

Association will be known as WELSH NORTHERN COUNTIES LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION hereafter called the Association

1 Object

To provide enjoyment and interest for golfers by the arrangement of competitions, events and matches with similar organisations.

2 MEMBERSHIP - Qualifications

- (a) Open to those who are members of an affiliated golf club within the two County Golf Associations in North Wales i.e. Caernarfon & Anglesey and Denbighshire & Flintshire".who have paid their annual membership fee and have a handicap which complies with the World Handicap System operating in the year of their membership. Membership will include Women of all ages and Junior Girls under 18 years of age.
- b) We will follow the Rules of Wales Golf relating to Junior members and Safeguarding Policy .
- c) We will follow the complaints and disciplinary policy procedure recommended by Wales Golf.
- d) We will follow Wales Golf transgender and non-binary policy.
- e) Each Golf Club is required to provide a Club Delegate who will liaise with the Association and arrange membership of their members and furnish an annual list to the Association of players names and membership fees.

3 COMMITTEE

- (a) Shall be responsible for all the affairs of the Association
- (b) The Committee shall consist of 9 members, The President, Captain, Vice-Captain, the previous year's Captain, Honorary Secretary, Competition Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and a delegate from each of the two County Areas. Captains of C&A and D&F may be invited to attend committee meetings A Quorum of 5 is required.

4 METHOD OF APPOINTMENT AND DURATION OF TENURE

- (a) The Captain shall be appointed by the Committee and shall serve for one year and not be eligible for re-election as Captain the following year. She shall take the chair at all Committee Meetings. She will normally succeed to the Captaincy after her year as Vice-Captain. She shall submit a report to the AGM. Ideally the Captain should alternate between the D & F and C & A Associations.
- (b) The Vice-Captain shall be appointed by the Committee. She shall normally serve for one year before succeeding to the Captaincy and may be appointed to chair Committee Meetings in the absence of the Captain.
- (c) Affiliated clubs will be notified of vacancies for the positions of the Honorary Secretary, Competition Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer. Nominations for these posts shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretary not less than 7 days before the AGM stating the name of the Nominee, their consent, the Role for which they are being nominated and the names of the Proposer and Seconded. The Nominee, Proposer and Seconded must all be members of the Association.

- d) The Honorary Secretary shall be elected by the Members for three years and will organise the general affairs of the Association, she will minute all meetings and with the authority of the Committee arrange advance bookings for golf course competitions, she will keep a list of all the Association Members in liaison with the Treasurer and give a report to the AGM.

The Competition Secretary will be selected by the members for three years and will organise and run the competitions, produce and circulate entry forms, accept competition entries and comply with the Wales Golf Rules and Regulations relating to competitions. She will submit a report to the AG

The Committee reserve the right to appoint a Purves organiser.

The Honorary Treasurer be elected by the Members for a period of three years. She will oversee the financial affairs in consultation with the Committee and accept the annual membership fees and entry fees into all the organised competitions. She will purchase the necessary prizes stipulated by the Committee and make those available for presentation. She will submit a report and audited accounts to the AGM.

- (e) The Past Captain shall serve one year after her Captaincy but shall not be eligible for the Committee for 12 months after this unless appointed as an official
- (f) The President having served as a Captain shall be invited by the Committee to serve a term of two years. If no person is available to fulfil this role, then the Committee reserve the right to nominate an eligible person to take up this position. Ideally the President should alternate between the D & F and C & A Associations.
- (g) Delegates from the two county areas shall be invited to serve by the Committee. Each delegate will be selected for a term of three years and will be eligible for reselection.
- (h) If a delegate cannot complete her three year term the remaining part term shall be completed by another delegate from her county area invited by the committee. If the part term is less than one year that delegate will be eligible for the next three years
- (i) The Committee reserve the right to co-opt a member to fill a vacancy on the Committee until the end of the current year when that member may be elected to her full term.
- (j) From time to time the Committee may authorise Sub-Committees. The Chair will be the Captain and those appointed to sit on the Sub-Committee must be members of the Association and all decisions and recommendations made must be ratified by the full committee before being accepted.

5 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) Will be held on the second Monday in November (or such date as shall be determined by the Committee)
- b) Notification. The Hon Secretary shall give at least twenty-eight days' notice to all clubs with members in the Association on the date of the AGM.
- c) Propositions other than those for the nomination of the Hon Secretary , Competition Secretary and the Hon Treasurer must be received by the Hon Secretary 21 days prior to the AGM, with the names of the Proposer and Second.
- d) Any member of the Association may Propose or Second a proposition providing they have

paid their mandatory subscription to the Association.

- e) A majority of those voting at the meeting is required to carry a Proposition or rescind or alter any existing Rule.
- f) At least 14 days prior to the AGM the Hon Secretary shall forward to those clubs with Members, the AGM Agenda, the previous AGM Minutes and any propositions which have been submitted according to the Rules.
- g) The Lady President shall take the Chair at this meeting and have a casting vote if required. A quorum of 15 is required. Should the Lady President be unable to Chair the Meeting the Committee reserve the right to nominate a member of the Committee to take the Chair with the same voting rights as those of the Lady President.

