

Silvermere Golf Club Rules

- 1) The Club shall be known as the Silvermere Golf Club and have as its objective the promotion of the game of golf and the encouragement of social contacts between its members.
- 2) In the following rules, the definitions below shall apply unless the context requires otherwise:-
The Management Silvermere Golf & Leisure Ltd or its appointed Agent
The Golf Club Committee.....The body elected under the terms of these rules to serve as Officers or Committee Members for the time being.
The Ladies Committee.....The body elected under the terms of these rules to serve as officers or Committee Members for the time being with particular responsibility for matters peculiar to the Lady Members.
- 3) The Club shall be affiliated to the English Golf Union, the Surrey County Golf Union and the Ladies Golf Union.
- 4) The Club funds and property of the Club (that is the trophies, equipment and other items donated to the Club or purchased from Club funds) shall be vested in the Golf Club Committee on behalf of the club members. All other property shall be vested in the Management.
- 5) These rules are subject to approval by the Management and any alteration or addition thereto shall be similarly subject to approval. Subject to such approval and save for the provisions of Rule 7(b) any alteration or addition to the rules shall be made at a General Meeting of the Club.
- 6) At least 28 days notice of the intention to propose any new rule or alteration shall be given to the Management for approval. Once approved it will be passed to the Committee Secretary who shall publish notice of the same at least 14 days before the General Meeting. The posting of a notice on club Notice Board shall be deemed to be sufficient publication.
- 7) **Management**
 - a) Subject to the overall control of the Silvermere Complex by the Management, control of the Club affairs shall be vested in the Golf Club Committee (save for those matters controlled by the LADIES Committee under the terms of Rule 28). The Golf Club Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees each chaired by a member of the Golf Club Committee to deal with the Club's various activities. In its own field of activity each Sub-Committee shall carry the authority of and be accountable to the Golf Club Committee.
 - b) Subject to the approval by the Management, the Golf Club Committee shall be empowered to make, repeal and amend Club rules consistent with the general terms of these rules and as deemed necessary for the well being of the Club. Such Club rules,

repeals and amendments shall have effect until determined by a General Meeting.

- c) The Golf Club Committee shall consist of the Captain and four Committee Members. A Vice Captain who will usually serve as Competition Secretary, a Handicap Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Secretary. In addition, a representative of the Senior / Mid week sections will represent those members and a Member of the Ladies Committee shall represent the Ladies on the Committee. Any four members of the Committee shall form a quorum and a Committee Member will be proposed by the Captain elect to serve during the following year as Vice Captain. Such candidates having gained the approval of the Golf Club Committee and the Management will be proposed for election at the forthcoming AGM.

8) Meetings

- a) The Golf Club Committee shall meet as and when decided by the Captain, approximately 9 times per year. A summary of the business conducted at the Golf Club Committee Meetings will be publicised by posting on the Club Notice Boards by the Secretary.
- b) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in May of each year. At least one months notice in writing of the time and place of such meeting shall be given to each member by writing to his address recorded by the Management. At least fourteen days notice shall be given of the business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting by posting copies of the Agenda on the Club Notice Boards.
- c) The Golf Club Committee, on a signed request by not less than thirty of the Club members may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club at any time. Such a meeting shall be held within twenty one days of the receipt by the Secretary of such a written request. At least fourteen days notice of the time and place of such a meeting together with details of the business to be conducted shall be given to each member by writing to his address recorded by the Management.
- d) Eighteen members shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting of the Club.

9) Election of Officers and Golf Club Committee Members

- a) The Captain shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Club. He shall hold office from the time of election until the next Annual General Meeting when he shall retire and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election save in exceptional circumstances.
- b) A casual vacancy in the office of Captain may be filled by the Golf Club Committee and any member so chosen shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting when he shall retire but shall be eligible for election to the office he has temporarily held or any other.

- c) The Golf Club Committee Members shall be elected at the inaugural General Meeting of the Club. Thereafter, not less than one vacancy in the Golf Club Committee shall be filled at each Annual General Meeting. The vacancies shall arise from the withdrawal of existing Golf Club Committee Members, such withdrawal being arranged by the Golf Club Committee. Unless there are valid reasons, in the Golf Club Committee's opinion to the contrary, such withdrawal shall be made by Golf Committee members who have completed three years service since they were last elected.
- d) The Golf Club Committee shall have power to co-opt Members to the Golf Club Committee with or without voting rights either to fill casual vacancies or to meet the needs of current work. Any co-opted Member shall not continue to serve under the "continuity rule" at 9 c above but shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting when he shall be eligible for election.
- e) Notice of nomination of election to office of Golf Club Committee shall be given to the Secretary in the form and by the date stipulated in the Notice of Meeting. Nominations may be made and seconded only by Members or by Committee recommendation.
- f) Should a ballot for election to any office or Golf Club Committee membership be necessary it shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting. There shall be no postal ballot or voting by proxy.
- g) The Captain and in his absence his nominee, shall act as Chairman at all Golf Club Committee and General Meetings.
- h) The Management are empowered to elect each year a President and Vice Presidents of the Club such post to be allocated with voting rights at any Golf Club Committee as and when required and convenient. The President or Vice President may be called upon by the Golf Club Committee to advise on significant issues arising.

