



Somerset Golf Captains

Rules and Constitution

1 – Designation and Objective

The name of the group shall be “SOMERSET GOLF CAPTAINS” (SGC). Its objective is to provide members with the opportunity to play in matches and meetings with other Counties’ Past Captain groups, to hold internal golf meetings and to further the traditions of friendship and fellowship within the sport of golf.

2 – Membership

Club Captains, past and present, of all Golf Clubs affiliated to the Somerset Golf Union are entitled to membership of Somerset Golf Captains. Such membership will be for life on payment of the subscription of twenty-five pounds and will include the presentation of a SGC tie or scarf as appropriate.

It will be for each SGU affiliated Golf Club to nominate who qualifies each year to be their “Club Captain” and Somerset Golf Captains will then invite them to join as members. Any new Golf Clubs who affiliate themselves to Somerset Golf Union will be required to confirm that they have the facilities to host matches and meetings of the Group and are willing to offer the use of their course, for a fee or as a courtesy, before their captains may be admitted to Somerset Golf Captains.

Somerset Golf Captains expects the very highest standards of behaviour from Captains and their guests at all its golf or social events. As Past Club Captains it is only right that we behave with courtesy and respect for our fellow Captains, our playing partners and the staff and members of any of the Clubs or venues we use. Any behaviour which brings the group into disrepute will be investigated and dealt with as the President’s Committee sees fit which can extend to terminating the membership of any Captain.

3 – Management

General

The following **Officers** will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting to manage the affairs of Somerset Golf Captains:

President; Vice President; Captain of Captains; Captain-Elect; Treasurer; Secretary.

The President will serve a maximum of two years. The Captain and the Captain-Elect will usually be expected to serve a term of one year although this may be extended in exceptional circumstances.

Executive Committee

The routine affairs of Somerset Golf Captains are to be conducted by an **Executive Committee**, consisting of the following five Officers: **Vice-President (Chair), Captain, Captain-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.**

The President is also a full Member of the Executive Committee and may attend meetings as and when they see fit. Three Executive Committee members are required to form a quorum. The Executive Committee should aim to meet at least four times each year.

Other Roles

A Fixture Secretary will, from time to time, be appointed by the Executive Committee and may attend meetings on an as required basis but not as a full member of that Committee.

A Website Manager may be appointed by the Executive Committee who may attend Executive Committee meetings on an as required basis but not as a full member of that Committee.

Presidents Committee

The strategic direction of the group and the identification and proposal of future Captains-Elect and Vice-Presidents will be overseen by the Presidents Committee, consisting of the serving President and Vice-President together with the current Captain of Captains and the Secretary. The Presidents Committee will also act as the group's final arbiter for precedence and protocol and as an arbiter for the Executive Committee in the event of a serious dispute which the Executive Committee itself is unable to resolve.

4 - Annual General Meeting (AGM)

An AGM shall be held each year in April. The calling notice must be issued to members at least 14 days before the date of the AGM.

The Agenda for the AGM must include, as a minimum, apologies for non-attendance, approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM, reports from Officers (including a report from the Treasurer covering the Accounts and proposed match fees), the Election of Officers for the coming year and an opportunity for members of the group to raise matters under any other business. Members must submit items for any other business in writing to the Secretary at least 7 days before the date of the AGM.

5 - Financial Year

The Financial Year of Somerset Golf Captains will run from 1st January to 31st December.

6 – Changes to the SGC Rules and Constitution

Any member may propose changes to the Rules and Constitution at any time by submitting a proposal, supported by six other members, in writing to the Secretary. The proposal may be taken at the following AGM (provided it is submitted in writing at least 7 days before that AGM) or at a specially convened Extraordinary General Meeting, at the discretion of the Presidents Committee. Any proposal to change the Rules and Constitution must be carried by a majority of at least 66% of those members present at the meeting. No other business but that for which the meeting has been convened may be raised at such an Extraordinary General Meeting.