

WG001 - The Constitution

1. The name of the society is WGGC Golf Society.
2. The correspondence address of the society is: 72 Elizabeth Way, Coventry.
3. The objective of the society is to provide a vehicle to maintain existing friendships formed outside the world of golf, and to encourage new friendships to form between society members previously unknown to one another.
4. A committee was formed who are responsible for the running of the society and whose decision is final.
5. The committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
6. The members are empowered to co-opt a Replacement Officer if for any reason one is unable to continue during the year.
7. The society was formed on December 2nd 2003
8. The members of the society are posted on the website found at www.wggc.co.uk
9. The society's financial year will end on the 30th November each year. The Captain will notify the members of the Annual General Meeting, which will take place in December of each year.
10. Membership will be open to any individual who has attained the age of 18 years and has satisfactorily completed the application form and submitted it to the Committee with the agreed membership fee.
11. The Committee will have the sole discretion regarding the suitability of an individual for membership and their decision will be final.
12. The membership fee will be £25.00 non refundable.
13. Travelling to & from golf days is no responsibility of the society legally or financially.
14. Match day "feature fines" will be decided on the day of each event. Each feature fine will be no more than £1.00. All guests are expected to pay feature fines. The maximum any person will be expected to pay on any golf day will be £2.50.
15. There will be no reduction of membership fee regardless of the date of joining.
16. All competition day fees will be paid prior to the day of the event by following the agreed payment terms shown below.

Payment Rules

- A Regular payment of £25.00 each month or for each golf day if not paying by standing order.
- Two payments made on first event of the year, or one advance payment made at least a month prior to the season if there is a special event on that day. (One for that date and one for the next event) If not paying by standing order.
- Then regular payments of £25.00 each golf day there after. (Which is advance payment for the forthcoming event) with no Payment required on last event of the year unless your individual balance is showing less than the cost of each day. Where you will be expected to pay the balance. If not paying by standing order.
- Payment by standing order is the preferred route for season 2007 onwards. The same rules apply as above for amount and frequency. Please see latest document WG022 for regular payment details.

Payment Terms & Conditions

- All monies collected will be deposited into the society account and used to fund events & prizes.
 - Any individual who does not attend a golf day but follows the constitutional guidelines will have his advance payment carried forward to the next event. Failure to follow the constitution will result in a fine for the individual.
 - The agreed amount is to cover the golf only and other expense will have to be covered by the individual. (Such as food, travel etc.)
 - A financial record will be kept by the treasurer to track the individual's contributions over the year and track over and under payment.
 - A cheque or debit card payment from the society's account should be used to pay the next event by the nominated organiser for that day.
 - If for any reason the regular payment amount does not cover the next event the committee can meet to ask members for an extra contribution. (Exceptional circumstances only)
17. Non-attendance on a competition day will not be tolerated, and if at least 24 hours is not give then that match day fee of £25 will become the fine & forfeited, the committee will also demand an explanation. (This action will be at the discretion of the committee and exceptional circumstances will be taken into account)
18. If back-to-back non-attendance occurs the committee will meet to decide on releasing the individual from the society.
19. All subscription fees to be paid before the end of January each year.
20. The Committee may terminate memberships where deemed appropriate and their decision will be final. Members have a right of appeal if additional facts or information are forthcoming.
- ~~21. Places in the competitions will be allocated to members and their guests on a "first come first served" basis provided the entry fee has been paid in full prior to the event.~~
- ~~22. Guests will be allowed to take part in competitions, but will not be permitted to take part in more than 2 competitions throughout the society's year. If this occurs they will be encouraged to join the society and pay the subscription amount. (This is down to the discretion of the committee)~~
23. Associate members or guests will be allowed to claim match days prizes except for Stableford winner. They are expected to contribute to match day feature fines to become eligible.
- ~~24. A match day ceiling fee of £32 has been introduced. (Exceptions need to go through the committee)~~
~~Removed July 24th~~
25. The "Match Day Organiser" must abide by and follow the set roles and responsibilities as described in the MDO document.
26. This constitution can only be amended by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting decided upon by the Committee. Members will be informed in writing to their last known address, but each member has one vote, which can only be by personal attendance at the meeting.
27. A special General meeting will be arranged if 5 or more members request one by notifying the Chairman or the Secretary in writing. All society funds remaining on dissolution will be shared equally between all paid up members.
28. Insurance is the responsibility of the individual and the society cannot be held responsible for any claim or part claim for or against an individual or society.
- ~~29. Duplicated point was removed (May 7th 2006)~~
30. Match day Stableford winner will be decided on the person with the highest score after 18 holes, calculated based on their society handicap which is concurred and agreed by the handicap committee. (Using Handicap Master software to concur cards)

