

HEATON PARK GOLF CLUB RULES

The rules were revised at the A.G.M. in February 2001 and are applicable from April 2001.

RULE 1

The name of the club shall be "HEATON PARK GOLF CLUB". Gentlemen may be elected as full members. Ladies may also be elected as full members. The numbers of members may be altered at any time at the discretion of the full committee. The categories of membership are as follows:

- A. Honorary Life Members
- B. Full Members – Gentlemen
- C. Full Members – Ladies
- D. Social Members
- E. Junior Members

In these rules, "Voting Members" shall mean Honorary Life Members and Social Members who were full members for not less than TEN years.

RULE 2

The management of the club shall be vested in a committee consisting of nine officers, vis. President, Captain, Vice – Captain, Honorary Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Handicapping Chairman, and Social Secretary plus nine ordinary elected members, any five of whom shall form a quorum at an official meeting of the committee. The nine ordinary members shall be elected for three years and three of them shall retire at the end of each year and be eligible for re-election, subject to the approval of the committee. All nominations for election or re-election shall be proposed and seconded by club members and entered on the nominations sheet which will be posted from the December committee meeting until the 31st. December, immediately preceding the Annual general Meeting.

RULE 3

Besides the nine officers, two auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

RULE 4

The committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy in their numbers (including the officials) and the persons so appointed shall retire at the same time as those they have succeeded would have done. The committee shall have the power to co-opt up to three Vice – Presidents to serve on the management committee besides that mentioned in RULE 2.

RULE 5

A committee member must be a senior member of not less than twelve months standing.

RULE 6

The committee shall have the power to make such local rules and bye-laws for the general management of the club as they may from time to time think necessary. (R and A Rules permitting).

RULE 7

The Hon. Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the club and shall be responsible to the committee for keeping an inventory of all property belonging to the club.

RULE 8

The Hon. Treasurer shall keep all accounts of the club and shall lay before the Annual General Meeting a clear statement of the financial conditions of the club up to the 31st. December of each year, duly audited.

RULE 9

Any motion or proposal for the A.G.M. must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary on or before the 31st. December prior to the A.G.M.

RULE 10

The Annual General Meeting shall be held as early as convenient after the end of the club year, if possible not later than the 28th. February. The Hon. Secretary shall give at least fourteen days notice of the Annual General Meeting (accompanied by a statement of accounts) to each member.

RULE 11

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the committee or upon a requisition addressed to the Secretary and signed by not less than thirty members, such meeting to be held within three weeks from the date upon which the Secretary received the requisition. Written notice must be addressed to each member at least seven days before the date of the meeting stating for what purpose it has been called.

RULE 12

All complaints shall be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary who shall submit them to the committee. Should the decision of the committee be unsatisfactory, an appeal may be made to the General Meeting. Complaints regarding irregularities of play in competitions should be made in writing and lodged on the day of the competition then placed in the card box.

RULE 13

The committee have the power to accept or refuse any member. It shall also have the power to suspend or expel any member whose conduct shall be deemed unworthy of membership.

RULE 14

The membership and entrance fees shall be as the committee decide annually. Members over 65 years of age with not less than TEN YEARS continuous membership are to pay a reduced subscription. Subscriptions become due on the 1st. of January each year, and must be paid on or before the 31st.January. Members who have not paid within these dates will have to pay a rejoining fee. Applications for membership must be proposed and seconded by a senior member of not less than twelve months standing. Entrance fees and subscriptions for new members must accompany the application form for membership to be duly completed. On or after the 1st.October, a person may be accepted for membership to begin on the 1st. January the following year, and provided that entrance fees and subscriptions for the following year have been paid, he or she may be granted the full privileges of membership for the remainder of the current year, except the right to play in competitions.

RULE 15

No member shall be entitled to play in any of the club competitions or to vote at any Extraordinary or Annual General Meeting until his/her subscriptions have been paid. The committee may, at their discretion, suspend the privileges of the club to any member whilst in arrears with his/her subscriptions.

RULE 16

Any member who fails to pay his/her subscriptions by the last Sunday in February shall have his/her handicap withdrawn and will be deemed to have left the club.

RULE 17

Competition and medal days will be held at certain stated times that shall be arranged by the Captain and the committee and when fixed shall be duly notified to the members by the Hon. Secretary. The committee shall have the power to fix dates that shall be the latest day for playing off competitions or ties arrived at in playing competitions and to disqualify any competitor who may be in default.

RULE 18

Alterations of or additions to these rules can only be made at an A.G.M. of the club and notice of any proposed alteration or addition must be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary not later than the 31st. December prior to the A.G.M.

RULE 19

The rules of the game in use for the time being by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews shall be the rules for this club except for the case specially provided to in the local rules.

RULE 20

The Handicapping Committee shall consist of the Handicap Chairman and two elected council members. They shall be responsible for all handicapping and competition results.

RULE 21

That membership of the junior section be allowed up to the age of eighteen. Upon reaching this age, juniors will be admitted to the senior section on payment of the balance of their subscription.

RULE 22

That the property of Heaton Park Golf Club, other than cash, shall be vested in not less than two or more than three Trustees and such property shall be dealt with by them as the management may, from time to time, direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against all risks and expense (except in the case of negligence out of the property of Heaton Park Golf Club and shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by the committee. In the event of the dissolution of the Heaton Park Golf Club, the assets and property of the club shall be distributed amongst the members.

