



RULES (2020)

- 1 **NAME** The name of the Association shall be Durham County Veteran Ladies' Golf Association.
- 2 **MEMBERSHIP** The conditions of membership shall be –
 - a) To have attained the age of 50 years and be of amateur status
 - b) To be a member of a recognised Golf club in the former geographical area of County Durham, or have been born in the County, and not be a member of any other County Veterans Association.
 - c) Joining applicants must have a current **CONGU Handicap of 40** or under. If this handicap subsequently increases, membership of the Association may continue.
 - d) In any one year a member may only represent one County Veterans' Association
- 3 **OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION**
 - a) To look after the interests and funds of the membership.
 - b) To promote and administer the Veteran County Teams.
 - c) To arrange Competitions and Social Events.
- 4 **MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION** Shall be invested in the Executive Committee consisting of :
 - a) The Officers – President (ex-officio), Captain, Vice Captain, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Competition Secretary and the Retiring Captain.
 - b) Six elected members of the Association.
 - c) A member who is an Official of the Northern Counties Veteran Ladies' Golf Association. shall, during her term in office, be an ex-officio member of the Committee.
 - d) Past Presidents shall **become Honorary Members and may attend committee Meetings if they so wish (Ex officio)**.
 - e) Ex-officio members shall not have a vote.
- 5 **ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
 - a) The President shall be nominated by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of Past Presidents , term of office not to exceed 2 years and on retirement shall be known as Past President.
 - b) The Captain shall be nominated by the Executive Committee to serve 1 year.
 - c) The Incoming Vice Captain shall be nominated by the Vice Captain with the approval of the Captain, Past Captain, and President to serve 1 year.
 - d) A Vice Captain Elect to serve 1 year, shall be nominated by the incoming Vice Captain with the approval of the Captain, Past Captain and President and be an Ex- Officio member of the committee.
 - e) All other Officers to be nominated by DCVLGA members for election at the AGM. The Secretary, Treasurer and Competition Secretary shall be re-elected each year for a period which should not exceed 6 years.
 - f) Elected Committee members shall be nominated and seconded by DCVLGA members of the home club to which she belongs, to serve for 3 years. Two members to retire annually by rotation. Retiring members shall not be eligible for re-election for 1 year.
 - g) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member as necessary. Webmaster to be a co-opted member of committee (Ex officio)

ALL NOMINATIONS TO BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY BY 14th SEPTEMBER

- 6 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
- a) The Committee shall meet at least 4 times during the year to further the business of the Association.
 - b) The Captain shall chair the meetings **and will have a vote**. In her absence the Vice Captain shall take the chair.
 - c) The Chairman shall have **the** casting vote.
 - d) A quorum shall consist of 6 voting members.
 - e) The Officers shall have the power to confer by electronic means should a decision be required on an urgent matter
- 7 **POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- a) The Committee shall forward and carry out the objects of the Association except in matters that can only be dealt with by the AGM.
 - b) The Committee shall have the power to make, alter and repeal, Byelaws regulating the holding, playing and timing of Competitions and events.
 - c) All competitions shall be played according to the Rules of the R & A and LGU. The Committee's decision is final.
 - d) The Committee shall delegate such duties as they think fit, but not to include matters of substance, to sub-committees-groups, e.g. Finance, Competitions and Team selection.
 - i) Finance and general purposes: President, Captain, Vice Captain, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.
 - ii) Competitions: Competition Secretary, then as above
 - iii) Team Selection : Captain, Vice Captain, Retiring Captain (1 year) and 2 other Association members nominated by the Captain.

A QUORUM FOR SUB-COMMITTEES SHALL BE 3
 - e) To make nominations for Life membership for exceptional service to the Association (not to exceed 5 in number at any time) to be elected at the AGM.
- 8 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- a) A meeting of the Association shall be held in October of every year on a date fixed by the Committee.
 - b) A notice convening the meeting shall be sent to every club by **31st July**.
 - c) Proposals with seconders must be sent to the Hon. Secretary by **14th September**
 - d) Notice of all proposals to be sent to every club not less than 4 weeks before the AGM.
 - e) Quorum shall consist of 20 members.
 - f) The **President** shall take the Chair, in her absence the **Vice Captain** and in her absence the **Vice-Captain**. **In her absence the meeting shall will** appoint a Chair.
 - g) The Chairman shall have the casting vote.
 - h) All voting to take place at the AGM by members present, decisions shall be a simple majority and become effective immediately.
- 9 **BUSINESS OF THE AGM**
- a) To present the reports of Officers.
 - b) To receive the audited Accounts of the Association.
 - c) To approve the appointment of an Auditor.
 - d) To elect Officers and Committee members.
 - e) To consider and decide on any proposals.
 - f) To review annual subscriptions.
 - g) To elect Honorary and Life Members.

- 10 **SPECIAL MEETING-** Any meeting other than the AGM shall be called by the Hon. Secretary if requested by:-
- a) the Executive Committee,
 - b) or upon receipt of a requisition signed by 20 members of the Association, the business of such meeting shall be stated.
 - c) This meeting shall be held within 21 days of receipt of the requisition. A notice shall be sent to all clubs at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
 - d) Thirty five (35) members shall form a Quorum.
 - e) The Captain shall take the Chair.
- 11 **SUBSCRIPTIONS**
- a) These shall be reviewed at the AGM and made payable in advance on 1 December each year.
It was agreed to carry forward subscriptions from 2020 to 2021 because of the Covid pandemic.
 - b) Any member being in arrears by 31 January shall cease to be a member.
- 12 **ALTERATION TO RULES** - No rule shall be repealed or amended and no new rule made except by the majority vote of members present at any meeting of the Association.
- 13 **DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION** – A proposal for the dissolution of the Association may be made by:-
- a) The Executive Committee,
 - b) A resolution signed by not less than 20 members of the Association. Such a resolution shall be considered at a general meeting and if passed by a simple majority of votes cast, the Executive Committee shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Association. After discharge of all the liabilities shall transfer the same to Durham County Ladies' Golf Association, or to such other Association as the meeting shall decide. Upon completion of transfer the Association shall be dissolved.