

RULES OF CHEADLE GOLF CLUB

1. The name of the Club is Cheadle Golf Club and the Club is a Members' Club.
The Club is a non-profit making organisation. All profit and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Club's facilities. On winding up or dissolution of the Club no profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non profit making like-minded Club or to Charity or to the English Golf Union. (Rule 12.4 applies)
2. The objectives of the Club are to manage a golf course and Clubhouse for its Members and to provide for the supply to them of refreshments and all things incidental to the playing of golf.

3. PROPERTY and TRUSTEES

- 3.1. The property of the Club (other than cash and moveable chattels and effects) shall be vested in Trustees and shall be dealt with by them as the Management Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence.
- 3.2. The Trustees shall be not less than two and no more than four in number. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. Any Trustee shall hold office until death or resignation, or until removed from office by a resolution of the Management Committee. If by reason of any such death, resignation or removal, it shall appear to the Management Committee necessary or expedient that a new Trustee should be appointed, or if the Management Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee, the Management Committee shall, by resolution, nominate the person to be appointed such or additional Trustee. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination, the Chairman for the time being of the Management Committee is hereby declared to be the person empowered to appoint new Trustees of the club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925. He shall by Deed duly appoint the person so nominated by the Management Committee as a Trustee of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such Deed of Appointment shall in favour of a person dealing bona-fide and for value with the Club or with the Management Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

4. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Composition and Election)

- 4.1 The Management Committee of the Club shall consist of the following persons:-
 - a) The Captain, President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Captain, Gentleman Competition Secretary and Lady Representative as elected under Rule 13.1.
 - b) The respective Chairman of both the Greens and House Committees as elected under Rule 13.2.2.

4.2 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

On the last Sunday in January the Secretary shall post in the club room a blank nomination sheet on which shall be written the names of the candidates for officers, committee members and Auditors (except Captain and President). All members entitled to vote and of not less than two years standing shall be eligible to serve on the Committee and shall be elected for two years, with Officers being elected for one year. Each candidate for the Committee shall be nominated by a proposer and seconder who must be members of the club of at least two years standing.

5 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Categories of Membership

Membership will be divided into the following categories:

- Full members (including Veteran status)
- Lady members (including Veteran status)
- Life members
- Restricted members (including Veteran status)
- Elder members (Gentlemen and Ladies)
- Country members
- Graduate members
- Junior members
- Social members
- Non playing Spouse members

The maximum number of ADULT PLAYING MEMBERS (FULL MEMBERS, RESTRICTED MEMBERS and LADY MEMBERS) shall be 340. The maximum number of GRADUATE/JUNIOR and SOCIAL MEMBERS shall be 50 and 56 respectively.

The number of COUNTRY and SPOUSE MEMBERS shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

5.1.1 Gentlemen – Full and Life Members (Voting Members)

Any such Member may:-

- a) If he has been a Voting Member for at least two years:
 - i) Be an Officer or Member of any Committee or Sub-Committee of the Club.
 - ii) Nominate a Member who is so qualified to serve on the Management, House or the Greens Committees under Rules 4.2 and 9.
- b) Vote at any General Meeting.
- c) Use the golf course at all times it is open except the following:
 - i) Before 4:00pm on Ladies Day.
 - ii) Before 7:00pm on Lady Captain's Day, Ladies Spring, Summer, Autumn and Invitation Days.
 - iii) Any day the Management Committee may decide.
- d) Use the Club premises at all times except the main lounge during Ladies prize presentations and any other special occasions the Management Committee may decide.
- d) Introduce visitors to use the golf course when open.

5.1.2 Ladies – Full and Life Members (Voting Members)

Lady Members will elect their own Captain.

The Ladies may adopt their own bye-laws subject to the approval of the Club Management Committee.

