



## **ELLESMERE GOLF CLUB**

Old Clough Lane  
Worsley  
Manchester M28 7HZ

Rules & By-Laws

Revised 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **Telephones**

Clubhouse	0161 790 2122
Professional	0161 790 8591

email: [honsec@ellesmeregolfclub.co.uk](mailto:honsec@ellesmeregolfclub.co.uk)

## INDEX

DESCRIPTION	RULE
Name.....	1
Objects.....	2
Membership.....	3
Honorary Officers .....	4
Council.....	5
Election of Council.....	6
Casual Vacancies .....	7
Delegation.....	8
Powers of the Council.....	9
Duties of the Officers.....	10
Election of Members.....	11
Entrance Fees and Subscriptions.....	12
Honorary Members.....	13
Ordinary Members.....	14
Mid-Week Members.....	15
Country & Twilight Members.....	16
House Members.....	17
Junior Members.....	18
Resignation of Members .....	19
Suspension and Expulsion of Members.....	20
Guests.....	21
Visitors .....	22
Annual General Meeting .....	23
Extraordinary General Meeting .....	24
Alteration of Rules .....	25
Bye-Laws .....	26
Complaints and Suggestions.....	27
Trustees .....	28
The Club House .....	29
Register of Members.....	30
Playing Rules of Golf.....	31
Dogs .....	32
Members bound by Rules .....	33
Licensing Hours.....	34

Pecuniary Benefit or Commission.....	35
Dissolution.....	36
Liability for Debt.....	37
Assets of the Club.....	38
Liability for Loss or Damage.....	39

## **BYE-LAWS**

Hours of Play General.....	1
Competition Days - Gentlemen .....	2
Lady Members.....	3
Junior Members .....	4
Dress Regulations on the Course and in the Club House .....	5
Insurance.....	6
Visiting Societies.....	7
Visitors .....	8
Lockers.....	9
Practising.....	10

## **LADIES' SECTION**

Rules and By-Laws.....	
(See separate section at end of book)	



# **RULES OF ELLESMERE GOLF CLUB**

## **1. NAME**

The Club is called "The Ellesmere Golf Club" (Postal Address Old Clough Lane, Worsley, Manchester M28 7HZ)

## **2. OBJECTS**

The purposes of the Club are to promote and provide facilities for the amateur sport of golf in Salford and community participation in the same.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP**

### **3.1 Ordinary Members**

The membership of the Club shall consist of Ordinary Members together with members in other categories of membership as the Council shall from time to time determine. Such other categories will be available on a non-discriminatory and equitable basis.

### **3.2 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of golf regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs subject to the consideration that there may be limitations based on availability of facilities. The Club shall keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.**

### **3.3 The Club Council may refuse membership only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal may be made to a committee made up from members who are not serving on the current council.**

## **4. OFFICERS**

### **4.1 The Officers of the Club are the Captain, Lady Captain, President, Ex-Captain, Hon Secretary, Hon Assistant Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon House Treasurer, two Auditors**

### **4.2 These Officers, except the Ex-Captain and Lady Captain, must be proposed, seconded and elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting.**

### **4.3 These Officers hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they must retire.**

### **4.4 These Officers except, the Ex-Captain and Lady Captain, are eligible for re-election from year to year.**

## **5. COUNCIL**

- 5.1 The Council shall consist of the Captain, Lady Captain, President, Ex-Captain, Hon Secretary, Hon Assistant Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon House Treasurer, Trustees (all of whom are ex officio) together with twelve ordinary members, elected in accordance with Rule 6 herein and shall hold office for the periods therein stipulated.
- 5.2 Nine members of the Council shall form a quorum at meetings of the Council.
- 5.3 The Captain or Ex-Captain, if the Captain is not present, shall preside at all General Meetings and all meetings of the Council of the Club.

## **6. ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL**

Election of members of the Council shall be as follows:

- 6.1 A Nomination Sheet shall be posted in the Club House at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting upon which all nominations shall be entered. The Nomination Sheet will include the closing time and date for nomination.
- 6.2 Any two Ordinary Members shall be at liberty to nominate an Officer or Member of the Council subject to prior consent being obtained from the nominee.
- 6.3 A list of names of the candidates in alphabetical order must be placed in the Club House, at least, 2 weeks before the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.4 Voting papers must be prepared containing only the names of the candidates.
- 6.5 Each Ordinary Member present at the Annual General Meeting may vote for any number of candidates, not exceeding the number of vacancies.
- 6.6 Only Ordinary Members of at least 2 years standing shall be eligible for election as Officers, Trustees or Members of Council.
- 6.7 The scrutineers shall hand to the Chairman a complete list of the candidates in order of the votes received.
- 6.8 The Chairman shall declare those candidates who have been elected to fill the vacancies and serve as members of the Council for a period not exceeding 3 years or for the unexpired term of former Council members successively in order of votes.
- 6.9 If insufficient candidates are nominated the Council may fill up the remaining places.
- 6.10 If two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes for the last place or places, the Chairman shall elect by lot the candidate or candidates to be members of the Council.

