

Deeside Golf Club

Regulations

These provisions comprise the Regulations referred to in Rules of Deeside Golf Club Rules (Rules).

These Regulations were approved by the Council on [] 2024 (Effective Date).

1 Definitions

- 1.1 Words and expressions defined or used in the Rules shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the same meaning when used throughout these Regulations.
- 1.2 The following definitions apply throughout these Regulations:

Close Relative	means a parent, grandparent, sister or brother.
Club Loyalty Card	means the Members swipe card.
Deadline	has the meaning given in Regulation 3.4.8.
Life Membership Subscription	means the subscription to be paid by a Life Member which shall be determined at an Annual General Meeting.
Membership	means membership of the Club.
Non-Returnable Deposit	means the deposit paid by an applicant for Membership on the approval of his/her application for Full or Associate Membership and annually thereafter during the period that applicant's name is on the Waiting List.
President	has the meaning given in Regulation 8.1.
Relevant Year	means the period from 1 January to 31 December in any Year.
Senior Membership Applicant	has the meaning given in Regulation 3.4.2.2.
Senior Membership Application	has the meaning given in Regulation 3.4.2.3.
Senior Membership Application Date	has the meaning given in Regulation 3.4.2.4.
Senior Membership Cap	has the meaning given in Regulation 3.3.1.

Senior Membership Offer	has the meaning given in Regulation 3.4.8.
Senior Membership Qualifying Criteria	has the meaning given in Regulation 3.4.2.1.
Senior Membership Vacancies	has the meaning given in Regulation 3.4.6.2.
Senior Membership Waiting List	means the list of applications for transfer to Senior Membership maintained by the Secretary.

2 Categories of Membership

2.1 Members of the Club shall comprise the following categories of Membership:

- 2.1.1 **Full Member** - Members aged 18 and over with full playing rights and full voting rights;
- 2.1.2 **Honorary Member** - Members aged 18 and over with full playing rights and full voting rights and exempt from payment of an Annual Subscription;
- 2.1.3 **Senior Member** - Members eligible for, and who have transferred to, Senior Membership. Senior Members have limited playing rights and full voting rights;
- 2.1.4 **Associate Member** - Members aged between 18 and 34 years with full playing rights and full voting rights;
- 2.1.5 **Junior Member** - Members aged up to 18 years. Junior Members have limited playing rights and no voting rights;
- 2.1.6 **House Member** - Members having no playing rights and no voting rights;
- 2.1.7 **Non-Playing Member** - Members of any category (except House Members) unable to play golf due to medical reasons having no playing rights and no voting rights;
- 2.1.8 **Non-Resident Member** - Members of any category (except House Members) who are resident more than 75 miles from the Club having limited playing rights and no voting rights;
- 2.1.9 **Country Member** - Members of any category (except House Members) who are ordinarily resident more than 75 miles from the Club having limited playing rights and full voting rights;
- 2.1.10 **Life Member (a category of Membership which is now closed)** - Members aged 45 and over with full playing rights and full voting rights;
- 2.1.11 **Senior VIP** - Existing Members of any category aged 80 years and over who have been Members for not less than 50 years.

- 2.2 The Members of the following categories of Membership shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings:
- 2.2.1 Junior Member
 - 2.2.2 House Member
 - 2.2.3 Non-Resident Member
 - 2.2.4 Non-Playing Member
 - 2.2.5 Senior VIP Member who immediately prior to his/her transfer to Senior VIP Membership was not a Voting Member.
- 2.3 Any Member who shall become ineligible for a category of Membership to which he or she has been admitted shall be obliged to intimate his or her change in circumstances to the Council and apply for transfer to an appropriate alternative category of Membership. Failure to do so shall constitute a breach of the Rules and shall render the Member liable to Disciplinary Procedure under Rule 15.
- 2.4 These Regulations shall come into effect on the Effective Date and shall supersede any previous Regulations of the Club and shall remain in force until rescinded or varied by the Council.

