

RULES
of the
Whittaker
Golf Club

Littleborough
Lancashire
Founded 1906

Revised at the General Meetings in:
1907 – 1908 – 1921 – 1931 – 1951 –
1960 – 1962 (Spec.) – 1965 – 1966 –
1977 – 1989 – 1990 – 1996 – 1997 –
1999 – 2004

NAME AND OBJECTS

- 1.1 The Club shall be called “The Whittaker Golf Club”. The Objects of the Club shall be: To provide members with the facilities of playing golf and of social activities and other recreations;
- 1.2 To further the game of golf within the local area and not to make any distinctions on membership on the basis of age, colour or creed;
- 1.3 To operate as a non-profit organisation. If there are any surplus funds then such funds to be used as the Committee decides for the maintenance of access roads, the development of the course, and improvement of golf club premises.

RULES

- 2.1 These Rules can only be altered or added to at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose on not less than seven days’ notice and notice of the proposed amendment to Rules shall be given in writing to the Secretary not less than 10 days before such Meeting.
- 2.2 The St. Andrew’s Rules of the game shall be the rules of the Club, subject to such local rules as the Committee of the Club may from time to time pass.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 3.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held as early in the year as possible after the accounts are completed by the Treasurer but fifteen months must not elapse without holding an Annual General Meeting. Seven days’ notice shall be given to the members. A duly audited statement of the Club’s Affairs and of the income and expenditure of the past year, shall be submitted to the Meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS

4. A Special General Meeting may be called:—
 - 4.1 When the Committee deems it advisable; or

- 4.2 On a requisition being presented to the Secretary, signed by at least twelve members, or one-fifth of the total membership (whichever is less).
- 4.3 All members, except persons under the age of 18, shall be entitled to attend General Meetings and vote thereat. At General Meetings the Chairman shall have a casting vote only. In the case of elections to the Committee each member shall have as many votes as there are vacancies to be filled but may not give more than one of such votes to any candidate.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- 5.1 The Committee of the Club shall consist of the President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Bar Secretary, Competition Secretary, Greens Committee Chairman, Social Secretary and eight other members plus four Trustees ex-officio, any eleven of whom may form a quorum. Any member of the Bar Sub-Committee who ceases to be a member of the Committee shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Bar Sub-Committee and otherwise members of the Bar Sub-Committee shall hold office until their successors are appointed. The purchase for the Club and the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be exclusively managed by the Bar Sub-Committee.
- 5.2 All officers and members of the Committee (but not the Trustees) shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. They shall hold office until their successors are appointed.
- 5.3 The General Management of the Club shall rest with the Committee who shall have power to make regulations for the general comfort and accommodation of the members and all such regulations shall be binding on every member unless set aside by a General Meeting. Any casual vacancies occurring on the Committee shall be filled by the Committee appointing a member thereto and any person so appointed shall retire when the person whose place he fills would have retired.
- 5.4 The Captain shall be Chairman of all Committee Meetings, and in the Captain's absence the Committee shall appoint one of its numbers in

the Captain's place. In all cases of equality the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberate vote.

- 5.5 Notice of at least five days shall be given by the Secretary of all meetings but, if urgent business has to be disposed of, a Committee Meeting may be called at 24 hours notice.
- 5.6 The Committee has the power to appoint Sub-Committees from within its own number and may, if desired, appoint other members to these Sub-Committees.
- 5.7 At the first Committee Meeting following each Annual General Meeting a Bar Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Committee to consist of the Bar Secretary and not less than two other members of the Committee. The Bar Sub-Committee shall at all times consist of elected members of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 The election of new members shall rest with the Committee. The nomination by the proposer and seconder shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least five days before consideration by the Committee. The election shall be by a majority decision of the Committee. The name and address of each candidate together with the name of the proposer and seconder must for not less than 14 days before the election by the Committee be prominently displayed in the Club premises in a part frequented by the members.
- 6.2 The Committee shall have power to elect Junior Members (aged under 18). Junior Members are not entitled to vote at General Meetings.
- 6.3 The Secretary is responsible for notifying new members that their application for membership has been approved by the Committee, and the applicant will become a member immediately entry money and subscription have been paid.
- 6.4 The Committee is empowered to withdraw membership from anyone, at any time, should it deem that the member's behaviour does not meet with the standards expected by the Committee, or whose conduct is injurious to the character or interests of the Club.