- 5.11 Of the Members of the Council other than Officers, 4 shall retire every year at the Annual General Meeting and be eligible for re-election.
- 5.12 If a Member of Council retires prematurely, the unexpired term of the Member shall be balloted for at the following Annual General Meeting.
- 5.13 Of the twelve Ordinary Members elected to serve on Council under Rule 5.1, a maximum of three, only, will be allowed from mid -week members who are nominated under Rule 6.2. In the event that more than three from this category are nominated and elected, the first three in the order of votes cast will determine those who will serve on Council.



**7. CASUAL VACANCIES**

7.1 In the case of a vacancy occurring during the Club year, by resignation or otherwise, the Council may elect some other Ordinary Member, to fill such vacancy for the remainder of that year. The service of any member on the Council chosen to fill a vacancy shall not be taken into account in calculating the seniority of such member if subsequently elected. Such member to be chosen will firstly be from the unsuccessful candidates at the previous Annual General Meeting.

7.2 Any member chosen to fill a casual vacancy must retire at the following Annual General Meeting, but is eligible as a candidate for election to the Council at that Annual General Meeting.

**8. DELEGATION**

8.1 The Council shall have the power to appoint Committees and to co-opt Ordinary Members of the Club to these Committees.

8.2 Three members of a Committee shall form a quorum at meetings of Committees.

**9. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

9.1 The Council in addition to the powers specifically conferred upon it by the rules herein, has the control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control and dismiss Club Servants and all such administrative powers as may be necessary to properly carry out the objects of the Club in accordance with those rules.

9.2 The Council shall be the sole authority for the interpreting of the rules, bye-laws and regulations made herein and the decision of the Council upon any question of interpretation or upon any matters affecting the Club not provided for by these rules or bye-laws and regulations shall be final and binding.

9.3 The Council shall have the power to make, vary and revoke Bye Laws (not inconsistent with these rules) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club.

**10. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS  
THE HONORARY SECRETARY**

10.1 Is responsible for the conduct of the correspondence of the Club and shall have custody

of all documents belonging to the Club, including all records relating to all categories of the members of the Club.

- 10.2 Shall keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings of the Council and all General or Extraordinary General Meetings.
- 10.3 Is authorised to sign all Contracts on behalf of the Club.
- 10.4 Is responsible for the control and direction of all servants of the Club, where necessary, through the Chairman of the relevant committees.

**THE HONORARY ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

- 10.4a Shall provide assistance to the Hon Secretary in respect of all secretarial matters.

**THE HONORARY TREASURER**

- 10.5 Shall keep the accounts of the Club and shall prepare the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Club to 31st December in each year and shall certify the same before they are printed.

**THE HONORARY HOUSE TREASURER**

- 10.6 Shall secure all income from House activities and maintain records on such matters for onward transmission to the Hon Treasurer.
- 10.7 Shall provide assistance to the Hon Treasurer in respect of all financial matters in connection with House activities.
- 10.8 Shall secure from the Chairman of the House Committee all records for onward transmission to the Hon Treasurer.

**THE AUDITORS.**

- 10.9 They shall audit the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Club and shall certify the same before printing and (or using any other acceptable means of) distribution to the members.

**11. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

- 11.1 Following the completion of an application form all prospective new members will be invited to attend a meeting of the membership committee (unless such a meeting is deemed unnecessary by the chairman of the Membership Committee)
- 11.2 On the election of a new member the Hon Secretary shall notify the member, in writing, of the election, furnish a copy of the rules (which must have been made available for

inspection by the new member before his/her election) and request the member to pay his/her Entrance Fee (if in force when joining) and first subscription to the Hon Treasurer.

- 11.3 The Membership Chairman, or in his/her absence an appointed deputy, shall report the election of all new members at the next Council Meeting after such election.
- 11.4 No member may enjoy any of the benefits or privileges of the Club until his/her Entrance Fee (if in force when joining) and first subscription have been paid, subject to the payment options set out under Rule 12.3 herein, and if such payment is not made within one month from the date of the Hon Secretary's notice, the election is absolutely void unless the member shows sufficient cause for the delay to the satisfaction of the Council
- 11.5 The Council may give precedence in election of applicants in special circumstances.