Any such Member may:-

- a) If she had been a Voting Member for at least two years:-
 - i) Be an Officer or Member of any Committee or Sub-Committee of the Club.
 - ii) Nominate a Member who is so qualified to serve on the Management, House or the Greens Committees under Rules 4.2 and 9.
- b) Vote at any General Meeting.
- c) Use the golf course at the following times:
 - i) On weekdays except after 5:00pm on Club match days.
 - ii) On non-competition Saturdays after 1:00pm.
 - iii) After 4:00pm on all Saturdays except the Captain's Weekend, Invitation Days, and any other Sunday, Public Holiday or day the Management Committee may decide.
 - iv) On Sundays and Public Holidays except on the Captain's Weekend or any other Sunday, Public Holiday or day the Management Committee may decide.
- d) Use the Club premises at all times except the main lounge during the Gentlemen's prize presentations and any other special occasions the Management Committee may decide.
- e) Introduce visitors to use the golf course when open.

5.1.3 Restricted Members (Voting Members)

Any such Member may:-

- a) If he has been a Voting Member for at least two years:
 - i) Be a Member of any Committee or Sub-Committee of the Club.
 - ii) Nominate a Member who is so qualified to serve on the Management, House or the Greens Committees under Rules 4.2 and 9.
- b) Vote at any General Meeting.
- c) Play golf at any time on weekdays as listed for Gentleman Full Members but, with the following time restrictions imposed at weekends:-
 - i) They may play on Saturdays only after 4:00pm, the exceptions being Rule 5.1.3ii, Captain's Weekend, Invitation Days and any other Saturday the Management Committee may decide that the course is closed to Restricted Members.
 - ii) From 1st November to 31st March inclusive, they may play on Saturdays except in the Monthly Medals, Turkey Trot and Jubilee Bowl.
 - iii) They may play on Sundays, the exceptions being the Captain's Weekend, AM/AM and any other Sunday that the Management Committee may decide that the course is closed to Restricted Members. However, they may play in the winter Breakfast competitions.
- d) Use the Club premises at all times except the main lounge during the Ladies prize presentations and any other special occasions the Management Committee may decide.
- e) Introduce visitors to use the golf course when open except on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays.

5.1.4 Country Members

Any such Member shall be elected at the discretion of the Management Committee and only Full, Restricted and Lady Members who have left the district and have no residence or place of business within 25 miles of the Club are eligible. They cannot play in *members only* competitions except at the discretion of the Management Committee.

5.1.5 Graduate Members

Any such Member shall be aged between 18 and up to 21 (unless in full-time education, when the age limit would be up to 24) and may:-

- a) Use the Club premises at all times.
- b) Play golf at any time on weekdays as listed for Gentlemen and Lady Full Members but with the following time restrictions imposed at weekends:
 - i) They may play on Saturdays only after 4:00pm, the exceptions being Rule 5.1.5ii, Captain's Weekend, Invitation Days, and any other Saturday the Management Committee may decide that the course is closed to Graduate Members.
 - ii) From 1st November to 31st March inclusive, they may play on Saturdays except in the Monthly Medals, Turkey Trot and Jubilee Bow.
 - iii) They may play on Sundays, the exceptions being the Captain's Weekend, AM/AM and any other Sunday that the Management Committee may decide that the course is closed to Graduate Members. However, they may play in the winter Breakfast competitions.
- c) Introduce visitors to use the golf course when open except on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays.

- d) Except for the 'Major Board' Competitions, Gentlemen Graduate Members with a handicap in Category 1 or 2 may play in Club competitions providing that there is a vacant time slot on the competition entry sheet at 7:00pm on the day prior to the event.

They will not be eligible to win the competition prizes. The exception to this rule shall be any Scratch competition which Graduate Members are eligible to enter and win.

- e) Depending on status, Graduate Members on reaching the age of 21 or 24 must apply to the Secretary for any other category of membership without need for introduction under Rule 6.1. If no such application has been received by the time a member is 21 or 24, his membership will be deemed to have lapsed at the end of the current club year.

5.1.6 Junior Members

Any such Member must be aged over ten but under eighteen years.

