



Greetham Valley

Terms of Membership  
and  
Health & Safety Guidelines

# Greetham Valley Golf Club Rules

1. **NAME** The name of the Club shall be Greetham Valley Golf Club (hereinafter referred to as "The Club")
2. **OBJECTS** The objects of the Club shall be to provide a golf club and facilities, to supply refreshments and all other things ancillary thereto.
3. **CONSTITUTION**
  - a. The Club is a proprietary club, the proprietors being F E Hinch, H M Hinch, R E Hinch and D J Hinch ("The Proprietors")
  - b. The clubhouse and course shall be located at Greetham, Rutland LE15 7SN.
  - c. The proprietors shall be responsible for providing the Club with the Club premises and all necessary facilities for carrying on the Club in accordance with these objects and rules and shall be solely responsible for all expenses so incurred and for the engagement and payment of staff for catering and all other matters involving expenditure of money.
  - d. The members of the Club shall be under no financial liability by reason of their membership of the Club save any membership fee which shall be determined by the Proprietors.
  - e. The facilities of the course shall be made available at reasonable intervals, at the discretion of the Proprietors, for County Tournaments and Matches in accordance with normal County practice.
4. **OFFICERS**
  - a. The officers of the Club shall be the gentlemen's and ladies' captains, seniors' captain, honorary secretary, competitions secretary, treasurer, junior organiser and ladies/gents competition representative.
  - b. The officers of the Club shall be appointed by the General Committee, having sourced prior approval from the Proprietors (or, at the discretion of the Proprietors, by the members). The General Committee (on approval by the Proprietor) or Proprietor shall have power to remove any officer from his or her office at any time.
5. **GENERAL COMMITTEE** The general committee ("the General Committee") shall exercise the power given to it by these rules and such other powers of management as it may from time to time undertake at the request of the Proprietors.
6. **CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

The constitution of the General Committee shall be as follows:

  - a. The Proprietors' representative
  - b. The officers; and
  - c. Not more than three elected members from time to time elected at the annual general meeting of the Club ("the Elected Members"). In each year, the Elected Members shall all retire but shall be eligible for re-election. Any three members of the General Committee shall form a quorum provided that at least one of the Proprietors and one of the officers of the Club are part of any quorum.
7. **ELECTION AND ROLE OF THE CLUB PRESIDENT**
  - a. The President shall be elected for a period of three years, commencing on New Year's Day. The President may serve for a second three-year term without requirement for election if the Proprietor so agrees. The President will be selected from previous past captains and will be a current member of the club
  - b. Three months prior to the end of the tenure period the Proprietor will seek nominations and arrange for a secret ballot if more than one candidate. Solely, past club captains and ladies captains are eligible to vote; in the event of a tie, the Proprietor shall have the casting vote.
  - c. In the event that the President is unable to fulfil the three year term, a temporary replacement will be appointed by the Proprietor pending the arrangement of a re-election
  - d. The role of the Club President shall be ambassadorial representing GVGC at County and National events, as well as attending major club functions, wherever possible
  - e. The President shall chair the club's AGM
  - f. The President shall not be involved in the day to day running of the club but will be available to provide impartial advice to captains, vice captains and any member who may have a grievance which has not been previously dealt with to their satisfaction.
8. **CASUAL VACANCIES AND CO-OPTION** Any casual vacancies among the Elected Members of the General Committee shall be filled by appointment by the General Committee, and any member so appointed shall hold office until the appropriate retirement date of the member so replaced.
9. **CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT**
  - a. The General Committee shall have all such administration powers as maybe necessary for carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these rules.
  - b. The net proceeds of any gaming machines (other than amusement prize machines) provided in the Club shall be solely utilised in promoting the activities of the Club in accordance with the objects defined above.
10. **GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS** The General Committee shall meet at least once every four months to arrange the affairs of the Club.
11. **SECRETARY/TREASURER**
  - a. The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club. Full and correct minutes of all proceedings of the Club and of the General Committee shall be recorded and open to the inspection of any member of the Club on application to the Secretary.
  - b. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts of the gaming machines, as well as all other income, and the manner in which such receipts are expended and shall make available an annual statement of all club accounts at the annual general meeting of the Club.