#### **ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 12.1 The Annual Subscriptions shall be as determined at the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meetings, which may be deemed necessary. Entrance Fees and the period over which they are paid shall be determined by Council.
- 12.2 New members' subscriptions will be charged pro-rata to the end of the season (31<sup>st</sup> March) dating from the first day of the month of acceptance.
- 12.3 All annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on 1st April. Ordinary members may take the option of paying the Annual Subscription in two instalments, with one on or before 1st April and one on or before 1st October, subject to a service charge as determined by Council. If the first instalment is not paid by 30th April, the full amount of the annual subscription shall become due immediately. If the second instalment is not paid on or before the due date the member shall cease to enjoy playing facilities until such time as the outstanding instalment is paid
- 12.4 No member whose subscription is unpaid on 30th April may enter any Club competition or vote at any meeting until the subscription is paid.
- 12.5 Any member whose subscription is unpaid on 31<sup>st</sup> May shall cease to be a member and his name shall be erased from the Register of Members, but may be replaced by the Council, at their discretion, upon an available vacancy and on payment of all arrears.

- 12.6 If the Entrance Fee, (if in force when joining); is not paid within the period as determined by Council, Rule 12.5 above will be applied
- 12.7 Ordinary Members elected before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012, and who have achieved age 65, and who have been Ordinary Members continuously for at least the preceding 20 years shall, on written application to the Honorary Secretary, be eligible to have their annual subscription reduced.
- 12.8 The subscription due from any member in any year shall depend upon the member's age on the 1<sup>st</sup> April of that year.
- 12.9 Any playing lady member, or ordinary member in another category, has the option of paying the full membership subscription to become a full playing member with accompanying rights and not subject to the restrictions such as defined in bye-laws 3.1 to 3.4.
- 12.10 With regard to the Club's affiliation to the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs and England Golf it is responsible for collecting annual affiliation fees applicable to all playing members, regardless of the ages of such members. With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, such affiliation fees will be charged as a separate item on members' subscription notices. For members who are also members of other golf clubs in England, they must advise the Honorary Secretary of such membership, and which Club they are nominating as their "Home Club". This is to ensure that the correct affiliation fees are paid on the member's behalf.

### **13. HONORARY MEMBERS**

- 13.1 The Captain, President, Lady Captain, Hon Secretary, Hon Assistant Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon House Treasurer, will be Honorary Members whilst holding their positions and will have full rights and privileges of membership. The Captain, President, Lady Captain shall receive grants during their year of office. Council shall determine such grants and any proposal for increases shall be approved by the Ordinary Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.2 On the recommendation of the Council a Member may be elected an Honorary Life Member, by ballot at any General Meeting of the Club, in recognition of any special service rendered to the Club. Such members shall have all the privileges of Ordinary Members and shall be eligible for office of the Club.

- 13.3 Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members are exempt from paying the annual subscription or any special payments.

#### **14. ORDINARY MEMBERS**

- 14.1 "Ordinary Members" shall mean all members of the Club of 18 years of age or over whom Council has elected as playing members (but not including Country, Twilight or House Members as hereinafter defined) and who have paid or contracted to pay the subscription and other dues for the time being in force.
- 14.2 The Ordinary Membership shall consist of not more than:  
460 playing members who have been elected by the Council, who are at least 21 years of age,  
100 mid-week members  
Such numbers of playing members 18 to 21 years of age as the Council, from time to time shall determine.

#### **15. MID-WEEK MEMBERS**

- 15.1 Mid-week members shall not be entitled to play the course on Saturdays and Sundays except as stipulated in Rule 15.4 and shall not be eligible to play in internal Club competitions other than mid-week competitions. Mid-week members are entitled to use the full facilities of the Club House at all times.
- 15.2 A mid-week member may introduce guests for the purpose of playing golf as defined under Rule 21 hereinafter.
- 15.3 Mid-week members shall be given precedence for full membership.
- 15.4 Mid-week Members are allowed to play at weekends during the Winter period of 1st October to 31st March subject to payment of a short-day fee.

#### **16. COUNTRY MEMBERS and TWILIGHT MEMBERS**

- 16.1 Former members and/or members of other recognised golf clubs who reside 30 miles or more from the Club House may at the discretion of Council, be elected a Country Member.
- 16.2 Country Members are not eligible to play in any Club Competitions.
- 16.3 Such members shall pay Subscriptions as determined in the same manner as that set out in Section 12 of the Rules, with particular attention to Rule 12.10.
- 16.4 The Country Members shall consist of such numbers as the Council from time to time shall determine.
- 16.5 Twilight Members are only eligible to play the course within 4 hours of sunset, as determined by the tee-

booking system, from Sunday to Friday. Play on Saturdays is prohibited.

- 16.6 Subscription rates for Twilight Members are restricted to the equivalent of a maximum of £10 per week, or such amount as determined from time to time by the CASC rules.
- 16.7 Twilight Members shall pay subscriptions as determined in the same manner as set out in Section 12 of the Rules, with particular reference to Rule 12.10.

