

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE GOLF CLUB
CONSTITUTIONAL RULES
(revised to March, 1970)

Rule

1. The Club Shall be called the "ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE GOLF CLUB"

President.

1(a) A president may be elected by the members at a General Meeting. The President shall have the privilege of attending all meetings.

Management

2. (a) The management of the Club and the disposal of the funds and property thereof shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of the Captain, Captain Elect, Ex-Captain, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary (who shall be ex-officio members) and nine members of the Club.

(b) The Captain, President, Captain Elect, Treasurer and Secretary to retire annually, but to be eligible for re-election.

(c) Three of the nine ordinary members of the Committee to retire annually, but to be eligible for re-election.

At the end of the first year the retiring members of the Committee to be decide by ballot. The following year, the three retiring members to be decided by ballot among the remaining six.

Afterwards the members to retire in rotation.

(d) The ex-Captain to be on the Committee for the period occupied by his successor.

(e) The Committee shall meet as often as may be required and for all business purposes five shall form a quorum.

(f) The Committee shall have power to make regulations for the general comfort and accommodation of the members, both as regards the Course and the Club-house and all regulations made by the Committee and orders given by them shall be binding on every member until set aside by a general meeting.

(g) The General Committee may appoint Sub-Committees from their own number or with the addition of other members of the Club.

(h) Any vacancy occurring among the officials or members of the Committee may be filled by

the Committee. The members so elected to hold office for the remainder of the current year.

Trustees.

- 3 (a) The Committee may from time to time appoint Trustees in whom shall be vested such part or parts of the property of the Club as the Committee shall direct. The Trustees shall deal with any property so vested in them as directed by resolutions of the Committee from time to time (of which resolutions an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence) and they shall be indemnified out of the property of the Club against any claims and expenses by reason of any property having been vested in them or by reason of anything done by them pursuant to any directions given by the Committee. The Trustees shall be either members of the Club (in which case their number shall not be more than four nor less than two, and they shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed from office by a resolution of the Committee) or the Club's Bank or any Company or other incorporated body (in which case they shall hold office until resignation or removed from office by a resolution of the Committee and may be remunerated for their service in accordance with their scale of charges for the time being in force).
- 3 (b) The Trustees shall, at the discretion of the Committee have the power to mortgage or charge the whole or any part of the property of the Club vested in the Trustees, and further, in the event of the Club's Bankers being the Trustees, the Trustees may, at the request of the Committee, advance, loan or borrow monies to or for the benefit of the Club, and in such case the property vested in the Trustees shall stand charged therewith until repaid.
- 3 (c) The property of the Club, including books and all other assets shall be dealt with, in the event of a winding up by the Committee then in office in accordance with the ruling of a General Meeting specially called for the purpose.

General Meetings.

- 4 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the first Thursday in March, or, if the Committee decide that date to be unsuitable, on the first convenient day thereafter, and at least one week previous to the meeting an audited statement of the Club's accounts for the period for the year ended the previous 31st December shall be printed and forwarded to each member, and submitted to the meeting. At this meeting the officers and general members of the Committee shall be elected.

Candidates for office must be nominated on a form which shall be posted in the Club House not later than the third Saturday in January, and taken down during the evening of the second Saturday in February.

No person shall be considered nominated unless proposed and seconded by full members.

Voting shall be by ballot.

Special Meetings

- 5 A Special General Meeting may be called -
 - (a) When the Committee deem it necessary.
 - (b) When a requisition signed by not less than fifteen members, is presented to the Secretary. The requisition must state clearly the matter to be discussed and no other business shall be considered.

Chairman of Meetings

6. The Captain shall be Chairman at all meetings. In all cases of equality of voting, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Notice of Meetings

7. Not less than three clear days' notice of all committee meetings shall be given by the Secretary, but if urgent business has to be disposed of, a Committee Meeting may be called on 24 hours' notice.

New Members

8. (a) The election or admittance of all new members shall rest with the Committee. Every candidate for election or admittance shall be proposed by one full member of the Club and seconded by another full member, both of whom shall have been full members for a period of three years and have the personal acquaintance of the candidate. His or her nomination shall be sent to the Secretary, who shall forthwith post it in the Club. The votes at each election or admittance shall be taken by ballot. Two adverse votes shall exclude.

