



Warrington Golf Society Rules.

1. The society shall be called the Warrington Golf Society.
2. The Committee shall consist of Captain, Vice-Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Handicap Secretary (plus a committee of two) making no more than seven.
3. The Handicap Committee shall consist of the Handicap Secretary and two other members of the committee. It will be their responsibility to choose what type of competition will be played and stroke allowance, if any, to be given. In the case of a discrepancy the Handicap Committee will make a ruling on the day and their decision will be final. If the Committee cannot make a decision, then the full committee will meet, and their decision will be absolute.
4. All members of the Committee shall remain in office until they decide to retire, or another member decides to stand for a position on the Committee. Then it will be proposed and seconded and voted upon at the next AGM.
5. Any member of the Society can apply for a position on the Committee.
6. An AGM shall be held once every year. This meeting shall be held at an interval of not more than four months after the end of the financial year. Voting at an AGM shall be one vote per member, the secretary having the casting vote.
7. Any proposal for a rule change, addition, or a new rule applied or amended must be given in writing no less than fourteen days prior to an AGM with the proposers and seconders name on it.
8. Two-thirds majority of the members present must pass all proposals at the time. Proposers and seconders must be present at the AGM for their proposals to be passed. The Committee has the power to introduce new emergency/permanent rules and or rule changes it considers being in the best interests of the society.
9. All games are to be played under the rules of golf as directed and approved by the Royal and Golf Club of St Andrews, Fife Scotland. All Handicaps will be adjusted under the rules of the Council of National Golf Union & The English Golf Unions.
10. The player who at the end of the season has amassed the most points will become the Player of The Year. In the event of a tie, the player who has amassed the greatest number of rounds attended will be crowned the champion. If this results in a tie, the player who has amassed the most wins, seconds etc., will be crowned champion
11. There is no rule of Golf requiring a player to initial any mistake on a scorecard. Any mistake must be crossed through and the correction entered at the side, all players must sign the scorecard at the end of a round to confirm gross scores only. The player may initial instead of signing, it doesn't need to be in the correct space, and it can be in either the player or markers space. Rubbing

out will not be allowed, cards cannot be altered after being handed in, any doubtful points must be clarified before doing so. All comps will be made up of rounds of Medal Stableford and rounds of Medal Strokeplay, so scores must be returned. A no return on one hole on a card will result in disqualification from the competition (except for Stableford events), but will still count towards your handicap, so it is in your interests to ensure you return a score.

12. All players are responsible for the scores per hole and ***NOT*** the addition of the gross score. Players should not add scores at the end of a round or apply the recorded handicap, this is the responsibility of the committee.
13. It is a player's responsibility to ensure his correct handicap is entered onto his card. If the wrong handicap is entered onto his card and he does not correct it, the player will be disqualified.
14. Any player found guilty of trying to falsely build a handicap would have his existing handicap suspended for the remainder of the season.
15. Gimmies will not be tolerated, and any player or players reported for doing so will immediately be disqualified if found guilty of doing so.
16. **Lost or out of bounds.** A member has two options. **Option 1:** The Rules of Golf, Rule 27.1. A player should proceed with a provisional ball and not carry on in the hope it is neither lost or out of bounds. **Option 2:** A player must agree with all playing partners that a ball shall be played from a point where all agree the original is lost or out of bounds. This does not mean the middle of the fairway, if the point is deemed as rough, then the ball shall be played from the rough. **TWO** penalty strokes shall be applied instead of the normal one. We are aware that this is not as per the Rules of Golf and is purely a Society ruling in order to keep the pace of play moving forward. It is in the interest of all players to watch each other's shot to get an idea of where it may be, and not stand talking when someone is playing their shot. This also has the effect of speeding up play when it comes time to look for a ball.
17. There have been a lot of wrong balls played, so to clarify, it is up to you to ensure the correct ball is played. If a wrong ball is played you must play the correct one adding two penalty strokes Rule 15.3.
18. The society shall have no limitations on the number of associate members.
19. These rules cancel all other rules in force.
20. The Committee shall exercise its discretion on any point of dispute; any point not covered by these rules shall be referred to the rules of golf.
21. These rules are not exhaustive but are expected of us all. Please take the time to read and digest, and hopefully we can all enjoy a fantastic season.
22. It is a requirement of the society that the subs are paid, and a Polo Shirt is purchased and worn on the course. A Society evening shirt must be worn for the evening meal and presentation. If a Polo Shirt, evening shirt are required these must be purchased through the society. All players who do not wish to pay the

subs will be GUESTS and will not be entitled to entry into any comps or awarded any points for the season.

23. All new members must submit three cards and gain an official society handicap before any points or prizes (except nearest the pins) are awarded.
24. Should the Society be wound up, any monies that remain in the bank account shall be divided by the remaining members on a pro rata basis so long as they have been active members for at least *TWO YEARS*. All monies will be divided by the total amount of rounds played by each active member since joining. This will give an amount per round which will then be multiplied by the individual member's total number of rounds for all of his membership. This will remove the unfairness of a short-term member being granted the same as a long term member and is equivalent to each member's contribution.
25. Should the Society be wound up, the trophies will be allocated to a member who has recorded the most wins concerning that trophy.