## 12. SUB-COMMITTEES

- a. The General Committee has power to appoint any sub-committee (except for the Handicaps and Competitions Committee(s) which are governed by rule 13) consisting of members of the General Committee and/or other members of the Club as it may deem necessary or expedient for the object of furthering any particular activity of the members. The General Committee may depute or refer to each sub-committee such powers and duties of the General Committee (except those relating to the expulsion of members) as it may determine. Each such sub-committee shall conduct its' business in accordance with the directions of the General Committee.
- b. Such sub-committee from time to time may make, repeal and amend such bylaws and regulations not inconsistent with these rules and any bylaws and under rule 16 as it may deem necessary for the proper management of its' respective objects but subject always to the approval of the Proprietors and the General Committee.
- c. No such sub-committee shall have the power to incur any expenses on behalf of the Club or give any warranty on behalf of the Club except to such extent as the General Committee from time to time specifically authorise, in relation to Club funds only.
- d. Any sub-committee formation must have prior approval from the Proprietors and the General Committee. The Proprietors and/or General Committee may dissolve the requirement of the sub-committee at any time.

**13. ELECTIONS** The members at the Annual General Meeting or the elected General Committee, whichever is appropriate, shall appoint a Competition and Handicapping authority/committee who/which shall have complete control of handicapping matters in the Club, as laid down by CONGU.

## 14. MEMBERSHIP

- a. There shall be the following categories of membership:-
  - i. Full members
  - ii. Five Day members
  - iii. Intermediate members aged 19-29 inclusive
  - iv. Junior members under the age of 19 on 1 April
  - v. Academy members Adult and Junior Par 3 course only
  - vi. LifeStyle
- b. The appropriate membership subscriptions shall be such sums as the Proprietors shall from time to time decide.
- c. Subscription shall be due on acceptance as a member and on such renewal dates as the Proprietors shall from time to time decide.
- d. Members joining part way through a year shall be charged on a pro-rata basis.
- e. Applications for membership must be on the forms provided for that purpose and must be signed by the candidates for membership.
- f. The acceptance of members shall be at the sole discretion of the proprietors.
- g. When an accepted candidate has paid their first subscription, they shall be a member of the Club and entitled to all the privileges within their category of membership and shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules although the Proprietors shall be under no obligation to renew a membership which has expired.
- h. A record of the names and addresses of all the members of the club shall be maintained in the Proprietors' membership accounts office.
- i. The Proprietors may terminate the membership of any member whose subscription is more than one month in arrears. Their name shall be removed from the list of registered members and the membership shall immediately cease and all rights of membership forfeited.
- j. Membership card and bag tag shall be carried at all times and can be requested for inspection by the Proprietors or club staff at any time.
- k. The Course Marshall may refuse access to the course where any member cannot produce a valid bag tag or membership card.
- l. All juniors are welcome at the club but must not be left unsupervised or unattended on the premises until they have reached the age of 14.

**15. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS** Every member of the Club shall (subject to these bylaws for the time being in force) be entitled to use and enjoy (in common with other members of the Club) the Club premises and facilities provided by the Proprietors for the use of the Club and on such terms and conditions as the Proprietors may from time to time stipulate.

## 16. GUESTS

- a. Members and the Proprietors may introduce friends and personal guests who have attained the age of 18 years as their guests (hereinafter called "guests") but no member may introduce more than three guests in any one day.
- b. Members shall be responsible for the conduct of guests introduced by them during the period of their stay in the club.
- c. A member's guest green fee will be charged as determined by the Proprietor.
- d. The following shall not be admitted as guests:
  - i. Former members who have been expelled
  - ii. Persons who, having applied for membership, have been rejected; and
  - iii. Members who are under suspension.