## **17. HOUSE MEMBERS**

- 17.1 House members with no playing rights may be elected by the Council subject to the restrictions set out in clauses 17.2 – 17.4 below.
- 17.2 Such members shall pay subscriptions as determined in the same manner as that set out under Rule 12.1 in respect of Annual Subscriptions. All annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on 1st April.
- 17.3 The House Membership shall consist of such numbers as the Council from time to time shall determine and they shall have no playing rights.

## **18 JUNIOR MEMBERS**

- 18.1 Ordinary Members sons/daughters/nephews and nieces and others at the discretion of Council whose age must be not less than 6 or not more than 18 years shall be eligible for junior membership.
- 18.2 Junior Members under the age of 12 years must be accompanied on the course by an Ordinary Member unless playing in an official competition.
- 18.3 The Parent/Guardian shall be responsible for the payment of the Entrance Fee and Subscriptions, which shall be determined in the same manner as that set out under Rule 12.
- 18.4 The Junior Members shall consist of such numbers, as the Council from time to time shall determine.

## **19. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS**

- 19.1 A member may at any time, by giving notice in writing to the Hon Secretary resign his/her membership of the Club, but shall be liable for any Annual Subscription due and unpaid at the date of his resignation.
- 19.2 Any member having discharged all his/her liabilities to the Club and wishing to rejoin, may apply for membership in accordance with Rule 11.
- 19.3 Any former member, who is re-elected as a member, shall pay as his Entrance Fee, the difference, if any, between that prevailing at the time of resignation and at re-election. The Council may at their discretion

excuse his Entrance Fee.

## **20. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

- 20.1 The Council shall have the power to suspend the Membership of or expel from the Club any member whose conduct whether on the Club's premises or elsewhere is or has been in the opinion of the Council contrary to the interests of the Club or injurious to its reputation.
- 20.2 For the purpose of exercising this power the Council will establish a Disciplinary Committee pursuant to its power of delegation under Rule 8. The Disciplinary Committee will establish its own Code of Conduct as to investigation, evidence, hearing and sanctions. Before any member is suspended or expelled or otherwise disciplined the member shall be given the opportunity to attend a meeting with the Disciplinary Committee whose decision shall thereafter be notified to the member in writing and within fourteen days of notification the member may appeal against the decision to the Council such appeal to be in writing setting out briefly the reason or reasons for the appeal.
- 20.3 The Council will hear any such appeal as soon as reasonably possible with power to confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, but for there to be a suspension or expulsion there must be a three quarters majority of those present voting in favour of it. Any member of the Disciplinary Committee present who is also a Council member may be in attendance and speak but will not count for the purposes of forming a quorum nor will have a vote on the matter."

## **1. GUESTS**

- 1.1 Members may introduce not more than three guests at any one time as Short Day Members on payment of green fees, which shall be fixed by Council and must record their name and date in the Visitors Book in the Club House.
- 1.2 The same guest may not be introduced more than 6 days in the course of a calendar year, whether introduced by the same member or others. The Council shall have the power on special occasions to suspend or vary this rule.
- 1.3 The member who introduces them must accompany their guests.
- 1.4 All guests of members are subject to the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club, and wher applicable, the Rules of golf.

## **22. VISITORS**

- 22.1 Members of other Golf Clubs may play on the course except during competitions, on payment of Short Day Membership fees, which shall be fixed by Council.
- 22.2 All visitors shall be subject to the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club and under the control of the Council who may restrict the number of visits by each visitor each year, refuse facilities on certain days and debar any particular person from the course and Club premises without giving reason.

## **23. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 23.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year at such times as the Council shall determine, but the interval between Annual General Meetings shall not exceed 15 months.
- 23.2 At least 14 days notice of any General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted and the day, place and hour of the Meeting shall be served to every Ordinary Member.
- 23.3 Any Ordinary Members as defined in Rule 14 may attend and vote.

## **24. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

- 24.1 The Council may call an Extraordinary General Meeting when any question of urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so on receiving a requisition signed by not less than 30 Ordinary Members of the Club.
- 24.2 At least 14 days notice of any Extraordinary General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted and the day, date, hour and place of the meeting shall be served to every Ordinary Member.

## **25. ALTERATION OF RULES**

- 25.1 No rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered and no new rule may be made save by a majority vote of the Ordinary Members present at a General Meeting.
- 25.2 One calendar month's notice of the intention to propose any new rule or alteration shall be given to the Hon Secretary who shall send a notice of the same to every Ordinary Member at least 14 days before the General Meeting.

## **26. BYE LAWS**

- 26.1 The Council shall make, repeal and amend any Bye Laws it may from time to time consider necessary for the well being of the Club.
- 26.2 Bye-Laws, repeals and amendments have effect until otherwise determined by the Council or at a General Meeting.



