but the voting paper shall be null, void and of no effect if the Voting Member marking the same has exceeded the maximum number of vacancies to be filled.

6. Powers of Council

- 6.1 The Council shall meet at such time and place as it shall decide but any seven Members thereof may at any time, by notice in writing to the Secretary, request a special meeting of the Council, or the Honorary Secretary may do so at their discretion. Reasonable notice of any such meeting, stating the object of the meeting must be sent to each Member of Council. At all Council Meetings SEVEN shall form a quorum.
- 6.2 The Mens Captain or Ladies Captain shall preside at all meetings of the Council, or failing either of them, some other Member appointed at the Meeting. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 6.3 The Council may, between one Annual General Meeting and another, from among the Voting Members of the Club, fill up any vacancy, and persons so appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible as candidates for election to the Council at such Annual General Meeting.
- 6.4 The Council may hold, purchase, or take on lease, any land or buildings, and may sell, exchange, lease, or build upon the same with power to alter and pull down buildings and again rebuild, provided that no sale, exchange or lease shall be made of the Club House and premises or of any part of the course exceeding one acre in extent without the authority of a resolution passed by two-thirds of the Voting Members present and voting at a General Meeting.
- 6.5 The Council shall have power to raise such sum or sums of money either unsecured or upon the security of the Club property, real or personal, either by way of mortgage or otherwise, as it may deem expedient.

- 6.6 The Council shall also have power to invest all monies for the time being on behalf of the Club, and not immediately required for the purposes of the Club, in any modes of investment allowed by law for the investment of trust funds, and to vary such investments.
- 6.7 The Council, in addition to the powers herein specifically conferred upon it, shall have control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control and dismiss the Club servants, and all such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these Rules.
- 6.8 No individual Member of Council may dismiss an employee of the Club without Council's sanction.
- 6.9 The Council shall be empowered to make, repeal and amend, Bye-Laws and Regulations to meet the requirements of the Club, so far as the same are not provided for by these Rules, and all Bye-Laws and Regulations so made shall be binding on every Member and others using the Club until set aside or altered by the Council, but no Bye-Law or Regulation shall be valid which in any way is contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of any of these Rules. A copy of any Bye-Laws or Regulations so made shall forthwith be posted on the notice board in the Club.
- 6.10 The Council shall have powers to appoint Committees selected from its own body or from other Members of the Club to assist in the management of the Club.

**7. Powers of Council –
Election of Membership to Chorlton-Cum-Hardy Golf Club**

- 7.1 The election of Members shall be in the hands of Council. Every candidate for election shall be proposed by one Voting Member of the Club and seconded by another, both of who shall have the personal acquaintance of the Candidate. No Member shall within two years of their own election propose or second a candidate for election, nor may they propose or second more than two Members in any period of twelve months. All nominations shall be in the form prescribed by Council, shall be signed by the proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Secretary ten days before the ballot, who shall forthwith post a copy on the notice board in the Club. The votes at each election shall be taken by ballot. The Council shall not proceed to ballot for any candidate until their nomination shall have been posted for at least seven days. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or other beliefs. The unsupported application for Membership by any of the above shall be placed before a Management Committee comprising of at least three Council Members who shall consider the merits of the applicant, and, if by a unanimous vote in favour, or otherwise, shall make their findings known to the full Council. The votes for inclusion will be by ballot and a simple majority will accept the applicant as a Member. The rules concerning the processing of a normal application will apply. The decision of Council shall be final.
- 7.2 The Council shall, at their discretion, have the power to elect Five-Day and Six-Day Members at an annual subscription as shown in the table at Rule 9, the times of play for such Members being restricted to Mondays to Fridays (for Five-Day) and Sundays to Fridays (for Six-Day) inclusive. Such Members on election, shall, unless they are former Full Members, pay an entrance fee determined by Council.
- 7.3 The Council shall, at their discretion, have the power to elect Associate Members at the annual subscription in force at the time.
- 7.4 The Council shall, at their discretion, have the power to elect the spouse of any Playing Member, as a Social Member free of charge.

