

## **Rules of the Pike Fold Golf Club**

Amended 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

1. That this club be called 'THE PIKE FOLD GOLF CLUB'.

1a The purpose of the Club is to promote and provide facilities for the amateur sport of Golf in the Greater Manchester Area and community participation in the same.

2. That the land and property of the Club be vested in Trustees and Lessees of the land and property of the Club.

All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

2a The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away match expenses, post-match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

2b That rules 1a, 2 and 2a above shall only apply whilst Pike Fold Golf Club retain its membership as a Community Amateur Sports Club.

3. That only members of the Club of five years continuous membership be appointed as Trustees and Lessees of the land and property of the Club.

4. That the number of said Trustees and Lessees be limited to not more than five members. All Trustees and Lessees shall be duly nominated, such nomination to be posted at least seven days prior to the A.G.M. or S.G.M. on a list that shall be displayed on the notice board in the Clubhouse at least fourteen days prior to such meeting. Election of Trustees or Lessees shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all members present and voting at such A.G.M. or S.G.M.

5. That notwithstanding anything contained in Rule number 9 hereof. Rules numbered 1a, 2, 2a, 3 and 4 hereof shall not be deleted, amended or altered except by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Club present and voting at a S.G.M, of Club members called for that purpose by ten clear days notice in writing of such meeting to such members nor shall this Rule or Rules numbered 1a, 2, 2a, 3 and 4 hereof be suspended at any time. The notice in writing of such meeting shall contain full particulars of this rule or rules numbered 1a, 2, 2a, 3 and 4 hereof.

6a. That the Management of the Club be vested in a Council consisting of a Captain who shall be Chairman of the Council, a Vice-Captain who shall be

Captain Elect, a President (who shall have been a Past Captain) who shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee, a Treasurer and a Secretary. These shall be referred to as Officers of the Club hereinafter and shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

In addition to the Officers, the Council shall consist of eight other members who shall have been members for two years and who have been elected at the AGM for two years.

b. All members of the Council shall be duly nominated and elected, such nominations being posted at least seven days prior to the A.G.M. on the list which shall be displayed in the Clubhouse for at least twenty one days prior to the A.G.M.

c. The Council shall meet from time to time as may be decided by them, but not less than ten times per year. Such meetings must have a minimum of five members present to form a quorum, of whom at least three shall be other than Officers of the Club.

d. The Council may appoint such sub-committees from its own body, or otherwise as may be deemed necessary for its purpose of management.

e. The proposed Vice Captain elect shall be determined each year at a meeting of the Past Captains of the club, who shall still be full members, nominations in the first instance shall be passed to the secretary in writing no later than 1st October of that year. Recommendations will be passed to the senior past captain. Nominees must have been a full member for at least two years. The past captain's meeting to be chaired by the senior past captain supported by a minimum of six past captains.

f. The Club will indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

g. The committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

7. That the A.G.M. be held before the end of February of each year, of which meeting ten clear days notice in writing shall be sent to all members, 30 forming a quorum.

8. That a S.G.M. of Club members be held at any time by order of the Council, or on the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition requiring such a meeting and stating the nature of the business proposed to be raised at such meeting and signed by not less than 30 members shall be sent to all members, 30 forming a quorum.

9. That any deletion, amendment or alteration to these Rules shall not be made, except, at the A.G.M. or S.G.M. Called for that purpose. Notice in writing of such a meeting shall be sent to all members in accordance with the provisions of Rules numbered 7 and 8 hereof and shall give notice of intention

to propose any deletion, amendment or alterations of Rules, which proposal shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all the members of the Club present and voting at such Annual or Special General Meeting.

9a Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority vote.

10. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

11. That the election of any person to Club Membership shall rest solely with the Council, shall be by vote or ballots, and require two-thirds majority vote of the Members present and voting.

12a. That the amount of subscription for the calendar year shall be set by Council and published in the Clubhouse not less than 14 days prior to the end of the proceeding financial year. If an increase of subscriptions is more than 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is the higher, an SGM will be called to vote on any such increase.

b. That the amount of entrance fee shall be determined by Council, who may amend it at any time at their own discretion.

c. That the imposition of a levy shall require the approval of a majority of the membership voting at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose in accordance with rule 8.

d. That the Annual Subscription shall be due and payable on or before the first day of February of the current year. Council, at its discretion may allow a rebate for early payment.

e. The Council may, at its discretion permit payment by installments in any manner which it prescribes, including an additional payment.

f. Any members in default of payment of, either the full subscription, or of the appropriate installment, will cease to enjoy the privileges of the Club.

g. If the Annual Subscription is not paid in full by the first day of August of the current Year, the Council shall have the power to terminate membership, and to institute proceedings for the recovery of the current year's subscription.

h. The Club Financial Year shall commence on the first day of November and end on the last day of October of the following Year. An audited statement of account shall be presented at the subsequent Annual General Meeting.