- a) Before obtaining a handicap they are only allowed to play golf on the course when accompanied by a Member who has a handicap.
- b) They are not entitled to play golf on Saturdays before 4:00pm unless:
 - i) Invited to play by the Committee.
 - ii) A competition has been specially arranged for them.
 - iii) They are entitled to play on Sundays, the exceptions being Captain's Weekend, AM/AM and any other Sunday that the Management Committee may decide the course is closed to Junior Members.
- c) Exceptionally, Junior Members with a handicap in Category 1 or Category 2 may play in Club competitions for experience but only if there is a vacant time slot on the competition entry sheet at 7:00pm on the day prior to the event. The exception to this rule shall be any Scratch competition which Junior Members are eligible to enter and win.
- d) Junior Members are not entitled to the use of the Club lounge and snooker tables except when specially invited by the Management Committee.
- e) Upon reaching the age of eighteen years, Junior Members must apply to the Secretary for any other category of membership without need for introduction under Rule 6.1. If no such application has been received by the time a member is 18, his membership will be deemed to have lapsed at the end of the current club year.

5.1.7 Veteran Members (Voting Member)

Full, Restricted and Lady Members shall be eligible for Veteran Membership on reaching the age of 65, providing they have been a Voting Member for 35 years. Eligible Members shall be elected at the commencement of the following Club year (i.e. February). Existing privileges, prior to the date of this document, will be maintained.

5.1.8 Life Members

The Management Committee shall have power to elect Life Members in suitable cases on such terms as they may decide. Any such election shall be subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting following the effective date of such election. Any such Member shall not be liable for any subscription.

5.1.9 Social Members

Social Members shall be limited to the spouses and, at the discretion of the Committee, other immediate relatives and personal friends of Full, Life, Restricted and Lady Members.

All categories of Members, except Juniors, may transfer to Social Membership providing there is a vacancy.

Social Members shall be entitled to the use of the clubhouse in accordance with the Rules of the Club, but shall not be entitled to play golf on the course except under Rule 21. Social Members will have no Management involvement with the Club.

5.1.10 Non Playing Spouse Members

This category of Membership will apply to a Spouse or Partner of a voting member and will be appointed at the discretion of the Management Committee. They will enjoy the same privileges as Social Members.

5.1.11 Elder Members (Voting Members)

Lady and Gentlemen Elder Members must be 80 years of age or over at the beginning of the current Club year and must have been playing Members for at least 10 years. Lady Elder Members have the same playing and voting rights as a Full Lady Member. Gentlemen Elder Members have the same playing and voting rights as a Gentleman Member.

6 MEMBERSHIP (Election)

6.1 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. Each candidate for membership must be proposed by one and seconded by another Voting Member of 12 months standing to both of whom such candidate is personally known. However, if the candidate for membership does not have a proposer and seconder that know the candidate personally, then the Management Committee can select qualifying Members to act in this capacity. The candidate will complete an application form which will be signed by the candidate and the Proposer and Secunder. The application will be posted in the Clubhouse for at least twenty one days before election. Any omission from or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to or the description of any candidate shall render the candidate's subsequent election invalid at the discretion of the Management Committee. The candidate's Proposer and Secunder will be responsible for the candidate's conduct during the first twelve months membership.

6.2 Election to Membership will be confirmed by the Management sub committee whose decision will be final. On due election, notice of election shall be sent to such candidate together with a copy of these Rules and Byelaws and a request to transmit the Secretary the Entrance Fee, if any, and first subscription. If such Entrance Fee and first subscription are not paid within one month of the date of such request, the Management Committee may deem void the election of such candidate as a member unless the candidate shall satisfy the Management Committee that the delay in payment was due to absence from Great Britain or to some other sufficient cause.