## 17. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

- a. To the maximum extent permitted by law, neither the Proprietor, the Club nor any Officer or Employee thereof shall be liable for injury or damage caused to a third party as a result of a member's actions in or about the Club premises, courses or grounds. It is the member's responsibility to ensure they have adequate insurance to cover for these types of eventualities.
- b. To the maximum extent permitted by law, neither the Proprietor, the Club nor any Officer or Employee thereof shall be liable to any person for any loss or damage to any property, occurring from whatever cause, in or about the Club premises, courses or grounds, nor for the death or injury of any such person whilst in or entering or leaving the Club.
- c. Any golfing equipment or other possessions brought onto, left at or stored at the Club is entirely at the owner's risk. The Proprietor, the Club nor any Officer or Employee thereof accepts no liability for the loss or damage to such items; members, visitors and guests are advised to take out their own insurances.
- d. Nothing in these terms and conditions is meant to limit any rights to which a member, visitor or guest may be entitled as a consumer.

**18. GOLF INSURANCES** The Proprietor, the Club nor any Officer or Employee makes no warranty or recommendation whatsoever that the terms of any golf liability insurance that is provided is adequate for the particular needs of any person who may seek to rely on it.

- 19. BYLAWS** The General Committee may from time to time, with the approval of the Proprietors make, vary and revoke bylaws (not consistent with these rules) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of members. Until revoked all bylaws shall be binding on the members.
- 20. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS**
- A member may resign his membership at any time by email or letter delivered to the Proprietors at the Club address.
  - Buggies are available for hire. All buggies must be driven in a responsible manner. Drivers must hold a provisional or full driving licence. Any damage caused to the buggy through inappropriate use will be charged to the hirer.
  - All risk assessments for the courses are available for inspection in the Golf Shop.
  - The Proprietors may expel from the Club (or suspend from membership for a specific period) any member whose conduct is such that in the opinion of the Proprietors it might be injurious to the character or interests of the Club or render the person unfit to be associated with members of the club.
  - Before a member is expelled or suspended, the alleged offender's conduct shall be investigated into and the person involved shall be given the opportunity to defend himself and to justify or explain his behaviour. Such enquiry may be investigated by a sub-committee.
  - Having enquired into the event, if the sub-committee/General Committee are of the opinion that the member is guilty of such conduct as mentioned above and that the member has failed to justify or explain it satisfactorily, the member may be expelled or suspended at the Proprietors' discretion.
  - A member expelled shall forfeit all the privileges of membership without claim for compensation or any refund of subscription.
  - No illegal betting or gaming, drunkenness, bad language, physical or mental abuse or other misconduct shall be permitted on the Club premises.
  - The Proprietors may delegate any of the powers relating to membership to the General Committee.
- 21. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**
- An annual general meeting shall be held in every year for the election of members to serve on the General Committee(s), to adopt the accounts referred to in rule 11.b and for such other business as may be permitted in accordance with the rules and bylaws.
  - Special general meetings may be convened where written requisition to the Honorary Secretary is received, signed by at least 100 members or one quarter of the members whichever is the lesser.
  - At least 14 days' notice of an annual or special general meeting shall be provided by exhibiting the same prominently in the Club premises and in such other communications as deemed necessary by the General Committee.
  - At a meeting of the Club every member shall be entitled to be present. The Honorary Secretary shall take minutes of the proceedings at all such meetings.
- 22. ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS AND NOTICE** Each member shall inform the membership office of his postal and email address or changes thereof. Notices required by these rules and bylaws to be given to members may be given either by prepaid letter or email to a member at the last such address furnished to the office.
- 23. INTOXICATING LIQUOR**
- The sale or supply of intoxication liquor in the Club shall be permitted within the general licensing hours in force where the Club premises are situated and the bar opening hours shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions (if any) imposed by any justices' license granted in respect of the Club premises.
  - The Proprietor has the right to close the bar at any time in the case of unruly behaviour.
- 24. HOURS OF OPENING** The courses and Club facilities will be open to receive members as determined by daylight hours. These hours may be lengthened or shortened at the discretion of the Proprietors. The Club shall not be open on Christmas Day.
- 25. GOLFING RULES & REGULATIONS** Conduct of the game:
- The Club agrees to recognise the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews as the ruling body of Amateur Golf and shall abide by the rules of Golf and Amateur status as laid down from time to time by the R&A.
  - The Club agrees to comply with the Council of National Golf Union's Regulations and Rules of the SSS & Handicapping Scheme (and any conditions imposed within the scheme by England Golf)
  - The Club agrees to comply with the Constitution and Rules of England Golf and of its' County Union and associations as laid down from time to time.
- 26. SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ENGLAND GOLF AND THE COUNTY UNION/ASSOCIATIONS** The Club shall pay all subscriptions due to the County Union, Associations and to England Golf in respect of every playing member of all categories.
- 27. DISCIPLINARY POWERS** The Club shall duly exercise the disciplinary powers delegated to them under the England Golf Constitution.
- 28. ALTERATION OF RULES** These rules may be revoked, supplemented or altered by the Proprietors at any time.
- 29. REVOCATION** Rule 25 shall not be amended or revoked without the prior written consent of England Golf.
- 30. DISSOLUTION** The Club may be dissolved by:-
- The Proprietors at any time; or
  - The members in general meeting pursuant to a resolution passed at such general meeting by a majority of three-quarters of the members present and voting. No such resolution shall be considered in general meeting unless a proposal for such resolution shall have been submitted to the honorary secretary in writing and signed by at least 100 members of the Club at least 21 days before the date of meeting.
  - On the dissolution of the Club by Proprietors or by the members such property of the Club as belongs to the members shall be disposed of in a manner decided by the members in the general meeting
- 31. DISPUTES** Any dispute or difference which may arise as to the meaning or interpretation of these rules or of any bylaws made in accordance with rule 19 or as to the powers of the Officers or General Committee or any sub-committee or the validity of any election or proceedings of the General Committee or any sub-committee shall be determined by the Proprietors, whose decision shall be final and binding on all members of the Club.
- 32. INTERPRETATION** References to the masculine shall include the feminine and, where appropriate, the singular shall include the plural. The headings to these rules are for ease of reference only and shall be taken into account in their interpretation.