Candidates shall be balloted for in the order in which their nominations have been received, but the Committee shall not proceed to ballot for any candidate until his name shall have been posted for at least seven days.

- 8 (b) The Secretary, in writing, shall notify new members of their election, advise them that a copy of the "Constitutional Rules" is available for inspection on the notice board in the Club House, and request them to pay the entrance fee and subscription, and until payment thereof, the new member shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club.

The Committee shall have the power to declare void the election of a member who fails to comply, within one month with any rule or regulation of the Club.

Entrance Fee and Subscriptions

- 9 (a) The Entrance Fee shall be such an amount as the Committee shall from time to time determine, and the Committee shall have power at any time to suspend or waive payment of the entrance fees, either generally or in any individual cases.

(Note: The Committee have decided that no entrance fee be charged where a junior member, being a member for at least three years, transfers to full membership, or where a previous full member for at least three years rejoins the Club.)

(b) The annual subscription for Full Membership shall be as printed in the schedule to these rules, due in advance, on the 25th March for the year commencing on that date.

(c) The annual subscription for Provisional Membership shall be as printed in the schedule to these rules, due in advance, on the 25th March for the year commencing on that date. The admittance to membership shall be in accordance with Rule 8.

(d) No member shall compete for a prize until his subscription, rent for locker, and all arrears due by him have been paid.

(e) If any member's subscription be unpaid on 30th June, the Committee shall have power (after due notice has been given to the said member by the Treasurer or Secretary) to remove his name from the list of members.

Lady Members.

- 10 (a) Ladies shall be admitted to membership of the Club at an annual subscription as printed in the schedule to these rules, due in advance, on the 25th March for the year commencing on that date. The admittance to membership shall be in accordance with Rule 8.

(b) The subscription for Provisional Membership (No play in Competitions or on Saturdays and Sundays) shall be as printed in the schedule to these rules, due in advance, on the 25th March for the year commencing on that date. The admittance to Membership shall be in accordance with Rule 8.

(c) The Entrance Fee shall be such an amount as the Committee shall from time to time determine, and the Committee shall have power at any time to suspend or waive payment of the entrance fees, either generally or in any individual case.

(Note: The Committee have decided that no entrance fee be charged where a junior member, being a member for at least three years, transfers to full membership, or where a previous adult member for at least three years rejoins the Club.)

(d) No lady member shall be eligible for election on the General Committee or be eligible to attend the Annual or Special General Meetings.

(e) Lady members shall only be entitled to play over the Course in accordance with the regulations of the Committee.

Country Members.

- 11 Country members may be admitted to the Club on payment of an annual subscription as printed in the schedule to these rules, due in advance, on the 25th March for the year commencing on that date. They must be bona fide members of another Club and must reside outside a twelve mile radius of the Club. The admittance to membership shall be in accordance with Rule 8.

Junior Membership.

- 12 Junior members may be admitted to the Club before attaining the age of 21 years on payment of the annual subscription as printed in the schedule to these rules, due in advance, on the 25th March for the year commencing on that date. The admittance to membership shall be in accordance with Rule 8.

The age of any junior member shall be taken as the age at the commencement of the season, viz. 25th March.

No junior member may play in a major club competition until he has attained the age of 17 years. The definition of a major club competition shall be determined by the Committee

Social Members.

- 13 Non-playing members, being the husband or wife of a playing member, and all ex-playing members, may be admitted at an annual subscription as printed in the schedule to these rules, due in advance, on the 25th March for the year commencing on that date. The admittance to membership shall be in accordance with Rule 8.

Temporary Members

- 14 Temporary members may be admitted to the Club at the discretion of the Committee, at the rate of subscription to be determined by the Committee.

Provisional, country, social and temporary members shall not be eligible to compete for prizes, vote or attend any meeting of the Club, except that juniors paying the higher rate of subscription as set out in Rule 12 shall be eligible to compete for prizes indicated therein.

Visitors.