31. The Count back rule is defined by strokes taken over last nine holes, then over last six holes, then over last three holes and finally the last hole. This is used in cases where there are two or more people tying for a prize.
32. Any nearest the pin competition can only be won if the ball is on the putting surface. If no one wins on the day the prize remains in the society.
33. Longest drive competitions can only be won if the ball remains on the fairway.
34. Match day fee for guests will be determined by the committee prior to the event a guideline is to round the overall cost up to the nearest full pound.
35. Individuals league placing will be set prior to the start of each season by the committee. They will remain in that division for the whole season.
36. The movement of players between divisions each year will be totally down to the discretion of the committee.
37. It is the responsibility of each member to notify the MDO or any committee member that he will not be attending. It is assumed that no correspondence is agreement of attendance. (All venues, dates and times are published on the society website prior to the start of the season. See society website at www.wggc.co.uk)
38. Any new member joining the society will have to abide by the "Member Handicap Ruling" Please see document WG010 for full details.
39. The society agrees to pay to the English Golf Union annually on 1st November, the registration fee as decided by the Executive Committee of the English Golf Union. The EGU have suspended this for all societies from 2008 but we still remain on their list and our official number is 0213.
40. Royal & Ancient Golf Club/English Golf Union
 - a) The society agrees to abide by the Rules of Golf as laid down by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.
 - b) The society agrees to abide by the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.
 - c) The society recognises that the English Golf Union is the Governing Body for men's amateur golf within England and as such recognises its authority to govern the game.
 - d) The society agree to accept the conditions as laid down by the English Golf Union in respect of the English Golf Union Registered Golf Society Scheme and furthermore agree to adopt such changes as may from time to time be determined by the English Golf Union.
41. The English Golf Union shall be advised immediately of any changes in officers.
42. The committee shall keep full records of competitions and handicaps of members as determined by the English Golf Union and these records to be available upon request.
43. The Secretary shall advise the English Golf Union immediately of the names and addresses of all new members and of those who resign from the society.
44. Competition formats rules and organisation structures are defined in document WG007
45. Each golfer is expected to complete the WGGC supplied "Match Day Scorecard" for each golf day making sure they complete all sections. Please obtain the players signature you are scoring, before signing it yourself prior to handing to the committee for addition into the official competition scoring system.
46. No golfer will be allowed to join any league or season competitions once the draw for these has taken place prior to the start of each season. They will be allowed to join the Associate Member section.

47. An Associate member is allowed to play in as many golf days as he wishes providing there is space available on the day. He must abide by all the rules of the constitution and inform the committee his intentions by paying a match day deposit of £30 in advance. He will be expected to make up any shortfall on the day in line with rule 34. (A associate member will not be asked to pay the WGGC subscription fee of £25)
48. An Associate Member will comply with the handicap rules document WG010. He is only allowed to take part in the nearest the pin competitions on each match day and will be expected to contribute to the match day feature fine.

Change History

Revision	Name	Description	Date
V2.0	Peter Shaw	Addition of Associate Guest section and wording change of club to society. Modification to point 23 and deletion of points 21 & 2 and addition of points 45 to 48.	25 th April 2008
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