3 Conditions attaching to Categories of Membership and Membership Transfers

3.1 Full Member

- 3.1.1 A Full Member has full playing rights and full voting rights.
- 3.1.2 A Full Member shall purchase annually the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.

3.2 Honorary Member

- 3.2.1 An Honorary Member has full playing rights and full voting rights. He/she shall be exempt from payment of the Annual Subscription.
- 3.2.2 An Honorary Member shall purchase annually the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.

3.3 Senior Member

- 3.3.1 The number of Senior Members shall be subject to the cap set by the Council from time to time (**Senior Membership Cap**).
- 3.3.2 A Senior Member has limited playing rights and full voting rights.
- 3.3.3 A Senior Member shall purchase annually the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.
- 3.3.4 Subject to the provisions of Regulations 3.3.6 and 3.3.7, Senior Members shall not be permitted to play the 18-hole course:
 - 3.3.4.1 before 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays; and
 - 3.3.4.2 after 4 pm on weekdays.
- 3.3.5 Subject to Regulations 3.3.6 and 3.3.7, Senior Members shall be permitted

to compete in competitions where the rules of the competitions so permit provided that they commence play within the times normally available to Senior Members as specified in Regulation 3.3.4.

- 3.3.6 Senior Members shall be permitted to participate in the Winter Fours Competition which is played on a Saturday morning during the winter season, however Full Members shall be given priority of entry.
- 3.3.7 Senior Members may not compete in any match play competition in which Senior Members are required to commence their matches outwith the times normally available to Senior Members.

3.4 Full Member transferring to Senior Member

- 3.4.1 A Full Member who satisfies the Senior Membership Qualifying Criteria shall be entitled to apply for transfer to Senior Membership by submitting a written application in the prescribed form (obtainable from the Secretary).

- 3.4.2 For the purposes of this Regulation 3.4:

- 3.4.2.1 a Senior Member Applicant satisfies the **Senior Membership Qualifying Criteria**, if on the Senior Membership Application Date he/she is a Full Member:

- 3.4.2.1.1 who is (a) 65 years of age or older and (b) has been a Full Member for at least 20 years; or

- 3.4.2.1.2 who is (a) 80 years of age or older and (b) became a Full Member on or before 1 March 2023 and (c) has been a Full Member for at least 10 years;

and for the purpose of computing the 20 years and 10 years periods respectively there shall be disregarded (i) the period(s) during which the Senior Member Applicant was in any category of Membership other than Full Membership and (ii) where the Senior Member Applicant was previously a Full Member who resigned and subsequently applied afresh for and obtained Full Membership, the period of the previous Full Membership;

- 3.4.2.2 **Senior Membership Applicant** means a Full Member who has submitted a Senior Membership Application receipt of which has acknowledged by the Secretary;

- 3.4.2.3 **Senior Membership Application** means an application for transfer to Senior Membership in the prescribed form submitted by a Senior Membership Applicant receipt of which has acknowledged by the Secretary;

- 3.4.2.4 **Senior Membership Application Date** means the date of the Secretary's receipt of a Senior Membership Application (as to which date the Secretary's records shall be conclusive);

- 3.4.3 On receipt of a Senior Membership Application the following provisions will apply:

- 3.4.3.1 the Council shall establish whether the Senior Membership Applicant satisfies the Senior Membership Qualifying Criteria (as to which the Council shall be the sole judge);

- 3.4.3.2 if the Council determines that the Senior Membership Applicant does not satisfy the Senior Membership Qualifying Criteria the Senior Membership Application shall be rejected;
 - 3.4.3.3 if the Council determines that the Senior Membership Applicant does satisfy the Senior Membership Qualifying Criteria the Senior Membership Application shall be approved and the provisions of Regulation 3.4.4 shall apply;
 - 3.4.3.4 the Secretary shall advise the Senior Membership Applicant in writing of the Council's rejection or approval (as the case may be) of his/her Senior Membership Application as soon as practicable after the Council has so determined
- 3.4.4 Where a Senior Membership Application is approved by the Council, the Senior Membership Applicant's name shall be entered on the Senior Membership Waiting List.
- 3.4.5 In relation to the process for admission to Senior Membership in each Year set out in Regulations 3.4.6 *et seq*, only Senior Membership Applications which have been received by 31 December of the preceding Year shall be taken into consideration.

