

HEYROSE GOLF CLUB 2024 LTD

MEMBERSHIP RULES

1. Categories

The Club offers membership in the following categories.

7 Day

5 Day

7 Day Joint

5 Day Joint

Intermediate age 29

Intermediate age 28

Intermediate age 27

Intermediate age 26

Colt age 25

Colt age 24

Colt age 23

Colt age 22

Colt age 21

Colt age 20

Colt age 19

Junior 11 TO 18

Juniors up to 12 joining with family may play the course free under parental supervision.

Social

Second Club Plus*

Second Club Basic*

Low and Modest Income*

*For conditions see below.

2 Applications for Membership

The Memorandum & Articles of Association set down the responsibilities of the Board to approve membership applications.

All applications must be made on the appropriate form, duly signed by the prospective member.

For Junior membership, applicants must either be over 11 years of age, or if younger, assessed as course ready by the Junior subcommittee.

3 Eligibility for Membership

Eligibility for the various categories of membership is set by the Board subject to the following criteria.

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in golf on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of golf.

The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis.

The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

The Board may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

4. Entrance Fees

There is currently no entrance fee, but the Board reserves the right to introduce and set the level of an entrance fee for new members.

5 Unpaid Entrance Fees

Any Member who has not paid any entrance fee due by the date specified when their application was approved will, at the discretion of the Board, be deemed to have resigned from the club.

6 Membership and Subscription Year

Membership is only offered on a full-year basis from 1 June until 31 May the following year, except where a member joins part way through the year in which case membership is from their joining date until the following 31 May.

Members will be reminded on the subscription notice sent to them that membership is on an annual basis commencing 1 June and that playing after this date automatically renews their membership for the following year, with the full year's subscription being payable.

7 Requests for Part Year Membership

There are circumstances where, notwithstanding the principle of full year membership above, the Board may wish to consider whether it should agree to reimburse, or not insist on payment, for part of the membership year. This is based on the Member resigning their membership, and not merely suspending it.

The Board will consider requests on a case-by-case basis but be influenced by the amount of control the member had over the circumstances giving rise to the request. For example, requests prompted by:

- the death of a member would certainly be accepted.
- a job move to another location initiated by current employer is likely to be accepted.
- a move to another location because of change of job and employer is likely to be rejected.
- a move of location due to personal lifestyle choices is likely to be rejected.
- a wish to change golf club would be rejected.
- not playing enough would be rejected.
- being abroad for part of the year would be rejected,

The resignation date cannot be retrospective or backdated to a date before the request for part year membership was made. The subscription due for the part-year will be based on the end of the calendar month in which the request is made.

8 Resignation of Membership

Members who wish to resign from the Club may do so by giving notice to the Board before the end of the current subscription year, 31 May. Notwithstanding the resignation of the member, subscriptions remain payable for the whole of the current membership year and pro-rata refunds for part years will not be made except in exceptional circumstances and at the absolute discretion of the Board.

9 Suspension of Membership

Suspension of membership occurs when, with the agreement of the Club, a member ceases to play with the intention of resuming playing in the future. They revert to social membership during that period.

Suspension of membership is for a minimum period of three months and the start date cannot be backdated to a date before the request for suspension of membership was first made by the Member.

Suspension is normally allowed for the following reasons only:

- Ill health or injury
- Pregnancy
- One off, temporary employment out of the area
- Unexpected financial difficulties because of redundancy or unemployment for example.
- Temporary absence for holidays or living abroad for part of the year, is not considered grounds for suspension.

The Board will consider requests for suspension of membership and what, if any, evidence is required to support the suspension, such as a doctor's note. In considering the request, The Board will consider the frequency of requests i.e., does the Member "fall ill" every winter or does working out of the area appear part of a regular work pattern.

In the event of membership suspension, Members will be asked to continue with their existing payments and either credit will be given in the next subscription year, or the relevant amount transferred to their membership card.

