

## **STAGS Constitution**

### **Name**

- The name of the Society is "Seniors Touring Amateur Golf Society" ("STAGS").

### **Mission Statement**

- The objective of the Society is to enhance its members' participation in, and enjoyment of the game of golf and the social interaction that emanates from it.

### **Membership**

- Prospective members are to apply for membership using the Membership Application Form. The form should be completed by prospective members who have agreement with two existing Society members to act as proposers to their membership. Completed forms should be sent to the Membership Secretary, who will present them at the next Committee meeting where the Vetting Process will be implemented. On successful completion of the vetting process the current membership fees are to be sent to the club Treasurer.
- Resignation from the Society shall be in writing or by Email. Membership shall lapse should the Committee consider that the member shows insufficient interest in the Society. The result of disciplinary action may also result in revocation of membership. In each case, refunding of fees will not be appropriate. In the case of revocation of membership deposits will be returned on written or Email request from the former member.

### **Fees**

- The Treasurer will set an annual membership fee and this will be agreed by the committee.

### **Funds**

- In the event of dissolution of the Society, the funds, assets and properties of the Society shall be distributed as directed by the Committee. The Society is a non-profit making organisation.

## Conduct

- The Society agrees to abide by the "Rules of Golf" as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- The Society agrees to abide by the "Rules of Amateur Status" as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- The Society members agree to abide by the highest standards of etiquette, always endeavouring to enhance the reputation of the Society.
- Unacceptable behaviour  
Unacceptable behaviour is defined as any action in which a member engages in conduct which is inappropriate, unlawful, unsporting or behaves in a manner which is unacceptable or opposed to the general interests of the society, the sport of golf or which brings the society into disrepute. Should a society member consider that these guidelines are not being followed by any member of the society they should report issue to a member of the committee as soon as is practical. The committee member will listen sympathetically and record the full details of the issue raised and advise the committee at the earliest opportunity. The committee will conduct a full investigation and take any action it deems appropriate.

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- An Annual General Meeting ("AGM") will be held each year. Only those members who were members three months prior to the date of the AGM will be permitted to vote.
- Committee members are elected annually by the membership at the AGM.
- The Quorum for a meeting shall be fifteen.

## Discipline

- The Committee will decide upon all disciplinary matters. Any member has the right to any fellow member/s in attendance at any such hearing.

## Structure

- The Society shall consist of the following officers who shall constitute the Committee: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Handicap Secretary, Membership Secretary, Competitions Secretary and Social Secretary.  
The Chairman or acting chairman will have the casting vote at any meeting.
- The Committee will meet at least three times per year. The Quorum for the Committee is four.
- The committee may implement any rule deemed necessary to facilitate the efficient running of the STAGS golf society provided that any such rule has been carried by a majority vote at a valid committee meeting. The rule may then be implemented during the current year but must be presented to the membership in the form of a proposition at the next AGM.  
Any rule implemented by the committee can only be accepted into the ongoing rules of the society if the proposition is supported by majority vote at AGM.
- The Society has a "Handicapping Committee" (HC), which comprises of Handicap Secretary and elected officers from within the society membership. The HC will control the handicapping under the authority delegated to them by the Society.
- The HC shall keep full records of competitions and handicaps of members as required by the society. These will be made available on request.
- The Society will organise a minimum of 10 competitions or Society events per year.

Effective Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024