26.3 Bye-Laws must not conflict with these rules.

## **27. COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

27.1 All complaints shall be made in writing to the Hon Secretary signed by an Ordinary Member or Members for submission to Council at the next meeting. The complainant(s) shall be notified in writing of Council's decision.

27.2 All suggestions from an Ordinary Member or Members are to be made in writing to the Secretary for submission to Council at the next meeting. The decision of Council will be communicated back to the member(s).

## **8. TRUSTEES**

8.1 The property of the Club shall be vested in four Trustees who shall be nominated by the Council at a General Meeting.

8.2 A General Meeting shall have the power to remove any of the Trustees and all vacancies occurring by removal, resignation or death shall be filled up at the same or next General Meeting.

8.3 The Trustees shall have the power to purchase, sell, lease, mortgage, charge, build upon and otherwise deal with the land, buildings and property of the Club and to borrow money on the security of a mortgage or charge thereof, all as may from time to time be directed by Council. Such directions given by Council must be entered into the minute book and will be conclusive evidence of such directions.

8.4 The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office as stipulated in Rule 28.2. Trustees appointed from January 2018 will be required to retire from the office at the Annual General Meeting following their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

8.5 Trustees shall be eligible for appointment to Committees.

## **9. THE CLUB HOUSE**

9.1 No member shall take away, or permit to be taken away from the Club House under any pretence whatsoever, or shall injure or destroy, any newspaper, pamphlet, book or other article, the property of the Club.

9.2 The Club House opening times shall be at the discretion of the Council and will be displayed on notice boards in the Club House and on the Club website

9.3 The Council shall have the power to close the Club House on such days as they think necessary.

9.4 No paper, notice or placard shall be exhibited, put in the Club House, or in any way be brought to the notice of members, without the sanction of Council, an Officer of the Club or the Committee Secretaries.

**0. REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- 30.1 Members must from time to time communicate to the Hon Secretary their address.
- 30.2 The address must be inserted in the Registry of Members and all notices sent by post to that address are deemed to have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

**31. PLAYING RULES OF GOLF**

The Rules of the game of Golf as adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St Andrews, except in so far as they are modified by local rules of the Club, shall be played.

**32. DOGS**

Dogs are not permitted on the course or in the Club House, with the exception of Guide dogs for the blind.

**33. MEMBERS BOUND BY RULES**

Every member is bound by and must submit to the Rules and Bye Laws of the Club.

**34. LICENSING HOURS**

**34.1 INTOXICATING LIQUOR.**

The supply of intoxicating liquor on the Club premises shall be permitted during the hours as determined by Council subject to conforming to the terms of the Club Premises Certificate. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to members or to any other person on the Club premises otherwise than by or on behalf of the Club.

- 34.2 The Council shall arrange the supply of intoxicating liquor by the Club to members and to other persons on the Club premises and shall secure the due observance of the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and all acts relating thereto and of any conditions attached to any license held by or on behalf of the Club for the supply of intoxicating liquor or any Premises Certificate granted in respect of the Club.

**35. PECUNIARY BENEFIT OR COMMISSION**

No person shall receive at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchase of intoxicating liquor or any other goods by the Club, nor shall any person, directly or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor or on behalf of the Club to

members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

**36. DISSOLUTION**

If at an Extraordinary General Meeting (of which not less than four weeks written notice has been given to each Ordinary Member) and at which not less than one-half of the Members eligible to vote are present a Resolution for the Dissolution of the Club is passed by a majority of two-thirds of the Ordinary Members present and voting, Council must immediately, or at such future date as is specified in the Resolution, proceed to realise the property of the club and after the discharge of all liabilities shall give or transfer all remaining assets of the Club to another club with similar sports purposes which is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club or as a registered charity or to the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

**37. LIABILITY FOR DEBT**

Each member shall be liable, in addition to the payment of his Subscription and Entrance Fees to contribute towards the payment of liquidation of any debt or liability incurred by the Club, or Council for the time being of the Club either before or during such times as he shall be a member of the Club.

**38. ASSETS OF THE CLUB**

Subject to Rule 36 hereof, the property effects and monies of the Club shall belong to the members during Membership equally, but the right and interest of every member shall be personal and limited to that member and shall not be assignable or accessible or passed to their successors or executors. Any member expelled in accordance with the Rules or otherwise ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all such rights to a claim upon the Club, or its property or funds by reason of such membership. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties. On dissolution, the assets shall be dealt with as set out in Rule 36.

**9. LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE**

The Club is not liable for any loss or damage to member's property or valuables, which can be deposited each day without acceptance of liability with the Steward. Such property or valuables must be reclaimed before closing time of the bar on that day.

# ELLESMERE GOLF CLUB

## BYE-LAWS

### 1. HOURS OF PLAY - GENERAL

Subject as otherwise provided in these Bye-Laws, the first tee is reserved for Members and their guests up to 12.00 noon Saturdays and Sundays and before 9.30am and between 12 noon - 1.30pm on all other days.

