

(amended AGM 29.03.2007)

**CORNWALL GOLF UNION – JUNIOR SECTION
CONSTITUTION**

1. NAME.

The name of the Section shall be ‘The Cornwall Golf Union Junior Section.

2. OBJECTS.

The objects of the Junior Section shall be:

- a) To promote the welfare and interest of Junior Golf throughout the County.
- b) To administer and encourage young men under the age of eighteen years to represent the County and arrange coaching for suitable candidates.
- c) To organise County Junior Golf Championships and other team and individual competitions within the County.
- d) To act as a central authority for all questions appertaining to Junior Golf which may arise in Cornwall.
- e) To report to and liaise with the Cornwall Golf Union Executive Committee over matters relating to Junior Golf in the County.

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / JUNIOR COMMITTEE.

The section will be administered by a Junior Committee to be elected at the Junior Annual General Meeting, held in November each year at a central County location. At least twenty-eight days’ notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given by the Secretary to the Junior Organiser of each Club affiliated to the Union. If a Club does not have a Junior Organiser, the notice will be forwarded to the Secretary of that Club. The Annual General Meeting shall consider such business and conduct elections as required by these rules. In addition, it shall consider any motion, introduced in writing, by a Club affiliated to the Cornwall Golf Union, providing fourteen days’ notice of the introduction of the motion has been given to the Junior Secretary.

Under Any Other Business, any matter of general interest may be raised and discussed at the discretion of the Chairman, but may not be voted on. The incoming Committee may take note of such discussions for future decision.

The Annual General Meeting shall be chaired by the Junior President, or in his absence by the Junior Vice President.

4. OFFICERS.

The following shall be officers of the Section:

- a) The Junior President.
- b) The Junior Vice President.
- c) The Union Secretary, who may also act as Treasurer.

The officers, with the exception of sub para (c), shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Section and nominations for these positions shall be forwarded to the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting. If there are two or more candidates for any office, a secret ballot shall be held of the members present.

5. COMMITTEE.

- a) The Junior Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Section, the Immediate Past President, ex-officio Officers and up to six members who are elected at the Junior Annual General Meeting. These members should have previous experience of Junior Golf and effort should be made to include representatives from throughout the County. Two committee members shall retire each year but may seek immediate re-election. The election of those to retire shall be based on seniority on the Committee since elected. The President shall normally serve a period of two years in the office and the Past President shall remain a committee member for two years.
- b) The Junior Committee is empowered to deal with all business of the Section arising between Annual General Meetings and subject to approval from the Committee, the Junior President may set up sub-committees to aid this purpose. Such sub-committees can deal with matters involving competitions, coaching and get-togethers and team selection. The Team Selection sub committee will include the Junior Captain. The Junior Committee shall meet four times a year or as required at places the Junior President may

determine. All Committee Meetings will be chaired by the Junior President, or in his absence the Junior Vice President. A quorum for all Committee Meetings shall be the Officers present plus three members of the Committee personally present. Notice of all Junior Committee Meetings shall be circulated by the Secretary to those concerned. The Cornwall Golf Union President, Vice President, Captain and Vice Captain will be ex-officio members of the Junior Committee but not have voting rights.

- c) Any vacancy that arises on the Committee during the period between AGM's shall be filled by an ordinary member, at the invitation of the Committee. Any member so chosen shall retire at the following AGM but is eligible for election to the Committee.

6. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Junior Section may be called at any time by the President of the Cornwall Golf Union or Junior President or by written request to the Secretary by any ten Clubs affiliated to the Union. At least twenty-eight days' notice of the business to be transacted at such meeting shall be given to all Junior Organisers / Secretaries of the Clubs in the Union and only business of which such notice has been given, shall be considered.

7. ALTERATION OF RULES.

No proposed alteration of these rules shall be considered other than at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. A minimum of twenty-eight days' notice of any such proposal must be given by the Secretary to the Junior Organisers or Secretaries of all Clubs affiliated to the County. The notice shall contain full specification of any proposed change.

8. QUORUM.

The quorum for all Meetings of the Cornwall Golf Union Junior Section, with the exception of Junior Committee Meetings, shall be the Officers attending plus six members representing Golf Clubs affiliated to the Union.

9. VOTING.

At all Meetings of the Junior Section or any sub-committee thereof, the officers present and elected members shall be entitled to one vote. In addition, at any General Meeting, each Club represented shall also be entitled to one vote. In all cases in which there may be equality of voting, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second, or casting vote.

10. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

It is acknowledged that the Junior Section is funded annually by a grant from the Cornwall Golf Union. A Financial Statement will be prepared annually, with a year end of the 31st December, giving full details of income and expenditure of the Section. This Financial Statement will be prepared by the Secretary and after auditing will be submitted to the Cornwall Golf Union Executive Committee and circulated to affiliated Clubs. This statement will formally be presented at the following years' Junior Section Annual General Meeting.

11. DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND COMPLAINTS.

All disciplinary matters will be the responsibility of the Secretary and no individual Officer or Committee Member shall take any disciplinary action independently. The Committee as a whole shall deal with such matters, under the guidelines of the English Golf Union rules. All complaints regarding the Junior Section must be made in writing to the Secretary.

12. CHILD PROTECTION.

The Junior Section will prepare and adopt a Child Protection Policy to ensure the welfare and safety of all young persons who represent the County or take part in County Competitions. The policy shall contain the names of the Child Protection Officer and Alternative Child Protection Officer. All members of the Junior Committee must be the subject of a C.B. check.

13. COMPETITIONS.

A report on Junior County Competitions will be made at the Annual General Meeting each year. The Junior Committee may review and amend the rules of these competitions as the need arises. All decisions by the Junior Committee or Sub-Committee if appointed, relating to Competition matters, will be final.