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LYDD GOLF CLUB



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1) Title

The name of the Club is Lydd Golf Club and Driving Range ('the Club').

2) Objectives

The objectives of the Club are to promote the game of golf and to establish, maintain and conduct a Golf Club of the highest standard.

3) Constitution

a) The Club is a proprietary Club, the proprietor and sole manager of which is Lydd Golf Club ('the Proprietor'). Hereinafter the term 'the Proprietor' will be deemed to mean 'the Proprietor or its appointed representative'.

b) The Proprietor will provide the Club with a golf course, driving range and clubhouse and reasonable necessities and facilities for the Club to achieve its objectives as defined.

c) Members of the Club are subject to the payment of the appropriate annual fee or joining fee as implemented from time to time. Such fee will be the extent of the financial liability of members and will entitle members to the use of the golf course and facilities.

4) Membership Categories

Conditions of membership apply equally to men and women, and the proprietor retains the sole right to determine and alter the terms of the membership categories. All membership categories are referred to hereinafter as Individual Annual Members.

a) Honorary Membership

Honorary Members may be appointed at the discretion of the Proprietor.

b) Annual Membership

i) Individual Annual Membership will be restricted to persons having attained the age of 18.

ii) Individual Annual Members will be entitled to the use of the golf course and ancillary facilities for one year from the opening of the course, subject to payment of the annual membership fee. Details of the ongoing annual membership payment schedule are published separately.

c) Junior Membership

Junior Members, being those members who have not yet attained the age of 18, will have the same entitlements as an Individual Annual Member except those prohibited under licensing acts and such restrictions on use of facilities and on time of use of the golf course as determined from time to time by the Proprietor.

5) Membership Fees

Membership fees shall be payable by each member to the Proprietor and shall be such sums as the Proprietor shall determine and publish.

6) Election of Members

The election of all members shall be at the discretion of the Proprietor. Candidates for membership shall complete an application form and provide such other information as the Proprietor shall request.

7) Expulsion of Members

Any member breaching Club Rules or in the opinion of the Proprietor generally accepted standards of behaviour to the detriment of the Club and/or its members may be expelled from the Club by the proprietor. An expelled member shall forfeit all the entitlements and privileges of membership and all rights which the expelled member may have against the Proprietor. An expelled member shall not be entitled to any refund of his or her annual fees and shall remain liable for the annual fees for the year during which he or she was expelled.

8) Election of Club Captain

For the first 2 years the Proprietor will appoint the Captain and Vice Captain. The latter taking over the Captain's post in the second year. Subsequently the Captain will propose his Vice Captain, subject to the approval of the proprietor.

9) Guests

a) Playing guests Individual Annual Members may, upon payment of a green fee at a special published rate. The Preferential Green Fee shall be paid to the Proprietor before play commences. All such playing guests must at all times be accompanied by their host Individual Annual member who shall be responsible for his or her guest(s) adhering to these Rules.

b) Social Guests Individual Annual Members and Named Persons may introduce non-playing social guests to the clubhouse and its facilities and driving range but not to the golf course. Such social guests shall be accompanied at all times by their host member.

10) Special Events and Course Availability

Whereas full consideration will be given to providing members with fair and reasonable playing time, the Proprietor will make the Club available to green fee players, golf societies, companies, tournaments and for special events from time to time.

11) Committees and Conduct of the Game

- a) The Club recognises the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrew's as the ruling body of Amateur Golf, and agreed to abide by the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A.
- b) The Club agrees to comply totally with the Regulations and Rules of the WHS Handicapping System 2020 and any conditions imposed within the scheme by the English Golf Union.
- c) The Club agrees to comply with the Constitutions and Rules of the English Golf Union and of the Kent Golf Union as a condition of affiliation to those bodies.
- d) The Proprietor will solely manage every aspect of the operation of the Club except those matters related to handicaps and competitions.
- e) Matters related to competitions will be organised by a Club committee comprised of the appointed manager of the Club, or his nominee, and two elected members of the Club. In the first year of the club's operation the two members will be subject to the annual approval of the proprietor.
- f) Matters related to handicaps and competitions will be organised by a Club committee comprised of the appointed manager of the Club and two elected members of the Club. The annual club calendar of competitions and matches will be subject to the annual approval of the Proprietor. Matters related to competitions and handicaps will be organised in accordance with the rules of the R&A, WHS, ELGA, LGU, and the EGU.

The General Committee shall:-

- 1) Form a Handicap Committee of elected members which shall have complete control of Handicapping matters within the Club.
- 2) Form a Competitions Committee of elected members which shall have complete control of competitions organised by the Club.
- g) Subscriptions to EGU & SGU The Club agrees to pay all annual per capita subscriptions due to the County Union and to the English Golf Union in respect of every male & female playing member of whatever category.

h) Disciplinary Powers. The Club shall, whenever necessary exercise the disciplinary powers delegated to them under EGU Constitution in respect of any breach of the Rules of the Union, or for conduct which prejudices the interests of the Union in the game.

12) Resignation

A member may resign his or her membership at any time by letter addressed to the Proprietor at the clubhouse. The member will be liable for his or her membership fee for the year of membership during which he or she resigns. Whereas membership will first commence upon payment to the Proprietor of the first annual fee, members will be afforded a period of one month after the date upon which any subsequent annual fee would be due for payment but failing payment within such period the member will be deemed to have resigned.

13) Register of Members

The Club shall keep a register of members indicating the name and address of the members, his or her membership term and any other information relevant to Club membership as determined from time to time by the Proprietor.

14) Alteration of Rules

These rules may be revoked, supplemented or altered by the Proprietor at any time.

15) Rules of Golf, Attire and Etiquette

i) The rules of the game as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews shall prevail.

ii) The Proprietor shall determine rules concerning standards of dress for members and guests. Members must observe the etiquette of the game and ensure that their guests follow the same code.

16) Hours of Opening

i) The Proprietor shall effect course closure at such times as it is deemed appropriate in the interest of the Club.

ii) Members shall not be entitled to a refund of any fees or to any other compensation, in the event of the closure of the course and/or clubhouse.

iii) Booking system for teeing off will be in operation at all times.

17) Complaints, Disputes and Differences

Any complaints, disputes or differences which may arise should be addressed in writing to the proprietor whose decision shall be final and binding on all members.

18) Children

Children who are not Junior Members must at all times be accompanied by a member who will be encouraged by the appointed manager of the Club to ensure that no disturbance is caused to the Club and/or its members. In this regard, the Proprietor at its sole discretion may consider the imposition of restrictions.

19) Club Officials

The Proprietor will during the formative years of the Club appoint on the Club's behalf the President, Captain and other officials deemed necessary.

20) Interpretation of Rules

The Proprietor will be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules.