### 2. COMPETITION DAYS – GENTLEMEN

2.1 Competition entry will be via the on-line booking system as follows: For Saturday/Sunday competitions the system will go live at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse one week and one day prior to the following weekend fixture, and it will go live for external access from 8:00pm. For Wednesday competitions the system will go live one week prior to the competition at 8:00am from all locations.

2.2 A player may enter his name and those of his playing partners against one time only both for singles and fourball competitions. If the competition involves an outside club, only one name can be entered on the system.

2.3 Any player who fails to present himself for a competition for which he has entered will be required to pay the competition fee and is liable to a ban from the next competition, at the discretion of the Handicaps and Competitions Committee.

2.4 A player arriving at the first tee late for his official start time will be disqualified from that competition and will be required to pay the competition entrance fee.

2.5 All competitions will be decided by a card play off where required, with the exception of the Club Championship, which in the event of a tie after 36 holes, will be decided by a four hole play off, holes 1, 2, 17 and 18, and thereafter sudden death over the same four holes if required.

2.6 In the major competitions where the presentation is held on the same day, i.e. Captain's, President's, Councillor Holt, prize-winners are expected to attend and will forfeit their prize if they fail to attend,

however the winner of the competition will be acknowledged on the honours boards and his name engraved on the trophy.

2.7 For competitions where the prize is not presented on the day of the competition, apologies for absence must be made in writing addressed to the Captain, including the reason for non-attendance. In addition, a playing partner or other member must be nominated to collect the prize. Failure to provide a formal apology will result in the withdrawal of that prize. All competition results are published on our website, notice boards and the internet, and prize winners will be notified of the date and time of the next presentation evening.

2.8 In all competitions, competitors must sign into the competition electronically and enter their score into the system on completion of the round. The scorecard must be placed in the box once the score has been entered and at that point the card can no longer be modified. Any card that does not display the name of the player, the date, the correct handicap and is not signed by marker and player will be disqualified according to the Rules of Golf.

### 3. **LADY MEMBERS**

- 3.1 Ladies are not allowed to play on Gentlemen Competition days, Saturdays and Sunday, until 30 minutes after the last competitor has teed off. Play is not permitted on any hole still to be played by a Gentleman Competitor.
- 3.2 Ladies, on Gentlemen Wednesday Competition days, can only play from the first tee either before 10.00am or after 6.00pm.
- 3.3 On non-competition Saturdays, ladies are not allowed on the course before 12 noon. Between 12 noon and 4pm play must start from the 1st tee.
- 3.4 On non-competition Sundays, ladies are allowed on the course from 10am. The Council shall have the power to vary this Bye-Law at their discretion.
- 3.5 Ladies shall be empowered to elect their own Captain, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and Committee and to make their own Bye-Laws, subject to the approval and confirmation thereof by the Council of the Club
- 3.6 Ladies may use the Ellesmere Lounge everyday except Friday presentation evenings from 7pm. Gentlemen may use the Bridgewater Lounge everyday except Thursday

presentation evenings from 7pm.

**4. JUNIOR MEMBERS**

- 4.1 Juniors aged 6 to 17 years: -  
Before 9.00pm are restricted to the Main Lounge or TV room for the purchase and consumption of food or soft drinks. Time spent within the Club House should be kept to a minimum. After 9.00pm they must be accompanied by a senior member and restricted to the Main Lounge or TV Room.
- 4.2 Junior members are also allowed to use the Bridgewater Lounge subject to the restrictions in Bye-Law 4.1.
- 4.3 Juniors aged 17 and over are allowed the freedom of the Club House at all times, except use of the Bridgewater Lounge on Thursday presentation evenings.
- 4.4 Juniors aged 6 to under 18 are not allowed to introduce guests to the Club House unless special permission is given by the Council. The purchase of alcoholic drink is strictly prohibited.
- 4.5 Juniors aged 6 to 17 years on Competition Saturdays and Sundays (including Competition Bank Holidays) are not allowed on the course until 30 minutes after the last competitor has teed off and are not allowed on any hole still to be played by a competitor.
- 4.6 Juniors aged 6 to 17 years on Wednesday and Thursday Gents and Ladies competition days respectively are allowed to play from the 1st tee before 10.30 am and after 6.30pm. Starting from any other tee is strictly forbidden.
- 4.7 Juniors aged 6 to 17 years, on Non-Competition Saturdays and Sundays are not allowed on the course before 12 noon. On Saturdays between 12 noon and 4.00pm play must start from the 1st tee.
- 4.8 Junior aged 6 to 17 years will be allowed to play outside the times stipulated in bye-laws 4.5 to 4.7 inclusive during official junior competitions.
- 4.9 Juniors aged 6 to 11 must be accompanied on the course by an Ordinary Member unless playing in an official Junior Competition.
- 4.10 All Junior members must comply with the Dress Regulations herein after stipulated in these Bye-Laws.
- 4.11 Disciplinary action as determined by Council will be taken against any Junior Member who infringes these Bye-Laws.

