



THE RULES – Part 1 - December 2020

Part 1 – Management – Adjusted and Maintained by members at General meetings only.

Part 2 – Club Competitions – Adjusted and maintained by The Club Management Committee (separate document)

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

1. Persons wishing to become Members of the Meole Brace Golf Club (“the Club”) must be proposed and seconded by Full Members, Lady Members or Senior Members of the Club. Their names and signatures, address, email, and Date of Birth, together with the names and signatures of their proposer and seconder, shall be entered on the appropriate application form and forwarded to the Club Secretary, together with the appropriate fees.
 - 1.1 Aspiring members will be required to uphold the Club’s constitution.
2. The election of Members of the Club shall be by decision of the Executive Committee (“the Committee”) at its monthly meeting, provided always that no person shall be elected who shall not have obtained the support of a simple majority of the Committee present.

MANAGEMENT

3. Should a member of the Committee retire during any year, the Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the next General Meeting.
4. Should a member of the Committee be absent from three consecutive Committee meetings without providing adequate reason, they shall cease to be a Member of the Committee and the Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the next General Meeting.
5. Subject only to the authority of a General Meeting of the Club, the Committee shall have the power to conclude all necessary arrangements for the general management of the Club in accordance with Section 4 of the Constitution of the Club, to frame special rules of play to suit the course; to arrange for Competitions and Meetings to decide all questions not expressly provided for in the Rules.
6. All General and Committee Meetings shall be Chaired by the Captain, or in his absence the Vice-Captain, or in their absence, a Chairperson elected by those present and entitled to vote at the start of the meeting.
7. The Committee shall meet once a month, or at other times when required. At such Committee Meetings, five shall represent a quorum and the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.



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POWERS TO DISCIPLINE MEMBERS

8. The Committee shall have the power to discipline, or suspend, or expel, from membership of the Club, any member found guilty by the said Committee of any conduct reasonably considered by the Committee to be improper or prejudicial to the Club or its management, or for any contravention of these Rules and / or the Constitution
9. The disciplinary procedure set out in paragraphs 8 to 14 of the Rules will come into effect when a member of the Committee becomes aware of a complaint of such conduct
10. A member of the Committee shall be appointed to investigate the complaint (“the investigating member”)
11. The investigating member shall establish the facts of the complaint, obtaining written accounts whenever possible, and shall present a written report to the next Committee Meeting
12. The member complained of shall be given at least 7 days’ written notice of the nature of the complaint and the date, time and venue of the Committee Meeting when the complaint is due to be considered and shall be given the opportunity to make written and / or oral representations to the Committee
13. After consideration of all relevant information, the Committee shall decide by a majority vote:
 - 13.1 Whether the member has behaved in the manner complained of, and if so
 - 13.2 What disciplinary action should be taken.
14. The Committee shall have the power to impose the following disciplinary sanctions:
 - 14.1 Suspension from Club competitions for up to 6 weeks
 - 14.2 Expulsion from the Club
 - 14.2 Such sanction as is considered reasonably necessary in the circumstances



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ON THE COURSE - CONDUCT

- 15. Members shall not raise matters relating to the Executive Functions of the Club with Committee members during a competition.

ON THE COURSE - DRESS CODE

- 16. Men's & Seniors Members shall adhere to the dress code

All players are expected to maintain a high standard of dress and are required to wear conventional golfing attire with spiked or dimpled golf shoes.

ON THE COURSE - GOLF ETIQUETTE

- 17. Members shall adhere to the following course etiquette
 - 17.1 No member shall play until the party in front is out of range
 - 17.2 Members shall avoid slow play and shall keep up with the group ahead, not simply in front of the group behind; if a group (irrespective of size) should lose a clear hole on the group in front they should invite the group behind to play through.
 - 17.3 Members shall replace divots and repair pitch marks.
 - 17.4 Members shall keep bags and trolleys off tees, greens and out of bunkers.
 - 17.5 Members shall smooth footmarks and club marks in bunkers (Unless forbidden EGU, Council or Government Rules)
 - 17.6 Members shall not wear footwear liable to damage the course.
 - 17.7 Members shall take extra care to ensure that golf balls are not driven onto any adjoining property.
 - 17.8 Members shall not enter any adjoining property to retrieve any golf balls without first obtaining the consent of the adjoining property owner.

Note for all Grievance processes see Competition Rules 18-21