6.3 The Management Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made (in accordance with Rule 7.2)

6.4 ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION

a) An entrance fee shall be payable by Full, Restricted and Lady Members and, in part, by Graduate Members. The Management Committee has the right to decide the amount of entrance fee and to vary it or suspend it, as it thinks fit. Former members who are re-elected shall be exempt from payment of an entrance fee provided they have previously paid the full Club entrance fee and provided they did not resign for the purpose of joining another golf club within twenty five miles of Cheadle.

b) The Club year will commence on 1st February each year and terminate on the 31st January following. The annual subscription shall be due for payment in advance by 1st February each year. The amount of the annual subscription will be notified on the Club notice board. Alteration of subscription rates shall not constitute a change of Rule, but any alteration of the rates must be voted on at a Special General Meeting. A majority of those present and entitled to vote must vote in favour.

c) If a Member has not paid the annual subscription, levies or any other monies owing to the Club by the date of the Annual General Meeting, then that Member shall be deemed to have resigned, unless there are extenuating circumstances of which the Management Committee will be the sole arbitrator.

7 MEMBERSHIP (Termination)

7.1 RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

Any Member wishing to resign from the Club shall give at least three months notice in writing to the Secretary. The subscription for the Club year in which they resign shall be payable on a *pro rata* basis according to the period which has elapsed from the beginning of the Club year to the end of the Club month in which the resignation takes effect. They shall be liable for any monies owing by them to the Club.

- 7.2 To expel a Member from the Club for misconduct, it shall be necessary that notice be sent to the Secretary, signed by four or more members acquainting him with the circumstances which give rise to such notice. The Secretary shall communicate with such Member so that he may have the opportunity of explaining his conduct in writing or orally, or withdrawing from the Club.

A subsequent meeting of the Management Committee may expel the Member or impose a period of suspension from membership for a period up to but not exceeding three months during which time the Member shall remain liable for subscriptions due. The Member shall be expelled or suspended if two thirds of the Management Committee present vote for his expulsion or suspension. Any Member so expelled shall have the right to appeal to an Extraordinary General Meeting, to be summoned within twenty one days of the Member's expulsion or suspension. At such a meeting two thirds of the votes cast by those voting members present shall be required to confirm the expulsion or suspension.

Any Member expelled or suspended in accordance with the Rules, or otherwise ceasing to be a Member, save by way of resignation in accordance with Rule 7.1, shall forfeit all such rights to, or claim upon, the Club, its property or funds as he would have by reason of his membership. He shall not be entitled to any return of subscription and shall remain liable for any subscription or other fees outstanding at that time.

8 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Management Committee. Not more than fifteen months will elapse without such a meeting. Its business shall be:-

- a) To receive from the Captain of the Club a report on the general condition and progress of the Club during the preceding year.
- b) To receive and, if approved, adopt a Report on the audited accounts of the Club.
- c) To confirm the election of the Captain of the Club, Vice Captain, Treasurer, President, Secretary, Gentlemen's Competition Secretary, Membership Secretary and Lady Representative.
- d) To elect Members of the House and Greens Committees.
- e) To transact any business relating to the affairs of the Club of which due notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.
- f) To elect the Club Auditors for the year.

- 8.2.1 The Management Committee may, at any time, for any special purpose, call a Special General Meeting and shall do so forthwith upon the requisition in writing of not less than **twelve** Voting Members stating the purpose for which such meeting is required.

- 8.2.2 Notwithstanding the powers given to the Management Committee in these Rules, directions may be given to the Management Committee who shall act upon such powers (and the Management Committee shall act upon such directions) by resolution passed at any General Meeting.

- 8.3 Notice of any Annual General Meeting shall be posted in the Clubhouse not less than forty-two days beforehand.

Any Voting Member desirous of moving any resolution at such Meeting shall give notice of such resolution in writing to the Secretary at least twenty eight days before the proposed date of such Meeting. Notice of any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to every Voting Member not less than fourteen days before the proposed date of such Meeting and no other business shall be admitted at such Meeting. Copies of the audited accounts of the Club for the year immediately preceding any Annual General Meeting shall be sent with the notice of such Meeting.

