

PRIORS HALL GOLF CLUB

CORBY

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1. The name of the club shall be and is Priors Hall Golf Club, Corby.
2. The use of the course by the Club shall be in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Corby Borough Council.
3. The jurisdiction of the Club shall extend only to its members and to any duties which may be delegated to the Club by Corby Borough Council.
4. All representation to the Council on any matters relating to the golf course and clubhouse shall be through the committee or such means as the Council prescribe.

### **MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

5. The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee whose authority in all cases be paramount unless over-ruled by a General Meeting of Members.
6. The Club shall elect a President and as many Vice Presidents as may be considered necessary.
7. The Committee shall consist of the Captain, Vice Captain, the immediate Past Captain, the Honorary Secretary, The Honorary Treasurer and nine other men members of the Club. The Captain and Vice Captain shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees. Seven shall form a quorum.

The members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and members shall serve for three years. Three members shall retire each year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

Any member may propose for election one or more members who are willing to serve and have assented in writing. A notice shall be posted in the clubhouse seven days before the meeting with the name of each candidate and of his proposer and seconder, and the election shall take place by ballot at the meeting, if there are more candidates for the vacancy places on the committee than there are places to be filled.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt one or more members for a period not exceeding one year.

8. The Captain, the Vice Captain, the immediate Past Captain shall be members of the Club and elected annually at the Annual General Meeting,, and shall hold office for a period of 12 calendar months. The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be members of the Club and elected at the Annual General Meeting but shall hold office for a period of three years.
9. The Committee shall meet at such times and places as the Captain shall decide. The Secretary shall call a special meeting on the written requisition of three members of the committee.
10. The Committee shall nominate some of its members to serve on the under mentioned sub-committees.
  - a) **The Green Sub-Committee**

This shall consist of one or more members at the discretion of the committee and ex-officio members as per Rule 7. It shall be responsible for advising the Club Committee of any matters concerning the course and clubhouse which should be brought to the attention of the Corby Borough Council.
  - b) **The Handicap Sub-Committee**

This shall consist of three or more members at the discretion of the Committee and ex-officio members as per Rule 7, and shall be responsible for all matters concerning handicaps.
  - c) **The Competition Sub-Committee**

This shall consist of two or more members at the discretion of the Committee and ex-officio members as per Rule 7, and shall be responsible for all matters concerning competitions.
  - d) **Executive Committee**

This shall consist of the Captain, the Vice Captain and the Honorary secretary.
11. The Committee have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in their body, but any member so appointed shall hold office so long as the vacating member would have retained the same.

12. The Committee shall have power to expel any member of the Club for breach of Club Rules, provided that:
  - a) Such a breach of rules has been reported to the Secretary in writing and signed by not less than six members.
  - b) The member has been notified of the nature of the complaint brought against him.
  - c) The member has had an opportunity of giving an explanation of his conduct complained of.
  - d) The objectors are present so as to appear before the Committee during the hearing when requested, and that that member shall have the opportunity of questioning the complainants.

It is also provided that expulsion of the member shall require not less than two thirds majority of the full Committee.

Any member so expelled shall forfeit his current years subscription and shall not be eligible for re-election to the Club.

13. The Chairman of all meetings of Committees and Sub-Committees shall in case the voting is equal, have a second or casting vote.

## **ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

14. Every application for membership shall be in writing signed by the candidate and his proposer and seconder (who shall have been a member for not less than one year) and addressed to the Secretary, who shall cause the name and address of the candidate together with the names of the proposer and seconder to be posted in the clubhouse for at least fourteen days before the consideration of the application by the Committee.

At their next ordinary meeting, which shall take place after the lapse of the said fourteen days, the Committee shall decide upon such application.

15. Any member wishing to withdraw the name of a candidate proposed by him or her may do so by addressing a letter to the Secretary at any time previous to the opening of the ballot.
16. The Committee shall fix from time to time the annual club subscription and joining fee payable by members of all classes on election.

## **LADY MEMBERS**

17. Ladies shall be admitted members of the Club under these rules.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

18. The annual subscription shall be payable in advance on 1<sup>st</sup> January in each year.
19. A member whose subscription is in arrears on 1<sup>st</sup> March shall cease to be a member of the Club.
20. The Committee shall have power to post in the clubhouse the names of members whose subscriptions are in arrears after the 1<sup>st</sup> February.
21. Any member intending to resign from the Club shall signify his intention to do so in writing to the Secretary before the 1<sup>st</sup> January in any year, or shall remain liable for the subscription for the ensuing year.
22. Any member who has resigned wishing to rejoin may do so on paying a joining fee and subscription at the current rate.

## **FINANCIAL YEAR**

23. The financial year shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

24. The annual general meeting shall be held not later than 31<sup>st</sup> December at such time and place as the Committee may determine.
25. Other general meetings shall be called by the Committee:-
  - a) When they think fit, or
  - b) On the requisition in writing of ten members who shall state in the requisition the object for which they desire such a meeting to be called.

## **QUORUM**

26. Twenty five members present at a general meeting shall form a quorum.
27. At least fourteen clear days notice of a general meeting shall be given to the members.

28. Unless within half of one hour after the time fixed for a general meeting a quorum shall be present, such meeting shall stand adjourned until the same day and hour in the following week at the same place, except in the case of a meeting summoned in pursuance of Rule 25b, in which case the meeting shall be dissolved. At an adjourned meeting in pursuance of this rule, the members then present shall form a quorum and shall transact all business for the purpose of which the meeting was called.
29. The President or in his absence the Vice President shall be Chairman of the annual general meeting until such time as the Captain is elected and he shall then take the chair. In their absence the members present shall elect a chairman.

### **AUDITOR**

30. The accounts of the Club shall be audited by two auditors appointed at the annual general meeting of the Club, held each year as soon as possible after the end of the financial year.

### **COMPETITIONS**

31. Competitions and matches may be held at such times and such conditions as the Committee may determine.

### **MEMBERS BOUND BY RULES**

32. Every member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules and Regulations of the Club, a printed copy of which shall be sent to every member with his notice of election.

### **ALTERATION OF RULES**

33. No Rules (except the local rules) of the Club shall be repealed, or altered, and no new Rule shall be made, save by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting at a general meeting; and fourteen clear days written notice of the intention to propose any new Rule or alteration shall be made to the Secretary who shall post the notice in the clubhouse and also sent notice of the same to every member at least seven clear days before the general meeting.

## **GENERAL**

34. The Rules of Golf as they may from time to time be fixed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews shall, so far as applicable, and with such special addition as may be made by this Club be the Rules of Golf for this Club.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

35. The Committee shall have power to decide an upper limit of membership for the Club and if necessary to introduce a waiting list. Membership will not be denied any person because of creed, colour or political persuasion. The Committee shall have power to reject any application without explanation but only in exceptional circumstances will any application be refused.

## **STANDARD OF DRESS**

36. Standard of dress will be observed for all club events. No jeans or collarless shirts should be worn for club events.