10 Annual Subscriptions

The Board will propose the level of annual subscription for all classes of membership for approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

11 Special Categories of Membership

Low and Modest Income Membership

This is available to any person who can satisfy the Board that they would find it difficult to afford any other type of membership (acceptable evidence would be for example universal credit forms). It allows unlimited Golf over 4 nominated days (3 weekdays + one weekend day). Members in this category are eligible to play in any club competition played on the 4 days their membership permits. If necessary, equipment can be provided.

Access to information regarding those who have applied or who benefit from reduced subscriptions under the scheme, will be limited to the Chairman and the Director with responsibility for Finance.

At the discretion of the Chairman and the Director with responsibility for Finance alternative arrangements may be offered to applicants. Such arrangements will always be within HMRC rules and might include an offer of free membership with a fee of £10 per round etc. We will do everything possible to facilitate membership for applicants in the low-income category.

Second Club Membership

Second club membership will be offered to those who are full seven day members of another club and play most of their golf there. To qualify for this membership the applicant's principal private residence must be at least 25 miles as the crow flies from Heyrose. There will be two categories.

Basic

May play at any time but may not compete in any club competitions.

Plus

Basic plus may play in any club competition. May not win an honours board or trophy competition but may win the monetary prizes for these competitions.

Applications for second club membership will not be accepted from existing members.

Applications from past members will be refused unless the Directors are satisfied that there has been a genuine change in circumstances.

12 Methods of Payment for Members

Payment in full is due on 1st June each year. For those joining part way through the year pro rata fees are offered with payment due on the first day of the month following acceptance of their application for membership.

In all cases payment in equal monthly installments is offered. This is subject to the member accepting that they are entering into a contract to pay the full subscription due for the year.

13 Returning members who have defaulted on payments.

If a member has left the Club and defaulted on their subscription payments, membership will only be offered once any outstanding debt has been repaid in full. Additionally, payment in full will be required for the first year.

14 Payment in Kind

The Club does not permit Members to pay their subscriptions in kind.

15 Non- Payment of Subscriptions.

The subscription year commences on 1 June. The Club will apply the following timetable:

- **By 30 April** Subscription Invoices sent to members
- **On or around 1 June** the Club sends reminder to those Members who have not paid or started their Direct Debit payment scheme
- **By 30 June**, The Club advises Members who have not commenced payment, that their membership has been suspended and therefore they cannot play.
- **By 31 July**, The Club advises Members who have not commenced payment, that their membership has been cancelled.

For Members who pay by installments the Club recognises that errors can occur so the following procedure will apply after any default in payment.

- On the first occasion, the Club will raise the matter with the Member and no further action will be taken provided payment is then made.
- Similarly, on the second occasion, except the Member is also advised that if it reoccurs their membership will be suspended.
- On a third occasion, the Club writes to the member advising that their Membership has been suspended until all arrears are paid, and that the option of paying by Direct Debit is no longer available.

16 Offset of amounts owed.

In the situation where a member leaves with an amount of unpaid subscription then the Club will offset all amounts due by the Club to that member against the unpaid subscription. This includes the balance of their club card, subscriptions for previous years paid in error, unexpired locker rental, competition prizes not claimed etc.

17 Financial Hardship and exceptions to procedure

The Club will refer cases of financial hardship and other exceptional circumstances (where the Club may not wish to follow established procedures, or charges) to the Board for decision.

18 Insurance

Heyrose Golf Club is affiliated to England Golf. All Members have £10 million personal liability insurance. Members are covered if they are found to be negligent for causing injury to another person, or damage to third party property whilst playing or practicing golf at any golf club or recognised practice facility in the UK, Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man.

19 Lockers

Cost of Lockers

The cost of lockers is set annually by the Board.

Period of Locker Hire

Lockers are offered on an annual basis.

Allocation of Lockers

A waiting list will be operated if necessary.

Reclaiming Lockers

If a member leaves the Club or is no longer allocated a locker under the process above, the Club maintains the right to empty the locker and to dispose of the contents after a reasonable period and due notice has been given.

20 Golf Playing Visitors and Guests

Golf Members may introduce not more than three guests at any one time on the reduced members guest green fee as determined by the Board. The same guests may only play six times in one year on a members' guest green fee, irrespective of which member makes the introduction.