In relation to each Year, the Council shall:

- 3.4.5.1 fix the Senior Membership Cap;
 - 3.4.5.2 determine (at its sole discretion) the number of, if any, Senior Membership vacancies for that Year (**Senior Membership Vacancies**);
 - 3.4.5.3 if there are Senior Membership Vacancies, select from the Senior Membership Waiting List the Senior Membership Applicants to be offered Senior Membership.
- 3.4.6 In relation to each Year, the Council in its sole discretion shall decide the Senior Membership Applicants to be selected to receive an offer of Senior Membership taking into account and giving priority to such factors as it deems appropriate including but not limited to:
 - 3.4.6.1 the number of years each Senior Membership Applicant has been a Full Member;
 - 3.4.6.2 the services rendered by each Senior Membership Applicant to the Club;
 - 3.4.6.3 the nature and extent of each Senior Membership Applicant's involvement with the Club both on and off the golf courses; and
 - 3.4.6.4 the period of time each Senior Membership Applicant has been on the Senior Membership Waiting List.
- 3.4.7 In relation to each Year, each Senior Membership Applicant selected to be offered Senior Membership pursuant to Regulation 3.4.6 shall receive an offer to that effect from the Secretary (**Senior Membership Offer**) and shall be required to accept the Senior Membership Offer by 5pm on the date therein stipulated (**Deadline**).
- 3.4.8 In relation to each Year, where a Senior Member Applicant has received a Senior Membership Offer, his/her failure to accept it by the Deadline shall mean that the Senior Membership Offer is automatically withdrawn and

deemed null and void pursuant to which:

- 3.4.8.1 the Senior Member Applicant shall remain a Full Member;
- 3.4.8.2 his/her Senior Membership Application shall automatically be deemed withdrawn and null and void and his/her name shall be removed from the Senior Membership Waiting List;
- 3.4.8.3 the Senior Member Applicant shall not be entitled to submit another Senior Membership Application for a period of 5 years.

3.5 Associate Member

- 3.5.1 An Associate Member has full voting rights and full playing rights.
- 3.5.2 There shall be 3 categories of Associate Membership based on age: 18-24 years, 25-29 years and 30-34 years. For the purposes of the Annual Subscription, a separate amount shall be set for each category.
- 3.5.3 An Associate Member shall purchase annually the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.

3.6 Associate Member transferring to Full Member

- 3.6.1 An Associate Member who is over 34 years of age in any Relevant Year shall cease to be an Associate Member with effect from the last day of February in the year following the Relevant Year but shall be eligible to transfer to Full Membership, subject to the approval of the Council.
- 3.6.2 The Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the transfer of an Associate Member to Full Membership. Consideration of an applicant's suitability for transfer from Associate to Full Membership shall include:
 - 3.6.2.1 whether or not he/she plays golf; and
 - 3.6.2.2 whether or not he/she has or has had a handicap; and
 - 3.6.2.3 the number of Club competitions in which he/she has participated.
- 3.6.3 On Council approving such a transfer, the applicant shall, subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, become a Full Member with effect from 1 March of the Year following the Relevant Year.
- 3.6.4 No Entry Fee shall be payable by the applicant upon transfer to Full Membership under this Regulation.
- 3.6.5 An applicant who is not accepted for Full Membership may be placed on the Waiting List at the point where he/she would have been if he/she had applied for Full Membership on the date of his/her admission as an Associate Member; or if he/she was a Junior Member prior to becoming an Associate Member, the date of his/her admission as a Junior Member.

3.7 Junior Member

- 3.7.1 A Junior Member has limited playing rights and no voting rights.
- 3.7.2 There shall be 2 categories of Junior Membership based on age: under 12 years and 12-18 years. For the purposes of the Annual Subscription, a

separate amount shall be set for each category.