- 7.5 Any playing Member may apply to transfer to non-playing membership. Application to transfer must be made before the expiry of the Club year (31st March) and will be effective from the beginning of the next Club year (1st April).
- 7.6 Upon the election of a Member the Secretary shall forthwith give them notice thereof, and of any entrance fee and subscription payable by them and shall furnish them with a copy of the Club Rules. The Member shall be bound by and conform to these Rules, but shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club until all monies due from them shall be paid.

8. Entrance Fees

- 8.1 The entrance fee shall be the amount currently decided by the Council, and liability for payment of the entrance fee arises upon entry into any category of playing membership.
- 8.2 The Council may at its discretion allow entrance fees to be paid by instalments.
- 8.3 No entrance fee shall be payable by any former Member on re-election to the Club unless the amount of such fee has been increased since their original election to the Club, in which case they shall pay the difference only. When remaining new shares of The Chorlton-cum-Hardy Golf Company Limited are issued then one of the conditions for admitting new Full Members to the Chorlton-cum-Hardy Golf Club shall be that each new member purchase an old share in the Company and hold the same during their membership of the Club.

9. Subscriptions

- 9.1 All alterations to this Rule shall be decided upon by a simple majority of those voting members present at a meeting for this purpose.
- 9.2 The Council may, at its discretion, waive all or any part of the subscription due in respect of any year, payable by any Member of any category.
- 9.3 The annual subscription for a Full Playing Member shall be that last agreed at a General or Special General Meeting of the Club. However, Council may at its discretion increase the amount of subscription payable by any amount up to, but not exceeding, 4% without reference to the membership in a General or Special Meeting of the Club.
- 9.4 The annual subscription for Associate Membership shall be that last agreed at a General Meeting of the Club.
- 9.5 The annual subscription for all other categories of Membership shall be on the percentage basis of a Full Playing Member's subscription as laid down in the following tables:-

FULL PLAYING MEMBER

Age 65 and over (subject to 15 years membership
If a member joining after 5/12/79)

Voting Member 80%

Age Discounts The qualifying prior unbroken playing/non playing membership period for
Members joining after 1st February 1997 shall be:

Joining 1997 16 years

Joining 1998 17 years

Joining 1999 18 years

Joining
2000 19 years

Joining 2001 20 years

Six Day and Five Day Members discounts pro rata

Non Playing Members

10%

SIX DAY MEMBERS

Six Day Members
85%

Voting Member

FIVE DAY MEMBERS

Five Day Members
70%

Voting Member

FIVE DAY SENIOR MEMBERS (Category now closed)

Voting Member

Any Full Playing Member receiving a discount may choose to enter this Five Day category.
Members choosing to do so will receive an additional 10% discount on their subscription.
Share ownership to be retained.

PLATINUM MEMBER

Is 5 year full membership at a discount of 15% calculated on the full year membership rate at
the date of application. The membership fee is payable in full on receipt of confirmation from
the Secretary of the club.

The number of platinum memberships in the initial application period is limited to 15 existing
members and is open to all members. In the event that the scheme is oversubscribed the
memberships will be decided by a ballot. The Platinum membership is open to an unlimited
number of new members.

COMBINED

Full Member and Spouse

94%

COUNTRY MEMBERS (Category now closed)

50/100 miles from Manchester Royal Exchange

25%

Over 100 miles from Manchester Royal Exchange

10%

JUNIORS

Age 10/14 years (subject to Rule 14)

Free

The annual subscription for Associate Membership shall be that last agreed at a General Meeting of the Club.

Age Discounts New Members joining after the 1st April 2008 will not be eligible for any form of age related discount.

