



## 2017 RULES OF SADDLEWORTH GOLF CLUB

### 1. NAME AND MAIN PURPOSES

- (a) The name of the Club shall be “The Saddleworth Golf Club”.
- (b) The main purposes of the Club are to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of golf (“the sport”) in Saddleworth.

### 2. MEMBERS - ELECTION AND RESIGNATION, ETC.

*Throughout these Rules where the context so admits, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.*

- (a)
  - (i) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
  - (ii) The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
  - (iii) The Club Management Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.
- (b) Each applicant for membership of the Club shall apply in the form prescribed by the Management Committee.
- (c) The candidate shall be admitted a Member on a majority vote of the Management Committee.
- (d) The Management Committee shall have power to declare the election of a Member void who, within one month of election, fails to comply with any Rules and Regulations of the Club; or who fails to pay their entrance fee (if any) and subscription within one month after election.
- (e) No Member shall be allowed to vote at any meeting, or compete in any Club Competition after November 30th, if their current subscriptions and all arrears have not been paid to the Treasurer in accordance with Rule 3.
- (f) Any Member wishing to withdraw from membership of the Club must give notice in writing of their intention to do so to the Secretary by 31st October, after which date no resignation shall be accepted without payment of the subscription for the current year.



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### 3. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) These are due on November 1st each year and should be paid to the Secretary within one month, the rate to be determined by the Management Committee within the guidelines approved at the previous AGM. Anyone opting for payments in stages under an instalment scheme will be considered to have conformed with this rule, but will be in immediate breach should any payments not be honoured.
- (b) The Management Committee shall have the power in their discretion to fix lower or varying rates of subscription for members in special cases where the Management Committee considers it fair and equitable to do so having regard to the wider membership of the Club.

### 4. SUBSCRIPTION ARREARS

- (a) The name of any Member who, after a second application from the Secretary or Treasurer, fails to pay their subscription may be posted in the Clubhouse.
- (b) If a Member's subscription remains unpaid for one month after second application the Management Committee may remove their name from the list of Members.

### 5. ENTRANCE FEE

- (a) The Management Committee shall be empowered to impose an entrance fee of such an amount and for such periods as they may from time to time decide.

### 6. FULL MEMBERS

- (a) The minimum age for entry as a full member is 18 years, which must be attained before 1st November of the current subscription year.
- (b) Full Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting of the Club.

### 7. FIVE and SIX-DAY MEMBERS (Limited Access Membership)

- (a) The Management Committee may elect Limited Access Members of the Club.
- (b) Limited access Members shall be allowed to use the Course and the Clubhouse as defined from time to time by the Management Committee, on payment of an Annual Subscription as set out in Rule 3.
- (c) The minimum age for entry is 18 years, which must be attained before 1st November of the current subscription year.
- (d) Limited Access Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting of the Club.
- (e) Five day Members may only play the Course Monday to Friday inclusive. Six day members may only play the course Sunday to Friday inclusive.
- (f) Limited Access Members are only eligible to play in "Invitation" competitions held at the Club which are held on days on which they are entitled to play.



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### 8. COUNTRY AND SOCIAL MEMBERS

- (a) Country Members must reside outside a radius of 25 miles from the Clubhouse and must be members of a bona-fide Golf Club. They shall become Country Members on payment of the appropriate subscription but shall not be allowed to vote on any matter affecting the Club or compete in Club Competitions. Social Members are not allowed to vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting of Members, and on using the Course shall pay Green fees in accordance with the Rules and scale applying to visitors.

### 9. JUNIOR MEMBERS

- (a) Junior Members shall be under 18 years of age and shall not be entitled to vote on any matter affecting the Club.
- (b) The use of the Club premises and course by Junior Members is to be considered a privilege and not a right, and either privilege may be withdrawn by the Management Committee at any time.
- (c) Junior Members may “sign in” visitors or guests subject to any regulations made by the Management Committee

### 10. LADY MEMBERS

Lady Members shall be empowered to elect their own Captain, Secretary and Committee, and to make their own bye-laws, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Management Committee of the Club.

