



GOLFING SOCIETY – RECOMMENDED DRAFT DOCUMENT

A draft constitution for golfing societies

1. Name of Society

2. Objectives - Society must define its objectives

3. Membership

- a) *Membership shall be open to*
Persons eligible to join the society should be clearly stated.
- b) *Application for membership*
Procedure for application for membership should be defined.
- c) *Resignations*
Procedure for resignation should be defined.

4. Funds

In the event of dissolution of the society, the Funds, Assets and Properties of the society shall be distributed as directed by the Committee.

5. Royal & Ancient Golf Club/xxxx (ie Relevant National Governing Body)

- a) The society agrees to abide by the Rules of Golf as laid down by the R&A.
- b) The society agrees to abide by the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A.
- c) The society recognises that the Golf Union is the Governing Body for men's amateur golf within and as such recognises its authority to govern the game.

6. Officers and Committees

- a) *Officers*
The constitution shall clearly define the officers of the society ie Secretary, Treasurer, Captain etc and shall state how such officers are appointed.
- b) *Committee*
The society must appoint a committee to run the affairs of the society from within its members and shall state how members of that committee are appointed.
- c) *Competition and Handicapping Committee*
The society must appoint a Competition and Handicapping Committee to organise competitions for its members and control handicapping therein.

- d) This committee should determine the conditions which appertain to each competition and supply all members with detail of these conditions.
- e) It must be stated that the committee shall keep full records of competitions and handicaps of members as determined by them and these records to be available upon request.

7. Discipline/Sanction Procedures

The society should determine a disciplinary procedure within the society which must clearly state the sequence of actions to be taken in the event of disciplinary action being required against a member. This must include details of the rights of the member in the event of such action being taken.

8. Handicaps

The handicapping scheme within the game of golf is the essence of competitive play, which makes the game of golf unique. The nature of the game, the variance of courses and playing conditions outline the importance of standardization of conditions appertaining to allocation and control of handicapping.

It is at the discretion of the Society as to how they approve handicaps for their members. However, it must be stressed that whatever handicap is allocated for the purpose of society meetings is in no way official and can only be used for the purpose of society meetings.

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