



**RULES OF
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Rule 1 – Name of Club

The name of the Club shall be “**The Hanging Heaton Golf Club**”.

Rule 2 – Object of the Club

The Club is established for the practice and encouragement of the game of Golf, and the social enjoyment and recreation of its Members.

Rule 3 – Constitution

The Club is a Members’ Club and shall be under the control of the Elective Committee (hereafter known as the Committee), elected annually for the purpose. The Committee may at their discretion raise funds for the carrying on of the Club and any property of the Club may be charged or mortgaged for this purpose.

- (a) The Club is a non-profit making organisation. All profit and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Club’s facilities. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body or to Members on winding up or dissolution of the Club.
- (b) Hanging Heaton Golf Club is committed to equity and equal opportunities for all, details of the policy are contained within these rules at Appendix 1.

Rule 4 – Membership

The Club shall consist of all categories defined below:

- (a) Ordinary Members
 - i. Full Playing Members
 - ii. Midweek Members
 - iii. Honorary Members
- (b) Junior Members
- (c) Social Members
- (d) Country Members
- (e) Others – Academy/Social Saver/or any other offers.

The Committee has discretion to re define the above categories from time to time in order to meet the operational requirements of the Club.

Rule 5 – Elective Committee

Subject to the provisions of current licensing legislation, the Committee shall consist of a President, Vice President, Captain, Vice Captain, (hereafter known as the Officers), all of whom, except the Captain and Vice Captain shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from the Full Playing Members of the Club, together with such other Ordinary Members not exceeding 8 (with a maximum of 2 Midweek Members) in number as the Club shall elect at its Annual General Meeting. The Secretary or Treasurer shall not vote in Committee by virtue of their appointment.

(a) President

A President and Vice-President of the club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, they shall hold office for one year, and shall be eligible for re-election and an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Vice-President shall take the chair in the absence of the President. Nominations other than by the Committee shall not be eligible.

(b) Captain

The Club Captain will hold office for one year following their term as Vice Captain they will be eligible for re-election and be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

The election of Vice Captain will be the responsibility of the Committee, and the Vice Captain will take office from a date on the occasion of the Clubs Prize Presentation Evening. The election will be confirmed by a subsequent Annual General Meeting, nominations other than by the Committee shall not be eligible

(c) Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for two years and be eligible for re-election. The duties to include receiving and paying all monies due to the Club. All cheques are to be signed by the Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of the financial affairs of the Club and shall submit the same to the Committee from time to time as they shall direct and at the Annual General Meeting. A statement of account of all monies received and paid out up to 31st December in each year shall be submitted and duly audited by the Club's Auditors appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

(d) Secretary

The Secretary shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for two years and be eligible for re-election. The Duties include keeping correct minutes of the Club and of the Committee and shall produce such minutes at all meetings thereof. He shall summon all meetings of the Club and Committee and keep a correct list of members and give all notices that may be required by the Rules for the time being and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Committee.

(e) Ordinary Members

The Ordinary Members of the Committee shall hold office for two years and half of them shall retire annually. The retiring Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

(f) The Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for the enforcing the Rules affecting the control of the Club and to ensure that the Club is managed so as to conform with all the requirements of current legislation or any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.

(g) The Committee shall meet at least once a month. A quorum of the Committee shall be the majority of those eligible to attend including at least one Officer.

(h) The Ladies and Rabbits Section Captains will assume co-opted membership of the Committee upon their taking office, with full voting rights.

(i) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members and shall decide whether such co-opted members shall be eligible to vote.

(j) It may from time to time set up additional sub-committees dependent upon requirements.

Rule 6 – Trustees

(a) The property of the Club shall be vested in four Trustees who shall be appointed or relieved of their duties by a resolution at a General Meeting. The Trustees shall have the right to vote at any such meeting.

(b) The Trustees may, when authorised thereto by a General Meeting, and by the Committee, hold purchase or take on lease any land, with power to alter or pull down buildings and again rebuild.

(c) The Trustees may, when authorised by the Committee or Special General Meeting, obtain advances of money for the purpose of the Club upon security of bonds or agreements or promissory notes or certificates of indebtedness or mortgage of real property of the Club of bills of sale on all or any of the goods and chattels of the Club, upon such terms as to interest and as to the time and manner of repayment of principle as the Committee may determine.

