STOKE FLEMING GOLF SOCIETY

COMPETITION RULES AND GENERAL TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

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Foreword: The SFGS committee propose the following rules for all competitions and general terms for membership of the SFGS.

Competitions:

1. Handicaps will be limited to a maximum handicap of 28 for all players who do not have a WHS handicap or do not regularly play. Members with WHS handicaps and who play regularly will have their handicap reviewed and adjusted at the discretion of the SFGS committee based on performance over a number of games, and winners of the overall competition will receive a cut of one stroke from their handicap. This is to ensure a fair and balanced format going forward.

2. In order to book golf courses for our events and cover the initial deposit the committee propose that a small members deposit/sub of £20.00 per person be deposited at the Green Dragon to allow for a swift booking system and reduce administration.

3. In order to fund prizes for the competitions the committee propose that a £5.00 fee be added to the cost of the golf for all playing members.

4. **Pace of play** – The pace of play in any competition/game is very important and can make the game very boring for everyone if they are waiting to play all the time. Therefore, please try to follow the guidance below:

Play "ready golf"

- Hit when safe and ready, rather than strictly by honours.
- Walk directly to your ball while others prepare.
- Begin planning your shot before it's your turn.

Reduce pre-shot routines

- Limit practice swings (many players need fewer than they think).
- Make play /practice shots without undue delay.

Manage equipment efficiently

- Take multiple clubs when walking to a ball.
- Leave bags or carts on the side of the green closest to the next tee.

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Pace of Play Cont.

Read putts faster

- Start reading while others are putting.
- Avoid lengthy group discussions about lines.

Use provisional balls

- If a ball may be lost or out of bounds, hit a provisional immediately. Maximum time to look for lost balls is 3 minutes.

5. Competition formats- Competition formats will be kept to recognised golf formats such as “Texas Scramble” or “better ball” and will be agreed by the committee before the competition is booked.

Membership Criteria

6. The criteria for membership of the SFGS will be either a resident of Stoke Fleming Village or regular patron of the Green Dragon Pub. At this point in our development of the SFGS we will be keeping the membership to males only, but we will organise specific open competitions where female golfers are invited to play.

7. Where possible all members should try to acquire a SFGS polo shirt and wear this to all organised competitions if possible.