- 9.6 The annual subscription (14 months for 2016) shall be due and payable upon election and thereafter on April 1st each year (February for 2016). Any playing member shall be entitled to pay the subscription by ten (twelve for 2016) equal and consecutive payments provided the first payment is received by the Club by direct debit on or before 1st April (February for 2016).
- 9.7 No Member whose subscription remains unpaid on the last day of April shall be entitled to attend any meeting or compete in any competition until his/her subscription shall have been paid unless the Members have contracted to pay by Direct Debit as allowed for in these Rules. Any Member failing to maintain the payments of subscription, having elected to pay by Direct Debit, may be suspended from membership until the balance of the subscription be paid in full. Failing which his/her name will be removed from the roll on 1st September.
- 9.8 The Council may at its discretion (in addition to any other remedy it may have), after due notice given in writing by the Secretary or the Treasurer, remove from the roll the name of any Member whose subscription remains unpaid by 1st June other than those paying by Direct Debit under these Rules.
- 9.9 The Council may, at its discretion, remove the name of any new Member failing to pay his/her entrance fee or subscription within one month from the date of election to the Club.
- 9.10 In the event of the Club from time to time requiring the payment of an agreed Levy, a Member failing to pay the required amount within 30 days of the due date may be removed from the roll of Members.
- 9.11 If on the 1st April in any Club year the spouse of a Full Member shall be a Voting Member of the Club, they shall be entitled at their option, to be exercised in writing to the Honorary Secretary before the 1st May in that year, to pay a Combined subscription as shown in the table at Rule 9.
- 9.12 Non Playing Members resuming playing membership before the end of the Club year will be required to pay the full years subscription for their playing category, less the non playing members subscription already paid.

10. Resignations

10.1 Any Member wishing to resign must give notice in writing, to the Secretary, before the 31st day of March, otherwise they shall be liable to pay their subscription for the ensuing year.

10.2 All interest in the property of the Club shall cease with the cessation of Membership. The Council may, at its option, allow any resignation to be withdrawn on payment of the arrears of subscription.

11. Expulsion or Suspension of Members

- 11.1 In case the conduct of any Member either within or outside the Club premises, shall in the opinion of the Council be offensive to the Members, or injurious to the character and interests of the Club, the Council shall cause a written notice of the complaint to be sent to the offending Member with a request that they reply to the same within seven working days, in writing. The Council shall then consider the complaint and explanation, if any, and if thought desirable, expel or suspend such Member.
- 11.2 If any Member under threat of expulsion or suspension obtains the support of fifteen Voting Members of the Club the Council shall forthwith call a General Meeting to deal with the matter.

12. Visitors and Guests

- 12.1 Every Member introducing a Visitor or Guest to the Clubhouse, Grounds or Course shall enter his/her name in the Visitors and Guests book and the Member shall be responsible for their conduct.
- 12.2 Visitors and Guests as defined by/in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 must pay green fees as determined from time to time by the Council.
- 12.3 The privilege of playing on the Course by Visitors and Guests is at the discretion of the Council.
- 12.4 Visitors and Guests shall, before commencing play sign the Visitor's sheet and obtain from the Professional or Steward upon payment of a deposit and the appropriate green fee, a coloured disc, which must be fixed in a prominent position on the visiting player's golf bag. The deposit will be refunded on the return of the disc to either the Professional or the Steward on the day of issue. Visiting Societies will be issued with an identification label and shall play from tees of the day.

13. Honorary Members

- 13.1 At any General Meeting any person may be elected an Honorary Member of the Club for life. Such Honorary Members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges appertaining to Voting Members. Honorary Members elected under this Rule shall nevertheless be subject to the provisions of Rule 11.

14. Junior Members

- 14.1 Juniors may be elected Members of the Club without entrance fee, between the ages of 15 and under 18, on paying the annual subscription as specified in the table at Rule 9. Junior Boys will not be entitled to play for any Club prizes nor to attend any meeting. The Council, in the form of Bye-Laws, shall frame the conditions as to their play. Junior Girls will come under the remit of the Ladies Section and the Rules of the EWGA.
- 14.2 A Junior Member, being a child, grandchild, nephew or niece of a Member, may be elected without entrance fee between the ages of 10 and 15, at an annual subscription shown in the table at Rule 9, but the proposers of such Junior Member shall be fully responsible for their conduct on the course and in the Club House. Such Juniors shall be subject to the restrictions outlined in Rule 14.1.