Notification of any amendment to these posts will be given to the Golf Club Committee not less than 28 days prior to the AGM in writing. Save for any such amendments the officers will serve from year to year.

Election of Members

- 10) The election of Members and decision as to the incidence of vacancies shall be at the sole discretion of the Management after consideration of the views of the Golf Club Committee and assessment of any evidence to be attached to any application for Membership. Notification of admission shall be given by the Administrator who shall also ensure amendment of the membership list. All notified fees and /or annual subscriptions must be paid prior to admission.
- 11) The number of Club memberships to be issued shall be determined by the Management as above and at the appropriate time, a waiting list of applicants will be drawn up.

12) **Voting Rights**

Only paid-up members shall be entitled to vote on any matters determined at a General Meeting of the Club.

13) **Guests**

Members may invite playing guests and shall be responsible for the payment of the appropriate green fee as determined by the Management. Except on Open Days, no guests may take part in club Competitions. The host member shall accompany his guest and shall be responsible for their conduct both on and off the course.

Entrance Fees and Annual Subscriptions

14) Any fees payable and the level of annual subscription shall be determined by the Management and shall be notified to Members not later than 30 days prior to their introduction.

15) Annual subscriptions shall be payable at a time and in a manner to be determined by the Management in relation to a Club year commencing on 1st April. A subscription not paid within 14 days of the due date shall be deemed to be a resignation on the part of the Member and a vacancy may be offered to an applicant held on the waiting list without further notice.

16) Members wishing to resign shall give notice to the Administration before 1st March prior to resignation. In the event of failure to give notice, the Golf Club Committee shall have the right to refuse any letter of recommendation which might be sought or to revoke any such letter already issued.

17) **Golf Club Committee Funds**

The Golf Club Committee shall undertake such fund-raising activities and shall make such competition and match levies as are deemed to be necessary for the running of the Club in the interest of the Members. The Golf Club Committee shall appoint from amongst its elected Members a Treasurer who shall be responsible for the Management of the Club's finances and who shall report to the Golf Club Committee and to the Annual General Meeting.

Members Tee Reservations

18) Specific competition slots on Saturday and Sunday are reserved for member's bookings. Member's bookings may be made up to 21 days in advance. Cancellations of bookings must be notified to the Administration office or Starters hut at the earliest opportunity. Members shall adhere to their booking times and failure to do so shall result not only in loss of the "slot" booked but also in forfeiture of any further booking rights on that day.

19) In the absence of prior booking there shall be no guarantee on the part of the Management or of the Golf Club Committee that the tee will be available to Members.

Members Usage of Tees

- 20) The tees to be used during competitions and matches shall be determined by the Management after consultation with the Golf Club Committee and the chosen tee shall be designated on the notice board announcing the event.
- 21) Without the express authority of the Management, the competition (back) tees may not be used during private play.

Format of Play

- 22) All Club competitions shall be restricted to 3 or 4-ball format. Should it be necessary to play a round of singles competition at such times, unless the prior authority of the Management can be obtained by the Club, a 3 or 4 ball format shall be employed. There shall be no objection to two such single rounds being combined to provide four players.
- 23) All play shall commence at the first tee. No alternative start shall be permitted unless stipulated by the Management.

The Ladies Section

- 24) The Ladies section shall abide by the rules of the EWGA to which, under the terms of Rule 3, the Club shall be affiliated.
- 25) The Ladies Committee shall consist of a Ladies Captain and three Committee Members, one of whom shall be designated by the Ladies Committee as the Ladies Secretary. Any three shall form a quorum.
- 26) The Ladies committee shall be responsible for the management of all golfing matters peculiar to the Ladies, and through the Main Golf Club Committee, for all other matters of interest to the ladies. The Ladies Captain shall be nominated to represent the Ladies Section on the Golf Club Committee.
- 27) A General Meeting of the Ladies section shall be held each year prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall elect the Ladies Captain. Ladies Committee Members shall be elected at the Ladies General Meeting. Vacancies on the Ladies Committee being arranged, in the absence of natural wastage, by the Ladies Committee.
- 28) The Ladies Captain shall serve from the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Club until the next annual General Meeting following, when she shall retire and save in exceptional circumstances, shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to the office from which she retires. The commencement of the period of service of the Ladies Committee members shall also date from the Annual General Meeting of the Club at which their election is confirmed.
- 29) The Ladies Committee shall meet at such intervals as is deemed necessary by the Ladies Captain and shall have power to co-opt under the terms, mutual mutandis of rule 9 (d)