### 11. HONORARY MEMBERS

- (a) The Club President, Club Captain, Management Committee Chairman, Ladies’ Section Captain, Treasurer, Competitions Secretaries, and Ladies’ Section Secretary.
- (b) The Member with the longest uninterrupted membership shall be eligible for election as an Honorary Member.
- (c) The Management Committee shall have power to elect as an Honorary Member any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Club, or for any other reason the Management Committee think proper in the interests of the Club.
- (d) Honorary Members are empowered to vote on any matter affecting the Club.

### 12. LIMITATIONS OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS

The Management Committee shall be empowered to limit the number of members and any class of members as and when circumstances arise which they may consider justify a decision.



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### 13. TRUSTEES OF THE CLUB

There shall be three trustees of the Club. The property of the Club (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Management Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by resolution of the Management Committee, who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting remove any trustee or trustees from the office of trustee. If by reason of any such death, resignation or removal, it shall appear necessary to the Management Committee that a new trustee or trustees shall be appointed or if the Management Committee shall deem expedient to appoint an additional trustee or trustees the Management Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new trustee or trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination, the Management Committee Chairman is hereby nominated as the person to appoint a new trustee of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act, 1925, and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Management Committee as the new trustee or trustees of the Club and the provision of the Trustee Act, 1925, shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour a person dealing bona-fide and for value with the Club or the Management Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

### 14. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

- (a) The Officers of the Club shall be the Club President, Club Captain, Ladies' Section Captain, Management Committee Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Treasurer.
- (b) The Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Management Committee and all Sub- Committees, and shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) All past Club Captains shall become Vice-Presidents of the Club.
- (d) The Chairman or in his or her absence, the Deputy Chairman, or in the absence of both, another member appointed by the members present, shall preside and have a casting vote at any meeting of the Management Committee or General Meeting of the Club.
- (e) The Secretary shall be a paid employee appointed by the Management Committee and need not be a Club member.
- (f) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and shall have the custody of all documents of the Club. He shall receive all complaints and suggestions from members, which must be made in writing, and shall submit them to the Management Committee at their next meeting.
- (g) The Treasurer shall keep all accounts of the Club, and shall lay before the Annual General Meeting a statement of the financial affairs of the Club up to the end of October preceding such a meeting, such statement having been duly audited by external professional Auditors elected at the previous Annual General Meeting.



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### 15. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- (a) The Management Committee shall consist (in addition to those specified in Rule 14(a)) of a minimum of three and a maximum of four members of the Club. Eligibility for election shall be restricted to Members of a voting category. Every Officer and member of Management Committee must have held club membership for at least 3 years. A member of Management Committee will be elected for a maximum term of 3 years and at the conclusion of the elected period shall retire, but be eligible for re-election. The election of members of the Management Committee will take place at the Annual General Meeting. The Management Committee, in the event of a member not attending a meeting for three consecutive months, may declare the seat vacant and elect a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.
- (b) The management of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee, whose decisions shall be binding unless overruled by the General Meeting, and who shall be empowered to make bye-laws and regulations to meet temporary emergencies of the Club or such as may be considered necessary for the well-being of the Club. All such byelaws and regulations shall be binding on every Member, and on others using the course, until set aside or altered at a General Meeting.
- (c) Four members of the Management Committee shall form a quorum.
- (d) The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees from its members to assist in the management of the Club, with power in special cases to co-opt Members who are not members of the Management Committee. Three members of a Sub-Committee to form a quorum.
- (e) The Management Committee shall meet at such times and places as it shall from time to time to decide.
- (f) Any three members of the Management Committee may, at any time, by notice in writing, require the Secretary to call a meeting of the Management Committee, or the Secretary may do so at his or her own discretion after consultation with the Management Committee Chairman with reasonable notice to be given to all members of the Management Committee.
- (g) The Management Committee shall not be empowered to borrow money without obtaining the authority of a resolution passed by the Club in General Meeting.
- (h) If at any time the Club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Management Committee to borrow money, the Management Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purpose of the management of the club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time, and at such a rate of interest and in such form, and manner, and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution, and thereupon the Trustees for the time being of the Club's property shall, at the direction of the Management Committee, make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreement in relation thereto as the Management Committee may deem proper for giving the security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution, shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.