Rule 7 – Meetings

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the first Wednesday in the month of March in each year and a notice to this effect shall be posted permanently on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse. An Agenda of the Annual General Meeting and balance sheet for the previous Financial Year will be available upon request from the Secretary at least seven clear days before the Annual General Meeting. The business to be transacted shall be the consideration of the report of the Committee, the financial statement of the Treasurer, the election of the President, Committee and other Officers of the Club, the revision and alteration of the Rules (see Rule 19) the election of Auditors and such other business as shall be specified in the agenda.

Any Member desirous of bringing any proposal at the Annual General Meeting must give notice in writing to the Secretary of their intention to do so not later than fourteen days before the day appointed for the Annual General Meeting. Members entitled to vote but not attending such a General Meeting shall be bound by the decision of that meeting. The quorum at the Annual General Meeting shall be 55, in the event that a Quorum of 55 Members is not achieved at the AGM then, in order to progress Club business, a further meeting will be held one week later or as soon as it is reasonably practicable and the meeting will proceed irrespective of the numbers attending and will be quorate.

Rule 8 – Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Secretary when directed by the Committee, or upon a requisition being sent to the President signed by not less than 20 Ordinary Members, or if the total number of Members of the Club fall below 50, a requisition signed by not less than one fifth of the Members stating in it the purpose of the meeting. The President shall be bound to instruct the Secretary to call a meeting accordingly on receipt of such a requisition. A notice convening such a meeting will be posted in the Clubhouse giving 14 days' clear notice of such a meeting. The quorum at such a Special General Meeting shall be 55, in the event that a Quorum of 55 Members is not achieved at an SGM, the proposition will fail. No further meeting will be held, unless a new proposal is received under the criteria above.

Amendments to proposals on the Agenda can be accepted for discussion, and if seconded, voted on by the meeting.

Rule 9 – Nominations for Office

A nomination form shall be posted in the Clubhouse at least 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be withdrawn 7 days before such meeting. Nominees, proposers and seconders shall be Full Playing Members and the consent of any Member nominated must first be obtained.

Rule 10 – Election of Members

The Committee may elect any person a Member of the Club who shall have been proposed and seconded in writing by Ordinary Members. The Secretary shall thereupon post the name, address of the proposed Member together with the name of the proposer and seconder in the Clubhouse. The election of a Member or Members shall take place at a meeting of the Committee held after the expiration of not less than seven days from such posting and each candidate shall be balloted for by the Committee and the majority shall cause such proposed Member to be admitted to membership. The Secretary shall forthwith after the election of a Member give him or her notice thereof and of the entrance fee and subscription payable.

Rule 11 – Subscriptions and Entrance Fees

The Annual subscription and entrance fee (if any) shall be payable on election as provided in Rule 10, and without demand on 1st January each subsequent year. **That any Member whose Annual subscriptions remain unpaid on 1st day of February that their membership ceases.**

The Committee shall have the power to increase subscriptions for the following year and their intentions shall be posted before the end of November in the previous year, in order that Rule 8 may be implemented if necessary. The entrance fee shall be determined year to year by the Committee. The President, Secretary and Treasurer are authorised to give consideration to cases of special hardship for the payment of subscriptions, and any request must initially be made in writing before the last day in January in any year.

Full Playing Members, will be entitled to a reduced subscription as follows:

2019 - 20%, 2020 – 15%, 2021 – 10%, 2022 – 5% 2023 0%

Rule 12 – Rights of Country Members

Country Members may be admitted if resident at a distance from the course of over fifteen miles provided that such a person is a Full Member of another Golf Club or if resident at a

distance of over forty miles from the course whether or not such a person is a member of any other Golf Club.

This category qualifies for 7 days social golf only and a Member may only enter Club Open Competitions if a Playing Member of another recognised Golf Club.

Rule 13 – Rights of Members

(a) Honorary and Midweek Members shall have the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same rules and regulations as Full Playing Members. Only these three categories of Membership will be eligible to vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

(b) Social Members shall have the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same rules and regulations as Ordinary Members except that they will not be eligible to vote at Meetings or play on the course.

(c) The Committee shall have the power to refuse admission to any Member at any time, and to limit the admission of any such member to such time and such parts of the premises as they deem necessary in the interest of the Club and notice of such limitations shall be effective if posted on the Club's Notice Board.

Ordinary Members who, because of illness or disability, wish to suspend their playing membership should make a written application with supporting evidence to the Secretary. Membership can be suspended at any time throughout the year and remaining subscriptions from the current year carried over. Carried over subscriptions will be worked out pro rata for every full quarter remaining in the year of suspension.

Applications placed before the Committee will cover the period up to the 31st December of the following year. If accepted this will be on condition that they transfer to Social membership for the designated period.

In the event that the Member is able to resume their playing membership, they should make their request in writing for consideration.