RULE 23

The Captain of Heaton Park Golf Club is to be given a season ticket for Heaton Park Golf Course for his year in office.

BYE – LAWS

1. Members are asked to refrain from the purchase of golf balls from boys on the course.
2. If in any competition less than six completed cards are returned the competition may be declared void. The committee may however declare any competition void on a majority decision. Six cards will mean six players in progressive competitions.
 - 3a. Any member who is a member of more than one club must notify the handicapping committee of the name of his/her home club, the S.S.S. and his/her current handicap.
 - 3b. Any member who enters open competitions at other courses must report to the home club his/her score, the date of the competition, and the S.S.S. on the day.
 - 4a. Those members playing club competitions must sign the competition starting sheet themselves before commencing play.
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 - 4b. Those members playing in club competitions must pay the competition entry fee before commencing play.
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5. Changes in handicaps will be posted on the notice board. Members should acquaint themselves of their handicaps before playing.
6. There is no practice ground other than the practice putting ground.
7. The monthly medal is not deemed to be a prize.
8. The handicap system is operated as in the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs. Handicap limits are: Gents – 28, Ladies – 36, Juniors – 36.
9. New members handicap cards shall be played from the tee of the day.

10. Postponed competitions shall be played on the first suitable date following the date originally fixed.

11. Two, Three or Fourballs may be played in all stroke-play competitions.

12. Hole in One: The committee has empowered the Hon. Secretary to refuse to sign cards for members with the object of obtaining any free gift in connection with this feat. However, should any paid up member of the club hole out in one stroke from the tee, either on the home course or any other recognised golf course, the club shall provide a small stand on which to mount the ball used as a souvenir of the occasion providing the feat is guaranteed by a member or an official of any recognised golf club.

13. Score cards not used on the day of issue become void.

14. Absent Committee Members: Any committee member being absent from three consecutive meetings of the committee shall, unless he sends a written explanation that the committee shall deem to be satisfactory, automatically cease to be a member of the committee.

15. If any member plays from the back competition tees when no competition is operative, that member shall be banned for all competitions for a period of three months.

16. All members shall be suitably attired at all times. Golf shoes must be worn on the course. If shorts are worn they must be of a plain colour and of a tailored variety. Trousers, on and off the course, must be tailored; jeans or track suits must not be worn at any time. Sports shoes of any type must not be worn in the club room.

17. Players who do not arrive for their tee off time in any final shall be penalised by banning them from the following three consecutive competition days.

18. Finalists must report to the starter no later than ten minutes prior to their tee off time. If a competitor is late reporting he shall incur a penalty of two strokes.

19. All Honour Board competitions are played on the basis of a handicap limit of 20 except the Manchester Municipal Trophy (18); Captain's Prize (No Handicap Limit); Gold Medal Final (No Handicap Limit); Winter Handicap Trophies (No Handicap Limit) and all Veterans competitions (No Handicap Limit)
"No Handicap Limit" means a handicap allowed up to the limit set by CONGU i.e. 28 for men, 36 for women.

20. When an arrangement has been made as to the time for a match between two members on an agreed day, if one of the members fails to attend, then the member present shall wait for 30 minutes after the agreed time, before claiming the match.

21. Members who play with non-members whilst playing in a club competition shall be disqualified unless prior consent has been obtained from the Captain or his representative.

22. Competition winners failing to attend any prize presentation shall forfeit their prize.

LOCAL RULES

1. The competition card supplied by the Golf Centre stipulates the Local Rules. Additional addendums placed on the notice board outside the professionals' shop shall apply.

WINTER RULES

1. A ball plugged in the rough may be lifted and dropped, within ONE CLUB LENGTH, no nearer the hole, without penalty. This applies to a PLUGGED ball only.

GENERAL RULES

1. All trophies must be handed back to the Hon. Secretary by the 30th. June the year following that in which they were presented.
2. Competition cards may be taken out until **2 p.m.**

JUNIORS – Restrictions on junior members.

Junior members are in two categories.

Category 1.

To play in all senior competitions.

- a. They must have been a member of H.P.G.C. for a minimum of two years.
- b. They must have a playing handicap of nine or better.
- c. That they pay the junior fees plus an additional £10.00
- d. If they pass out of single figure handicap they are no longer eligible to participate in all senior competitions until they regain single figures.
- e. Entry to any or all senior competitions may be withdrawn by the committee if any complaints are received from a member concerning the conduct of any junior on the course, if after investigation the complaint is found to be justified.
- f. That their junior status is unaltered in accordance with Rule 22.

This section was ratified by members of the committee on the 6th.
October 1991

Category 2.

Competitions available to all juniors.

- a. Juniors cannot win an Honours Board competition.
- b. They may play in and win a Monthly Medal but will not qualify for the Gold Medal Final.
- c. They may play in and win a Bogey Cup qualifying round but will not qualify for the Bogey Cup Final.
- d. They may play in and win any of the following competitions:-

Captains` Drive In.
 Vice Presidents Prize.
 Norman Ferris Cup.
 Autumn Shield Qualifiers or Final.
 Charity Competitions (except the Broughton House).
 Texas Scrambles.
 Roll Ups.
 Captain v Vice.
 Summer Matchplay Pairs
 Winter League Pairs.
 Turkey Trot.
 Christmas Competition.
 Easter Competitions.
 H.P.G.C. Outings.

The committee confirmed these competitions in 1983. Amended in 1995.

- e. They may play in any inter Club team event.
- f. Juniors may mark a seniors card