- 15 Visitors who desire to play on the Course must have their names entered into the Visitors' Book and must obtain a ticket from an authorised official of the Club.

No person shall play as a visitor more than three times in any year, unless such person is a bona-fide member of a Golf Club.

The charges for visitors are as printed in the schedule to these rules.

Resignations.

- 16 Members wishing to resign their membership of the Club must send Notice of their intention to do so, in writing to the Secretary on or before the 25th March and resignation shall take effect as from that date. Unless such Notice has been sent, the membership shall not be deemed to have lapsed.

Liability of Members.

- 17 Every full member of the Club, during the time that he is a member, and for one year afterwards shall (pro rata), according to the number of contributories, indemnify the persons in whom the leases of the land of the buildings occupied by the Club shall for the time being be vested, in respect of the payment of rents, reserved by and the performance and observance of the lessees' covenants and the conditions contained in such leases.
- 18 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 himself and shall expire with his membership, and shall not be assignable, arrestable or pass to his heirs or executors.
- 19 In case the conduct of any member, either in or out of the Club, shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be injurious to the character, interest or good order of the Club, the Committee are empowered to recommend such member to resign and if he consent his subscription for the current year shall be returned; but if he do not resign within fourteen days from the date of the letter of such recommendation, it shall be the duty of the Committee to call a Special general Meeting in the terms of Rule 5, and a circular shall be forwarded to every member of the Club fourteen days previous to such meeting, intimating the time and place of such meeting and that the same is to be held "on important business"; and in the event of it being voted at that meeting by two-thirds of the members present that the name of the said member be removed from the Club, he shall cease to be a member of the Club. The vote shall be by ballot.

Notices.

- 20 In the Club House no notice or document of any kind shall be posted or any existing notice altered except by the Secretary or other official of the Club.

Complaints.

- 21 All complaints must be made in writing to the Secretary, and signed by the complainant.

Dogs.

- 22 No dogs shall be allowed in the Club-house or on the course.

General.

- 23 No gambling shall be allowed in the Club-house.
- 24 On week-days the Club-house may be open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. during "Summer Time"; and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. other months. The Committee may vary the time of opening and closing as they deem desirable.
- 25 The Rules of the Club can be altered only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose in terms of Rule 5, or by a Postal Ballot of the members, such ballot to be authorised by the Annual General Meeting, Autumn Meeting, or Special Meeting.

Amy proposed alteration must be sent in writing to the Secretary in time to permit him to send a copy of such proposed alteration or alterations to each member one week before the meeting.

Schedule

(1) Rates of Annual Subscriptions.

<u>Category of Member</u>	<u>Rule Reference</u>	<u>Amount of Annual Subscription</u>		
		£	s.	d.
<u>Gentlemen</u>				
Full Playing	9b	21	0	0
Provisional	9c	12	0	0
Country	11	6	0	0
Social	13	6	0	0
<u>Boys -</u>				
Not Eligible to enter Club Competitions)				
Up to and including the age of 16 years)		6	0	0
From 17 to 20 years)		7	0	0
Eligible to enter all but major competitions)	12			
Up to and including the age of 16 years)		9	0	0
Eligible to enter all competitions)				
Aged from 17 to 20 years)		12	0	0
<u>Ladies</u>				
Full Playing	10 (a)	15	0	0
Provisional	10 (b)	8	10	0
Country	11	6	0	0
Social	13	5	10	0
<u>Girls</u>				
Not Eligible to enter Club Competitions)				
Up to and including the age of 16 years)		5	0	0
From 17 to 20 years)		5	10	0
Eligible to enter all but major competitions)	12			
Up to and including the age of 16 years)		7	0	0
Eligible to enter all competitions)				
Aged from 17 to 20 years)		9	0	0

Note: Subscriptions are due in advance on the 25th March for the year commencing on that date.

(2) Charges for Visitors.

On Weekdays the charge for each visitor shall be 10s.0d. per day. If the visitor plays with a member the charge will be 7s.6d. per day.

On Saturdays Sundays and Bank Holidays.

No visitors are allowed to play on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays except with a member. Members may have up to three visitors on these days, when the charges will be 15s.0d. each per day.