THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF KENT VETERAN GOLFERS

1 Name and Object

The Association shall be called THE ASSOCIATION OF KENT VETERAN GOLFERS, and its object shall be to promote, maintain the standards and increase the interest of members in golf and encourage associated social activities with a view to aiding Kentish Charities.

2 Membership

Members of the Association shall be aged 60 years or over and shall be Bona-fide members of clubs affiliated to the Kent Golf Union or, at the discretion of the committee, a neighbouring Golf Union.

3 Officers

The Officers of the Association shall include the Captain and Vice-Captain who are selected by the committee and are not eligible for re-election. Also, the President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Tournament Secretary and Fixtures Secretary, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. They will take office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

4 Management

a) The management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Officers, the Immediate Past Captain and three Representatives. At all meetings of the Committee five members shall form a quorum. The Committee may fill any vacancies occurring during the year by co-option and members so co-opted shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

b) The Representatives shall be elected for a period of three years after which they will retire in rotation and shall be eligible for re-election.

c) Sub-Committees: - The Committee shall have power to appoint such Sub-Committees from their own number or with the addition of other Members of the Association as they may consider necessary and to delegate such matters to these Sub-Committees as the Committee in its absolute discretion thinks fit.

d) Members of the Association within each Club shall elect a member who shall be responsible for the administration of the Association's affairs within that Club and for liaison with the Committee. The elected person shall be known as the Club Representative.

e) The Hon. Secretary shall keep full Minutes of all Meetings of The Association, which shall be produced at every meeting.

f) The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account for all sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for the preparation of Financial Statements for years to December 31st which, after independent review and approval by the Committee, shall be presented for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

g) All cheques, drawn on the Association shall be signed by any two of the following, President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer who are also authorised to use AKVG's Debit Card. All monies received by the Treasurer shall be lodged in such Bank or Building Society as may from time to time be fixed by the Committee.

5 Meetings of the Association. Annual General and Extra-ordinary Meetings.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the day of the Autumn Meeting and shall take place immediately following the conclusion of the competition, unless decided otherwise by the Committee. Extra-ordinary Meetings may be called at any time by the Committee or by The Hon Secretary on receipt of a written application by twenty Members stating the purpose of the meeting.

The President shall take the chair at these meetings at which twenty members shall form a quorum. In the Presidents absence, the Vice President, or other Officer nominated by the Committee shall take the chair, The Chairman shall have both a deliberative and, in cases of equality, a second or casting vote, but it is not necessary for it to be exercised.

6 Meetings of the Committee.

At least two meetings of the Committee shall take place in each year ending on 31st. December, one of which shall be held shortly before the Annual General Meeting. At all meetings of the Committee the President shall take the chair or, in their absence, the Vice President, or other Officer nominated by the Committee. The Chairman shall have a deliberative and, in cases of equality, a second or casting vote but it is not necessary for it to be used.

7 Notice of Meetings

All meetings of the Association shall be called by circular giving at least seven days notice, including date of posting and stating the business to be transacted.

8 Subscriptions

The Annual subscription shall validate membership for the calendar year and shall be such sum, as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

Subscriptions shall become due and payable on January 1st. in each year and shall be collected by the Club Representative and forwarded to the Membership Secretary. Any member whose annual subscription is unpaid on April 30th, shall if the Committee so resolves cease to be a member of the Association and shall be so informed in writing but may be re-instated at the discretion of the Committee on payment of all arrears.

9 Construction of Rules

No Rules of the Association, upon approval, shall be altered except at the General Meeting called for the purpose. The notice calling such a meeting shall state the proposals to be made but no such alterations shall take effect unless approved by two-thirds of the Members present and voting thereon at the General Meeting.

10 Independent Review of Financial Statements

The Independent Reviewer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

11 Competition Regulations

a) Only fully paid-up Members will be eligible to enter competitions. If Members belong to more than one Club, they may only enter from the Club through which they pay their subscription to the Association.

b) The Associations fixtures for any year shall be arranged by the Committee at the beginning of that year and notice thereof given to each Member. The Committee shall have power to arrange other competitions in the course of year and notice of such competitions, together with AKVG's Competition Terms and Conditions which are published on the website and shall be referred to in Entry Letters notified to Members through their Club Representative.

c) Competition fees are payable with entry. Entrants giving notice of withdrawal at least seven days before the event will be eligible for a refund in accordance with the Refunds Policy which is published on the website. Discretion may be exercised if there are special circumstances.

Clive Young, President

- *November 23rd 2015; Reformatted on 9th July 2023.*
- *Revised 7th November 2023 to make Handicap Sec an Officer role. See Minute 8.6 of the 28th AGM on 27Oct2023.*
- *Revised 23rd October 2024: (a) to make Fixtures Sec an Officer role, (b) to add 'neighbouring' to item 2. See Minute 8.8 of the 29th AGM on 23Oct2024.*
- *Revised 20th October 2025: (a) to delete 'male,' to item 2; (b) to delete 'his' and add 'that' to item 4d; to delete 'to him' and add 'a' and delete 'him to exercise it.' and add 'it to be exercised.' to item 5; to delete 'his' and add 'their' and delete 'him to use it.' and add 'it to be used.' to item 6. See Minute 12 of the 30th AGM on 17th October 2025.*
- *Revised 6th July 2026 to replace audit with Independent Review as 2025 AGM Minute 6 : (a) Rule 4(f) to delete 'for making up the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet to' and add 'for the preparation of Financial Statements for years to'; to delete 'audit' and add 'independent review and approval by the Committee'; to delete ' produced for confirmation' and add 'presented for adoption'; (b) Rule 10 to delete 'Auditors' and add 'Independent Review of Financial Statements; to delete 'auditors' and add 'Independent Reviewer'.*
- *Revised 20th October 2026 to amend Rule 3 - by replacing 'Handicap Secretary' with 'Tournament Secretary'. See minute 14.2 of the 31st AGM on 16th October 2026.*
- *Revised 20th October 2026 to amend Rule 5 – after '……quorum.' Add 'In the Presidents absence, the Vice President, or other Officer nominated by the Committee shall take the chair. See minute 14.3 of the 31st AGM on 16th October 2026.*
- *Revised 20th October 2026 to amend Rule 6 – Proposal: to delete 'Captain' and substitute 'Vice President, or other Officer nominated by the Committee.' See minute 14.4 of the 31st AGM on 16th October 2026.*