## Greetham Valley Membership Categories and Entitlements

### **7 Day, Intermediate and Junior Members**

May play the Lakes, Valley and Academy courses seven days per week.

May enter all appropriate Club competitions on payment of the correct fee.

May represent the Club in matches subject to selection.

### **5 Day Members**

May play the Lakes, Valley and Academy courses on **any midweek day Monday to Friday inclusive, including Bank Holidays.**

May play socially at weekends on payment of the member's guest rate green fee.

May not enter any weekend competitions or team matches but may play in midweek competitions and team matches.

May not enter any Club knockout competitions which may require them to play on weekends.

### **Intermediate Members**

Are aged 19 years to 29 years as at 1<sup>st</sup> April of subscription renewal year.

A 25% Student discount off the Intermediate rate is offered to any person in full time education within this age range – a valid Student Card must be provided for qualification.

### **Junior Members**

Are aged under 19 years as at 1<sup>st</sup> April of subscription renewal year.

If a parent, step-parent or grandparent is a member of Greetham Valley Golf Club, Juniors will receive a 50% discount off Junior rate.

### **LifeStyle Members**

May play the Lakes and Valley courses seven days per week on payment of the appropriate LifeStyle green fee per round. Bank Holidays are regarded as midweek days for the purpose of green fees.

May play the Academy course seven days per week without payment of a green fee.

May enter all appropriate Club competitions on payment of correct entry fee and green fee.

### **All Golf Members**

Hold a silver membership charge card entitling a 10% discount on food and drink in Greetham Valley's bars and restaurants provided there are sufficient funds levied on the card.

May sign in up to 3 guests per visit at member's guest rate green fee.

May book tee times online up to 12 days in advance on validation of email address – please email [info@greethamvalley.co.uk](mailto:info@greethamvalley.co.uk) if you require validation

May be entitled to benefit from any membership promotions available in relation to introducing a new adult member to the Club.

### **Academy Members**

May play the 9 hole Academy course seven days per week.

