



Mid Wales County Golf Association

Constitution and Rules

*Approved Annual General Meeting
7th November 2021*

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be the Mid Wales County Golf Association (MWCGA) and shall be called 'the County'.

2. AIM

The aim of the Mid Wales County Golf Association is to promote and encourage ladies' and junior girls' amateur golf throughout the County through the organisation of social and competitive golf for all ages and abilities.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the County shall be:

- a) To further the interests of ladies' and junior girls' amateur golf in the County.
- b) To maintain, administer and regulate the County Championships and all other competitions and events held under the auspices of the County.
- c) To manage the finances of the County to ensure the interests of ladies' and junior girls' amateur golf in Mid Wales County are met.
- d) To select and manage all County teams.
- e) To make, maintain and publish such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the above purpose within the framework of the appropriate governing bodies.

4. COMMITTEE

- a) The Management of the County shall be vested in a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Committee, in addition to any powers hereinafter specifically conferred upon them, shall, in all matters seek to meet the objectives of the County.
- c) The initial duty of the Committee is to nominate the Officers of the County, who shall form the Committee. Officers must be Full Members of the County.
- d) The Committee shall consist of the Officers and two ordinary Full Members.
- e) Nominations for the ordinary Full Members shall be received in writing by the Secretary fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting. After serving for two years, she shall retire, and one year must elapse before she is eligible for re-election.
- f) There shall be no limit as to the number of Officers serving on Committee from an affiliated Club at any one time.
- g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies or co-opt an ordinary Full Member for a specific purpose. The Member appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.
- h) Five Members shall form a quorum, three of whom must be officers. In an equality of votes, the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- i) Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairperson, who shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Captain shall take the Chair. In the absence of both, the Committee shall appoint a temporary Chairperson.

5. THE OFFICERS

- a) The Officers of the County shall be those who hold the following posts: President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain, Chairperson, Secretary, Competitions' Secretaries, Treasurer, League Organiser, Junior Organiser, Child Welfare Officer and Marketing & Publicity Officer.
- b) The President and the Chairperson shall serve for a period of two years with the option of extending the period to a maximum of four years.
- c) The Captain, Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain and Chairperson shall serve for a maximum of two years.
- d) If an Ordinary Full Member of the Committee is nominated as an Officer of the County the appropriate term of office shall apply.

6. SECRETARY, COMPETITIONS' SECRETARIES AND TREASURER

- a) The Secretary shall keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings of Committee Meetings and shall carry out the directions of the Committee.
- b) The Competitions' Secretaries shall carry out the directions of the Committee in relation to the organisation of all competitions.
- c) The Treasurer shall prepare a statement of accounts for the year, which shall be audited and presented to the Annual General Meeting. The financial year of the County shall end on 31st October.

7. GOLF CLUB AFFILIATION

Each Club within the County shall pay an Affiliation Fee, which shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting. The fee shall be payable by 1st February each year. This shall entitle the Club's female Members to Full Membership of the County by paying an annual individual subscription, subject to Rule 8 below.

8. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION

a) Full

A player of an Affiliated Club who pays an annual individual subscription shall qualify for Full Membership of the County. To compete in the County Championship and to be eligible for selection to play for the County Team in the All Wales County Golf Championship, she must be an amateur golfer having an official World Handicap System handicap.

b) Associate

Payment of an individual membership subscription shall qualify a player, who is not a Member of an Affiliated Club, to be an Associate Member of the County. She is entitled to play in events organised by the County, but Associate Membership does not allow her to compete in the County Championship or to be eligible for selection to play for the County Team in the All Wales County Golf Championship.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

a) Annual General

- I. The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the end of November each year.
- II. At least twenty-eight days' notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Affiliated Clubs, for dissemination to Full Members, by the County Secretary, or in her absence, another Officer.
- III. All Full Members shall be entitled to attend, and vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- IV. Any Member of an Affiliated Club (who is not a Full Member of the County) shall be entitled to vote on Handicap League matters, or any other relevant competitions arranged by the County.
- V. Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairperson, who shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Captain shall take the Chair. In the absence of both, the Committee shall appoint a temporary Chairperson.
- VI. Five Members shall form a quorum, three of whom must be Officers.

b) Extra Ordinary General

- I. An Extra Ordinary General Meeting may be called as appropriate by the Committee. It may also be called by 15% of the Full Membership or ten Full Members, whichever is the greater. Notice in writing of the intention to propose any new Rule or alteration shall be given to the County Secretary.
- II. Committee and Full Members, plus Affiliated Clubs shall be given notice in writing twenty-one days prior to the meeting date, for dissemination to Full Members.
- III. Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairperson, who shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Captain shall take the Chair. In the absence of both the Committee shall appoint a temporary Chairperson.
- IV. Five Members shall form a quorum, three of whom must be Officers.

10. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES

- a) A motion for the alteration of any of the Constitution and Rules or for the enactment of a new Rule, can be made only at an Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the County. Notice in writing of the intention to propose any new Rule or alteration shall be given to the County Secretary.
- b) No new Rule of the County shall be made and no existing Rule shall be altered or repealed except by a two-thirds majority of the votes recorded at a General or Extraordinary Meeting.
- c) The Committee shall have power to make Bye-Laws to meet temporary emergencies, or such as they may consider necessary for the well-being of the County, which shall have effect until the next General Meeting.

11. APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENTS

There shall be a maximum of six Vice Presidents who shall be appointed at the discretion of the Committee.

12. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

There shall be a County Championship each year, played on an 18-hole course.

Entrants must be Full Members of the County and be an amateur golfer having an official World Handicap System handicap on the date on which the entries close.

13. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee shall consist of the Captain, Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain plus one other person, if required, to be appointed by the Committee on an annual basis.

14. COMPETITIONS

- a) Entrance fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Committee shall lay down the conditions of competitions.
- c) Conditions of the competition will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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