

FLAMBOROUGH and DISTRICT RABBITS GOLF ALLIANCE and ASSOCIATION

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1. Title

The name of the association shall be "The Flamborough and District Rabbits Golf Alliance and Association" (The Alliance).

2. Area of the Alliance

The area of the Alliance shall be a fifty-mile radius of Flamborough Head Golf Club

3. Definition of a Rabbit Golfer

For the purpose of The Alliance, a Rabbit Golfer shall be a male playing member aged 18 or over with a Handicap Index of 15 or greater.

4. Membership

Any Rabbit Section of a recognised Golf Club in the Flamborough area may become a member of the Alliance provided they are approved by the Executive of the Alliance.

5. Objectives

The objectives of the Alliance shall be:-

- a) to promote Rabbit Golf
- b) to stimulate and encourage the interests of the higher handicap golfers
- c) to work for the benefit of the Alliance and member Rabbit Sections

6. Functions

- a) to encourage the development and formation of Rabbit Sections in Golf Clubs within the Alliance area.
- b) to arrange competitions for Rabbit members
- c) to organise and conduct social meetings and gatherings

7. Affiliation Fee

Each Rabbit Section shall pay the Annual fee before 31st May, the amount which shall have been determined at the Annual General Meeting

8. Officers

The officers shall consist of :-

President

Vice President

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Competition Secretary

Web Site Developer

They shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting

The President shall be the previous Vice President unless he is unable to take office

The Vice President shall be proposed by each Member Club in turn

In the event of a casual vacancy arising among officers, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of office.

9. Honorary Secretary

The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Alliance and shall have custody of all documents belonging to the Alliance

10. Honorary Treasurer

The Honorary Treasurer shall record all financial transactions and shall prepare annually a Financial Statement which he shall pass to the Honorary Secretary after it has been audited and signed by the Auditor. He shall also receive and dispose of according to the instructions of the Executive all monies receivable or payable by the Alliance and shall act generally in accordance with instructions of the Alliance or the Executive.

11. Honorary Competition Secretary

The Honorary Competition Secretary shall be responsible for all matters appertaining to running the Alliance Competitions.

12. Executive

The Executive shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the Alliance.

The Executive shall consist of:-

The officers of the Association

Honorary Life Vice President & all Past Presidents

Two members representing each Member Club

Each Member Club to elect two members to serve for a 1 year term -- vacancies to be filled by the Area concerned. In the event that these elected member is not able to attend, then the Area, should it feel necessary, may field a nominated substitute member from its committee. Voting rights would be maintained.

The Executive may appoint Sub Committees to deal with specific matters as it sees fit.

The Executive shall have the power to co-opt other persons if they consider that it will be to the benefit of the Alliance. Such persons will not have voting rights

A quorum of the Executive shall consist of four

A quorum of a Subcommittee shall consist of a majority of that Sub Committee.

13. Executive Meetings

Meetings of the Executive shall be chaired by the President and in his absence by the Vice President. In the event that both are absent the meeting shall be chaired by the most recent Past President present

All members of the Executive present shall have the right to vote with the exception of co-opted members.

In the event of a vote being tied, the chairman shall have the casting vote

The members of the Executive shall have at least seven days notice of the meetings.

14. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall take place during May

The business of the meeting shall be:-

- a) to elect officers and other members of the Executive
- b) to receive the report of the Secretary
- c) to receive the report of the Treasurer
- d) to appoint the Auditors
- e) to consider any matters which have been the subject of proper notice

Meetings shall be chaired by the President and in his absence by the Vice President. In the event that both are absent the meeting shall be chaired by the most recent Past President present

Members shall be given 3 weeks notice of the Annual General Meeting

Any nominations for the Executive and propositions to be put to the membership at the meeting must be received by the Honorary Secretary not less than 4 weeks prior to the meeting. Under no circumstances will nominations, propositions or amendments to propositions be accepted without proper notice having been given.

Agenda papers for the meeting shall be issued by the Honorary Secretary not less than 21 days prior to the meeting.

The following are entitled to attend the meeting

- Members of the Executive
- Representatives of member Rabbit Sections

All present will be entitled to speak on any matter under consideration but only two representatives of each Rabbit Section will be entitled to vote. Members of the Executive will not have the right to vote unless representing a member Rabbit Section. A quorum shall be representatives of 6 Rabbit Sections.

In the event of a vote being tied the chairman shall have the casting vote.

15. Other General Meetings

The Executive may call an extraordinary General Meeting of the Alliance should it consider this necessary to deal with a matter of urgent importance.

The Executive shall call an extraordinary General Meeting of the Alliance in the event that it receives a request so to do from not less than 6 member Rabbit Sections. It must give not less than 14 days notice of such a meeting.

16. Auditors

The auditor / auditors shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

17. Discipline

The Alliance shall operate a “Code of Conduct” and Disciplinary Procedure for:

- a) All players in Alliance competitions;
- b) Alliance Officials and Executive; and

c) Others taking part in any Alliance functions

Any formal complaint must be submitted to the Secretary in writing. Such complaints shall be determined in a fair manner in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the guide lines and procedures recommended by England Golf.