TRUSTEES

- 7.1 All the property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees who shall be admitted to all meetings of the Committee and may take part in its proceedings with the power to vote.
- 7.2 All property whether real or personal vested in the Trustees shall be held by them upon trust for the Club and furthering the objects of the Club. In the event of the Club being dissolved all such property after payment of the outstanding obligations of the Club (if any) shall be held by the Trustees for furthering the game of golf by the donation of the same to such golf club or golf clubs situate within ten miles of the Whittaker Golf Club as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion determine.
- 7.3 The Trustees shall have power, subject to authorisation by the Committee, to mortgage or charge the premises and other property of the Club for the purpose of raising such monies as may be required to carry on the Club for the benefit and convenience of its members.
- 7.4 In the event of any vacancy another Trustee shall be elected by a majority of members at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- 7.5 The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the members who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to the majority of them present and voting at a general meeting of members remove such trustee or trustees from the office of trustee.
- 7.6 In the case of appointing or removing a trustee 14 days notice shall be given by a circular sent by the Secretary to all members who have paid the current years subscription and to the Trustees and by a notice posted in the Club.
- 7.7 The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

- 8.1 The annual Subscription shall be decided by the Annual General Meeting and shall be shown in the membership card.
- 8.2 The Annual Subscription becomes due for payment immediately the rate has been approved by the Annual General Meeting. Any member who has not paid his/her subscription (including locker fees) by the end of the month following that in which the Annual General Meeting takes place may be disqualified from membership at the discretion of the Committee. Furthermore, members whose fees remain unpaid at the end of the month in which the AGM takes place shall not be entitled to use any facilities of the Club.
- 8.3 The Committee has the power to impose an entry fee or to remit or vary it, and to limit the number of members.
- 8.4 Any member wishing to resign must do so by the date of the first Committee Meeting following the Annual General Meeting or be liable for payment of that Year's subscription.
- 8.5 Any member elected during the year must pay the full entrance fee and such proportion of the subscription as the Committee may deem advisable if it is to cover less than a full year's golf.
- 8.6 The Committee has the right to waive the entry fee for anyone wishing to rejoin the club having resigned at an earlier date.
- 8.7 The Committee has the power to vary green fees at any time. Members may introduce up to a maximum of three visitors at charges shown on the notice board. All green fees must be paid BEFORE commencing play and visitors' names must be entered in the Visitors' Book.

COMPLAINTS

9. The Committee will only consider complaints if they are submitted in writing via the Secretary and signed by the complainant.

ADMISSION

10. Subject to any restrictions which may from time to time be imposed by the Committee, the following persons shall be entitled to admission to the Club premises and, except for persons under the age of 18 years, during the permitted hours to purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises:—

10.1 All “paid-up” Members and Junior Members.

10.2 Visiting Golfers on payment of the appropriate green fee.

10.3 Visiting teams.

10.4 Caddies and Club Employees.

11. The Committee may introduce teams for the purpose of playing matches and may permit members of other golf clubs to play in any open competitions arranged by the Club and in either case without payment. On such occasions the members of the visiting teams and the members of the other golf clubs shall be entitled to use the Club House and to purchase refreshments (whether intoxicating or otherwise).

12. The Club shall be opened and closed at such hours as may from time to time be fixed by the Committee and as posted in the Club.

12.1 The permitted hours shall be such as may from time to time be determined by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 (as amended) and as notified to the Magistrates’ Clerk.

12.2 The Club has the power to admit persons other than members and their bona fide guests and sell intoxicating liquor to them for consumption on the Club’s premises on a maximum of 12 occasions per calendar year, provided that such admission of persons other than members and their bona fide guests takes place only on the occasion of previously arranged functions, and, provided that, at least seven days

notice in writing of such function shall have been given to the Police and to the Clerk of the Licensing Justices.

13. Members are not allowed to take dogs on to the course during competitions. Any dog which is taken on to the course must be on a lead.

14. Members shall assist, as far as possible, in preventing trespassers coming on to the ground.