



# The Society of Kent Golf Captains

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## **RULES OF THE SOCIETY**

1. **TITLE** The title of the Society shall be “The Society of Kent Golf Captains.

### 2. **NEW RULE**

2(a): Membership of the Society is restricted to Captains and Past Captains of member’s golf clubs, and of such other golf clubs as have been approved by the Committee, situated in the County of Kent or its London environs (formerly the County of Kent).

2(b): All applications for membership shall be sent to the Secretary who is authorised to approve such applications subject to subsequent ratification by the Committee.

2(c): The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of any members who infringe the rules of the Society or whose conduct has brought the Society into disrepute.

The Committee may suspend or terminate membership following such hearing.

3. **OBJECTS:** The preservation and good fellowship fostered by the game of golf and the advancement of all those things in the Royal and Ancient game which promote its interests.

4. **COMPETITION:** The Committee shall organise and control all competitions within the Society and shall arrange for the safe custody and insurance of all trophies. All competitions will be played in accordance with the rules laid down from time to time by The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

5. **ANNUAL DINNER:** An Annual Dinner shall be arranged for members of the Society at a time and place to be fixed by the Committee. Guests will be permitted at the Committees discretion.

6. **ANNUAL MEETING:** A General Meeting shall take place annually at a time and place to be arranged by the Committee.

7. **OFFICERS:** The Committee shall consist of the following: President -Founder - Captain - Vice-Captain - Hon. Secretary - Hon. Treasurer - and Nine General Committee members.

Appointments shall be made as follows:

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**I. President:** The Committee will nominate a President who will be confirmed in office at the Annual General Meeting and may only hold this office for one year.

**II. Captain:** The Captain will be nominated by the Committee and confirmed at the Annual General Meeting and may only hold this office for one year.

The Captain shall be Chairman of the Society and ex-officio member of all Committees.

**III. Vice-Captain:** The Vice-Captain will be nominated by the Committee and confirmed in office at the Annual General Meeting.

**Hon Secretary:** The Hon. Secretary will be nominated by the Committee and confirmed in office at the Annual General Meeting, there being no limit to the period he may serve in office.

**Hon. Treasurer:** The Hon. Treasurer will be nominated by the Committee and confirmed in office at the Annual General Meeting, there being no limit to the period he may serve in office.

**VI. Nine Committee Members:** Each candidate for the Committee, having given his assent to serve, shall be nominated by two members of the Society who should send the name of the candidate in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. No Club shall be represented by more than one of the nine Committee Members. Three vacancies shall be created each year either by death, retirement, change of residence or by rotation. A retiring member of the Committee shall not be eligible for re-election as General Committee Member for one year after his retirement from office.

The Committee may co-opt any member to any casual vacancy in the Committee but a member so appointed may only hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

**8. PROCEEDINGS:** At meetings of the committee or any sub-Committee five and two respectively shall form a quorum and the Captain or in his absence a member chosen by those present shall be Chairman. The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

#### **9. ENTRANCE FEE**

**9(a):** The entrance fee and subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable on the 1st January of each year.

**9(b):** Any member in arrears of more than one year's subscription shall cease to be a member of the Society but may be reinstated at the discretion of the Committee.

**9(c):** No member in arrears may compete in any match or competition or vote at any meeting.

**10. VESTMENT OF PROPERTY:** Trophies presented to the Society for Annual Competition shall remain the property of the Society.

**11. ALTERATION OF RULES** Alterations in or additions to the Rules of the Society shall only be made at a General Meeting and must be passed by the vote of

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two thirds of the members present and voting at such meetings. Notice of such proposals must be submitted in writing to the Secretary 21 days before the date of the meeting.

### **‘MEMBERS’ CLUB (SEE RULE 2)**

A Members Club is a society of persons each of whom contributes to the funds out of which the expenses of conducting the society are paid. The contribution is generally made by means of entrance fees or subscriptions, or both. The property and funds of the club belong to the members for the time being in equal shares. The entire management of the club and its property is in the hands of the members. The business of the club is either conducted by them jointly in general meeting or, as is usually the case, delegated by them to committees in accordance with the rules.

### **12. Finances:**

12(a): The Society Secretary and Treasurer will be responsible to the Committee for the administration of the finances of the Society.

12(b): The financial year of the Society will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January and end on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

12(c): All Society monies will be held in accounts in the name of the Society.

12(d): An audited statement of the Annual Accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

12(e): Any cheques drawn against the Society should hold the signatures of at least two authorized signatories one of whom shall be the Secretary or the Treasurer

### **13. Independent Examiner:**

The members may elect at any General Meeting an Independent Examiner to audit the Society accounts.

The Independent Examiner must not be a member of the current Committee. The Independent Examiner need not be a member of the Society.

### **14. Dissolution:**

14(a): A resolution to dissolve the Society can only be passed at a General Meeting through a two thirds majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.

14(b): In the event of dissolution all trophies will be returned to their donors and all debts will be cleared with any Society funds. Any assets that remain following this will be distributed to such charitable organisations that support and assist disabled children in the County of Kent as the Secretary or his successor for the time being shall determine.

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