

# The RULES of TILlicOUNTRY GOLF CLUB

## Amended January 2024

### History:

Previous Adoption	Amended on	Adopted at AGM of	Changes from previous adoption
December 2011	December 2013	December 2013	Financial Rules Clause 6 amended
December 2013	January 2015	December 2015	Financial Rules Clause 6: amended – Increase in authorised spending limits.
December 2013	March 2015	December 2015	General Rules Clause 6 amended – membership year defined
December 2013	June 2015	December 2015	Financial Rules Clause 11 added – waiving of fees
December 2015	May 2016	December 2016	D. General Rules: Rule 1 Dogs in Clubhouse & Course - amended
December 2016	May 2017	December 2017	H. Clubhouse: 'E- cigarettes' prohibited. H. Clubhouse: Reference to pool table removed
December 2017	February 2018	December 2018	G. Rules of Play; Rule 15b added: Issuing of prize vouchers
December 2018	January 2024		General Revision and Update

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**A. Rules; Compliance**

1. Any member acting in contravention of these rules will be liable to be dealt with in accordance of Article 30 of the Constitution. A member shall be liable for any breach committed by his or her visitor.
2. Members should familiarise themselves with these Rules, the Constitution, Social Media Policy, Safeguarding Policy and Adverse Weather Policy. All are available on the Club Website.

**B. Financial Rules**

1. The Bar keys will be held by the Bar Manager, Bar Staff as required, and Club Administrator only.
2. No one other than the Key holders set out in paragraph B1, the Finance Convenor or the appointee of the Finance Convenor are allowed behind the Bar.
3. Stocktaking to be carried out not less than quarterly by a professional stock-taker
4. Bar takings should be reconciled to weekly EPOS report by Finance Convenor or Club Administrator.
5. The two signatories of the Club's bank account(s) will be the Finance Convenor and Club Administrator who shall not reside at the same address nor be related one to another. The Club Administrator may operate a debit card for the purpose of making on-line purchases up to the value of £250. Purchases greater than this amount must be approved by Council. The debit card will be held and used only by the Club Administrator.
6. Any expenditure or purchases of a value greater than £100, other than those provided for in paragraph B5, shall not be made without the prior approval of Council.
7. Competition Fees to be handed to the Administrator weekly.
8. A Council member(s) may choose to waive their annual subscription but should they leave the Council during the year they must repay any Honorarium or subscription pro rata for the remainder of the current year.

### **C. Licensing Rules**

1. No member of the Council, Administrator or Employee of the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of alcohol within the Club or in the profit arising from such sale.
2. No alcohol shall be sold or supplied to any person under eighteen years of age whether Member or visitor.
3. No alcohol shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club.
4. The hours of sale of alcohol shall be fixed by the Council within the hours permitted under The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.
5. Other than when an Occasional Licence is in force, no person is to be supplied with alcohol on the club premises unless that person is one of the following: -
  - (a) A member of the Club
  - (b) A person who is on the premises at the invitation of a member of the Club and is accompanied by that member.
  - (c) A member of another club constituted as laid down in Section 2 Para 1 of the Licensing (Clubs) (Scotland) Regulations 2007.
  - (d) Except when an Occasional Licence is in force, before any person in Category (b) above is supplied with alcohol an entry must first be made in the Visitors Book. The entry shall include the visitor's name and address, the name of the accompanying member and the date of the visit.
6. Spouses and partners of members, if not members of the Club, shall be regarded as Temporary Members for the purposes of LCSR 2007 when on the premises in the company of the Member. Fee-paying visiting golfers who are not members of another club shall be regarded as Temporary Members while on the premises on the day of play.
7. Members on written application to the Club Administrator may be allowed to hire part of the Clubhouse for a period not longer than twelve hours to hold private functions of celebration, e.g. weddings, birthdays, premarital party

### **D. General Rules**

1. No dogs, including Guide dogs, or any animal to be in the kitchen area at any time.
2. Guide dogs are permitted in other areas of the Club at all times, including where buffet meals are laid out or food served to table.

