

WAGS Rules & Constitution

1. **Name**

The name of the Society is 'Wimbledon Ancient Golf Society' ("Society").

2. **Objective**

The objective of the Society is to enhance its members' participation in, and enjoyment of the game of golf.

3. **Membership**

- 3.1 Prospective members are to apply for membership using the 'Membership Application Form'. The form is to be completed by prospective members who have already played golf with two Society members who are willing to propose the applicant. Completed forms together with the current membership fee are to be sent to the Membership Secretary, who will present such application to the next Committee meeting where acceptance for membership will be confirmed/denied by the Committee.
- 3.2 New Members are required to complete three events before their provisional handicap is confirmed. New members are not eligible to win any prizes until they have had their handicap confirmed. Furthermore New members scores in their first 12 months of membership will not qualify for the VL.
- 3.3 Members living outside the UK mainland are categorized "Overseas Members". Existing members moving abroad automatically transfer to this category. Those applying to join the society as Overseas Members are subject to the normal application procedure. The subscription will be a nominal sum as set by the Committee and attendance of events on payment of the full member fee is permitted when visiting the UK. On repatriation to the UK, full membership will automatically be available subject to joining the waiting list. Overseas Members are entitled to win all prizes.
- 3.4 A category known as Junior WAGS includes those up to 25 yrs of age who will be subject to a nominal annual fee as set by the Committee. Junior WAGS are entitled to win all prizes, but not receive any merchandise. Former Junior WAGS shall be entitled to become full members or play as Guests.
- 3.5 Members are required to contact the Handicap Secretary should their official Club handicap fall below their WAGS handicap.
- 3.6 Resignation shall be in writing. Membership shall lapse if the Committee decide that a member shows insufficient interest in the Society. The result of any disciplinary action may be the revocation of membership. No circumstances will result in the refund of any monies.
- 3.7 Subject to the Committee's prior approval, members may take a one year membership suspension following which they will automatically be permitted to take up full membership again subject to joining the waiting list. During suspension, no subscription will be due and playing as a guest will be allowed. This option may be exercised only once.

4. **Fees**

- 4.1 An annual membership fee will be set by the Committee.

5. **Funds**

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, the funds, assets and properties of the Society shall be distributed as directed by the Committee. The Society is a non-profit making organisation.

6. **Conduct**

- 6.1 The Society agrees to abide by the "Rules of Golf" as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- 6.2 The Society agrees to abide by the "Rules of Amateur Status" as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- 6.3 Society members agree to abide by the highest standards of etiquette and safety, always endeavouring to enhance the reputation of the Society.

7. **Structure**

- 7.1 An Annual General Meeting ("AGM") will be held each year. Only those Members who

were also members three months prior to the date of the AGM can vote.

- 7.2 The Society shall have the following officers who shall constitute the Committee of the Society, which is empowered to run the affairs of the Society: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Handicap Secretary, Membership Secretary, Website Secretary and Merchandise Secretary. The Chairman, or acting chairman, will have the casting vote at any meeting.
- 7.3 The Society will from time to time appoint a Society Captain, who will become a member of the Competition and Handicap Committee and be an ex-officio member of the Committee.
- 7.4 Committee members are to be elected for a two year period by the Membership at an AGM. At the first AGM the Secretary, Website Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, and Membership Secretary will be elected. The following AGM will elect the other committee members.
- 7.5 The Quorum for a meeting of the Society is eight.
- 7.6 The Committee will meet at least four times per year. The quorum for a meeting of the Committee is four.
- 7.7 The Society has a "Competition and Handicapping Committee" ("CHC") that comprises of the Handicap Secretary, the Society Captain, and other members of the Society as required. The CHC will control handicapping under the authority as delegated to them using the Master Handicap system more fully described in the Society website.
- 7.8 The CHC will determine the conditions that appertain to each competition, and will supply all members with details of these conditions.
- 7.9 The CHC shall keep full records of competitions and handicaps of members. These will be available on the Society website.
8. **Discipline**
The Committee will decide on all disciplinary matters. Any member being disciplined has the right to have any fellow members in attendance at any hearing.
9. **Data Protection**
 - 9.1 WAGS needs to communicate and consult members concerning fixtures, accounts, handicaps, playing history and Society rules and governance. The Committee require member names, house and email address and telephone numbers. Details will be stored on a confidential password accessed website. Members are able to change their information online and should contact the membership Secretary if they wish their names removed; playing history will however not be removed.

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