15. Meetings

- 15.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during the month of April. The business to be transacted shall be the election of Officers, Members of Council and Auditors, the passing of the accounts, the transaction of any business brought forward by the Council, and the consideration of any special matters of which notice shall have been given to the Secretary, or such as the Chairman judges to be of a pressing nature and desirable to be entertained.
- 15.2 At all General Meetings, a meeting is quorate if attended by a minimum 10 members, one of whom is designated as chairman of the meeting. In the event of no quorum the meeting shall be reconvened at the same time and place fourteen days later without further written notification.
- 15.3 The Council may call a General Meeting of the Club at any time it may think it expedient, and shall call such meetings, on the written request of twenty-five Voting Members of the Club, stating the object of the meeting. At any such meeting only the specified subject shall be discussed.
- 15.4 At any General Meeting every question before the Meeting shall be decided by the majority of those present voting, and to allow the Chairman to include postal votes in the determination of any matter that is subject to a vote except where otherwise provided by the Rules. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Other topics may be discussed under Any Other Business but may not be voted upon.
- 15.5 Seven clear days notice of all meetings of the Club shall be sent to each Member. The Council shall call a meeting in pursuance of a requisition, within twenty-one days after the receipt of such requisition by the Secretary.
- 15.6 The Mens Captain or the Ladies Captain shall preside at all meetings of the Club. In their absence another Member shall be elected Chairman.
- 15.7 The only Members entitled to attend and vote at meetings are Honorary Members, Full Playing Members (includes 18-29 year olds), Six Day Members, Five Day Members, Associate Members. Non playing, and Social Members shall be entitled to attend General Meetings, but shall not be entitled to vote. No other categories are entitled to attend and/or vote.

16. The Honorary Treasurer

- 16.1 The Honorary Treasurer or Assistant Honorary Treasurer shall receive and pay all moneys payable to, or by the Club, and shall submit a statement of the receipts and expenditure at the Annual General Meeting. The statement shall be audited by two Members (not being Members of the Council) appointed for that purpose at the previous Annual General Meeting. Failing them the Council shall have power to elect others, or appoint professional auditors.
- 16.2 All subscriptions and other moneys at any time owing by any Member or ex-Member, or other person to the Club may be sued for in the name of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being.

17. The Honorary Secretary

17.1 The Honorary Secretary or Assistant Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of the proceedings of all meetings of the Club and Council, conduct the correspondence, and have the custody of all the books and documents of the Club. They shall submit the book containing suggestions from Members to the Council at each Meeting. They shall call all meetings of the Club and Council and post all nominations received by them on the Notice Board in the Club.

18. Competitions

18.1 The Council shall fix the dates and times of all competitions and determine the prizes to be played for.

18.2 Players in competitions shall have the right to pass players who have not entered the competition or who have played their competition round.

18.3 No Five-Day Member shall be entitled to compete for any weekend Golf Prize except under exceptional circumstances designated by Council.

18.4 No Country Member, or Visitor or Guest shall be entitled to compete for any Golf Prize.

19. Alteration of Rules

19.1 Subject to the final paragraph of this Rule, no alteration of these Rules, or amendment thereof or addition thereto shall be made at the Annual Meeting, or at a special meeting convened for the purpose, nor unless notice of such alteration, amendment or addition shall have been sent to each Member seven clear days before the Meeting.

19.2 No alteration or amendment of, or addition to, these rules shall be adopted unless supported by more than 50% of the sum of the combined votes cast by postal vote and those attending at such Meeting – except in the case of alteration to Rule 9 when a simple majority will be required.

19.3 Previous to the seven days notice herein specified, such alteration, amendment or addition must have appeared on the Notice Board in the Club House for seven days so that any proposed further amendment can be communicated to the Secretary in time for notice of such amendment to be sent to the Members together with the originally proposed alteration, amendment or addition.

19.4 If legislation should render any Rule unlawful, or unenforceable in law, then the Council shall have the power to modify that Rule to the extent necessary in order to comply with the law, without calling a meeting of members.

20. Rules of Game

20.1 The Rules of the Game in use for the time being by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrew's, shall be the Rules of this Club, except in the case specifically provided for in the Local Rules.