- 8.4 At any General Meeting the Captain of the Club or, failing him, another Member of the Management Committee selected by the Management Committee for the purpose, shall be Chairman of such Meeting and will conduct voting on any motion according to Standing Orders. Each Voting Member present shall be entitled to one vote on each motion. Resolutions shall be carried by at least two-thirds of the votes cast in favour. A quorum at a General Meeting shall be thirty-five Voting Members.

9 HOUSE COMMITTEE AND GREENS COMMITTEE (Composition and Election)

- 9.1 The House Committee and Greens Committee shall each consist of four Voting Members. The two Members of each such Committee who have continuously served the longest period since election to that Committee shall retire from Membership of that Committee at each Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election subject to Rule 9.2. The names of such retiring Members who are eligible for re-election shall be exhibited to Voting Members at least forty-two days before the relevant Annual General Meeting. Candidates for election as Members of the House Committee and of the Greens Committee shall be nominated by two Voting Members and the names of such candidates must be received by the Secretary at least twenty eight days before. If more candidates are nominated than there are vacancies, election shall be by ballot at the relevant Annual General Meeting.
- 9.2 The maximum continuous time which any Voting Member may serve on the House Committee or the Greens Committee respectively shall be six years excluding any time served to fill a casual vacancy under Rule 10. After a period of at least one year's non-membership of the House Committee and Greens Committee respectively the Voting Member may again be elected under Rules 8.1 and 9.1. Nothing in this Rule shall preclude a Voting Member from becoming a Member of the House Committee immediately after ceasing to be a Member of the Greens Committee or vice versa.

10 CASUAL VACANCIES

Any casual vacancy amongst the Officers of the Club or amongst the Members of the Management Committee shall be filled by election by the Management Committee. Any casual vacancy amongst the Members of the House Committee or amongst Members of the Greens Committee shall be filled respectively by election by the House Committee and the Greens Committee. Any Officer or Voting Member filling such casual vacancy shall complete the term of office remaining for the vacancy and may then be eligible for election subject to Rule 4.2.

11 THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Procedure)

- 11.1 The Captain of the Club shall be the Chairman of the Management Committee.
- 11.2 The Management Committee shall meet at such times and dates as they may determine. **Six** members shall constitute a quorum. If the Chairman is not present at any meeting, the Management Committee shall appoint one of their number to take the chair at that meeting. In the event of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Minutes of the proceedings shall be duly signed by the Chairman and kept by the Secretary.
- 11.3 On receipt of the request signed by the Chairman of the Management Committee or by the Secretary that a Special Meeting of the Management Committee be summoned and stating the nature of business for which it is to be summoned, the Secretary shall forthwith issue notices summoning such a meeting on a day and at an hour to be fixed by the Chairman.
- 11.4 In addition to the House Committee and the Greens Committee elected by Members in accordance with Rule 9.1, the Management Committee may appoint such other Sub-Committees as they may deem necessary or expedient and will lay down the powers, duties and responsibilities of all the Club Committees and Sub-Committees who must report periodically their proceedings to the Management Committee. These Club Committees and Sub-Committees will be responsible to the Management Committee for the efficient control of their business in accordance with the directions of the Management Committee.
- 11.5 The Chairman may call a Meeting of Officers and Committee Members at his discretion.

11.6 Administration

The Management Committee shall at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting appoint the following non-executive officers who must be Voting Members but must not be Members of the Management Committee:-

- a) **Handicap Secretary**
- b) **Match Secretary**
- c) **Junior Secretary**

Any Voting Member may hold more than one such non-executive office but as such holder shall not be entitled to attend or vote at any Meeting of the Management Committee. Non-executive officers will report periodically to the Club Secretary as required.

12 THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Powers)

12.1 The Management Committee shall be responsible for the Management of the Club in accordance with these Rules and shall have power to engage, control and dismiss the Club's servants and shall have all other administrative powers as may be necessary properly to carry out the objectives of the Club.