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### 16. METHOD OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- (a) Each candidate for election as an Officer or Member of the Management Committee shall be proposed and seconded, in writing, by two voting Members of the Club.
- (b) In order to facilitate the nomination of candidates a list of Members, along with a nomination sheet, shall be displayed in the Clubhouse at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting, and shall not be removed for at least fourteen days, after which no further nominations can be received. A list of persons nominated as an Officer or as a vacant Sub Committee Chairman, with the names of their proposers and seconders, shall be forwarded to each Member, along with the notice calling the meeting.

### 17. GENERAL MEETING

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on or before the last day of March each year, at such a place and time as the Management Committee shall determine. Notice of the Annual General Meeting, together with a copy of the Balance Sheet, shall be sent to each member of the Club at least seven days before the date of the meeting.
- (b) The Secretary shall, on receiving a requisition in writing signed by at least three members of the Management Committee, or 35 voting Members of the Club, and stating the nature of the business to be transacted, call a Special General Meeting of the Club, of which at least seven days' notice shall be given to each Member. Such notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting, and the discussion at such meeting shall be strictly confined to the question at issue.
- (c) 35 members to form a quorum at any General Meeting.
- (d) Notice of all General Meetings of the Club may be given by email to members who have notified an email address to the Secretary. All other members shall be sent notice by post. The same shall apply to all communications to members by or on behalf of the Management Committee.

### 18. RULES OF GOLF

The Rules for the game of golf of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews (R & A) (except so far as the same are applicable only to the St. Andrews Course, and any alteration herein made by (R & A Golf Club) shall be observed in all matches and competitions on the Saddleworth Course, and any alteration therein made by (R&A Golf Club) shall, ipso facto, be adopted by the Saddleworth Golf Club, without the same being submitted to the General Meeting. The Management Committee shall have power to make Local Rules to meet the requirements of the Saddleworth Course, and where such Local Rules differ from the St. Andrews' Rules, the Local Rules shall prevail.



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### 19. VISITORS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS

The following rules and regulations shall control the admission of visitors and temporary members:-

- (a) Each visitor shall pay a green fee in accordance with a scale of charges to be determined by the Management Committee from time to time.
- (b) Members may introduce friends as temporary members. The names and addresses of temporary members shall be entered by their introducer in a book provided for that purpose, each entry to be signed and dated by the introducer.
- (c) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse to admit any proposed visitor or temporary member, and may make such rules and regulations in relation thereto as from time to time they deem advisable.
- (d) A temporary member shall not be entitled to introduce strangers or to vote on any matter affecting the Club, or to compete for any of the Club prizes.
- (e) No person shall be introduced as a temporary member more than twelve times per year.
- (f) Club Members who introduce friends as temporary members will be liable for all for costs incurred.
- (g) No member of a visiting party or Society may be introduced at the “with member” green fee rate.

