



The Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union

Rules & Regulations

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1. The name of the Union shall be the "Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union", herein after called the Union.

2. All recognised Golf Clubs in the Counties of Leicester and Rutland and other Golf Clubs at the discretion of the Council shall be eligible for membership, and they shall be known as affiliated clubs, herein after called club(s)

3. The objects for which the Union is formed are as follows:

(a) To act as a central authority for determining all questions which may arise concerning golf within the radius of the Union, and to use the powers delegated to it by the English Golf Union in matters of Handicapping and Discipline.

(b) With a view to a general uniformity of handicaps, to agree the Standard Scratch Score of the course of each affiliated Club in accordance with the S.S.S. and Handicapping Scheme for the time being in force as instituted and directed by the English Golf Union.

(c) To organise The County Championship, all County Union Tournaments, Anglian League and Friendly matches with other County Unions, The Scratch League and all other Tournaments approved by the Council.

(d) To provide satisfactory liaison between the affiliated Clubs and the English Golf Union and other governing bodies.

(e) To maintain a loyal regard for and adherence to The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews as the Ruling Authority for determining the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status.

(f) To promote in every way the interests of the game of Golf in all its phases within the radius of the Union in all matters associated with the game.

4. The Management of the Union shall be vested in a Council consisting of the Officers, namely;

The President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Vice Presidents, Past Presidents, County Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Match Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, 2nd Team Captain, Seniors Organiser, Junior Delegate to the EGU.

Who shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and in addition thereto one (1) delegate from each of the Clubs of the Union, to be nominated by the Clubs before the Annual General Meeting.



5. Any representative of the Union for the time being appointed to serve on the English Golf Union or the Midland Golf Union shall ex-officio be members of the Council and additional members may be co-opted at any time at the discretion of the Council for special duties.

6. At any meetings of the Council seven shall form a quorum. The meetings of the Council shall be held at such times and places as may by it be determined. The Council may delegate to sub-committees any of its powers or duties and of all such sub-committees The President and Honorary Secretary shall be ex-officio members.

7. All Clubs shall pay to the Union such Annual Subscription per male playing Member as shall from time to time be resolved by the Annual General Meeting.

8. All subscriptions shall be payable within 42 days' of the Annual General Meeting in each year. So long as the subscription of any club shall remain unpaid after that time:

(a) Such Club shall not be entitled to send any delegate or representative to any meeting of the Union.

(b) No member of such Club shall be eligible to enter or take part in any tournament, competition or match organised or promoted by the Union.

9. The financial year of the Union shall terminate on October 31st of each year, copies of accounts containing an Independent Chartered Accountants Report that the accounts agree with the books and records of the Union shall be sent by the Honorary Secretary to all Clubs with the Annual General Meeting Notice.

10. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within the Union area not later than the last day of February in each year. Twenty one (21) days notice of such meeting shall be given to the Secretary of each Club in the Union and to the Members of the Council and Sub- Committees. At the Annual General Meeting or at any Extra Ordinary Meeting in addition to the Officers present each Club in the Union is entitled to have the following voting representation:

(a) Clubs with a membership of less than 50, one voting representative.

(b) Clubs with a membership of 50 and less than 200, 2 voting representatives.

(c) Clubs with a membership of 200 or over 3 voting representatives.

(d) Players who have represented the County in Matches may attend without power to vote except in matters relating to County fixtures. Any member of a Club in the County Union other than those referred to above may attend the meeting without power to vote.

(e) All nominations for Officers should be in writing, proposed and seconded, the nominee must also agree to his nomination. All must be affiliated members of the Union. Nominations should be in the possession of the Honorary Secretary twenty eight (28) days before the A.G.M.



(f) Should nominations exceed vacancies, an election shall take place by secret ballot of those present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

11.

(a) An Extraordinary Meeting may be convened at any time by the Honorary Secretary and must be convened on the instructions of the Council or The President or upon the written request of any three Clubs in the Union.

(b) Such written request must state the business which these Clubs desire to bring before the Extraordinary Meeting. Twenty one (21) days' notice of any Extraordinary Meeting shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to the Secretary of each Club in the Union, and such notice shall state the business for which the meeting is called. No other business shall be considered at such meeting.

12. In all cases in which there may be an equality of voting the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

13. No Rule of the Union shall be altered or repealed and no new rule shall be made except by a two-thirds majority of the voting members at a General Meeting. Twenty eight (28) days' notice of any such proposed alterations or additions must be given to the Honorary Secretary, who in turn will give twenty one (21) days' notice of any such proposed alterations or additions to the Secretary of each Club in the Union.

14. Should it be considered necessary a Club may be removed from the Union by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at any General Meeting called specially to consider the conduct of such Club. Provided that the Club under consideration has been specially warned and at twenty one (21) days' notice requested to be present at such meeting, and also provided that a proposal to remove any Club from the Union under this rule shall not be considered at any meeting unless two-thirds at least of the Clubs for the time being forming the Union shall be directly represented at such meeting.

15. The quorum for all General Meetings other than as provided for above shall be ten (10) voting members personally present. When no quorum is present the meeting loses its right to conduct substantive business.

16. For all purposes of these rules, ladies are excluded. Rules regarding ladies are provided for in the Union's Tournament Rules and Conditions.

17. A competitor to play in the County Championship, or to represent the County in matches, must be a member of a Club in the Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union or have been born in the radius of the Union. He must be of Amateur status as defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and must not have taken part in a Golf Championship of another County Union or have represented another County Union at Golf at any time during the last twelve (12) months.

18. County Ties are awarded to members after ten appearances in Inter-County First, Second, Junior and Senior Team Golf Matches, or at the discretion of the County Captain or The President.



19. The Honorary Secretary shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of all meetings and shall produce such minutes at all meetings of the Council. He shall summon all meetings of the Council. He shall serve all notices required by the rules.

20. The Honorary Treasurer shall receive and dispose of, according to the instructions of the Council, all monies receivable and payable by the Union. He shall act generally in accordance with the instructions of the Council. He shall keep proper books of account and produce annually a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement, for auditing by the Union's Independent Chartered Accountants.

21. The Union is a non profit organisation and shall not make a distribution of any profits or surpluses save to another non profit making body. In the event of the dissolution of the Union the assets and property of the Union shall be distributed only to non profit making bodies as shall be directed by the Council of the Union.

22. In the activities for which it is constituted, The Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union is fully committed to the accepted principles and practices of equality of opportunity in golf. The Union expects its' member clubs, in dealings with employees, members, prospective members, volunteers and visitors to be equally committed to these principles and to conform to the spirit as well as the legal requirements of all relevant legislation. The Union will support Clubs in actions they might take to eliminate unfair treatment and discrimination of any of their members, employees, volunteers or visitors.