



Club Rules

1. Name

The club shall be called Great Harwood Golf and Social Club.

2. Interpretation

In these rules, the expression 'The Council' means the council constituted pursuant to rule 7.

3. Categories of Membership

Membership shall be divided into the following categories A) Full Members B) Honorary Life Members C) Associate Members D) Four Day Members E) Intermediate Members F) Junior Members G) Overseas Members H) Social Members.

4. Conditions of Membership

A) Full members are 26 years of age or older and entitled to all privileges of the club.

B) Any member may be elected as an Honorary Life Member by the Council.

C) Associate Members are allowed to play golf on the course Monday to Friday.

D) Junior Members are 18 years of age or under and are not allowed (unless they qualify as rule 13) to play golf on the course on any Saturday or Sunday between 12pm and 4pm.

E) Overseas Members are elected at the discretion of the Council and only Honorary Life, Full and Associate Members whose normal place of residence becomes outside the British Isles are eligible.

F) Social Members are entitled to all the privileges of the club with the exception of the use of the golf course.

5. Election of Members

Membership of the club is open to all members of the community without discrimination.

6. Annual Subscription

The annual subscriptions, as determined by the Annual General Meeting, shall relate to the year commencing on the next following day of January and shall be due for payment on such day. The Council shall have the power to reduce proportionally the Annual Subscriptions payable by new members for the period from their election until the following December 31st.

B) The names of members will be posted in the Clubhouse and an indication placed opposite the name of those members whose Annual Subscriptions have been paid.

C) If any member's Annual Subscription remains unpaid by March 31st in the year to which it relates, or in the case of a new member, his or her Annual Subscription remains unpaid for one month after their election, the Council have the power to remove his or her name from the register of members.

D) No members shall be eligible to win a prize in any competition unless his or her Annual Subscription for the current year has been paid in full or is in the process of paying their Annual Subscription by instalments.

E) The Council shall have the power to waive the payment of Annual Subscriptions by any member who is also an employee of the club for the duration of such employment.

7. Management

A) The management of the club and power of disposal of fund thereof shall be vested in a Council consisting of the Captain, Vice-Captain (the immediate Past Captain), President, Secretary and Treasurer plus six other members. The Captain-Elect will be invited to sit as a non-voting member of the council each year.

B) Two members of Council, who will serve for three years, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year.

C) All candidates for election to the Council shall have been Full Members for at least two year, and all nominations of Candidates shall be made in writing signed by two Full Members who have been members of at least two years and forwarded to the Secretary for posting on the Club's Noticeboard not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting in each year.

D) If there are more candidates than vacancies, the election shall be by ballot of Full and Associate Members present at the Annual General Meeting. The voting shall be effected by putting a X opposite the names of the candidates for whom the Full or Associate Member wishes to vote and he or she may vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies.

E) The Council shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in any office or in its number by appointment of a Full member to fill such a vacancy who shall hold office or serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

F) Five members of the council shall make up a quorum and the council shall meet not less frequently than bi-monthly (six times a year) at such times as it may determine.

G) The authority of the council shall in all cases be paramount until any decision of the council is overruled by a resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting of the club. A copy of the minutes of a meeting of council signed by the chairman thereof shall be conclusive proof of the business transacted at such meeting.

H) Except as provided in Rule 12, the council shall have the power to make such bye-laws for the management of the club as it considers necessary.

I) The council may delegate any of its powers to committees appointed by the council from its own members with or without the addition of other Full members. The Captain, Secretary or treasurer shall ex-officio be members of such committees.

J) Great Harwood Golf and Social Club is a non-profit making organisation and as such is not allowed to distribute any profits or surpluses it makes other than to the sport's governing body, a registered charity or a fellow Community Amateur Sports Club upon its dissolution. The club must use all profits or surpluses from its playing activities to maintain or improve the related facilities. The club must not be subject to commercial influence.

8. The Chairman and Casting Vote The Captain, or in his absence, the Vice Captain, shall preside at the Annual and any Special General meeting of the club and at all meetings of the Council. In the case of an equality of votes at any meeting of the council. The Chairman shall have a second casting vote. The chairman also has a casting vote at the Annual and any Special Meetings.

9. The Secretary

- A) The Secretary shall keep, in a book, correct meetings of the proceedings at all Annual and Special General Meetings and all meetings of the council and shall produce the book at all such meetings.
- B) The Secretary shall summon by due notice all Annual and Special General Meetings of the club and all meetings of the council. He shall also enrol members in the register of members.

