



VALE ROYAL ABBEY

Seniors Section Operating Guidelines

1. The goal of the Section is to bring together like minded male members of the Club who have reached the age of 55 years. This is to be achieved through a programme of competitive golf events, for which there will be a competition entry fee, and social functions. The activities of the Section will be carried out fully within the Club Constitution. Through matches with senior members of other clubs the reputation and goodwill of VRAGC will be enhanced.
2. The VRAGC Seniors' Section comprises those male members of VRAGC who are 55 years of age or over on the date of joining and have paid the appropriate competition entry fee.
3. Generally, playing partners and members start times will be varied from week to week. The Committee will have the discretion to recognise individual requests from members that would be a deviation from this principle. All members will have the opportunity to play in matches against other clubs.
4. To organise and administer the effective running of the section a committee shall be elected and comprise The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Match Secretary. The Chairman will be nominated for election at the Club AGM to the post of Seniors' Committee Chair on the Club Management Committee.
5. Each year and in rotation, two members of the Seniors' Committee will stand down and their positions will be filled by means of a ballot at a members' meeting. Notice of the ballot will be placed on the notice board 14 days prior to the meeting inviting nominations to fill the vacant positions. Nominations must be proposed and seconded by members of the section. The members who have stood down may seek re-election if they so wish.
6. The level of competition fee will be determined by the Committee from time to time and confirmed at a members' meeting. The Committee will exercise discretion in respect of the level of the payment for club members, 55 years old or over, who are unable to commit to the full competition programmes.
7. Members' meetings will be held three times a year (December, March and October). Topics covered will be of general interest to members. The meetings will also serve as a communication forum to discuss Club issues. An agenda will be placed on the notice board at least 14 days prior to each meeting. Minutes will be recorded and made available to members and the Club Management Committee.
8. A member may table a resolution for discussion and vote provided it is submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting, and is signed by at least 6 members of the Seniors' section. Other matters for discussion may be tabled by any member at the meeting under "Any Other Business".

9. All members will be entitled to vote and decisions will be decided by simple majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie the Chairman may if he so wishes cast a deciding vote.
10. The Committee may as needed and for as long as is needed co-opt members onto the Committee, Normally such co-option will be for a specific purpose.
11. These guidelines will only be altered with the majority agreement of the Seniors' Section members and providing there is no conflict with the Club Constitution.