

HOWLEY HALL GOLF CLUB

POLICY ON SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP – Effective from 1 January 2026

There is no member option to unilaterally suspend membership.

From time to time the directors are asked if memberships can be suspended for various reasons. Usually, it is to do with health matters. In order that members can be clear about when it is appropriate to apply for suspension and what the terms might be, the directors have decided to clarify and publish their current policy. A member in suspension cannot play golf at the Club.

There are 2 main circumstances under which the Board of Directors will, at their sole discretion consider a suspension of membership:

1. Annual Suspension

A member may apply for an annual suspension of their membership if their circumstances have materially changed for the next 12 months (e.g. working away, work or study commitments) but they expect them to revert back after one year. Annual suspension may also apply if a member expects to be unable to play due to injury or illness for the full year.

This type of suspension can only be applied for by December 1st as the annual renewals are issued. It cannot be applied for part way through the year.

One year of suspension is allowed but this cannot be repeated without reapplying to the Board. Application should be made in writing by 1st December. During any period of suspension members are not permitted to play golf at the club.

It is a condition of yearly suspension that an on-hold fee is paid. This retains a member's place at the club.

2. Suspension due to illness or injury part way through the year

It is a condition of any suspensions due to illness or injury that individual members have paid or continue to pay their method of subscription for the full year.

Fee remission will normally be applied as follows:

- For all categories of memberships there will be no reduction applied for suspension between January 1st to March 31st and October 1st to December 31st.
- For suspension between April 1st to September 30th there will be a discount of one twelfth of the member's subscription for each month in this period.
- All discounts will be credited towards the following year's subscription or club card.

Members should apply in writing for reinstatement before the start of their next membership year. It is the member's responsibility to reapply.

If the membership of the club, or any membership category, is deemed by the directors to be full at the time of re-application, an exception will be made. This applies to those resuming their membership from the start of the next membership year or during their year of suspension.

All deadlines for application for suspension and reinstatement should be adhered to. If the directors agree to a request which has missed a deadline it will be necessary to pay one twelfth of the subscription for any part of a month where an application for suspension is late.

If a member opts to resign, i.e. does not make an on-hold declaration and does not pay an on-hold fee, and then wishes to re-join after a year a joining fee will apply.