**5. DRESS REGULATIONS ON THE COURSE AND IN THE CLUB HOUSE**

- 5.1 All golfers must use regulation golf shoes.
- 5.2 Collarless shirts of T-Shirts (vest type) are not allowed on the course or in the Club House, neither are collarless sweaters or jerseys unless a collared shirt of polo neck jersey is worn underneath.
- 5.3 Tracksuits and Trainers of any description are not allowed on the course or in the Club House. Jeans are allowed in the Club House only.
- 5.4 Tailored shorts, not sports or football type shorts are acceptable on the course only provided predominantly white ankle socks are worn with them. Gentlemen are allowed to wear tailored shorts in the Club House
- 5.5 Neat casual dress will be an acceptable form of dress at any time in the Club House.
- 5.6 Tailored slacks and shirts with either long or short sleeves are regarded as suitable neat casual dress. Shirts must be tucked into the trousers
- 5.7 Anyone not conforming to these dress regulations will be asked to leave the Course and/or Club House immediately.

**6. INSURANCE**

- 6.1 Members, Guests and Visitors are reminded that Ellesmere Golf Club does not accept liability for any loss or damage to personal property or equipment occurring within the Club precincts, course or boundary.
- 6.2 Members, Guests and Visitors are strongly advised to affect Public Liability insurance cover in respect of any injury or damage which may be caused by them and occasioned by use of the Club facilities. Any injury on the course caused by the above would incur financial penalties to be imposed on the party responsible and claims made could be potentially disastrous to any party without Public Liability cover.
- 6.3 Members, Guests and Visitors should examine their Home Contents Insurance, which may provide the necessary Public Liability cover. If this is not the case, then the above parties are strongly advised to take out a Golfer's Insurance Policy.

**7. VISITING SOCIETIES.**

The days and hours of play and conditions to which Visiting Societies are subject, shall be fixed by Council from time to time and not conflict with any of the Bye-Laws.



**8. VISITORS**

Subject to Bye-Laws 1, 2, 3 & 4, other visitors may not commence play during any of the times reserved for Members. All visitors must book available tee times through the BRS system. Visitors not playing with a Club Member are not permitted to start from the 1st tee during hours reserved for Club Members.

**9. LOCKERS**

The Hon Secretary will allocate lockers. Members are reminded that the keeping of the lockers in good order is the personal responsibility of the Member and that repair to locks and lockers can only be undertaken at their expense.

**10. PRACTISING**

With the exception of the practice area, practice green and practice bunker, practising from any part of a tee, bunker, to any green or on any green is prohibited at all times, except as permitted by the rules of golf.

**11. BUGGY POLICY**

Details of the Club policy for the use of ride-on buggies are available on request from the Hon Secretary.

# ELLESMERE GOLF CLUB LADIES' SECTION

## RULES

### PREAMBLE

These are the rules applicable to the Ladies' Section of Ellesmere Golf Club, it being understood that where there is any difference between these rules and those of Ellesmere Golf Club, the latter shall prevail.

### COMMITTEE

1. That the Committee shall consist of the Lady Captain, the Ex-Lady Captain, Lady Captain Elect, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon. Handicap Secretary, and **FOUR** other Lady Members, all of whom shall be playing members. The Lady Captain to be the Chairman. That **FIVE** Committee members be present at each meeting to form a quorum.
2. That seven days' notice be given to Committee members informing them of the day and time of each monthly meeting, and that the Lady Captain shall have power to call a meeting with two days' notice to deal with any matters of extreme urgency.
3. The Committee shall have the power to form sub-committees, where deemed necessary, from its own Committee members, and also co-opt a member or members to fill any casual vacancy which may arise in the Executive Committee due to the resignation of a member or members of the Committee. A copy of the voting list at the Annual General Meeting to be kept for two years, in order to co-opt, if necessary, the next on the voting list.
4. That the Committee shall have full power to transact any business in the Club, and make such Bye-Laws as from time to time may be deemed necessary.
5. The Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and Hon Handicap Secretary to be voted for annually. Members to be elected for a period of TWO years, unless filling a casual vacancy. No ONE Lady may hold any of the THREE offices, or serve as a Member of Committee, for a period of more than SIX consecutive years, without a break from Committee of at least ONE year. The THREE year period served by a Lady Captain (as Lady Captain Elect, Lady Captain and Ex-Lady Captain) will not count towards the limit of SIX consecutive years. Any time

served immediately following the year as Ex-Lady Captain will be considered as consecutive years of service.