3.7.3 A Junior Member is not required to purchase the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.

3.7.4 Junior Members shall not be permitted to play the 18-hole course:

3.7.4.1 before 2.30 pm on Saturdays; and

3.7.4.2 between 5 pm and 7 pm in the months of May and June, unless playing in a Club competition and accompanied by a Full, Senior or Associate Member playing in the same competition.

3.7.5 Junior Members under the age of 10, may only play on the courses in Club competitions or when supervised by an adult.

3.7.6 Junior Members shall not be entitled to introduce guests.

3.8 Junior Member transferring to Associate Member

3.8.1 A Junior Member who is over 18 years of age in any Relevant Year shall cease to be a Junior Member with effect from the last day of February in the Year following the Relevant Year but shall be eligible to transfer to Associate Membership, subject to the approval of the Council

3.8.2 The Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the transfer of a Junior Member to Associate Membership. Consideration of an applicant's suitability for transfer from Junior to Associate Membership shall include:

3.8.2.1 whether or not he/she plays golf; and

3.8.2.2 whether or not he/she has or has had a handicap; and

3.8.2.3 the number of Club competitions in which he/she has participated.

3.8.3 On the Council approving such a transfer, the applicant shall, subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, become an Associate Member with effect from 1 March of the Year following the Relevant Year.

3.8.4 No Entry Fee shall be payable by the applicant upon transfer to Associate Membership under this Regulation.

3.8.5 An applicant who is not accepted for transfer to Associate Membership may, at the discretion of Council:

3.8.5.1 be admitted as a Full Member, subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription and Entry Fee, with effect from 1 March of the year following the Relevant Year; or

3.8.5.2 be placed on the Waiting List at the point where he/she would have been if he/she had applied for Full Membership on the date of his/her admission as a Junior member.

3.9 Country Member

3.9.1 A Country Member has limited playing rights and full voting rights.

3.9.2 A Country Member is not required to purchase the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.

3.9.3 A Country Member shall:

3.9.3.1 be ordinarily resident more than 75 miles from the Club and shall, on request, provide proof of residence to the satisfaction of the Council;

3.9.3.1 not be permitted to play the 18-hole course before 2.30 pm on Saturdays; and between 4 pm and 7 pm in the months of May, June, and July;

3.9.4 A Member of any category (except House Members) shall be eligible to apply for transfer to Country Membership.

3.9.5 A Member wishing to apply for transfer to Country Membership shall submit a written application to that effect to the Secretary.

3.9.6 On receipt of such a written application the Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the same. On the Council approving such a written application, the applicant shall, subject to fulfilling the conditions of Membership and subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, become a Country Member.

3.9.7 A Country Member wishing to apply for re-instatement to the category of Membership held by him/her prior to him/her becoming a Country Member shall submit a written application to that effect to the Secretary. On receipt of such a written application the Secretary shall, subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, reinstate the Member to his/her previous category of Membership.

3.10 Non-Playing Member

3.10.1 A Non-Playing Member shall be entitled to use the clubhouse facilities but shall not be entitled to use either of the courses or practice facilities. A Non-Playing Member has no voting rights.

3.10.2 A Non-Playing Member shall purchase annually the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.

3.10.3 A Member of any category (except House Members) shall be eligible for Non-Playing Membership.

3.10.4 A Member wishing to apply for Non-Playing Membership shall only be entitled to do so on medical grounds such as prevents the Member from playing golf and shall require to submit a written application to the Secretary together with a medical certificate confirming the grounds upon which he/she is unable to play.

3.10.5 On receipt of a written application in terms of Regulation 3.10.4 the Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the same. On the Council approving such a written application, the applicant shall, subject to fulfilling the conditions of Membership and subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, become a Non-Playing Member.

3.10.6 A Non-Playing Member shall remain as non-playing for a minimum of 12 months before re-applying for re-instatement.

- 3.10.7 Non-Playing Members may be required to re-apply for Non-Playing Membership every two years, or such shorter period as shall be directed by the Council, and failure to do so shall result in the Membership terminating on such date as the Council shall decide.
- 3.10.8 A Non-Playing Member wishing to apply for re-instatement to the category of Membership held by him/her prior to becoming a Non-Playing Member shall submit a written application to that effect to the Secretary. On receipt of such written application the Secretary shall, subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, reinstate the Member to his/her previous category of Membership.

