



Seniors Touring Amateur Golf Society



STAGS Rules and Agreements

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The following rules and agreements are supplementary to those specified in the document **‘STAGS Constitution’** and have been agreed by the committee, by majority vote at either the AGM or an EGM, or have been extracted from the following documents:- **‘STAGS Rules & Constitution’, ‘Society Day Rules & Regulations (Stableford Competition)’**

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A. Members & membership

A1. Annual Membership Fee to stand at £25.00

A2. All members to pay next year annual fees and deposits to the Treasurer by 31st December of the current year.

A3. Membership numbers to be capped at 50 members

A4. Future Membership capping to be decided and agreed at the AGM

A5. Members to advise the Membership Secretary of any changes to their contact details held

A6. Any member wishing to resign must inform the Membership Secretary in writing or by Email.

A7. The committee may confer Honorary Life Membership on any member of the society deemed to have provided exceptional service in support of the society.

Honorary Membership status would comprise the following:

Life membership to the STAGS

Open invitation to any STAGS event at Members rates.

Full Member consideration for fully booked events

Annual invitation to the STAGS AGM event at Guest rates (STAGS subsidy not applicable)

Full voting rights on any proposition put forward at an AGM

A8. Membership applications will be considered as per the guidelines in the Vetting Process for Membership Application (Appendix A)

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B. Handicaps

B1. The Handicap Committee shall have sole responsibility for the setting, or changing, of the handicap system, the handicap limits and Society Day points scoring systems.

B3. Guests handicaps should be subject to the same criteria as STAGS members when attending STAGS society days. If they are repeat guests please contact the handicap secretary for advice.

B4. The members of the handicap committee will be elected in accordance with document - Handicap committee membership vacancy.docx

B5. Where deemed appropriate by the Handicap Secretary stableford scores achieved on 'Away days' should be included in a members handicap calculation.

All signed scorecards from these events should be handed to the Handicap Secretary at the earliest opportunity.

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C. Society Days and Organisers Responsibilities

C1. Events will be held once per month between February and November (inclusive) plus a Ryder Cup event in September or October. In the event of the Easter holiday falling on one of these days the event may be moved to the previous Friday.

C2. Running Society Days and how they are organised is the sole discretion of that event's organiser.

C3. The organiser(s) will inform the Hon. Treasurer of the date and venue and ensure that he sends an appropriate deposit to the golf club concerned.

C4. The organiser(s) will inform the membership of the event by e-mail and collate the attendance.

C5. Members must advise the organiser(s), at least 10 days before the date of the event, of their intent to play.

C6. Members intending to attend a Society Day must transfer their payment electronically, at least 10 days in advance of the event, to the society treasurer who will arrange payment to the relevant golf club.

C7. Nominated committee member(s) will be responsible for the provision of 'on the day' prizes for the organiser to award.

C9. A member of each group should be nominated by the organiser(s) to act as "marshal" of faster play. Any member not at the tee by their allocated tee time will be 'fined' by having 2 points removed from their on-the-day stableford score. It is the responsibility of any Marshal aware of the latecomer to advise the event organiser of the latecomer. The event organiser will adjust the latecomers score appropriately. If in doubt over a tee shot players must play a provisional ball as they cannot return to replay a tee shot.

C13. The treasurer will advise the organiser of the costs, for members and guests at a society day, who will use this to advise attendees.

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D. Competitions

D1. A Player of the Year award will be given to both the Winner and the Runner-up based on the best six performances throughout the year.

In the event of a tie the winner will be the person with the most 1st places followed, if necessary, by the most 2nd places and so on until a winner is identified.

D2. Player of the Year Points will be allocated to members based on their finishing position at each event.

D3. STAGS Credits will be awarded to the Winner (£55), Runner up (£30), 3rd Place (£20) and any Hole-in-One achieved (£25 and a trophy to be purchased in time for presentation at the next society day), by a STAGS member, at each society day. The winner will receive a trophy.

A winning Guest prize, of a bottle of wine, may be issued at the discretion of the organiser(s).

D4. Six prizes of a bottle of wine will be issued on each society day for any nearest the pin/longest drive, as deemed appropriate by the organiser. This prize category is open to both STAGS members and Guests. The nominated committee member will provide the wine to the organisers for presentation on the day.

D5. In the event of a tie the count-back process will be used to ascertain 1st and 2nd places.

Count-back is calculated by taking the best score on course holes 10 to 18, then holes 13 to 18, then holes 16 to 18, 17 to 18 regardless of the hole on which the players started their round.

D7. Singles Knock-Out games may be played on Society days if an alternative date cannot be arranged.

D8. The Ryder Cup captain is responsible for the selection of the vice captain who will take over as Ryder Cup Captain in the following year.

D9. Entry to the Singles, Doubles or Ryder Cup competition is voluntary. Members should opt out when the invitation to take part is circulated.

D10. The competition Secretary is responsible for making all decisions around STAGS competitions – When they are held, the rules and scoring system which will be applied and any other issue associated with the competition.