Business of the Meeting

- (a) To receive and approve the reports of the Captain, Hon Secretary, Competition Secretary and the Hon Treasurer.
- (b) To conduct the election of the Officers and Committee Members.
- (c) To present the Minnie Bowler Brooch to the Captain, Brooches to the Vice-Captain and President
- (d) To present colours to those players who have represented the Association in two County or Association Matches, present trophies to those who have not received them at the competition venue.
- (e) To discuss such business or amendments as are specified in the agenda and submitted according to the rules.

6 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

- (a) An EGM may be convened by the Committee or upon the written request of at least 10 members who must state in writing the exact business for which they are calling the meeting.
- (b) When an EGM is required, notice shall be sent to all Clubs with Members by the Hon Secretary 14 days before the event and within 28 days of the request for such a meeting. The notice must specify the exact reason for calling the meeting and only those specified items can be considered.
- c) 25 members of the Association drawn from both the Committee and members shall form a quorum.
- d) A majority vote by members is required for items to be passed at any EGM.
- e) When an EGM is called the Chairperson will be the President. In extenuating circumstances, a substitute can be nominated by the President in conjunction with the Captain or if necessary, by the Committee. The Chairperson will have a casting vote if required.

7 **Financial – General**

- a) All financial transactions will be dealt with through the accounts in the name of Welsh Northern Counties Ladies Golf Association (WNCLGA). The Honorary Treasurer with the

authority of two others, chosen from the Committee shall be responsible for payments against receipt of all debts and payments authorised by the Committee.

Transactions may be made by Banks Transfer

- b) The Financial year shall run from the 1st of November to the 31st of October.
- c) The Hon Treasurer shall present audited accounts and a report at the AGM.
- d) Clubs will be responsible for sending their list of members together with their subscriptions to the Hon Treasurer by January 31st. Late individual membership will be considered by the Committee in special circumstances.
- e) All Committee members shall be reimbursed against receipt of reasonable expenses incurred in the pursuance of their duties.

8 REGULATIONS GOVERNING COUNTY OR ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

- (a) At the discretion of the Captain two matches may be played against other Counties or Associations Home or Away.
- b) Selected Team players must be members of the Association and if playing against Senior Ladies a level playing field should be achieved. In home matches the Association pays for light refreshments before play and a meal afterwards for both sides, both Captains and one Official from both sides.
- c) All officials and team members shall be granted full travel allowance which is to be reviewed annually.
- d) The current Captain with advice to select the team.
- e) The Official shirts and jackets or pullovers will be provided by the Committee and must be worn over tailored shorts/skirts or trousers, the colour of which will be notified in advance.

9 REGULATIONS GOVERNING COMPETITIONS:

- a) Competition entrants must be fully paid-up members of the Association, but this could be suspended by the Committee for competitions intended to encourage new members.
- b) No entry fees will be refunded after the competition draw has taken place unless there are extenuating circumstances to be agreed by the committee.
- c) All Competitions will be governed by the Committee.
- d) The Committee reserve the right to impose maximum handicaps for their competitions and these maximum playing handicaps will always be adhered to. Members with a handicap index of up to +5 of these maximum playing handicaps can enter but will have to play off the maximum playing handicap set for the competition on the day.
- e) The Rules relating to the Purves Bowl and Mixed Foursomes Competition will be circulated annually after consultation with the Committee in conjunction with the entry forms
- f) Trophies are the property of the Association and winners will be responsible for their safe keeping. The Association will cover the costs, against receipt for engraving.

g) Where possible the following Competitions will be organised and the following Trophies awarded as specified below alongside other vouchers and prizes where applicable.

h) Only one major prize can be awarded in each competition to a competitor

10 TROPHIES:

PURVES BOWL LADIES FOURSOMES - Ladies Foursomes Match Play

PURVES KNOCKOUT SHIELD – Mixed Foursomes Match Play

SHROPSHIRE SENIOR LADIES' COUNTY TROPHY: Match against Shropshire County Senior Ladies

SPRING MEETING: Cecil Leitch Trophy – Best score in Division1

Ray Marvel Trophy – Best score in Division 2

Amy Jones Trophy – One team of 4 from each club. Best three scores from four.

Purves Cup – Best score of Senior Lady aged 70 or over on first nine holes.

CHAMPIONSHIP/SILVER MEETING. – Championship Trophy- Best Gross Score

Jubilee Cup- For the best nett score

Millennium Trophy – Best Stableford score.

CAPTAINS DAY: Marjorie Hartley Trophy – Best score of the Day.

Esme Dyson Cup – For the Senior Lady aged 70 or over for the best score over 18 Holes, providing they are not a major prize winner.

AUTUMN MEETING: Edith Bromley Trophy - Best score of the Day.

11 DONATIONS

At the discretion of the Committee an annual donation may be made towards any association organising golf events and competitions for junior boys and girls.

12 ASSETS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

a) The Association can only be dissolved by a majority vote of the Members if agreed at an EGM for this express purpose.

b) If the Members agree to dissolve the Association, any cash or funds held in the Bank Account after all outstanding debts have been paid will be distributed as directed by the members at an EGM following a majority vote.

c) Trophies and other items owned by the Association will if possible be returned to the individual who donated them or to any surviving relative. Unclaimed items will be distributed by the Committee in an appropriate manner.