3.11 Non-Resident Member

- 3.11.1 A Non-Resident Member has no playing or voting rights. A Non-Resident Member shall only be entitled to use the clubhouse facilities, the courses and the practice facilities either as a guest of a Member of the Club or as a visitor.
- 3.11.2 A Non-Resident Member is not required to purchase the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.
- 3.11.3 A Member of any category (except House Members) shall be eligible to transfer to Non-Resident Membership.
- 3.11.4 A Member wishing to apply for Non-Resident Membership shall be entitled to do so only if he/she is resident more than 75 miles from the Club and shall on request provide proof of residence to the satisfaction of the Council.
- 3.11.5 A Member wishing to apply for Non-Resident Membership shall submit a written application to that effect to the Secretary. On receipt of such a written application the Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the same. On the Council approving such a written application, the applicant shall, subject to fulfilling the conditions of Membership and subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, become a Non-Resident Member.
- 3.11.6 A Non-Resident Member shall remain as non-resident for a minimum of 12 months before re-applying for re-instatement.
- 3.11.7 A Non-Resident Member wishing to apply for re-instatement to the category of Membership held by him/her prior to becoming a Non-Resident Member shall submit a written application to that effect to the Secretary. On receipt of such a written application the Secretary shall, subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, reinstate the Member to his/her previous category of Membership.

3.12 House Member

- 3.12.1 A House Member has no playing rights and no voting rights and is not permitted to use the practice facilities.

- 3.12.2 A House Member shall purchase annually the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.
- 3.12.3 A House Member shall not be entitled to apply for re-instatement to the category of Membership held by him/her prior to becoming a House Member.

3.13 Life Member

- 3.13.1 A Life Member has full playing rights and full voting rights.
- 3.13.2 A Life Member shall purchase annually the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card. He/she shall be exempt from payment of the Annual Subscription.
- 3.13.3 Only a Full Member who is over 45 years of age in any Relevant Year is eligible to apply for Life Membership.
- 3.13.4 A Full Member wishing to apply for Life Membership shall submit a written application to the Secretary.
- 3.13.5 On receipt of such a written application, the Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the same.
- 3.13.6 On the Council approving such a written application, and upon payment of the Life Membership Subscription applicable to that Relevant Year, the applicant shall become a Life Member.
- 3.13.7 A Life Membership shall be non-transferable.
- 3.13.8 In the absence of exceptional circumstances, as determined by the Council, a Life Membership Subscription shall be non-refundable.

3.14 Senior VIP Member

- 3.14.1 A Senior VIP Member has the playing rights and voting rights associated with his/her category of Membership immediately prior to becoming a Senior VIP Member.
- 3.14.2 Subject to Regulation 3.14.3, a Senior VIP Member shall purchase annually the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.
- 3.14.3 A Country Member transferring to Senior VIP Membership shall not be required to purchase the set level of credit on the Club Loyalty Card.

4 Applications for Membership

- 4.1 Applications for Full, Associate, Junior and House Membership shall be made in accordance with, and be subject to, the provisions of this Regulation 4.
- 4.2 **Full Membership** All applications for Full Membership are subject to nomination, seconding and approval by the Council. Members proposing and seconding applications must be Honorary/Senior/Full/Associate 30 – 34 members and both proposer and seconder must have been members of the club for no less than three years.