Subscriptions will be charged as follows:

1st Jan – 31st Mar – Full annual subscription

1st Apr – 30th Jun – 75% of the annual subscription

1st Jul – 30th Sep – 50% of the annual subscription

1st Oct- 31st Dec – 25% of the annual subscription

Rule 14 – Disputes/Grievances/Discipline

Any matter of dispute or contention arising between Members must be submitted (in writing) to the General Committee whose decision shall be final.

The General Committee shall have the power to discipline any Member whose conduct appears to them (the Committee) to have endangered the character, interests or good order of the Club, or who acts in defiance of its Rules. After following an approved Disciplinary Procedure, the General Committee may, admonish, reprimand, suspend or expel such a Member from the Club.

Rule 15 – Withdrawing

Any Member may withdraw on giving notice to the Secretary in writing prior to **30th November** in any year and paying all arrears (if any) due and may rejoin at the discretion of the Committee upon making application in writing.

Rule 16 – Playing on the Course

The Committee may from time to time give directions and make regulations as to the use of the course on match days, or other special occasions. Subject to any such directions or regulations the course shall be open to play every day including Sundays (see Appendix 1).

Rule 17 – Prizes

Prizes may be offered by the Club or otherwise and shall be competed for on days fixed by the Committee and the Committee shall decide all disputes or questions involved in the play and disqualify or otherwise deal with the various competitions. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

Rule 18 – Lockers

The charge for all lockers, due 1st January each year, shall be determined by the Committee and shall be as posted on the notice board in the Clubhouse. Lockers will remain the property of the Club.

Rule 19 – Alteration of Rules

The foregoing rules may be altered at the Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings of the Club. Written notice of any proposed alteration of rules must be given to the

Secretary not less than twenty one days before the date of such meeting. A copy of the proposed alterations shall be exhibited in the Clubhouse at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Rule 20 – Compliance with Rules

A Member, on paying the appropriate subscription and entrance fee (if any), is considered thereby to have submitted to the foregoing rules of the Club, both as to restrictions enjoined and penalties imposed, and on these conditions alone is entitled to enjoy all the advantages and privileges of the Club.

Rule 21 – Hours of Opening and Closing

The hours permitted for the sale of excisable articles shall be determined by the Committee and shall be as displayed on the Club notice board unless Special Extensions have been applied for and have been granted by the appropriate authorities. The Clubhouse shall open at 7 a.m. daily and close at 10.30 p.m. or at the corresponding closure time of the Bar on the day in question, whichever is the later.

Rule 22 – Visitors

(a) Subject to any restrictions which may from time to time be imposed by the Committee, the following persons shall be entitled to admission to the Club premises to purchase intoxicating liquor for the consumption on the premises:

- (1) Golfers on payment of the appropriate green fee, and Members' guests.
- (2) Those taking table meals at the Club premises.
- (3) Those attending any function organised by the Club.

(b) Members may introduce and entertain guests at the Club, and there shall be kept at the Club premises a Visitors Book which both the Member and the guest shall sign. The guest may only be introduced a maximum of six times in any one year and the Member introducing the guest shall be responsible for the guest strictly observing these Rules and the Club Byelaws and shall not leave the Club premises before his guest. **NO** person whose membership of the Club has been terminated or is for the time being suspended or whose application for membership has at any time been rejected shall be introduced as a guest.

All visitors playing on the course shall be required to pay green fees as determined by the Committee from time to time.

Rule 23 – Exclusion of Liability

Neither the Club nor any Officer thereof shall be liable to any Member or guest of a Member for any loss of or damage to any property occurring from whatever cause, in or about the Club premises, nor for any injury sustained by any Member or guest whilst on or entering or leaving the Club premises.

Rule 24 – Dissolution

If the number of Full Playing Members of the Club shall at anytime fall below ten or if at any time the Club shall pass in General Meeting by a majority comprising two thirds or more of the Members present and entitled to vote a resolution (in this rule called “the first resolution”) of its intention to dissolve, the General Committee, or failing them the Trustees, shall take immediate steps to convert into money all the property of the Club with power however, to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular property if the Club in General Meeting shall so authorise.

Out of the proceeds of such conversion, the Trustees shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club including the expenses of such conversion and any balance remaining in their hands shall be disposed of by them as the Club in General Meeting shall resolve, and thereupon the Club shall for all purposes be dissolved. Provided that if the Club shall not, within six months, after the date of the first resolution, resolve upon the disposition of any such balance, the same shall be divided equally between all persons who were Ordinary Members of the Club at the date of the first resolution.