



## **WALES GOLF RULES**

### **1. Introduction**

All terms defined in these Rules shall bear the same meaning as those used in the Golf Union of Wales Limited's (the "Union") Articles of Association dated 22 September 2016.

### **2. Annual Club Subscriptions**

- 2.1 The annual subscription payable by each Club shall be decided by the Board in accordance with these Rules and shall run from 1 September to 31 August each year.
- 2.2 Subject to Rule 2.3, each Club shall pay a fee for each Adult and Junior Member (including those with flexible membership) with playing rights over the course as at 31 August each year (the "Subscription Fee") as notified by the Board. For further detail see Appendix 1.
- 2.3 Subject to Rule 2.4, the total minimum annual Subscription Fee payable by a Club is £500.
- 2.4 The Board (in its sole discretion) shall be entitled:
- (a) each year to increase the Subscription Fee and the total minimum Subscription Fee set out in Rule 2.3 by up to 5% or
  - (b) at any time to increase the Subscription Fee and the total minimum Subscription Fee set out in Rule 2.3 by an amount exceeding the amount set out in Rule 2.4(a) if in the reasonable opinion of the Board there is a justifiable reason to do so.

The Board will require all Clubs to complete an online membership return. All Clubs must complete the online return accurately listing the numbers of Adult and Junior Members (as detailed in point 2.2) as at 31 August in that year and pay all Subscription Fees to Wales Golf by the 30th November.

- 2.5 If a Club fails to complete the online return and pay all Subscription Fees to Wales Golf by the following 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Board shall be entitled to suspend any or all of the Club's privileges as a Member until the completed subscription notice is returned and all Subscription Fees paid in full. Any club applying for reinstatement following a suspension for non-payment of fees will be liable to an administration fee of £100.
- 2.6 If a Club fails to complete the online return and pay all Subscription Fees to Wales Golf by the following 1<sup>st</sup> April, the Board shall be entitled to remove that Member Club from membership of the Union in accordance with Rule 3.1(b).
- 2.7 If requested by the Board, each Club will within 14 days provide the Board with full details of its membership records and allow the Board or its authorized representatives to inspect the Club's membership records at its premises.
- 2.8 All clubs are required to have written child and adult safeguarding policies that are consistent with the most recent Wales Golf safeguarding guidelines.
- 2.9 If requested by Wales Golf each club will, within 30 days of such a request, provide Wales Golf with a copy of its child and adult safeguarding policies.

### **3. Removal of Members**

- 3.1 The Board, taking into account the nature and gravity of the conduct involved, may in its sole discretion, suspend any or all of the Club's privileges as a Member, reprimand, place on probation, suspend, or expel a Member if the following events occur:
- (a) If a Member has, in the opinion of the Board, acted or has threatened to act in a manner which is contrary to the interests of the Union as a whole or if its conduct (whether as a Member or otherwise) is likely to bring Wales Golf, or any of its Directors or Members into disrepute;
  - (b) If a Member fails to pay the annual Subscription Fees properly levied by the Board in accordance with Rule 2.
  - (c) If a Member does not have written child and adult safeguarding policies as required by Rule 2.8 and does not rectify this within 30 days of an instruction by Wales Golf or fails to provide a copy of its safeguarding policies to Wales Golf as required by Rule 2.9.

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **FAQs**

#### **What is an Adult Member?**

An adult playing member is anyone aged 18 or over on 1 January 2020 with the right to play over the club's designated course(s) regardless of whether they choose to hold a handicap.

#### **What is a Junior Member?**

A junior playing member is anyone aged under 18 on 1 January 2020 with the right to play over the club's designated course(s) regardless of whether they choose to hold a handicap.

#### **What is a Flexible Membership?**

A Flexible Membership includes:

Membership packages which combine a reduced membership subscription with a reduced green fee or pay as you play element.

Points or credit-based membership packages; e.g. the Playmoregolf platform and other similar systems.

#### **Do I include all members who are also members of another golf club e.g. away members?**

Yes.

#### **Do I include honorary members?**

Only Life honorary members can be excluded from the calculation. Anyone who has paid for a lifetime membership needs to be included in the return.

#### **Do I include participants in the Wales Golf New2Golf program?**

No.

#### **Do I include Trial and/or Temporary Members?**

Yes, if they are a member as at 31 August 2020.

#### **Do I include academy participants?**

Yes, if they have playing rights on the course.