18. Rule changes

No rule of the Alliance shall be repealed or altered and no new rule shall be made save by two thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Alliance. Any proposed change or addition to the rules shall be subject to the periods set out in Rules 12 and 13.

19. Competitions

The Executive shall be responsible for organising any competition and drawing up and amending as appropriate competition rules. Its decision shall be final.

20. Winding up

The Alliance may only be wound up by a two thirds majority vote of a General Meeting. In such case the assets of the Alliance remaining after payment of all debts shall be distributed equally amongst the Rabbit Sections who are members at the time

Attachments:

Annex A Rules and Terms and Conditions for Competitions

Annex B Code of Conduct

Rules and Terms and Conditions for Competitions

1. Handicap Requirements.

- a. In order to play in the Flamborough & District Rabbit Alliance(F&DRGA) a player must be in possession of an up-to-date individual Handicap Index of 15 or above under the World Handicapping System(WHS), and be a playing member of a member club.
- b. For the purposes of the F&DRGA a Player's Handicap Index will only be considered up-to-date if his record contains a minimum of 6 scores in the preceding 12 months, at least 3 of which must be competition cards. The 12 months will be calculated from the day of the competition, unless a player meets the criteria at the beginning of the playing season and has been unable to play qualifying competitions during the winter owing to their home club policy, in which case they will be considered compliant.
- c. Those handicap records, (last 20 scores), that have more than 4 General Play counting scores may be further assessed to determine the difference between their Competition Score differential and the General Play differential. In a situation where this comparison results in a differential of more than 2 strokes then the entrant's participation could be denied.
- d. In exceptional circumstances the number of scores required or the timescale for entering these scores may be relaxed at the discretion of the executive committee of the F&DRGA Exceptional circumstances will include (but is not limited to) Long term injury or illness and health issues. Any request for exceptional circumstances exemptions must be made prior to participation and will not be granted retrospectively.
- e. The maximum number of shots to be allowed to any player is 36, regardless if a player's playing handicap exceeds a course stroke allowance of 36. (Any player with a higher Handicap can play, but will play off 36)
- f. It is the responsibility of each club's Rabbit Captain to ensure that all players entered for F&DRGA and YRGA events comply with the requirements listed above.

2. Handicap Adjustments.

- a. Wherever possible, competitions should be run so that they are acceptable for handicapping, thus enabling adjustments to be made legally under WHS rules.
- b. For better-ball competitions, any scores of 42 Stableford Points or better are to be processed through approved WHS software so that appropriate adjustments are made

- c. For individual competitions, the host club is to run the competition through their own computer system so that all players' scores are automatically entered on their personal handicap record and appropriate adjustments made.
- d. Scores should be submitted to WHS as soon as possible after the event has been closed.

3. Terms and Conditions for Competitions.

- a. Competitions are to be played under the R&A Rules of Golf and any local/temporary rules in operation at the home club. In addition to that the preferred lies rule will be in force for the full season.
- b. Competitors who are unable to walk the course will be permitted to use a ride-on buggy providing their requirement is endorsed by their respective team captain.
- c. To be eligible to play in the Major and Jubilee Trophies a player must have already played in at least one other competition in that season.
- d. Pairs receiving prize vouchers are prohibited from playing together for the rest of that season.

4. Guest Player Provision

In order to preserve the integrity and continuity of F&DRGA competitions, any affiliated club unable to field the full complement of six pairs for a scheduled fixture may request, up to four days prior to said fixture, additional players from another affiliated club with surplus eligible players available on the day of competition. (See Appendix a.) Any such player shall participate solely as a "Guest Player" for the short-handed club and shall occupy the vacant playing position(s) for that fixture only.

Guest Players shall:

- a. Be eligible to compete for individual honours and prizes awarded on the day
- b. Not contribute points, scores, or results toward the team total of either the club they represent as a guest or their home club
- c. Remain registered members of their original club for all other purposes under F&DRGA competition rules.

The use of Guest Players shall be permitted only where necessary to ensure all scheduled matches and playing positions are fulfilled and to maintain fair and competitive participation across the Association.

Appendix a.

Each club must field a minimum of 3 pairs to remain eligible for the league fixtures, 5 pairs for the Amanda Clare and Lisa Jane trophies, and 10 players for the Jubilee Cups.

F&DRGA Code of Conduct

The F&DRGA wishes to promote friendly and pleasurable golf for all players from our member clubs. All players should comply with the rules of golf and conduct themselves in a fit and proper manner demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times.

Use of foul language or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Foul or abusive behaviour to any member of the Executive involved in running the competition or another player will result in immediate disqualification from that competition (as per rules of golf Rule 1.2b)

Any Formal complaint from any person or club should be sent in writing, addressed to the Secretary of the Association. Attempts will be made to resolve any issue by the President and the Committee in a fair and proper manner and in accordance with the Rules of Golf. Should the complaint be of such a serious nature that it cannot be settled by diplomacy, the President will appoint a disciplinary subcommittee to investigate and rule in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the guidelines of England Golf on “the procedure and conduct of disciplinary committees”.

Any Appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Sub Committee shall be considered by an Appeals Sub Committee made up of 6 former F&DRGA Presidents (one from each Club)