

Rules of the Trentham Staggs.

1. Name of the Group.

(1) The name of the group will be the Trentham Staggs but may be commonly referred to as "The Seniors" and is hereinafter referred to as such.

2. Purpose of the Seniors.

(1) The purpose of the group is to provide competitions and activities for senior golfing members of Trentham Park Golf Club aged 55 years and above.

(2) The group exists by permission of the General Committee of Trentham Park Golf Club and will operate within the General Rules of the Club.

3. Seniors Committee.

(1) The Seniors' Committee will consist of five officers; Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions Secretary and Matchday Organiser.

(2) The Seniors' Committee shall convene a meeting to elect a new Chairman following the resignation or retirement of an incumbent Chairman. A Chairman must resign his post if three Committee members serve notice that a change is desired.

(3) In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

(4) Tenure of a position on the Seniors' Committee is three years at the end of which an officer must offer himself up for re-election at an Annual Meeting.

(5) In the event of a vacancy of office within the Seniors' Committee the vacancy shall (first) be filled internally and it will be the office of the person who filled such vacancy that is advertised at an Annual Meeting. Only if there is no such internal movement will the original vacancy of office be advertised at an Annual Meeting.

(6) The Seniors' Committee may, in the event of a vacancy, co-opt a member to join it to fill such vacancy until the next Annual Meeting where the member co-opted may put himself forward for election.

(7) Any member co-opted to the Committee must carry out the duties of the vacant office and will have full voting rights.

4. The Seniors' Year.

(1) The Seniors' Year will run from January 1st until the 31st December and there will be an annual meeting convened before the year ends, such date to be decided by the Seniors' Committee.

(2) A membership fee to join the Seniors is required from each January 1st and the level of such fee will be determined by the Seniors' Committee.

5. Accounts.

(1) The Treasurer shall maintain an account of income and expenditure for the Seniors and will present an audited account for the members at the Annual Meeting.

6. Competitions.

(1) There will be a singles knockout competition.

(2) There will be a doubles competition.

(3) There will be major competitions.

(4) There will be ad hoc "fun" competitions.

(5) The number of competitions and the rules applied thereto will be determined by the Seniors' Committee.

(6) The parameters of divisions within a competition will be decided by the Seniors' Committee.

(7) The Seniors' Committee has the right to modify the format of any competition depending upon the circumstances surrounding it.

(8) Prizes will normally take the form of Club vouchers to be used in the Pro shop or added to the winner's bar card.

(9) Prizes for the Christmas Cheer will take the form of bottles of spirit and wine. Winners not wishing to receive alcohol may alternatively take their prize in the form of a Club voucher to the same value.

(10) Trophies for competitions will be presented at the annual Christmas Lunch or at such time and place as the Seniors' Committee think fit depending on the circumstances surrounding the event.

7. Competitions and non-members of the Trentham Staggs.

(1) Competitions advertised on a Club medium such as HowDidIDo will be open to general senior members of Trentham Park Golf Club upon the payment of an entry fee to be determined by the Seniors' Committee. Non-members will pay their entry fee in the Pro shop and such entry fee will be allocated to the Seniors and not Trentham Park Golf Club.

(2) A non-member placed in any winning position will receive a voucher for use in the Pro shop or on their bar card. The amounts paid will be as close as possible to the corresponding value of regular members' prizes for their respective placing.

(3) The total value of prize money for non-members will not exceed the total value of entry fees received from all non-members participating in any particular competition.

(4) Non-members finishing in first place in any competition will not be eligible to hold the trophy for the particular competition or enjoy any other benefit associated with winning either the competition or a division of that competition.

8. Trophies.

(1) Trophies must be returned to the Seniors' Committee upon request and must be clean and in a good state of repair.

9. Matches.

(1) A programme of matches will be arranged against fellow clubs by the Seniors' Secretary. The means of advertising fixtures and notification to members that they have been selected will be decided by the Seniors' Committee.

(2) Members who are also members of another Club and have their handicap registered there will be eligible for selection subject to the decision of the Seniors' Committee.

(3) Members who participate in a home match will have priority for selection for the corresponding away fixture.

(4) If starting their home match from the 17th tee, members and their opponents must give way to (Non-Seniors') members finishing the 16th hole.

(5) A condition of participating in a Seniors' match is that members stay for the social gathering following the match, including the traditional meal, unless circumstances prevent the member from doing so and he has informed a member of the Seniors' Committee.

(6) Where a member has not attended an after match social gathering and did not inform a member of the Seniors' Committee, he, and not the Seniors, will be liable for any costs that might become due for his meal. Failure to settle any outstanding sum will result in such member being suspended from participation in any activity organised by the Seniors.

(7) The Seniors' Committee has the right to modify the structure of any match or social gathering thereafter.

10. Annual Meeting.

(1) There will be an annual meeting to be arranged by the Seniors' Secretary to take place between the 1st October and the 30th November each year.

(2) Notice of the Annual Meeting will be given to members at least 14 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting in such manner as the Seniors' Committee deem fit.

(3) Members having items for the agenda or motions must lodge them in writing with the Seniors' Secretary no later than 7 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

(4) Nominations to join the Seniors' Committee must be lodged in writing with the Seniors' Secretary no later than 7 days before the scheduled date of the meeting. A nomination must be proposed and seconded by the 2 members putting it forward and may only be submitted with the nominee's permission. A member may only propose or second one nominee.

(5) All officers will report on their respective area of responsibility to the membership.

11. Rules of the Trentham Staggs.

(1) These rules may be amended or revoked by the Seniors' Committee.

(2) The Seniors' Committee has the right to create new rules where a need is identified.

(3) Amendments, revocations or additional rules may also be brought about by a majority vote at an Annual Meeting subject to the conditions set out at Rule 8 above.

Paul Burch

Seniors' Chairman May 2020