



## **MEMBERS CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF GAUDET- LUCE GOLF CLUB**

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# OBJECTS AND RULES OF GAUDET-LUCE GOLF CLUB

## Definitions

Club	means those Members elected, appointed or accepted in accordance with these Rules.
Proprietor	Gaudet Luce Limited.
Registered Office	Middle Lane Hadzor Droitwich WR9 7JR .
Members	those persons accepted into Membership of the Club from time to time in accordance with these Rules.
Officers	means those persons appointed in accordance with Rule 8.
Members Committee	means those persons referred to in Rule 9.
Director of Golf	Nominated as the agent for the Proprietor.

1. **Name** The Golf Club will be called **Gaudet-Luce Golf Club**.

## 2. Constitution

2:1 The Club is a Proprietary Club, owned by the Proprietor and its Directors. All matters relating to the Golf Club are to be addressed to the Director of Golf, Gaudet-Luce Golf Club.

2:2 The Proprietor will be responsible for providing the Club with the Club premises and all the necessary facilities for carrying on the Club in accordance with these Objects and Rules.

2:3 The Proprietor will have:

- (a) the control of all financial affairs of the Club;
- (b) the power to engage, control and dismiss employees of the Club;
- (c) the administrative powers necessary for the satisfactory running of and carrying out the Objects and Rules; and
- (d) power to make Bye-Laws for all such purposes.

2:4 The Officers as defined in Rule 8 will control the Competition and Social activity of the Golf Club.

2:5 Members will be under no financial liability by reason of their membership of the Club save any Annual Subscription, Entrance or Playing Fee which will be determined by the Proprietor.

2:6 This constitution may be changed at the absolute discretion of the Proprietor in accordance with Rule 22.

## 3. Objects

3:1 The object of the Club shall be the promotion of Golf and affiliated facilities for the enjoyment and betterment of its members.

## 4. Membership

4:1 Full Members shall be limited as to such a number as the Proprietor may from time to time determine. They shall have the right and privilege of playing Golf when the course is open for play, and to such privileges as permitted and advertised by the Proprietor.

4:2 Other classes of membership shall be limited to such a number as the Proprietor may from time to time determine and shall have the right and privilege of playing Golf at such time as laid down by the Proprietor.

4:3 Members of the club will be allowed to introduce guests to the club. A maximum of three guests may be introduced by a member at any one time, upon the payment of the relevant fee. Guests will be deemed temporary members for the day. The member assumes responsibility for his guests at all times on club property. Members guests attending the club socially must register in the Visitors Book provided.

4:4 The Proprietor or his delegated officers may introduce a maximum number of visits per guest, if they feel the system is being abused

## 5. Categories of Membership

5:1 Membership of the Club may consist of the following categories:

- a) Full
- b) Five Day
- c) Junior
- d) Social
- e) Honorary
- f) Veteran or Senior
- g) Members of the public paying the appropriate fees and using the Golf facilities shall become Social Members for the day, as will their guests.

## 6. Admission as a Member

6:1 No person shall become a Member unless he has;

- a) been duly accepted according to his category of membership;
- b) paid the Entrance Fee;
- c) paid the annual Subscription which shall include any fees due to the English Golf Union, the Midland Golf Union, English Ladies Golf Association, the Worcestershire Union of Golf Clubs, and the Worcestershire Ladies County Golf Association; and
- d) agreed to abide by the Rules of the Club and to act in accordance therewith.

## **7. Acceptance of Members**

- 7:1 Proposals for membership must be made on the form provided for that purpose and must be signed by the Candidate for membership.
- 7:2 Proposals will state the name and address of the Candidate, and the Candidate must not be accepted for membership until at least nine days after receipt of the proposal for membership.
- 7 The acceptance of a member shall be at the sole discretion of the Proprietor.
- 7:4 On the acceptance of a new member, the Proprietor will send him a written copy of his acceptance together with a copy of the Constitution and Golf Rules of the Club. Until payment is received of all sums due from the new member to the Proprietor the new member will not enjoy any of the benefits or privileges of the Club (Rule 6).

## **8. Officers**

- 8:1 The Officers of the club shall be a President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Chairman, Club Captain, Handicap Secretary, These Officers shall be elected at the appropriate Annual General Meetings in accordance with Rule 10:1 with the exception of the President who shall be appointed by the Proprietor.

## **9. The Members Committee**

- 9:1 The Executive Committee of the Gaudet Luce Golf Club is the sole business forum for members and responsible for all general matters concerning the club.
- The four section committees are the operation forums, and as such will manage and control the competition, social activity and any associated affairs particular to each section under the overall responsibility and guidance of the Executive Committee.
- Each section will conduct their affairs in accordance with their particular terms of reference, which initially must be agreed by the Executive Committee. Thereafter any changes to these Terms which could affect the membership of the whole club or any other section must be brought to the Executive with any unresolved disputes for resolution.
- Gents committee is responsible for all male members of the club from 18 years old (other than those who select to join the seniors section at 55 years of age) The Seniors committee runs dedicated competitions and teams for male members of the club aged 55 years and over. The Ladies committee is responsible for all female members of the club from the age of 18 years old. The Junior Section committee is to provide a continuing golf development for junior members up to the age of 18 years old.
- All sections should collaborate with other sections for mixed competitions and social/fun events.

a) Chairperson (3 year post), Club Captain, Club Vice Captain, Secretary (3 year post), Treasurer (3 year post), Handicap Chair, Competitions Chair, House Chair, Conduct Compliance Officer, Gents Section Captain, Seniors section Captain, Ladies section Captain and Juniors Section Captain.

b) Proprietor's nominations including, Director of Golf, Nominated Company Director, Greenkeeper, Pro Shop Nominee, Junior Development Officer and the President.