10. The Treasurer

- A) The Treasurer shall pay into such bank as the council may from time to time direct all monies received by him on behalf of the club.
- B) The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of the financial affairs of the club and shall prepare an annual statement of such affairs for the year ending on the thirtieth day of September which shall be duly audited and certified by the auditors of Great Harwood Golf and Social Club Limited and posted on the notice board not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting in each year.

11. Meetings

- A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of November.
- B) The business transacted at the meeting shall be:
 - i) The consideration and adoption of the financial statement mentioned in paragraph B of rule 10.
 - ii) the determination of the Annual Subscriptions for all categories of membership.
 - iii) The appointment of the Captain and President and the election of members to council. The election of the Secretary and Treasurer-who shall be elected on a triennial basis.
 - iv) Such other business as shall be specified in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.
- C) A Special General Meeting of the club shall be summoned by the Secretary when so directed by the council or on receipt of a requisition signed by ten Full members stating the object for which a Special General Meeting shall be summoned for a date not later than 30 days after the receipt by the Secretary of such requisition.
- D) Not less than seven days' notice of the Annual or a Special General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted shall be given by the Secretary to every Full and Associate member.
- E) The quorum for the Annual or a Special General Meeting shall be thirty Full or Associate members present in person.
- F) No members other than Full and Associate members shall be entitled to vote at the Annual or a Special General Meeting and a resolution put to the vote shall be decided on a show of hands by a simple majority-except for a resolution to which paragraph B of rule 19 applies.

12. Lady Members' Committees

Lady members may elect their own Captain, President and other members of a Lady members' committee in such manner as they shall determine and such committee may adopt its own bye-laws to regulate matters which exclusively concern Lady members.

13. Competitions

Prizes may be offered by the club and shall be competed for by male and female Full members on certain days called competition days which shall be fixed by the council and of which notice shall be posted on the notice boards. In addition, male junior members with a handicap of 12 or below may

compete on men's competition days and female junior members with a handicap of 36 or below may compete on ladies' competition days.

Male members who are not competing are not allowed to play golf on the course on men's competition days before 4pm or two hours after the final tee-time. On Men's competition days which are weekdays, members who are not competing may be allowed by the council to play at starting times not taken by competitors but must give priority to competitors.

14. Conduct of Members

The council shall have the authority to expel any member who in its opinion has wilfully acted contrary to the Club Rules or whose conduct is considered by it to be against the best interest of the club subject to the following procedure.

- A) The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the council to consider the case and shall give the member in question the opportunity to appear before such meeting.
- B) A resolution to expel any member must be passed at a meeting of the council by vote not less than a two thirds majority of the council members present.
- C) Any member so expelled shall have the right of appeal to a Special General Meeting which if he or she so desires shall be called by the Secretary in accordance with Rule 11D and within 14 days of the date of the expulsion when a majority of Full or Associate members present at such Special General Meeting shall be required to confirm expulsion.
- D) If the expulsion is not so confirmed, the member in question shall be automatically reinstated.

15. Resignation and Reapplication

- A) Any member may resign his or her membership by notice in writing to the Secretary and on paying all arrears due by him or her before the thirty first day of December in any year.
- B) Any former member may re-join the club by being elected in the manner prescribed by Rule 5.

16. Visitors

- A) Any member may introduce visitors to the privileges of the club on payment, if applicable, of the green fee from time to time determined by the council and insertion of their names into the visitors' book.
- B) A member may not introduce more than three visitors to play golf at any one time.
- C) Any unaccompanied visitors who are members of a golf club and have an official handicap may play golf on the course with the prior permission from the Secretary or any member of the council and on payment of the correct Green Fee before commencing play.

17. The Club Premises

The council shall have the power to let the club premises or any part thereof for private functions on such terms and payment as the council shall decide.

18. Dogs

Dogs shall not be allowed on the course or in the club premises.

18. Alteration of Club Rules

A) A motion for the alteration or amendment or addition to the rules of the club shall be made at an Annual General Meeting of the club provided that the notice thereof is given in writing to the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting requisitioned for the purpose in accordance with Rule 11 C.

B) No resolution for the alteration or amendment of or addition to the rules shall be valid unless it is passed by a two thirds majority of the votes of Full and Associate members present at the Annual or a Special General Meeting and voting thereon.