12.2 Such powers of Management and Administration shall include the following powers:-

a) To raise or borrow money for the purpose of 'day to day' running of the Club with or without mortgage of any property of the Club including power to raise or borrow money upon the security of a guarantee or mortgage given by the Trustees at the request of the Management Committee. Major fund raising will be referred to Members through a Special General Meeting.

b) To provide money to the Trustees of the Golf Club whether by way of loan or otherwise in order to discharge any overdraft or borrowing incurred by the Club from time to time in connection with any property of the Club or used in connection with the activities of the Club.

Any liability incurred by authority of the Management Committee or the Trustees of the Club in carrying on the business of the Club shall be made good by the Club and the Members of the Management Committee and the Trustees shall be fully indemnified by Voting Members of the Club in respect of any such liability.

12.3 The Management Committee may make or alter Bye-Laws as they shall from time to time think necessary for the internal management and well-being of the Club. Such Bye-Laws shall not be binding insofar as they may be inconsistent with these Rules but otherwise shall be binding upon all Members.

12.4 Members shall vote on the winding up or dissolution of the Club. If not less than three quarters of those present support that proposal then the Management Committee will arrange through the Trustees for the disposal of funds and property settling all liabilities of the Club. The Trustees will dispose of the remaining net assets to one or more of the following:-

1) To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or

2) To the Club's governing body the English Golf Union for use by them for related community sports and/or

3) To the Golf Foundation, the Charity which supports Junior Golf.

12.5 All funds generated for the purposes of future specific projects shall be deposited in a special projects account approved by the Management Committee. Such funds should only be available following acceptance of such a project by Members at a General Meeting, a simple majority only being required to carry any proposal.

13 OFFICERS

13.1 The Captain, President and Vice-Captain shall be nominated as under Rule 14, 15 and 16.

The Secretary, Treasurer, Gentlemen's Competition Secretary and Lady Representative for the next ensuing year shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Newly elected Officers shall hold office from the close of such Annual General Meeting until the close of the next succeeding Annual General Meeting when they shall retire unless re-elected.

13.2.1 If any such election or re-election shall not be confirmed at the relevant Annual General Meeting further election shall be made by the Management Committee and such election shall be confirmed at a Special General Meeting which for this purpose shall be deemed to have been duly requisitioned under Rule 8.2.1.

13.2.2 The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House Committee and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Greens Committee shall respectively be elected from their numbers by the Members of the House Committee and the Members of the Greens Committee at the respective first Meetings in every year following the Annual General Meeting and these Officers shall hold office until the meeting following the Annual General Meeting in the next succeeding year.

14 THE CAPTAIN

Upon completing his year of office, the Captain will be replaced by the appointed Vice Captain.

15 **THE VICE CAPTAIN**

15.1 Through the Captain, the Vice Captain will present his list of suggested candidates to a meeting of Past Captains for their consideration and approval. The list should number between four and six Voting Members. Failure to find a candidate from this list will require the process to be repeated.

15.2 The appointment will be announced on the last Sunday in January and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

16 **THE PRESIDENT**

16.1 The retiring President shall present a list of names to a meeting of Past Presidents for their approval. The list must number not less than four and not more than six names. The President shall select the new President from the approved list and notify the Club Secretary and Vice Captain in confidence. Failure to find a candidate from this list will require the process to be repeated.

16.2 The appointment will be announced and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

17 **THE SECRETARY**

17.1 The Secretary shall, on election, be appointed by the Management Committee on such terms and subject to such conditions and upon such remuneration as the Management Committee shall think fit.

17.2 The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the Club Management Committee. He shall summon all meetings and give all notices and orders required in the Management of the Club.

The Secretary shall conduct correspondence on behalf of the Club and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all documents belonging to the Club.

He has authority to remove from notice boards any notices he deems to be inappropriate, including those concerning advertising of products or services.