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APPENDIX A: Membership Application Process

Process

This process will be followed for all new membership applications received after the above date to ensure that the applicant will be a suitable addition to the STAGS society.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the STAGS will complete a membership application form and send it to the Membership Secretary who will forward this onto the Committee. The Membership Secretary will then monitor progress through this process until conclusion.

Guest Appearances and Handicap

All applicants must complete three qualifying rounds with the STAGS as a guest. If the applicant has played with the STAGS as a guest in the twelve months prior to submitting their application, then a maximum of two of these rounds may count towards this qualifying total. One or more (so as to achieve the three) qualifying rounds must therefore be played by the applicant with us as a guest in the twelve months following the date of their application.

Use of guest appearances from the twelve month window prior to applying is acceptable so long as scorecards for those occasions were available for scrutiny by our Handicap Secretary.

A qualifying round is one where the STAGS play a Stableford scoring system and not any other system such as match play or another style of competition. At least one of these should be where the applicant plays with a STAGS Committee Member. This is so the applicant's handicap can be evaluated under the same scoring system as we play on a regular society day and so that their playing etiquette can be confirmed.

Failure to complete the three qualifying guest rounds within the specified time period will nullify the application.

The applicant's proposer or seconder should ensure that invitations to STAGS society days are forwarded to the applicant until such time as their application is decided.

On completion of the three qualifying rounds, reports received as to the applicant's playing etiquette will be made to the STAGS Committee for consideration in the final decision on the success of the application.

Applicants who have a WHS handicap from a qualifying source such as Golf England will use this as their starting STAGS handicap, otherwise the applicant's performance in the three qualifying rounds will be used by the Handicap Secretary to assess the new member's starting handicap within the society.

Successful Applicants

The Membership Secretary will inform the applicant of the Committee's decision.

The Membership Secretary will inform the membership of successful applications.

The new member will be introduced to the membership on their first event as a STAGS member. This is so the membership will be able to 'put a face to a name' and be able to welcome the new member.

A successful applicant will be asked to pay the annual membership fee, deposits for the remaining society days for the year and the cost to purchase their STAGS shirts.

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Membership Secretary



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F. History of Agreements and Amendments

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- Issue 1 **Compiled from 'Society Day Rules & Regulations (Stableford Competition)' and the STAGS Rules and Constitution (which was re-written as STAGS Constitution as per agreement at the 2009 AGM).**
- Issue 2 **Amendment to Section C10**
- Issue 3 **Amendment to Section D1**
- Issue 4 **Reformatted to create a separate section on History of Agreements and Amendments**
- Issue 5 **Updated following changes agreed at committee**
- Issue 6 **Updated following the 2009 AGM**
- Issue 7 **Updated following the 2010 AGM**
- Issue 8 **Insertion of A7 following the Feb11 committee meeting – Ratified at 2011 AGM**
- Issue 9 **Updated following the 2012 AGM**
- Issue 10 **Updated following the 2013 AGM**
- Issue 11 **Updated following the 2014 AGM**
- Issue 12 **Updated to include the new Membership Application Vetting process agreed at committee.**
- Issue 13 **Updated following the 2016 AGM**
- Issue 14 **Updated following the 2017 AGM**
- Issue 15 **Updated following the 2018 AGM**
- Issue 16 **Updated following the 2019 AGM**
- Issue 17 **Updated following the 2020 Virtual AGM**
- Issue 18 **Updated to amend changes to the vetting process.**
- Issue 19 **Updated following the 2020 Virtual AGM**
- Issue 20 **Updated following the 2022 AGM**
- Issue 21 **Amendment to Appendix A – Membership Application Process**
- Issue 22 **Removal of E1 as now standard practice. Updates to various terms to align with current practice**
- Issue 23 **Updated following the 2023 AGM**
- Issue 24 **Updated following a review of the documentation and discussions at CM45**
- Issue 25 **Updated Appendix A**

Society Day Rules and Regulations (Stableford Competition) document Made obsolete at CM02 09

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- A1 **Changed from £10.00 (2007 AGM), Agreed at 2008 AGM**
- A2 **Changed from 31st January 2008 (2007 AGM), Agreed at 2008 AGM.
Amended to 31st Dec as per proposition 4/22 – agreed at 2022 AGM**
- A3 **Changed from 40 (2007 AGM), Agreed at 2008 AGM. Changed from 46 as agreed at 2013 AGM**
- A4 **Agreed at 2008 AGM**
- A5 **Agreed at CM 01 09 – ratified at 2009 AGM**
- A6 **Agreed at CM 01 09 – ratified at 2009 AGM**
- A7 **Agreed at CM 08 11 – ratified at 2011 AGM**
- A8 **Added item - Agreed at committee – 2nd Nov 2016**
- B1 **Agreed at 2007 AGM. L.White replaced Jim Richardson. Ratified at 2008 AGM.
Changed to allow H/C committee to change/implement handicapping system and committee – agreed at 2013 AGM.
Changed to give HC committee full autonomy as agreed at 2014 AGM.**
- B2 **Agreed at 2008 AGM.
Set at 36 as agreed at 2013 AGM.
Made obsolete by B1 (B1 agreed at 2014 AGM)**
- B3 **Agreed at 2010 AGM**
- B4 **Agreed at 2013 AGM**
- B5 **Added item - Agreed at 2023 AGM**
- C1 **Agreed at 2007 AGM. Modified at 2011 AGM to cover Easter Holiday planning.**
- C2 **Agreed at 2008 AGM. Rewritten to give full autonomy to the organiser as agreed at 2014 AGM.**
- C3 **Extract from 'Society Day Rules & Regulations (Stableford Competition)'**
- C4 **Extract from 'Society Day Rules & Regulations (Stableford Competition)'**