## **10. Election for the Members Committee**

- 10:1 The election of Officers in accordance with Rule 8 and the committee members in accordance with Rule 9 will take place in the following manner.
- The Club Captain is an automatic progression from Club Vice Captain who is nominated by a panel chaired by the President and comprising Proprietor, Director of Golf, Nominated Company Director, Executive Committee Chairperson and two members.
- The Gentlemen, Seniors, Ladies and Juniors section Captains are elected by the relevant sections.
- Any two members of the Club may nominate an Officer or Committee Member. The name of the candidate will be sent to the Secretary at least twenty eight days before the Annual General Meeting accompanied by a letter from the candidate consenting to serve if elected.
- a) A list of candidates names will be affixed to the Club Notice Board at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary will then circulate balloting lists (if required) at the Annual General Meeting containing the names of the candidates. Each playing member of the Club (excluding Juniors) present at the Annual General Meeting will be entitled to vote for the appropriate number of vacancies - if they do not vote for the correct number, the ballot paper will be null and void. If two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, the Committee shall select those candidates to be members of the Committee by lot.
- b) The Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall retire every third year and offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Other members of the members committee will retire at the next Annual General Meeting and will be eligible for re election apart from the Captains and Vice-Captains who shall serve in their respective positions for one year only.
- c) All Officers may offer themselves for re-election annually.
- d) Subject to Rule 10:1 (c), if any casual vacancy of a member or members of the Members Committee elected under this rule occurs the remainder of the Members Committee may choose a replacement by majority vote. Any member so chosen will retire at the next Annual General Meeting but will be eligible for re-election.
- e) The members committee can remove any member of the member committee immediately from office by a vote of no confidence.

## **11. General Meetings**

- 11:1 An Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in every year and there will not be more than fifteen months between one Annual General Meeting and the next.

- 11:2 Thirty members present in person shall be a quorum at General Meetings of the Club.  
11:3 Any proposition relating to the welfare of the Club may be discussed at the Annual General Meeting, but no resolution shall be proposed thereat unless twenty eight days previous notice of the same shall have been given to the Secretary in writing, or unless the form of resolution shall appear in the Agenda annexed to the notice convening the meeting.

## 12. **Sub-Committees**

The relevant sub committees for Gentlemen, Ladies, Seniors and Junior Sections exist as competitions sub-committees, external competitions team selection panels and specific social functions organisers, it provides recommendations for distribution of funds generated through competitions and specific social functions to the Members' Committee.

- 12.1 The section committees should be comprised of the Section Captain and Vice Captain, Competitions Secretary (part of Competitions Sub-Committee) (responsible for Trophy maintenance and issue of prize vouchers). Handicap Secretary (part of Handicaps Sub-Committee). Up to three general members, one of whom to act as Minutes Secretary.  
All officers (other than Captain who automatically progresses from Vice Captain) elected through a specific, once a year, meeting convened purely to elect officers. Meeting convened and chaired by Captain.  
12.2 Sub-committees have the power to co-opt other members.

## 13. **Chairman**

- 13:1 The Chairman, or in his absence the Club Captain, will chair General Meetings and Members Committee meetings.  
13:2 Any other or special sub-committee shall be chaired by a person selected by the Members Committee.  
13:3 In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman (who has no vote) shall have the casting vote.  
13:4 In the absence of the nominated Chairman, the officers shall nominate a Chairman.

## 14. **Ruling Bodies**

The Proprietor and the Club hereby agree,

- 14:1 To abide by the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St.Andrews,  
14:2 To comply totally with the Rules and Regulations of the S.S.S. & Handicapping Scheme 1983 (as amended to date) and any conditions imposed within the scheme by the English Golf Union,  
14:3 To abide by the Rules of the English Ladies Golf Association, the English Golf Union, the Worcestershire Ladies County Golf Association and the Worcestershire Union of Golf Clubs, and  
14:4 To extend the courtesy of the Course and Clubhouse on at least one occasion per annum (if required) to the respective National, Group or County Unions.

## 15. **Duties of Officers**

- 15:1 The duties of the Officers shall be laid down by the Committee.

## 16. **Records**

- 16:1 All documents, records, and minutes of any kind relating to the affairs of the Officers and Members Committee shall be the joint property of the Members and Proprietor.