All complaints from Members must be sent in writing to the Secretary. Members' suggestions can be entered in the book provided, to be answered at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

18 **THE TREASURER**

18.1 The Treasurer shall receive and pay all monies due to or from the Club, keep an account and submit such an account and a balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting. Two Members of the Club (not Committee Members) shall audit the accounts before submission to the Annual General Meeting. All cheques above the value of £700.00 shall be signed by at least two authorised Officers of the Club. Those authorised shall be the Treasurer, Secretary, Captain and Vice Captain.

18.2 The Treasurer shall be an Honorary Voting Member for as long as he shall hold office.

19 **GENTLEMEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY**

The Gentlemen's Competition Secretary will be approved and elected at the Annual General Meeting.

20 **LADY REPRESENTATIVE**

The Lady Representative will be approved and elected at the Annual General Meeting.

20.1 **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

The Membership Secretary will be approved and elected at the Annual General Meeting.

21 **FACILITIES**

21.1 The golf course and greens shall be open from dawn to dusk every day except when declared closed by the Greens Committee by reason of climatic or ground conditions. Golfers must give way to members of the green keeping staff who may be cutting or swishing the greens, fairways or tees, before 9:30am on weekdays. The Clubhouse shall be open at times decided by the Management Committee and displayed on the Club notice board.

- 21.2 The permitted Bar hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be as such as are authorised by the Management Committee and in accordance with the Local Licensing Authority.
- 21.3 Subject to any restrictions which from time to time may be imposed by the Management Committee, non-members may be admitted to the Clubhouse and may purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises, namely:-
- a) Golfers on payment of the appropriate green fee.
 - b) Persons taking table meals in the Clubhouse.
 - c) Persons attending functions in the Clubhouse in whatever capacity.
 - d) Club employees.

22 VISITORS

22.1 Use of the Clubhouse

Any member, except a Junior member, may introduce visitors by entering their names in the Visitors' Book and shall be responsible for the observances of the Club Rules by such visitors.

- 22.2 Every playing member introducing a visitor to the golf course or clubhouse shall enter his or her name in the visitor's book. The introducing member shall be responsible for the payment of all fees. Any unaccompanied visitors who are members of a golf club with an official handicap may only play without a member at the discretion of the Secretary, Professional or any other Committee member on payment of the appropriate green fees before commencing play. Prospective members whose application has been approved and whose names are on the Club's waiting list may play golf with a member. Visitors (as above) may play on the course at any time excepting Tuesdays before 4:00pm and during club competitions and inter-club matches. A visitor may not play more than 8 times at a reduced fee during any club year.

- 22.3 Visitors holding a current Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs card may play on the course without being introduced by a member but within the rules of the Union.

- 22.4 Monthly temporary membership may be issued at the discretion of the Management Committee on payment of a fee. The hours of play will be as in 22.2.

- 22.5 Members of visiting teams shall be declared to be guests of the Club members for the day of the match.

- 22.6 A member may not introduce more than 3 visitors for golf at any one time. The exception for this would be visiting parties by prior arrangement through the Secretary.

23. INTERPRETATION

- 23.1 The Rules of Golf as they may from time to time be fixed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews shall, as far as applicable and with such Special Additions as may be made by the Management Committee, by the Rules of Golf of the Club.

- 23.2 In these Rules and in any Bye-Laws made under Rule 12.3 words importing the singular number only and the masculine gender only shall respectively include the plural number and the feminine gender and vice versa unless inconsistent with the context.

- 23.3 The Management Committee shall be the sole authority for interpreting these Rules and for settling all disputes relating to the affairs of the Club and to the conduct of Members in relation to the Club.

- 23.4 These Rules or any of them may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting provided that such resolution be carried by more than two-thirds of the votes cast of the Voting Members voting thereon. Any new Rule approved by the Management Committee shall be effective until the next Annual or Special General Meeting.

- 23.5 All complaints shall be made to the Secretary in writing, who, if unable to deal with them himself, shall submit such complaints to the Management Committee whose decision shall be final. In no instance shall a servant of the Club be reprimanded directly by a member.

- 23.6 Every member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules and Bye Laws of the Club.