- 30) Nominations for election to Office or Committee Membership shall be called for, under arrangement made by the Ladies Committee and shall be made by and be in respect of paid-up members only.
- 31) At least one months notice of the General meeting of the Ladies Section shall be given by the Ladies Secretary by the posting of a notice on the Club notice boards and at least 14 days notice shall similarly be given of the business to be conducted including details of any elections.
- 32) The Ladies Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Ladies Section at any time. Any such meeting shall be called within twenty one days of the receipt by the Ladies Secretary of a written request signed by not less than one third of the Lady members.
- 33) Decisions reached at Ladies Section General Meetings shall be reported to the next following Golf Club committee meeting or General meeting of the club and, save for matters affecting only the internal management of Ladies affairs, shall be subject to confirmation at the meeting to which the report is made.
- 34) Save for the terms of Rule 7(b) and subject to the terms of Rule 5 and subject to confirmation by the Golf Club Committee or General Meeting of the Club, Rules 25 to 34 inclusive may not be altered except by a majority vote taken at a general meeting of the Ladies Section.

Miscellaneous

- 35) The Rules of the Club shall be binding on all members of the Club.
- 36) Members of the Club shall notify the Management of any change in their private address or telephone number. The Administrator shall maintain a Register of Members to be amended on notification of change. All communications sent either by the Management or the Committee Secretary to the last notified address shall be deemed to have been delivered on the second day following the date posting.
- 37) The Golf Club Committee shall have power to recommend to the Management the expulsion of any member of the Club whose actions or conduct the Golf Club Committee considers to be injurious to the reputation, interests or good order of the Club.
- 38) No member shall be recommended for expulsion save on a formal resolution passed at a meeting of the Golf Club Committee by a majority of not less than three to one of the Golf Club Committee members present. No such resolution shall be voted upon until the offending Member has had a reasonable opportunity of submitting to the Golf Club Committee, either verbally or in writing, an explanation of his or her behaviour. Specifically, non payment of a green fee will result in expulsion from the Club. The notice convening a Golf Club Committee meeting at which an expulsion resolution is to be considered shall state the fact, specifically. There shall be no appeal against recommendation for expulsion under the Rule and any member expelled shall have no claim or remedy of any kind against the Management, the Club or the Golf Club Committee.

- 39) Members of teams visiting the Club for the purpose of opposing the Club teams in Inter-Club, County or National Competitions, shall, after payment of all appropriate fees, be deemed to be special guests.
- 40) Members and their guests shall maintain an acceptable standard of dress both on and off the course. The Management shall have the right to refuse admission to the premises to any member or guest whose standard of dress is not acceptable. Sports equipment shall not be brought into the bar areas.
- 41) Members or their guests may bring dogson a lead on to the course but not into the Club premises.
- 42) Any Member or guests causing damage to the property of the Management or the Golf Club may be called upon to make good such damage.
- 43) No notice shall be placed on the general notice boards without the permission of the Management or on the Club notice boards without the permission of the Committee Secretary.
- 44) Neither the Management nor the Golf Club shall be liable for any article, the property of Members or guests that may be lost on any part of the Club premises. No liability beyond any legal liability shall accrue to the Management or the Golf Club for any injury suffered by a Member or a guest on any part of the Club premises. The Management recommend that all members insure themselves against such risks. Vehicles and their contents are left in car parks entirely at the owner's risk.
- 45) Complaints regarding the overall management of the complex or the management of Golf Club affairs shall be directed in person or in writing to the golf office who shall draw them to the attention of the Management and/or Golf Club Committee..
- 46) The rules of golf adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews shall be observed except in so far as they may be modified by the Local Rules made under the terms of Rules of Golf or by Silvermere Golf Club Rules.
- 47) Subject to Rule 42 no member of the Club shall be under any liability whatsoever in connection with Club other than the payment to the Management of any green fee and subscription which may be prescribed.
- 48) The management of Silvermere Golf & Leisure Ltd. Reserve the right to cancel any membership subscription for contact deemed inappropriate by a member of Silvermere Golf Club. This is not available to appeal and the decision of the management is final.