13. That Country Membership shall only be open to former full members of the Club who reside outside a radius of fifty miles from the Club. Membership would entitle them to 12 non competitive rounds. Fees to be agreed by Council.

14. Only members attending at an AGM or SGM shall elect Life Members and Honorary Members. Nominations shall be submitted to the Senior past Captain not later than 15th October of the previous year. A list of such nominations will be vetted by the past Captains and passed to the Council for their approval. Any nominations so approved shall be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse a minimum of fourteen days prior to the AGM and must be supported by the signatures of at least ten full members. Election of such members shall require the approval of at least a majority of two thirds of the members present and voting. Such vote shall not take place until the proposer of the nominee has informed the meeting of his reasons for the nomination. Honorary members shall be subject to re-election annually.

15. That any Member intending to resign or request a change to his Membership category, shall give notice of such intention on/or before 31st December after which a resignation or change of Membership category shall not be valid notice without payment of the Full Membership Annual Subscription for the ensuing year.

16. That the Club have the power at the A.G.M. or at a S.G.M. and after full investigation by the Council to expel any member who, has acted, whether within of without the premises of the Club, in any manner considered to be injurious to the interest of the Club. The voting in such case always to be by ballot. The Council may at their discretion send an offender private notice in order that he may have the opportunity of withdrawing his name from the membership roll.

17. That visitors be allowed to use the Clubhouse and Course on such conditions as shall be prescribed by the Council and posted in the Clubhouse and shall be elected temporary members of the club for the period over which the greenage fee extends.

18. That every member introducing a visitor to the Clubhouse, grounds or course, shall enter his or her name in the visitors book.

19a A member may introduce a friend or friends to the Clubhouse as his guest or guests, on entering his or her names in the Visitors book. A maximum of three guests can be signed in at the Club on any one day by a member.

"Social Visitors" be limited to visiting the Club on only six occasions per year, excluding Dances and Social Events.

Every visitor so introduced shall have the right on the occasion of his visit to the Club to purchase intoxicating liquor from the bar.

b. Council members may introduce a visitor for the purpose of playing golf without payment of a green fee no more than once a week. No single individual may be introduced by a member or members of the Council without incurring a green fee more than six times in any calendar year.

c. Temporary membership may be allowed on a limited number of occasions, maximum six times in any calendar year. By the posting of such intention on the notice board of such proposed temporary members. Names and addresses of such temporary members to be posted 48 hours before the occasion.

20. That the sale of Excisable articles on the premises of the Club be regulated strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Licensing Act and of the Licensing Authority of the District for the time being. The Club may also sell and supply food, drink and related sports equipment.

21. That the rules of play be those of St. Andrews Golf Club.

22. That the Council has the power to make Special Local Rules.

23. All members over the age of 18 years may be entitled to attend the A.G.M. and/or S.G.M. Any Members other than the afore-mentioned category shall only attend by invitation of the Council and then may not vote or actively participate in any way.

24. That the Club be affiliated to the English Golf Union.

25.1 If at any time the Club in General Meeting passes a resolution authorising the council to borrow money:-

a. the council may borrow for the purposes of the club the amount of money (either at one time or from time to time) and at the rate of interest, in the form and manner and upon the security specified in the resolution and which amount will not exceed £500,000 without further resolution at AGM/SGM and

b. the Trustees must at the direction of the Council make any disposition of the Club property or any part of it and enter into any Agreement in relation to the Club property as the Committee thinks proper to give security for the loan and interest and;

c. the Trustees and individual Members of Council shall not be liable (other than as Members of the Club) for any loss suffered by the Club as a result of the discharge of their respective duties and obligations on its behalf, except such loss as arises from their respective willful default, and they shall

be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Club for all expenses and other liabilities incurred by them in the discharge of their respective duties and obligations.

25.2 Every Member of the Club, whether he votes on a resolution authorising borrowing or not, and everyone becoming a Member of the Club after the passing of such a resolution, is deemed to have assented to the resolution as if he had voted in favour of it.

26.a The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support the proposal at a properly convened General Meeting.

b. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

c. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one of the following: -

(a) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or

(b) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or

(c) to the sport's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

27. That rule 26c above shall only apply whilst Pike Fold Golf Club retain its membership as a Community Amateur Sports Club.

28. Where there is any conflict between any of the above Rules ("Key Rules") and any other rule or rules the key Rule(s) will take priority. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASC (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for by the Finance Act 2002).