3. Other dogs are permitted in other areas of the Club except where buffet meals are laid out or where food is being served to table.
4. All dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and be under the control of their owners / handlers.
5. It is anticipated that the number of dogs in the Clubhouse at any one time will be low but the Club reserves the right to use its discretion to limit the number of dogs present [except Guide Dogs]. It is accepted that some individuals may be medically sensitive to the presence of a dog(s) and when a member / visitor so objects, it will be the duty of the owner / handler to remove the dog [except Guide Dogs] from the immediate area or from the Club, whichever is least inconvenient to all parties.
6. Any person taking a dog or dogs on the course must keep them on a lead and must not allow them on the greens.
7. Players taking part in competitions are not allowed to take dogs onto the course

#### **E. Administration**

1. Any Member changing his or her postal and / or email address shall notify the same in writing to the Club Administrator and failing such intimation all notices sent to the old address will be held as duly served.
2. A resume of Council Minutes shall be displayed on the Notice Boards in the Locker Rooms and circulated by email to Members.
3. No complaints shall be considered by the Council unless made in writing to the Secretary.
4. No member of the Club other than a member of Council shall subject any servant of the Club to a personal reprimand.
5. The Membership Year is 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current year. Persons wishing to be on the waiting list for membership shall pay a deposit as determined by the Council. This will be deducted from the joining fee when admitted but is not returnable on withdrawal of the application.

#### **F. Visitors**

1. Visitors to the course, holding a ticket, shall be temporary members of the Club. Visitors shall hold no power of introduction to the Clubhouse or Course.

2. The privilege of introducing a visitor and the visitor's privilege of being introduced may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the Council
3. No person shall be eligible to be introduced to the Clubhouse or Course who has been rejected as a member of the Club or has ceased to be a member under Articles 30, 31 or 33 of the Constitution.
4. The sign in sheets containing names and addresses of all visitors to the Clubhouse and Course shall be periodically scrutinised by the Council.
5. Parties will have the use of the Course with the permission of the Council, or designated sub-committee.

### **G. Rules for Play**

1. The Rules of Golf, as they may from time to time be fixed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, shall be the rules of play, except in as far as they may be modified by any local rules adopted by the Club.
2. The Club fixtures for the year shall be arranged by the Match and Handicap Committee at the beginning of the year after approval by the Council and notice thereof given to each member. The Match and Handicap Committee shall have the power to arrange other Club competitions of Matches in the course of the year and notice of such shall be emailed to members and posted in the Clubhouse.
3. In all competitions handicaps will be allocated by Club software as per the WHS rules.
4. The Council shall have the power to reserve the Course for any particular day or part of the day for a Club Match or other Competition. shall be displayed on the Notice Boards in the Locker Rooms and circulated by email to Members.
5. Juvenile and Junior Members shall be admitted to the Course provided that no Competition is in progress and that they have booked a tee time via Club V1.
6. No games consisting of more than four balls shall be permitted unless playing Greensome or Scramble rules.
7. The use of mobile phones to make calls and texts, except in the case of an emergency is prohibited on the course
8. No practice play is permitted on the tees, greens and fairways of the Course.
9. During Competitions priority on the practice fairway and practice net shall be given to those playing in the Competition. Those not participating in the Competition must give way to those playing in the Competition.

10. On the practice fairway no club shall be used that will cause a ball to travel further than the length of the fairway.
11. All members shall replace, or see replaced, turf removed by them or their visitors during play.
12. The Match & Handicap Convenor (Gents & Ladies) may issue Scottish Golf Voucher as prizes for competitions. Such vouchers may be presented as payment towards annual subscriptions or added to their bar card. They cannot be redeemed for cash.
13. Scottish Golf Vouchers will be valid up to the date indicated on the voucher.
14. During the winter months - October to February – all members are allowed to play all day on Saturday and Sunday unless a Winter Competition is running.

#### **H. Clubhouse**

1. Any person damaging or defacing the Clubhouse or fittings shall be held liable for repair or replacement of damage done. Further sanctions may be imposed by Council at its discretion. No furnishings shall be removed except when required for Club purposes.
2. No unseemly behaviour shall be allowed and members bringing guests shall be held responsible for any infringement on their part.
3. Entertainment on behalf of the Club may be held in the Clubhouse with the approval of the Council
4. The Club shall not be responsible or liable for damage to, loss of or interference with clubs or personal property on the Course and / or left in the Clubhouse.
5. Gambling is strictly prohibited unless during a licensed event.
6. No Notices or posters shall be put up on the Clubhouse noticeboard except by the authority of the Council.
7. The use of e-cigarettes in the Clubhouse is prohibited.

#### **I. Alteration of Rules**

1. The Club, at any meeting, with due notice having been given, may by a majority, alter or add to the foregoing rules.
2. The Council shall have the power to alter or add to the foregoing rules as circumstances require. These rules as so altered or added to shall be intimated to members by email and by posting on the Notice Boards in the Locker Rooms.

These Rules become and remain binding upon the members until the first AGM held thereafter, at which meeting such alteration or addition shall be submitted for the adoption.