



## **GOLF UNION OF WALES**

### **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 15 April 2015.

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

- 2.1 The annual subscription payable by each Club shall be decided by the Board each year in accordance with these Rules and shall run from 1 April to 31 March each year.
- 2.2 Subject to Rule 2.3, each Club shall pay a fee for each Adult Subscribing Member and Junior Subscribing Member as at 31 March each year (the "Subscription Fee") as notified by the Board.

"Adult Subscribing Member" means each male and female playing member of a Club including country members, pay as you play members and any other type of playing member which the Board in its reasonable opinion considers a "Subscribing Member" for the purpose of a Club's annual subscription but excluding Life Honorary Members and Junior Subscribing Members.

"Junior Subscribing Member" means a male or female playing member of a Club under the age of 18 at 31 December of the preceding year.

"Life Honorary Members" means a male or female playing member of a Club who a Club may wish to honour in recognition of services given and who pay no annual membership/subscription fee to the Club.

- 2.3 Subject to Rule 2.4, the total minimum annual Subscription Fee payable by a Club is £400 and total maximum annual Subscription Fee payable by a Club shall be £10,000.
- 2.4 The Board (in its sole discretion) shall be entitled:
- (a) each year to increase the Subscription Fee and the total minimum and maximum Subscription Fees set out in Rule 2.3 by the percentage increase in the retail price index plus 2%; or
  - (b) at any time to increase the Subscription Fee and the total minimum and maximum Subscription Fees 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.
- 2.5 Prior to the end of each year, the Board will issue to all Clubs a subscription notice. All Clubs must complete the subscription notice accurately listing the numbers of Adult and Junior Subscribing Members as at 31 March in that year and return the completed subscription notice and all Subscription Fees to the Union by the 1st April.

- 2.6 If a Club fails to return the completed subscription notice and all Subscription Fees to the Union by the 1st June of the following year, 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.
- 2.7 If a Club fails to return the completed subscription notice and all Subscription Fees to the Union by the 30th June of the following year, the Board shall be entitled to remove that Member Club from membership of the Union in accordance with Rule 3.1(b).
- 2.8 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.

### **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 in 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 the Union, or any of its Directors or Members into disrepute;
- (b) If a Member fails to pay any annual Subscription Fees properly levied by the Board in accordance with Rule 2.

### **ADOPTED BY THE BOARD**

Date: 23rd September 2015