May play the Lakes and Valley courses on payment of the current visitor green fee.

### **Gym**

Please contact us to enquire about adding the Gym to your golf membership.

### **Members' Competitions**

Members who are entitled to play in Club competitions can book via the touch screens in the foyer and clubhouse; payment for those competitions are made via competition accounts attached to the handicap software.

Payment can be made via the Members' Office and not via the club silver card.

Please enquire in the Members' Office for any information about your handicap or competitions.

## Health & Safety Guidelines

To ensure that all golfers enjoy our facilities in a safe manner, the following terms are set out for all members and visitors to adhere to. These terms are in place for your safety.

Greetham Valley DOES NOT provide public liability cover for members or guests. It is the sole responsibility of the member or guest, should they cause injury or damage whilst on the premises or using the equipment. Greetham Valley will not accept any liability for loss or damage of personal belongings.

All players must book their tee times a maximum of twelve days in advance and must report to Reception prior to play.

The golf courses, by their very nature, do contain hazards. These hazard areas include water which possesses a greater risk, especially to the young. It is the individual's responsibility to keep clear of these hazards. DO NOT place yourself at any risk which could be avoided.

Please ensure you thoroughly wash your hands after playing golf to avoid disease or infection. You are advised to avoid hand to mouth contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf courses. This includes sand, soil, water and grass.

Buggies will be hired to any individual on a first come, first served basis, subject to signing a buggy safety policy agreement. Only persons aged 17 years and over that hold a current provisional or full driving licence for either a motorcycle or car may drive a buggy. You must have the necessary skills and competency required to operate the vehicle safely. Care, consideration and right of way must be given to pedestrians and greenkeeping staff at all times. All drivers operate the buggy at their own risk and any injury caused or damage caused shall be the sole responsibility of the hirer.

Buggies must not be driven on greens and tees and should not be driven close to the green approaches, bunkers, green surrounds or the water's edge. Ride on buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs. Buggies shall be used only when the course is open for play and when no essential buggy prohibition is in force. Always negotiate the flat areas of the course, take extra care on steep inclines and descents and be extra careful when the course is wet and/or muddy. Operating instructions are displayed within each buggy.

Cars are parked at owner's risk and must be parked in a responsible and appropriate manner at all times. Care must be taken when walking in areas where there are cars and buggies moving or manoeuvring.

Please give way to greens staff AT ALL TIMES. They will frequently be accessing the courses to maintain them. ANYONE who puts any staff at unnecessary risk will be asked to leave the premises.

Players should be aware that there is a potential threat from wildlife such as wasps, bees and biting insects on the course. Adders are also present on the golf courses, and urgent medical attention should be sought if you suffer a venomous bite.

During inclement weather (darkness, rain, fog and ice), the fact that the course has not been officially closed does not warrant that it is fit for play. Therefore, members and visitors should themselves determine whether they consider it safe to play. Players have a duty of care to behave in such a way that others may not be injured by their actions. They also have a duty of care to ensure that they do not injure themselves. All players play at their own risk and should do nothing to jeopardise the safety of themselves, greens staff or other players.

It is the player's own responsibility to discontinue play when, in his/her opinion, a danger from lightning exists. In the event that a player is out on the golf courses when lightning is about then the following safety considerations are advised:

1. Keep as low as possible and ideally crouch down in the nearest bunker/hollow.
2. Leave your golf equipment where it is and stand away from it.
3. Do not use a mobile phone – make sure it is switched off
4. Do not put an umbrella up in any circumstances.

Golfers to be aware when crossing all terrain of the risk of slips, trips and fall hazards and should wear appropriate footwear. Golfers to take care, if wearing spikes, when walking on paved or tilled areas. Special care should also be taken when walking near banks/slopes and during or after adverse weather conditions.

If anyone is injured or requires first aid or emergency treatment, contact main Reception or the Golf Shop. First aid provisions are available in Reception and the Lounge Bar and the complex has a number of fully qualified first aid employees. A full study of the golf course risk assessments are available to all golfers on request at reception.

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