- 4.3 On receipt of a written application for Full Membership, the Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the same.
- 4.4 On the Council approving such a written application and where a vacancy for Full Membership exists, the applicant shall, subject to payment of the Entry Fee and the appropriate Annual Subscription, become a Full Member.
- 4.5 Where there are no vacancies for immediate Full Membership, the applicant's name will be added to the Waiting List in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6.
- 4.6 **Associate Membership** All applications for Associate Membership are subject to nomination, seconding and approval by the Council.
- 4.7 On receipt of a written application for Associate Membership, the Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the same.
- 4.8 On the Council approving such a written application and where a vacancy for Associate Membership exists, the applicant shall, subject to payment of the Entry Fee and the appropriate Annual Subscription, become an Associate Member.
- 4.9 Where there are no vacancies for immediate Associate Membership, the applicant's name will be added to the Waiting List in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6.
- 4.10 **Junior Membership** An applicant who is under 18 years of age in any Relevant Year may apply to become a Junior Member with effect from 1 March of the Year following the Relevant Year. All applications for Junior Membership are subject to nomination, seconding and approval by the Council.
- 4.11 An applicant who is under 10 years of age shall be eligible to apply to become a Junior Member only if:
- 4.11.1 he/she has a Close Relative who is an adult Member; or
 - 4.11.2 he/she has received coaching from the Club and his/her application is supported by the Head Professional.
- 4.12 On receipt of a written application for Junior Membership, the Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the same.
- 4.13 On the Council approving such a written application, the applicant shall, subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, become a Junior Member from 1 March of the Year following the Relevant Year. The Council shall be entitled to offer Junior Membership with immediate effect and if so, the applicant shall become a Junior Member on payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription.
- 4.14 Where there are no vacancies for Junior Membership, the applicant's name will be added to the Waiting List in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6.
- 4.15 A Junior Member's first year of Membership will be regarded as probationary. The Council will be entitled to assess a Junior Member's commitment in deciding whether his/her Membership will be extended.
- 4.16 **House Membership** All applications for House Membership are subject to nomination, seconding and approval by the Council. Priority shall be given to existing Members and

their partners or spouses.

4.17 On receipt of a written application for House Membership, the Council shall be entitled, but not obliged, to approve the same.

4.18 On the Council approving such a written application and where a vacancy for House Membership exists, the applicant shall, subject to payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription, become a House Member.

4.19 Where there are no vacancies for House Membership, the applicant's name will be added to the Waiting List in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6.

5 Accelerated Membership

5.1 The Council shall be entitled to exercise its discretion to place certain applicants for Membership at the top of the Waiting List in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of Rule 13.5.

5.2 In exercising its discretion, the Council shall consider the following attributes of applicants:

5.2.1 special skill in the game of golf with a handicap of under 3;

5.2.2 exceptional service to the game of golf;

5.2.3 valuable service/benefit to the Club.

6 Waiting List

6.1 In the event that there are no vacancies for Full, Associate, Junior or House Membership of the Club, the name of the applicant shall be placed on the Waiting List.

6.2 Applicants for Full, Associate, Junior or House Membership of the Club will be placed on the Waiting List in the date order of acceptance by the Council.

6.3 Applicants for Full or Associate Membership are required to make payment of a Non-Refundable Deposit on approval of the application for Membership and annually thereafter during the period the applicant's name remains on the Waiting List.

6.4 Payment of the Non-Returnable Deposit shall entitle an applicant for Membership to one four-ball in each Year. Each guest accompanying the applicant is required to pay the members guest green fee.

6.5 The Council shall be entitled to open, maintain and close the Waiting List at its discretion.

6.6 No applicant reaching the top of the Waiting List shall be admitted to Membership without the prior approval of the Council.

7 Guests and Visitors

7.1 No guest or visitor shall be permitted to play on the 18-hole course:

7.1.1 on Saturdays before 4 pm; and

7.1.2 on Wednesdays when a competition is being played.

7.2 A visitor shall be required to be a member of a recognised golf club and may be required to produce proof of handicap.

- 7.3 No guest may play on either the 18-hole or the 9-hole course more than twice in any one calendar month.
- 7.4 Prior to play, all guests and visitors shall be required to make payment of the appropriate green fee.

8 President

- 8.1 At each Annual General Meeting, the Council shall appoint a Member to the position of President of the Club (**President**).
- 8.2 The President shall hold office from the date of his appointment until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 8.3 The office of President is an honorary one and the role of the President is primarily to support the work of the Council and represent the Club. The level of commitment required of the President in that role is for mutual agreement with the Captain.