6. An Ex-Lady Captains' meeting shall be held every year to choose the new Lady Captain Elect. This meeting to be held prior to the Annual General Meeting. All those in attendance must be playing members at the time. The Lady Captain Elect to assume the duties of Lady Captain at the next but one Annual General Meeting.
7. That the Annual General Meeting shall be held about the same time as the Members' Annual General Meeting, and that the Financial Year shall end on the last day of December. The Annual Report and the Hon. Treasurer's Report to be put before each Annual General Meeting. Fourteen days Notice to be given of the Annual General Meeting. The List of Proposals of Officers to be posted on the Notice Board at least fourteen days before the matter is put in the hands of the printers. House Members may be present at the Annual General Meeting but may not vote on any Club matters.
8. If there are three vacancies, each Lady must vote for three candidates, not two or one. If anyone does not vote for the correct number of vacancies or, in fact, votes in excess of that number, then the voting paper will be made null and void.
9. That fifteen Lady Members shall be empowered to demand an Extraordinary General Meeting, giving fourteen days notice to the Lady Secretary, stating the nature of the business.

## **BYE-LAWS**

1. All Competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the CONGU Rules. Members failing to adhere to these Rules will be dealt with by the Committee.
2. The Committee shall have the power to adopt Club Handicaps in case of emergency e.g. Course under construction, etc.
3. All Competitors must be on the Course before 7.00pm.
4. Any Lady Member not having paid her Subscription one month after the due date shall not be allowed to take part in any Competition.

5. A Lady may not play twice with the same person in singles competitions in any one calendar month, unless drawn to do so.

6. **Major Competitions and Special Competitions**

The MAJOR Competitions are:

The Ladies' Championship

The Florence Burton Trophy

The Seal Shield

The Bell Trophy

The Challenge Cup

The Hebblethwaite Cup

The Dora Williamson Memorial Trophy

The Jean Pennington Memorial Trophy

The Centenary Trophy

The SPECIAL Competitions are:

The Lady Captain's Prize

The Captain's Prize to the Ladies

The President's Prize to the Ladies

- a) Partners for Major and Special Competitions will be drawn.
- b) Members who have not played to 36 handicap in the previous twelve months will go into a separate draw for all Major and Special Competitions. In the event of only one person in the higher category draw, that person will be included in the main field but will go out in the last group.  
(Recommendation to the AGM 2020).
- c) Ties in "Major Stroke Competitions" will be decided by a card play-off.  
(Recommendation to the AGM 2020).
- d) Ties in "Special Competitions" will be decided by a method determined by the donor of the prize.
- e) Captain's and President's Prizes to the Ladies – the entry qualification and format for these competitions may be varied at the discretion of the donor of the prize.
- f) If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification, as provided in the Rule of Golf 33.7, the penalty for failure to start on time is *loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play* instead of disqualification.  
(Rule of Golf 6.3)

7. **Stroke Competitions**  
A stroke competition may only be cancelled by the Committee:
  - a) if the greens are under water, or
  - b) if light stops play, or
  - c) in the event of thunderstorms, or
  - d) if the Greens Chairman declares the Course unplayable.
8. **Match Play Competitions** - (Challenge and Hebblethwaite),
  - a) The first named person/s on the draw-sheet will be responsible for arranging the match, by offering at least three alternative dates such that the match can be played before the "play by" date.
  - b) Ties will be decided by "Sudden Death" whether or not the holes are played on the same day or a subsequent day.
  - c) Caddies or trolley pullers are not allowed in any round of either competition.
9. **Competition**  
It is necessary for eight people to play to make a Competition, except in a Subsidiary Competition
0. **Competition Cards**  
No competition card for any Ladies' Competition may be marked by a male member.
1. **Eclectic Competition**  
Ladies may return two cards per week for the Eclectic Competition which should only be from Competitions. Extra day cards not allowed. (A week begins on a Sunday.)
2. **Eclectic Final Date**  
The Eclectic Final Date will be the Sunday before Lady Captain's Day. The prize will be given on Lady Captain's Day. If the Eclectic Competition is tied, the winner will be decided by an 18-hole Match Play Competition.
3. **Trophies**  
Replicas will be given to all "Trophy" Competition winners. Runners-up for the Challenge and Hebblethwaite Cups will be given a token prize.
4. **Cost of Competitions**  
The cost of Competitions will be fixed at each Annual General Meeting, following a recommendation by the Committee.
5. **Dress Regulations On the Course**

Smart appropriate golf attire must be worn. Shorts must be tailored and of suitable length. Collarless shirts or tee shirts (vest type) are not allowed on the course.

**In the Club House**

Smart appropriate clothing must be worn at all times.

**Not allowed on the Course or in the Club House**

Short Shorts, Leggings, Trainers and Track Suits. Jeans are allowed in the Club House only