21. Damage to Property

- 21.1 Any Member wilfully or negligently damaging any property of the Club shall make good the same at his or her own cost, but all accidental damage shall be made good out of the Club Funds, if the Council be satisfied that no blame attaches to the Member by whom the damage was done.

22. Communication with Members

- 22.1 Each Member shall advise the Secretary of his or her address and any changes to that address. All notices sent to the address so given shall be deemed to be duly delivered.

23. Suggestions and Complaints

- 23.1 All suggestions must be entered in the book provided for the purpose and complaints must be made in writing to the Hon Secretary.

24. Notices

- 24.1 No notices or papers of any kind shall be posted in the Club Rooms or on the Notice Boards except by the authority of either an Executive Officer, the Chairman of the appropriate committee or the Hon Secretary.

25. Payment of Bills

- 25.1 Members must pay every expense incurred either by themselves or their guests before leaving the Club House.
- 25.2 Members joining after the 1st February 2009 the sum of £5 to be included in their subscription renewal, for one year only, to facilitate the activation of their discount card.

26. Times of Opening and Closing

- 26.1 The Club House shall be open at such times as the Council shall from time to time decide.
- 26.2 The hours during which intoxicating liquor may be sold or supplied shall be the hours currently prescribed by the Licensing Authority and the Bye-Laws and Regulations made thereunder.

27. Interpretation of the Rules

- 27.1 The Council shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules.

BYE LAWS

1. SUB COMMITTEES

- 1.1 The Sub-Committees shall have entire control over their respective departments subject to Council confirmation.
- 1.2 The Honorary Secretary under the Rules of the Club having custody of all books and documents of the Club may also have the custody of all legal files, legal documents, paper bundles, witness statements made and tendered/or not, in any form of judicial hearing, or any other document which readily identifies, or identifies by implication, any Club members or any serving or any individual having been a serving member of Council or a past or serving Officer of the Club. The discretion to make public such articles/documents to the membership or for any member to view such articles/documents shall rest with the elected Honorary Secretary. Any Adult member with a genuine interest in the whole or part of such articles/documents may request to view such material. If the Honorary Secretary has reasonable cause to believe the request is less than honorable then he may refuse the request. However, the applicant may apply in writing to the Council for his/her decision to be overturned. The Council will consider the content of the request and should agreement be reached in allowing the application, shall instruct the Honorary Secretary to comply with the members request. The decision taken by the Council will be final. None of the articles/documents mentioned may be removed from the Clubhouse or photocopied, in part or in its entirety.

2 CLUB CODE

- 2.1 Reasonable casual wear, including smart casual jeans and trainers, may be worn in the Clubhouse (no jeans or trainers on the course). Collarless T-shirts are not acceptable at any time in the Clubhouse or on the Course. Soiled golf clothing is not deemed to be reasonable casual wear. Shirts should be worn inside trousers, on the Course and in the Clubhouse.
- 2.2 Mobile phones are not to be used on the course at any time. Calls received in the Clubhouse must be taken outside the Club buildings.

3 JUNIORS

- 3.1 Junior Members may use the 'mixed 'bar for the purchase of soft drinks but may only sit in the sun lounge. Juniors may only play the snooker table if playing with a senior Member. Juniors may not be in the Club after 9.00pm unless in the company of a senior Member.
- 3.2 Juniors are allowed to sign-in visitors to play PROVIDED that person/s are bona-fide members of another recognized golf club and are in possession of a current EGU handicap. Proof of such competence can be asked for and must be produced at the time of signing-in. It is the responsibility of the Junior Member to see their visitor/s behavior is in accordance with the Rules of the Golf Club.
- 3.3 A category 1 or 2 Junior may place his/her name on a competition sheet the evening before a Senior competition if there is space available due to a withdrawal or otherwise in the time slot filled by senior members. On no account can two junior members play in the same slot. 'Evening before' means at a time after 18.00hrs. A juniors name appearing on the time sheet having been placed there by a senior/junior prior to the allotted time will not be eligible to take part in that competition.

