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GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS & TOURNAMENTS

Golf Meetings shall be held each year at which there shall be competitions to decide such County Championships as may be sanctioned by the Council. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for all Championships, Competitions and Golf Meetings organised on behalf of the Dorset County Golf Union, and to determine the amount of the Entrance Fee.

All Competitions and Matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and Bye-Laws and Local Rules of the Host Club where the event is played so far as they are approved by the Executive Committee

To be eligible to compete in the Union County championship or Matches a player:

- (i) must be of Amateur Status as defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, and
- (ii) must not have taken part in a County Championship of another County Union (this being the Championship in which the winner qualifies to play in the English Golf Union County Champions Tournament) or have represented another County Union at golf in the 12 months previous to the starting date of the event in question, and
- (iii) must conform to the age and handicap limits which are included in the regulations of the event, and
- (iv) must be a member of a Member Club or must be born in Dorset and be a member of a Club affiliated to another County Union.

In Union Competitions all disputes shall be referred to the Competition Committee of the Union whose decision shall be final.

In all Union Stroke Play and Match Play events, a player arriving late on the first tee shall be disqualified. The time for starting shall be shown on the official draw or when the player's name is called by the starter, whichever is the later. No exception can be made to this rule and the penalty will be imposed automatically.

Entrance Fees for all events shall be decided from time to time by the Executive Committee and shall be paid at the time of entry. The absence of contemporaneous payment shall invalidate the entry until made good.

No entry fee will be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing date for entries except from any entrant who may be balloted out and who does not subsequently compete.

All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Executive which reserves the right to accept or refuse an entry without giving reason for its decision which shall be final.

If in any Championship or Tournament it becomes impossible to complete the Championship or Tournament in accordance with the Conditions thereof because of adverse weather conditions or other circumstances which in the opinion of the

Championship Committee make it impossible or impractical to do so, the Championship Committee shall be empowered to vary such Conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

All Competitors will be required to play with golf balls which are on the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews list of Conforming Golf Balls current at the date of the Championship, a copy of which is held by the Secretary.

PENALTY for breach of condition: Disqualification

Competitors will not be permitted to ride on motorised buggy carts unless authorised by the Championship Committee in the case of a competitor claiming exemption under the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005 upon the production of a Medical Certificate signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner but subject to any Health and Safety restrictions. Such medical Certificates must be provided to the Secretary not less than 5 clear days prior to the commencement date of any competition or event. The Union shall not be responsible for providing any vehicle for use by a competitor in the context of this exemption.

PENALTY for breach of condition: Disqualification

Any competitor who:

Withdraws from an event after the Draw has been published, or for whatever reason fails to appear on the tee at his appointed starting time, or having qualified to continue, fails to do so must, within 5 clear days from the date of the incident, furnish a written explanation, to the Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee. If the competitor fails to do so, he will immediately be de-barred from entering or taking part in any DCGU event for such period as the Executive Committee may decide.

Any competitor who during the course of an event, including practice days, misbehaves by, for example throwing clubs or vandalising the golf course or acts in a manner which could bring the Association, its member Counties or himself into disrepute may be liable to disqualification (under Rule of Golf 33–7) and/or debarred from entering or taking part in any DCGU event for such period as the Executive Committee may decide.

Competitors in any DCGU event shall always be required to adhere to the Dress Codes and/or Guidelines prevailing at any Club at which a DCGU event is being played, unless notice is given of any particular relaxation of a normal requirement. Similarly, it shall be incumbent, in any Team Event, for a Team Manager, as the role may be, to ensure that all members of his/their Team fully comply with such Dress Codes/Guidelines. The Dress Codes/Guidelines of each Club which hosts a DCGU event shall be supplied by the Secretary prior to each event.

For all Match play events: On the competition day, competitors shall be prohibited from playing any holes on the competition course prior to their official starting time. Although such practice is allowed under the Rules of Golf, this condition is made out of courtesy to the green keeping staff preparing the course for the day's play.

In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked for under the Rule) who may give advice to members of that team, but such person shall not go onto the putting green to give advice. Such person shall be identified to the Committee and the opposing Captain before giving advice.

All matters relating to Discipline shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures laid down by the English Golf Union.

The Championship Committee reserve the right to make any alterations to the Conditions of any DCGU event when it is considered expedient or necessary, in the interests of playing such an event or obtaining a result, for whatever reason.

For each and every Competition run by the Dorset County Golf Union and for each days play a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other Conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the Penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used. N.B. Mobiles will not be allowed for the purpose of using a Distance Measuring Application. The Motorcaddy S3 will be allowed provided the temperature gauge is disconnected or taped over.

Any competitor who is found guilty of possessing, administering or using any substance or method on the WADA (World Anti Doping Agency) Prohibited List, will be subjected to Disciplinary Procedures in line with the EGU Ltd Anti Doping Policy. The full list of prohibited drugs is available from UK Sports (<http://www.uk sport.gov.uk/>)