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- C5** Agreed at 2008 AGM. Amended to 1 week notice as agreed at 2021 AGM.
Amended to 10 days notice as agreed at 2023 AGM.
- C6** Extract from 'Society Day Rules & Regulations (Stableford Competition)'
Amended to instruct members to pre-pay for each society event directly to the treasurer.
Agreed at 2020 Virtual AGM.
Amended to 10 days notice as agreed at 2023 AGM.
- C7** Extract from 'Society Day Rules & Regulations (Stableford Competition)'
Amended to treasurer will arrange for the provision of prizes for each society event ... etc.
Agreed at 2020 Virtual AGM.
Amended to Nominated committee member(s) Agreed at CM45
- C8** Agreed at 2006 AGM, Part 1 ratified at 2007 AGM.
Amended to include note on scheduling guests playing order as agreed at 2012 AGM.
Made obsolete by C2 (C2 agreed at 2014 AGM)
- C9** Agreed at 2006 AGM.
Amended to include call up on par 3, and ban on return to tee, as agreed at 2013 AGM.
Amended to remove call up on all par 3's as agreed at 2014 AGM.
Amended to include 2 point penalty for late arrival as agreed at 2027 AGM
- C10** Agreed at 2008 AGM, modified at Nov08 STAGS Society day - ratified at 2009 AGM.
Made obsolete by C2 (C2 agreed at 2014 AGM)
- C11** Amended to include note on handicaps as agreed at 2010 AGM.
Made obsolete by C2 (C2 agreed at 2014 AGM)
- C12** Agreed at 2007 AGM. Made obsolete by C2 (C2 agreed at 2014 AGM)
- C13** Extract from 'Society Day Rules & Regulations (Stableford Competition)'
Amended to Treasurer to advise costs... as per proposition 3/22 – agreed at 2022 AGM
- D1** Para1 changed from best 4 results(2006 AGM), Agreed at 2008 AGM.
Para2 agreed at CM0209
- D2** Agreed at 2008 AGM
- D3** Agreed at 2007 AGM, Ratified at 2008 AGM.
Vouchers agreed at 2010 AGM, values agreed by committee.
Amended to include a 2nd prize as agreed at 2011 AGM.
Amended to include 3rd prize and wine for the winner as agreed at 2012 AGM.
Amended to remove reference to presentation at AGM 2020 AGM
Removal of reference to wooden spoon presentation. CM39
Amended to add £5 to prize money and no wine for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Agreed at 2021 AGM.
Amended to award STAGS Credits as per proposition 1/22 – agreed at 2022 AGM
- D4** Agreed at 2006 AGM, Changed from Golf related prizes to bottle of wine. Agreed at 2010 AGM.
The Quantity of prizes was agreed at February 2011 Committee meeting. Amended to include a 3rd place voucher award and a bottle of wine on the day as per 2011 AGM and CM11 11.
Wine for 3rd place finish removed as agreed at the 2021 AGM.
- D5** Extract from 'Society Day Rules & Regulations (Stableford Competition)'.
Amended to include the countback process as agreed at 2012 AGM.
- D6** Limit on spread of prizes removed as agreed at 2010 AGM
- D7** Agreed at 2008 AGM. Extension to deadline agreed at 2009 AGM.
Extension to deadline removed at 2011 AGM.
- D8** Agreed at 2008 AGM
- D9** Agreed at 2010 AGM
- D10** Agreed at 2012 AGM. Amended to align singles and doubles H/C allowances as agreed at 2013 AGM.
Completely rewritten to give the Competition Secretary full responsibility - as agreed at 2014 AGM.
- E** Section E added to include other rules not covered by the main 4 areas. 29/10/10
- E1** Agreed at 2010 AGM
- App A** Added item - Agreed at committee – 2nd Nov 2016. Amended to include a time limit on the three event attendance as per CM33.
Amended to include time limit following discussion at CM34
Document re-written by Keith Horgan 18/10/19
Amended to clarify time limit following discussion at CM37
24/08/2024 - Amended to reflect New Membership Secretary details and minor process amendments



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