4 MEMBERSHIP DISCS

4.1 All categories of Playing Members are issued with a coloured Membership Disc which must be displayed in a prominent position on the player's golf bag at all times.

5 VISITORS AND GUESTS

5.1 No Members shall introduce more than THREE Guests on any one day at the reduced fee.

5.2 No Visitor or Guest shall be entitled to play at the reduced fee on more than six occasions in any one year (invitations excepted).

5.3 The introducing Member shall be responsible for the payment of all Fees.

5.4 On Saturday and Sunday mornings unaccompanied Visitors may commence play from 9.30am to 11.30am from the First Tee only.

5.5 Play is restricted to Members up to 9.30am and between 12 noon and 1.30pm except times approved by Council.

6 RESTRICTIONS ON PLAY

6.1 Players in OFFICIAL Competition or Knock OUT shall have precedence over any other players.

6.2 The Course is closed for General Play on any day on which there is a Chorlton-cum-Hardy Golf Club Competition or ANY other 'Council Approved' Competition until 15 minutes after the last reserved tee time. In the event of an obvious lack of support for the competition then play can be initiated by the direct approval of the Club Professional or any Handicap Committee Member. Players must give way and not hinder in any way the competitors in the Competition.

6.3 On Sunday, Three and Fourball Matches shall have equal standing with Two Ball Matches all day, but in the afternoon and evening, if the Course is not congested, they are requested to give Two Balls priority.

6.4 Matches starting at the 8th Hole must not commence play if players playing the 7th Hole have reached the ridge crossing the fairway. Matches which have started at the 8th Hole shall alternate with matches commencing play from the 1st Tee and vice versa from the 8th Tee.

6.5 On Sunday mornings play may NOT commence from the 8th Tee after 9.15am

6.6 Knockout Competitions shall commence play on Sundays with no restrictions.

6.7 Junior Members

Sunday

Before 11.30am
11.30am

No Play
Continuous play from the 1st Tee, except on Competition Days when Juniors must play off 8th Tee from 11.30 -12.30

Wednesday

Before 12.30pm
12.30pm to 1.30pm
1.30pm to 2.30pm
2.30pm to 5.00pm
5.00pm to 7.00pm
7.00pm

No Restrictions
8th Tee ONLY
No Play commenced
Start 1st Tee ONLY
No Play commenced
Two Ball Matches only.

Saturday

Before 12 noon

No Restrictions

Exception

No Play on Men's Competition Days

12 noon to 3.00pm (Winter)

No Play commenced

12noon to 4.00pm (Summer)

No Play commenced

OTHER DAYS- NO RESTRICTIONS

Winter – 1st October – 31st March. These hours are subject to amendment for special occasions fixed by the Council.

6.8 **Five Day Members.** Five-Day Members may play on weekdays only. They may play at weekend during visitor's hours, on payment of a green fee and may participate in internal competitions on Sunday

Six Day Members. Six Day members may play Sunday to Friday only. They may play on Saturday during visitor's hours, on payment of a green fee.

6.9 The 1st Tee is reserved for Ladies Competitions on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 1.45pm and 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

6.10 Bye Law removed Council Meeting 20th October 2016.

7 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

7.1 Players in any OFFICIAL Competition or Knockout shall have precedence over any other Players.

7.2 The Council shall have the right to reserve the Course for the playing of competitions and shall fix the dates and times of all competitions and determine the prizes to be played for.

7.3 All competitions are played off ordinary (medal) handicap unless otherwise stated.

7.4 All competitions, Play-offs and Knockout competitions must be played from the competition tees or if the tees are not available from the marker plates.

7.5 On all occasions where a time sheet is used there will be an interval of 7 minutes between the start of each match, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

7.6 All Competitors shall enter their names on the time sheet.

7.7 No cards shall be taken out at times other than those on the time sheet.

7.8 Players failing to start at the time for which they entered may re enter for any vacancy on the time sheet subject to Rule 6/3 of the Rules of Golf – 2-stroke penalty in Stroke Play, loss of hole in Match Play.(Committee cannot waive Rules of Golf 33/1).

