

Constitution For The Lodge Golf Club at Staining

Located at Staining Lodge Golf Course



1. The Rules & Conduct of the Game

- 1.1 The club recognises the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R & A) as the body responsible for the Rules of Golf and Amateur status and shall abide by those Rules and any changes as laid down from time to time by the R & A Rules Ltd.
- 1.2 The club agrees to comply with the Council of National Golf Union's Unified Handicapping System (CONGU UHS) and any conditions imposed within the system by the EGU Ltd.
- 1.3 The Club shall comply with the constitution and Rules of the EGU Ltd and other provisions of the Articles of association as are relevant and The Rules of its County Union as laid down from time to time.
- 1.4 The club shall pay by the due date, all subscriptions due to the County Union and the EGU Ltd in respect of every male playing member.
- 1.5 The golf club members shall appoint a Competition and Handicapping Committee which shall have complete control of Handicapping matters in the club.
- 1.6 The Club will adopt the EGU/EWGA Equity and Equal Opportunities Policy.
- 1.7 The Club will adopt a Child Protection Policy.
- 1.8 The Club will agree to the Terms and Conditions of the EGU Ltd Anti-Doping Policy and Rules.

2. Subscriptions to the English Women's Golf Association and the Lancashire Ladies County Golf Association.

- 2.1 The club shall pay all Subscriptions to the Ladies Golf Union and the English Ladies Golf Union and the Lancashire Ladies County Golf Association of every female member of whatever category.

3. Interpretation

- 3.1 The club shall be known as The Lodge Golf Club at Staining
- 3.2 Where the term Proprietor is used in the constitution it shall be deemed to mean President.
- 3.3 Where the term Full Members is used throughout the constitution it means those gentlemen/ladies who pay full rate annual subscriptions to the club.

4. Management

- 4.1 The members of the club are entitled to use the facilities of Staining Lodge Golf Course including the clubhouse when it is open to the public.
- 4.2 All contact with the Proprietor or his representatives on Golf Course business from any source within the membership shall be via the Secretaries of the club.
- 4.3 The Proprietor will chair the Annual General meeting (AGM) to held each year not more than 15 months after the proceeding AGM.
- 4.4 The Proprietor will be the President as long as the agreement between the Proprietor and the club exists.

5. Officers of The Club

- 5.1 President / Proprietor of Staining Lodge Golf Course – Peter Wigglesworth
- 5.2 Membership Secretary – Gavin Forsyth
- 5.3 Handicap Secretary – Tony Johnstone

6. The Handicap Committee

- 6.1 The Handicap Committee is the ruling body of the Club to which all matters relating to the Club handicaps and competition play.
- 6.2 The Committee shall consist of; The Membership Secretary, Handicap Secretary and 2 full members, one from the men's and ladies section
- 6.3 The Proprietor shall be invited to attend all committee meetings.

7. Membership

- 7.1 Only those who pay their full subscriptions are members of The Lodge Golf Club
- 7.2 Membership of the Club will run for a period of 12 calendar months.
- 7.3 The Membership year will be from 1 April to 31 March annually. Membership fees are payable in full at any joining date. All members agree to be bound and comply with all Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of Staining Lodge Golf Course and The Lodge Golf Club at Staining.

8. Subscriptions and Fees

- 8.1 The level of fees and annual subscriptions are fixed by the Club and all subscriptions are payable in advance.
- 8.2 Demand for payment of subscriptions will normally be issued one month prior to the start of each membership year. Any member failing to pay their subscriptions in full each existing year shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club within one month of each membership year.
- 8.3 The Membership Secretary shall advise members directly when subscriptions and fees fall due and will be paid directly to him.
- 8.4 The Secretaries reserve the right to vary at their discretion the value of the Annual subscriptions of members who may join the club more than 3 months after the declared first day of the membership year.
- 8.5 The Proprietor may at any time change the value of Golf Contracts and/or Green Fees

9. Types of Membership for The Lodge Golf Club At Staining

- Gentlemen Full
- Ladies Full
- Junior (Male and Female under age of 18)

10. Types of Golf Contracts for Staining Lodge Golf Course

- 7 Day Contract
- 5 Day Contract (Monday – Friday)
- Discount Card
- Pay as you play

11. Competitions

11.1 The Club shall provide its members with competitions throughout the year.

12. Fixture Calendars

12.1 Fixture calendars of all sections of The Lodge Golf Club at Staining shall be submitted to the Handicap Committee in advance of publication.

12.2 Amendments to the fixture calendar may occur, in these circumstances, members should be notified by the Handicap Committee.

13. Entitlement of Playing and Voting Rights

13.1 Gentlemen/ Ladies full – Shall have full voting and playing rights within the constitution and shall be eligible to sit on Handicap Committee.

13.2 Juniors – Shall not be eligible to vote or to hold office. Juniors with officially recognised handicaps are eligible to enter junior competitions and enter Gents/ladies competitions at the discretion of the handicap committee.

13.3 Members of the Handicap Committee shall be appointed to office and shall sit on the committee until an appropriate retirement date. New Handicap Committee members shall be voted onto the committee.

14. Membership Termination

14.1 Membership of the Club may be terminated at any time, however membership fees payed are non – refundable.

15. Suspension

15.1 Where a case of misconduct occurs and is substantiated by more than one member , the Secretaries have the power to suspend the offender. If the offence occurs during a competition, fellow competitors must report the incident to the Secretaries, who may disqualify the offender and may report the matter to the Proprietor.

16. Expulsion

16.1 In each case the conduct of any member shall in the opinion of the Proprietor to be injurious to the character or the interest of the club, the Proprietor has the right to expel the offender.

17. Suggestions and complaints

17.1 members who may have constructive suggestions to put forward must do so in writing to the Secretaries.

18. Belongings

18.1 The Club nor Staining lodge Golf Course cannot accept any responsibility of member's belongings including motor vehicles on course premises.

19. Accidents

19.1 The Club nor Staining Lodge Golf Course cannot accept any responsibility for accident, injury or misadventure. Members, guests and visitors are recommended to make their own insurance arrangements in respect of injuries which may be suffered by them or by any third party.

19.2 All cars are parked at their own risk.

20. Availability of Golf Course and facilities

20.1 In the event of the Proprietor having any special function or letting the club premises or any part of the club premises for any such function the proprietor shall be entitled to close the Club premises to members . The Proprietor shall be entitled to admit visitors to the Club premises or any part thereof when they think fit. The bar shall be opened only at such times as allowed by law.

20.2 The management of the Club premises and its staff and the use of the premises shall be entirely under the Proprietors control.

21. Green Fees

22.1 The level of green fees shall be set by the Proprietor and payment shall be made directly to Staining Lodge Golf Course.

22. Winding Up

22.1 If the Club shall be wound up for any reason. The playing rights of the members shall be preserved in accordance to the golf contracts which they have purchased.

23. Club Assets

23.1 Cups, trophies, prizes and other memorabilia which may have been donated to the Club during its lifetime shall be returned to the donors or their families, if identifiable.

24. Amendments of the Constitution

24.1 The Secretaries reserve the right to alter this Constitution in agreement with the Proprietor as they see fit. Any such alterations will be binding on existing members as well as members joining after the date of the alteration.