### 20. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

- (a) The Management Committee shall have power to expel, or to suspend for a stated period, not exceeding three months, any member who in the opinion of the Management Committee has willfully acted contrary to the Rules or Bye-Laws of the Club or in a manner injurious to the welfare of the Club or likely to bring the Club or the sport into disrepute. Before any member is expelled or suspended as aforesaid, the Secretary shall give such member seven days' written notice to attend a special meeting of the Management Committee and such notice shall indicate the nature of the complaints made against the Member. The member shall have the opportunity at that meeting of answering the said complaints and may not be expelled or suspended unless at least two thirds of the Management Committee members then present vote in favour thereof. A proposal for expulsion which does not receive the required majority shall not thereby prohibit a proposal for suspension.
- (b) Any member so expelled or suspended shall have the right of appeal to a Special General Meeting, provided the member gives notice in writing of such intention to the Secretary within ten days of the expulsion or suspension. Thereupon the Special General Meeting shall be convened within twenty-eight days, and each member shall be given at least seven days' notice of the time, place and the purpose thereof. Two-thirds of the members present shall be required to confirm the expulsion or suspension, failing which the member shall be reinstated. It shall be in the power of the Management Committee to exclude such member from the Clubhouse and Course until such Special General Meeting be held.



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- (c) No member whose membership has been terminated or is suspended shall be admitted to the Clubhouse or Course, whether as a member, temporary member, visitor, or in any other capacity.

### 21. DOGS

Dogs (excepting guide dogs) are not allowed in the Clubhouse and are only permitted on the course if under proper control.

### 22. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- (a) All doubts as to the meaning and construction of these Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee, subject to appeal to a Special General Meeting.
- (b) A Member (whether ordinary or temporary) on paying their Entrance Fee (if any) and Subscription, shall be considered thereby to have submitted to the Rules of the Club, both as to have the restrictions enjoined and the penalties imposed, and on these conditions alone is entitled to enjoy the advantages and privileges of the Club.

### 23. REVISION OF RULES

These Rules may be altered at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose; but the majority to make any such alterations or additions shall be in the proportion of at least two to one of the votes cast. Notice of any proposed alteration of any rule must be given in writing to the Secretary at least fourteen days before such a meeting, and the Secretary shall forward a copy of the said notice to each member seven days prior to the meeting.

### 24. LICENSING HOURS

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicants shall be such as may from time to time be fixed by the Management Committee in accordance with the Licensing Act (2003).

### 25. SALES TO NON-MEMBERS

Subject to any restrictions which may from time to time be imposed by the Management Committee, the following persons shall be entitled to admission to the Club premises and to purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises, viz:

- (i) Golfers on payment of the appropriate Green Fee.
- (ii) Those taking table meals in the Club premises as guests of members.
- (iii) Caddies and Club employees.
- (iv) Admission of persons attending a private or bona fide pre-arranged function held at the Club, is restricted to persons holding tickets or written invitations. Such tickets or written invitations not to be available at the door of the Club premises.



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### 26. ACCESS TO CLUBHOUSE

The Club premises shall be open to Members daily from 8:00 am onwards, or at such time as the Management Committee shall from time to time determine, except on Christmas Day, when they will be closed all day.

### 27. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

- (a) Each voting member shall be liable in addition to the payment of their subscription to contribute towards the payment or liquidation of any debt or liability incurred by the Management Committee for the time being of the Club, either before or during such time as they shall be a member of the Club.
- (b) The Trustees and Management Committee shall be indemnified by the members in respect of any liability, by covenant or otherwise, incurred or undertaken by them.

### 28. NON-DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBERS

- (a) All surplus monies or profits are to be reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
- (b) The Club may provide to its members and guests the ordinary benefits of an amateur sports club within the meaning of section 660 Corporation Tax Act 2010.
- (c) The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:-
  - (i) obtain goods or services from a member on an arm's length basis;
  - (ii) employ a member on arm's length basis.

### 29. APPLICATION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

If at a Special General Meeting a Resolution for the Dissolution of the Club is passed, the Management Committee must immediately, or at such future date as is specified in the Resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club. The proceeds will be used to establish another golf club (of the same name) elsewhere, failing which the proceeds will be donated to such sporting charity or charities as are agreed upon by the membership. In default of such an agreement the sporting charity or charities will be nominated by the Secretary for the time being of the English Golf Union.