7.9 In all competitions where an entrance fee is payable the fee must be paid and the Entry Sheet signed before commencing play.

7.10 All Competition Cards must be returned immediately on completion of the round.

7.11 Deleted.

7.12 No new Member without a certified Handicap shall play in a competition until he shall have returned three signed Medal Cards and no Member is eligible to mark a card until he has obtained a handicap.

7.13 Any Member failing to comply with these regulations is liable to disqualification.

7.14 In all Stableford and Greensome competitions (other than mixed competitions) competitors handicaps shall be restricted to 28 before applying 7/8ths or 7/16ths restriction. Unless otherwise stated by the Competitions Committee.

7.15 Competitors are required to comply strictly with the rules and regulations on the scorecard.

- 7.16 Ties in an aggregate competition will be decided with reference to the next best card.
- 7.17 In the event of a tie a card playoff will decide all placings in ALL competitions, other than the winners of the following, where a replay is required.

McCoy Trophy
Batty Trophy
Scratch Medal
President's Prize

8 COMPLAINTS

- 8.1 The staff of the Club are under the control of the Council and Members must not interfere with such control. See Rule 24.1
- 8.2 All complaints must be made either to the Hon. Secretary or to the Chairman of the Committee affected by such complaint and in no circumstances shall a member reprimand member of staff.

9 GOLF BALLS

- 9.1 Members must not purchase Golf Balls from Caddies or from any member of staff other than the Professional.

10 LOCAL RULES

10.1 Out of Bounds Rule 27-1

- a. Beyond any line of white stakes, fence or railing defining the boundary of the course.
- b. 1st Hole; the area to the right of the Tee over the hedge
- c. Beyond the Lateral Water Hazards to the right of the 1st and 18th holes and to the left of the 3rd hole.
- d. Beyond the white stakes on the left of the 4th hole.
- e. Beyond the Lateral Water Hazard to the left of the 5th Tee and in or beyond the trench running to the left of the fairway.
- f. Beyond the white stakes to the left of the 9th Fairway.
- g. In or beyond the trench to the left of the 10th hole.
- h. Beyond the white stakes on e.g. the 18th practice putting green.
- i. In or over the trench to the left of the 15th Green

10.2 Water Hazards Rule 26

All ditches and drains crossing the line of play (NB) the inner banks are part of the hazard.

10.3 Lateral Water Hazards Rule 26.1b

All ditches and drains running approximately parallel to the line of play

10.4 Stones in Bunkers Rule 24

Are deemed to be removable obstructions.

10.5 Path, Steps and Tractor Marks Rule 24-2b

A ball lying on a constructed path or in a tractor mark, may be lifted and dropped within one club's length not nearer the hole, without penalty.

10.6 Fixed Sprinkler Heads

Relief may be taken from a sprinkler head which is within two club lengths of the putting green and when the ball lies within two club lengths of the sprinkler head.

10.7 Ground Under Repair Rule 25-1

Relief must be taken from all designated areas of Ground Under Repair. Penalty for breach of local rule – Matchplay – Loss of Hole, Stroke Play – two strokes.

10.8 Railway Sleepers Rule 24-2(b)1

The Railway Sleepers supporting and forming part of the tees are immovable obstructions. If a ball comes to rest against the sleepers or they interfere with a player's stance or intended swing, relief may be obtained without penalty i.e. drop within one club length not nearer the hole. Penalty for breach of local rule – Matchplay – Loss of Hole. Stroke Play – two strokes.

10.9 6th Hole

Drainage pond on the right is a Water Hazard.

10.10 9th and 14th Holes

The pond between the 9th and 14th fairways is a Water Hazard

10.11 New Plantations

A ball lying in a designated New Plantation must be lifted and dropped outside the designated area, without penalty, not nearer the hole.

10.12 Plugged Ball

A Ball may be lifted and cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to where it lay, but not nearer the hole, without penalty, if it remains cupped in its own pitch mark on the fairway or any closely mown area (save in a hazard). Closely mown area means any area of the course including paths through the rough cut to fairway height or less.

