

DALMALLY GOLF CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

1.1 The name of the Club will be DALMALLY GOLF CLUB.

2 AIMS

2.1 The purpose of the Club is to provide and maintain facilities for the playing of golf, through sporting and social opportunities for all golfers, for the local community and for visitors so that people can have fun and enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

2.2 The legal structure of the Club is an unincorporated voluntary association.

3 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership is open to all who subscribe to the foregoing aims and who pay the appropriate subscription, subject to clauses 3.3. and 3.4.

3.2 Membership categories will be Life Member, Full Member, Junior Member, Country Member, Honorary Member, and Social (non-playing) Member.

3.3 Membership of the Club will be restricted to such numbers as the Organising Committee shall from time to time determine.

3.4 Temporary membership will be granted to any visitor who pays the appropriate green fee, whether per game, per day or week, subject to clauses 3.3 and 3.4. Country membership for both Gents and Ladies will be open to anyone whose main residence is more than twenty miles (AA Directions) from the course. There is no upper limit on the number of visits and Country members may play, but not compete, in club competitions. They will be eligible to gain and/or hold handicaps in accordance with CONGU but will not be entitled to the reciprocal fee arrangements with other participating clubs.

3.5 The Organising Committee operates a non-discriminatory policy. Membership is open to all, regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, religious belief, or any other form of differentiation.

3.6 The Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse and/or withdraw membership in extreme and exceptional circumstances to protect members, the community and visitors, and the reputation of the Club

4 ORGANISATION

4.1 All members of the Organising Committee must be Full or Life members of the Club.

4.2 The Organising Committee will consist of four Office Bearers – Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and five other Committee Members, including Gents Captain, Ladies Captain and Greens Convenor.

4.3 All members of the Organising Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

4.4 The Captain will not normally serve for more than two consecutive years but will be eligible for re-election after a period of one year out of office.

4.5 The Committee will be empowered to co-opt members for specific purposes. Such co-option will not carry Committee voting powers.

4.6 The Committee will be empowered to pass Rules and Bye-Laws.

4.7 The Committee will concern itself with matters of planning and policy and with the day to day running of the Club.

4.8 All titles, leases and other formal documents will be taken in the name of the Captain, Vice Captain, Secretary and Treasurer from time to time and their successors ex-officio.

- 4.9 A quorum at Committee meetings will consist of not less than five of whom at least two must be Office Bearers. Resolutions will be carried by a majority vote amongst those present and eligible to vote.
- 4.10 The Club operates a Child and Vulnerable Adult Policy based on the SGL Model Policy and Procedures to Protect Children and Adults in Golf in Scotland.

5 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 5.1 The Annual General Meeting will be held in the month of February on a date to be fixed by the Organising Committee.
- 5.2 Members will be given two weeks' notice of General meetings, by hard copy and/or by electronic communication.
- 5.3 A quorum at general meetings will consist of one quarter of the eligible voting membership, as per clause 7.1 or 7.2 whichever is the fewer.
- 5.4 Resolutions will be carried by a majority vote among those present and eligible to vote.
- 5.5 An Extra-Ordinary General meeting will be called 1) when the Organising Committee deems it necessary and 2) within one month of receiving a written request signed by not fewer than twenty voting members of the Club addressed to the Secretary and stating their business. Clause 5.2 and 5.4 will apply, the members being advised of the purpose of the meeting.

6 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

- 6.1 Full membership will carry a subscription fee at rates from time to time determined at General Meetings.
- 6.2 Junior membership will be open until the end of the subscription year in which the eighteenth birthday occurs, with no restrictions as to eligibility for Club competitions, provided the member meets the handicap requirements.
- 6.3 Junior rates will be determined at General Meetings.
- 6.4 Life membership will be open at a subscription of £2,500. This sum to be reviewable at AGMs.
- 6.5 Country membership carries fees to be determined at General Meetings.
- 6.6 Green fees for visitors will be levied per game, per day, or per week, at rates from time to time determined at General Meetings.
- 6.7 The Committee is empowered to negotiate special rates with visiting Clubs and with the organisers of outings
- 6.8 Subscriptions will be payable to the Treasurer between the Annual General Meeting and 1st April.
- 6.9 Green fees for visitors will be levied per game, per day, or per week, at rates from time to time determined at General Meetings.

7 VOTING RIGHTS AND CLUB COMPETITIONS

- 7.1 Only Full, Life and Honorary members will have voting rights. In the case of Honorary membership, this voting right is subject to Honorary membership only being awarded at a General meeting of the Club.
- 7.2 No members whose subscriptions is in arrears will be permitted to vote or to play in any Club competitions.
- 7.3 Temporary members are not entitled to play in Club competitions.
- 7.4 Social (non-playing) members may enjoy the facilities of the Club house and may attend but not vote at General Meetings.

8 FINANCE

- 8.1 The Treasurer will be responsible for receiving and lodging all monies and setting all accounts through the Club's Bank Account
- 8.2 The Club's financial year will run to the 31st January.

- 8.3 The Club's financial accounts will be prepared annually by accountants appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.4 The Organising Committee will have the power to borrow money on behalf of the Club provided the Committee is satisfied that the Club will be able to meet the Capital repayments and interest and other charges relative to any loan and upon such terms and conditions, including Security, as may seem appropriate to the Committee.
- 8.5 The whole membership of the Club shall be bound to indemnify the Organising Committee against any claims arising in respect of any decision or action, whether of commission or omission, made or done by the Committee in the exercise of its duties.
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9 GUESTS

- 9.1 All members except Temporary members will be permitted to have guests in the Club House subject to the conditions and payments determined by the Organising Committee.

10 ADDRESS

- 10.1 The official address of the Club will be DALMALLY GOLF CLUB, DALMALLY, ARGYLL. PA33 1AE.

11 WINDING UP

- 11.1 If upon winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, any property or assets whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable or amateur sporting organisation or organisations as the Committee may determine.

12 AFFILIATION

- 12.1 The Club will be affiliated to such local and national golfing associations as are from time to time determined by the Organising Committee.

13 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 13.1 Alterations to the Club's Constitution may be made only with the approval of a two-thirds majority at the Annual General Meeting or at a General Meeting called for the purpose under 5.5 above.
- 13.2 Proposals for changes to the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting must be intimated to the Secretary in writing ten days before the date of the meeting.

13.3 DISCIPLINARY

Any alleged complaint regarding the member or their conduct shall, on its receipt by the Committee, be communicated by the Secretary to the member who shall have the right to be heard by the Committee prior to any disciplinary action being taken. If it appears to the Committee, or is represented to them, that a member has, after a warning by or on behalf of the Committee, acted contrary to the Constitution and Rules of the Club or instruction issued by the Committee in terms thereof; or that a member has behaved, acted or conducted himself in a manner prejudicial to the interest or good name of the Club, they may request such a member to submit to a meeting of the Committee, specially called for the purpose, either a written or verbal explanation of their alleged offence, behaviour, action or conduct. In the event of such a member submitting no explanation or if their explanation appears

unsatisfactory to a majority of the Committee present at such a specially called meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the Committee may, by the majority present and voting, decide to provide a further written warning, a temporary suspension of playing rights, length of time to be set by the committee or expulsion from the Club. Any member so expelled shall have a right to appeal to a General meeting of the Club whose decision by a majority present and voting shall be final. The General Meeting may also if so resolved make an order with regard to the expenses incurred in calling the meeting.

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Clause 3.6 approved and inserted	17.03.2000
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