

DALMALLY GOLF CLUB CONSTITUTION

1 NAME ADDRESS & LEGAL STATUS

- 1.1 The name of the Club will be Dalmally Golf Club.
- 1.2 The address of the club is The Old Sawmill, Dalmally, Argyll PA33 1AE
- 1.3 The status of the Club is that of an Unincorporated Voluntary Association.

2 AIMS

- 2.1 The purpose of the Club is to provide and maintain facilities for playing golf and its associated social events, for members of the club, local community, and visitors, thereby encouraging healthy lifestyle and social engagement for all.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership is open to all who pay the appropriate subscription, subject to clauses 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10.
- 3.2 Membership categories will be Life, Full, Junior, Country, Honorary, and Social (non playing).
- 3.3 Temporary membership will be granted to any visitor who pays the appropriate green fee, subject to clauses 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10. This does not allow entry to club competitions.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Conditions of Country Membership will be that the member will be a full member of any other properly affiliated golf club or that their main residence is more than 60 miles by road from the Club. There is no upper limit on number of visits. They are eligible to play in, but not compete in, club competitions. They are not entitled to the reciprocal fee arrangements with other participating clubs.
- 3.6 Social Members may enjoy the facilities of the Club house and may attend all club events.
- 3.7 Membership of the Club will be restricted to such numbers as the Organising Committee shall from time to time determine.
- 3.8 The acceptance of candidates for all categories of membership will rest with the Organising Committee
- 3.9 The Organising Committee operates a non-discriminatory policy. Membership is open to all, regardless of race, gender, colour, physical or mental ability, religious belief, or any other form of differentiation.
- 3.10 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
- 3.11** 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.

4 ORGANISATION

- 4.1 All members of the Organising Committee must be Full, Honorary or Life members of the Club.
- 4.2 The Organising Committee will consist of the following: Captain*, Vice-Captain*, Secretary*, Treasurer* and up to 3 further members. (*Office Bearers)

- 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 Vice-Captain shall normally succeed the Captain, and where one post is held by a male, the other should normally be female and vice versa.
- 4.6 The Committee will be empowered to co-opt members for specific purposes. Such co-option will not carry Committee voting powers.
- 4.7 The Committee will be empowered to pass Rules and Bye-Laws.
- 4.8 The Committee will concern itself with matters of planning and policy and with the day to day running of the Club.
- 4.9 All titles, leases and other formal documents will be taken in the name of the Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer and their successor's ex-officio.
- 4.10 A quorum at Committee meetings will consist of four members of the Committee, of which at least two must be Office Bearers*. Resolutions will be carried by a majority vote amongst those present and eligible to vote. Should there be equal division, the Captain has a casting vote.

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, either in writing, by electronic communication or by public notice.
- 5.3 A quorum at general meetings will consist of one quarter of the eligible voting membership, as per clause 5.5.
- 5.4 Resolutions will be carried by a majority vote among those present and eligible to vote.
- 5.5 Only Full, Honorary and Life Members will have voting rights at General and Extra-Ordinary meetings.
- 5.6 Honorary Membership can only be awarded at a General Meeting of the Club.
- 5.7 An Extra-Ordinary General meeting will be called 1) when the Organising Committee deems it necessary or 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 All classes of membership will carry a subscription fee at a rate determined at General Meetings.
- 6.2 The Committee is empowered to negotiate special rates with visiting Clubs and with the organisers of outings
- 6.3 Subscriptions will be payable to the Treasurer between the Annual General Meeting and 1st April.
- 6.4 No members whose subscriptions is in arrears will be permitted to vote at meetings or to play in any Club competitions.

7 FINANCE

- 7.1 The Treasurer will be responsible for receiving and lodging all monies and settling all accounts through the Club's Bank Account
- 7.2 The Club's financial year will run to the 31st January.
- 7.3 The Club's financial accounts will be prepared annually by accountants appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 The Organising Committee are required to insure the Club and themselves 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.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 All monies raised by or on behalf of the Club shall be applied to further the aims of the Club, and for no other purpose, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Club, fees to professional and technical advisers or donations to any registered charity.
- 7.8 Distribution of Club property or assets in cash or kind to members or third parties is forbidden.

8 WINDING UP

- 8.1 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.

9 AFFILIATION

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

10 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 10.1 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 5.7 above.
- 10.2 Proposals for changes to the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting must be intimated to the Secretary in writing or electronic communication one month before the date of the meeting.
- 10.3 Proposals from the Committee for changes to the Constitution must be intimated to the Members in writing or by electronic communication two weeks before the date of the meeting.

11 DISCIPLINARY

11.1 Disciplinary matters within the Club are dealt with in line with the Clubs Disciplinary Policy.

Appendix – Document Control

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