10.13 Practising

Practising on any part of the 1st and 18th holes is not permitted. The designated practice areas are the Practice Ground and the area to the left of the 16th Fairway. Multiple shots from any Tee or Fairway or to any Green must not be played.

10.14 Scratch Tees

The Scratch Tees are reserved for recognized Club Competitions.

10.15 Trolleys

Trolleys must not be taken onto any Tee or Green; and please keep them to the outside of the bunkers adjacent to the Greens. Only trolleys with wide wheels are permitted.

10.16 Drainage Grids; Rule 24-2

A ball landing on a drainage grid or interferes with the player's stance or affects the area of his intended swing may be lifted and dropped within one club length to the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole, without penalty.

10.17 Marker Posts

Should a ball in Play come to rest against a 150 yard marker post, or when the marker post interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player may take relief. In taking relief the ball must be lifted and dropped, without penalty, within one club length, not nearer the hole.

10.17 Fairway Distance Markers

A ball coming to rest on a distance marker inlaid in the fairway or, if the marker interferes with the player's stance, may be lifted and dropped without penalty within one club length of the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole (Rule 24-2)

10.17 Distance Measuring Devices

For all play on this course a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3) for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used

ETIQUETTE

Courtesy on the Course.

In the interests of all, players should play without delay.

No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found; they should not search for five minutes before doing so. They should not continue to play until the players following them have passed and are out of range.

When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

Behaviour during Play

No one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.

The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees his ball.

Priority on the Course

In the absence of special rules, two ball matches should have precedence of and be entitled to pass any three-ball or four-ball match.

A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind.

A match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round.

If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should allow the match following to pass.

Care of the Course

Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by him.

Through the green, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him is replaced at once and pressed firmly down and that damage to a putting green made by the ball or the player is carefully repaired.

Litter

Please do not leave litter lying about the Course.

PERSONAL INSURANCE

Members are notified that personal property, including golf clubs and accessories, IS NOT covered by the Clubs insurance. They are accordingly strongly recommended to take out Golfers personal insurance to cover all risks.

CONDITIONS FOR PRINCIPAL CLUB COMPETITIONS**Captain's Prize**

36 Hole Medal Competition played as 18 holes on two consecutive Saturdays

President's Prize

36 Hole Par Competition played as 18 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on the following day, Sunday.

Vice-President's Prize

Singles match play. The prize will be played for with full difference of Medal Handicap on a 'Knock Out' principle.

Batty Trophy

36 Hole Medal Play Competition played as 18 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on the following day, Sunday.

Scratch Medal – Club Championship

Played in conjunction with the Batty Trophy. 36 Hole Medal Play Competition played as 18 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on the following day, Sunday. Best aggregate gross score to win.

H D McCoy Trophy

Shall be 36 holes Singles Stableford, played as 18 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on the following day, Sunday.

Wednesday Silver Plate

Stroke Play competition played on five Wednesdays in summer. Four competitors to qualify from each division per round, along with those who equal or better C.S.S. An aggregate competition will comprise the best three cards returned.

Four Ball Better Ball Match Play Competition

This will be played on the 'Knock Out' principle over 18 holes. Three- quarter of handicap difference will apply with a handicap limit of 28.

Winter Par Competition

Competitors play under Par Rules, three -fourths medal handicap. Four best scores from each division to qualify, plus All square or better per round. Six rounds to be played in the period from October to March, plus two Wednesday rounds. The Final to be played in March.

Wednesday Winter Handicap Trophy (and aggregate)

Stableford competition off 7/8ths of full handicap played over five Wednesday in Winter. Four competitors to qualify for the final from each division plus 36 points or better (18 holes) and 32 points or better (16 holes)

Harry Andrews Trophy

Qualifying Rounds – Four best net to qualify in each division in six rounds played on Saturdays. Four best net to qualify in each division on two Wednesdays. Qualifiers for the Harry Andrews Trophy will also include competitors who equal or better S.S.S. or C.S.S. For dates see Fixture List.