## 17. **Subscriptions**

- 17:1 The Annual Subscription (or part of) will be such a sum as the Proprietor shall determine from time to time. The Proprietor may terminate the membership of any member whose Subscription is more than one month in arrears. Such persons name will be removed from the Register of Members and he or she will immediately cease to be a member of the Club and forfeit all rights of membership.

## 18. **Members Addresses**

- 18:1 Each member (except for social members for the day) will from time to time provide details of his or her current address to the Golf Operations Manager who will enter that address in the Register of Members. All notices sent to that address will be deemed to have been delivered in the normal course of post. The Proprietor shall maintain a Register of Members at all times which shall be kept on the premises.

## 19. **Resignation of Members**

- 19:1 A Member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Proprietor. Any Member who has resigned remains liable for any Subscription due and unpaid at the date of resignation. A member shall not be entitled to any refund of repayment or compensation.

## 20. **Expulsion of Members**

- 20:1 The Proprietor shall expel from the Club (or suspend from Membership for a specific period) any Member whose conduct is such that in the reasonable opinion of the Proprietor it may be injurious to the character or best interests of the Club.  
20:2 Before a member is expelled or suspended, such members conduct shall be investigated by or on behalf of the Proprietor and such member shall be given an opportunity to explain and justify his behaviour. If the Proprietor is then of the opinion that the member is guilty of such conduct as mentioned in 20:1 and that the member has failed to explain and justify it satisfactorily, the Proprietor may either expel or suspend such a member at the Proprietors discretion after consultation with the Members

Committee.

20:3 A member expelled or suspended in accordance with this Rule shall forfeit all the privileges of membership without claim for any refund, repayment or compensation.

## **21. Intoxicating Liquor**

21:1 The sale or supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club shall be permitted within the general licensing hours in force within the general licensing district in which the Club premises are situated (and any extensions thereof granted by the Justices) and the bar opening hours shall be fixed by the Proprietor. Intoxicating liquor will be sold only in accordance with the terms and conditions (if any) imposed by the Justices License granted in respect of the Club premises.

21:2 The sale and supply of intoxicating liquor shall be limited to the following persons:

- a) Members of the Golf Club admitted in accordance with the Rules of the Club;
- b) Guests of such Members introduced to the Club pursuant to the Rules and Bye-Laws for the time being;
- c) Other playing or honorary persons using the facilities of Gaudet Luce Golf Club;
- d) Guests and employees of the Proprietor;
- e) Persons attending official matches, tournaments, contests, Pro-Am and Am-Am events, and any other similar golfing activity authorised by the Proprietor;
- f) Persons attending bona fide organised functions booked at least twenty four hours in advance with admission by ticket or formal invitation only.

21:3 There shall be no other applications for occasional licenses save in other parts of the Golf Course

21:4 A register of Members shall be available at all times (Rule 18).

21:5 No alteration to the Rules relating to the admission to membership or admission of guests shall be made without the consent of the licensing Justices.

## **22. Alteration of Rules**

22:1 Save as provided in Rules 14 and 21, these Rules may at times be revoked, supplemented or altered by the Proprietor after consultation with the Members Committee.

## **23. Disputes**

23:1 Any dispute of difference which may arise as to the meaning or interpretation of these Rules or as to the powers of the Officers or Members Committee or any sub-committee or otherwise shall be determined by the Proprietor after full consultation with the Officers, and such decision shall be final and binding on all members of the Club.

## **24. Bye-Laws**

24:1 Every member will be bound by and submit to the Rules of the Club. Copies will always be available from the Proprietor.

## **25. Golf Operations Manager**

25:1 The Golf Operations Manager is the appointed representative of the Proprietor to whom all matters appertaining to the Proprietor should be addressed

## **26. Delegation**

26:1 The Proprietor may at any time delegate any of its powers to the Golf Operations Manager, the Members Committee or to any Sub-Committee, on such terms and subject to such conditions as it may stipulate.

The Handicap and Competition sub-committees appointed from the elected Officers and Committee Members may not delegate its overall control of handicapping of members under Rule 13:4 but may delegate part or the whole of the clerical work of the schemes to the Golf Operations Manager or other members of the Club and the Golf Operations Manager may be co-opted on to such Sub Committees.

## **27. Exclusion of Liability**

27:1 The Proprietor shall not be liable for any loss, damage, theft or injury to any property or person, which may occur on the premises or course of the Club. Members should provide their own cover for such eventualities.

## **28. General**

28:1 No member shall take away or permit to be taken away from the Golf Club under any pretence whatsoever, or injure or destroy, any property .of the Club.

28:2 No paper, written or printed notice, or placard shall be exhibited, put in the Clubhouse or Locker Rooms or in any way brought to the notice of the members without the sanction of the Proprietor.

28:3 Members are required to pay all expenses incurred on behalf of themselves or their guests in the Clubhouse or part of the course before leaving the Golf Club.

28:4 No dog or any other animal may be brought onto any part of the Golf Club (except for blind persons) without the specific permission of the Proprietor.

## **29. Interpretation**

29:1 References to the masculine will include the feminine and where appropriate the singular will include the plural.

29:2 The headings for these Rules are for ease of reference only and will not be taken into account in their interpretation.