

STRANRAER GOLF CLUB

Club Constitution

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Golf Club
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CONSTITUTION

I. NAME OF THE CLUB

(1) The Club shall be called "STRANRAER GOLF CLUB" and shall be a Non Profit Making Body dedicated to the supply of sporting services.

(2) Office Bearers : Council: Trustees: Directors

(a) No Office Bearer shall rent or lease land to the Club.

(b) No Office Bearer shall be a relative, business partner or person acting under the direction of any person renting land to the Club.

(c) No Office Bearer shall be a relative, business partner or person acting under the direction of anyone associated with the Club who receives emoluments based on turnover of any aspect of Club activity.

(3) Club Assets

No profits or surpluses will at any time be distributed to Members and if upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such organisations or organisations to be determined by the Members of the Club by resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of dissolution and insofar as effect can not be given to such provision then to some charitable object.

All profits or surpluses generated by Club activities shall be developed to maintenance or improvement of the Club facilities.

II. HONORARY PRESIDENTS

The Club may appoint Honorary Presidents.

III. MANAGEMENT

(1) The Club shall have

(a) From the Members a President and Vice President who shall be elected and hold office for a maximum of three years but who shall be re-electable for a maximum of one further three year term.

(b) From the male members a Captain and Vice Captain who shall be elected annually.

(c) From the female members a Ladies' Captain and Ladies' Vice Captain who shall be elected annually.

(2) (i) The Club shall have a Committee of Management who shall carry on the business affairs of the Club and which shall consist of :

(a) The President, Vice President, Captain and Vice Captain ex officio.

(b) The Ladies' Captain, Ladies Vice Captain.

(c) The retiring Captains.

(d) One nominee from Wigtown District Council.

- (e) Five ordinary members of the Club, each of whom shall be elected for a period of three years, but who shall be eligible for re-election. Each year there shall be sufficient vacancies to bring the number of ordinary members to five. If there are insufficient nominations for the Committee then those nominees will be elected with a reduced number of ordinary members. In the event of an equality of votes for the final committee place then a second ballot shall take place for these nominees and the winner will take the last seat on the Committee.
- (f) Any member of the Club who is a member of the executive of the Scottish Golf Union or Ladies Golf Union and not an elected member of the Management Committee of the club.
- (g) A Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee. Such appointments shall be reported to the Annual General Meeting and these Officers shall be members of the Committee of Management and of all Sub-Committees but without voting rights.
- (h) At no time shall the non-elected members of the Committee exceed one-third of the said Committee.
- (i) Nominations for the Committee, in writing must be in the hands of the Secretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) The Committee shall have the power of co-option. Any member so co-opted shall automatically retire at the next succeeding Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for election.
- (iii) The Committee shall meet as necessary but not less than quarterly.
- (iiii) Seven members of the Committee shall form a quorum.
- (v) The Chairperson at each meeting of the Committee of the Club shall be the President, in their absence the Vice-President, and in their absence the Captain. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
- (vi) The Committee of Management shall appoint the following Committees and Convenors thereof:
 - (a) Captain's Committee
 - (b) Greens' Committee
 - (c) House Committee, who may appoint a Social Committee from their membership and by co-option.

The Finance Committee shall be made up of the entire Committee of Management. The President, Vice-President, Captain and Vice-Captain shall be members of the above Committee ex officio.

(vii) The Ladies' Captain shall form a Ladies Sub-Committee.

(viii) All Rules and Regulations made or orders given by the Committee shall be binding on every Member or Visitor.

- (3) Correct Accounts and Books shall be kept showing the financial affairs and intrusions of the Club. The Books and Accounts of the Club shall be examined by Auditors appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting.

IV. MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be not later than 15th February in each year, when a Statement of the Club's affairs, duly examined, shall be submitted by the Treasurer. Notice of this meeting shall be made in the local press at least twenty-one days prior to the meeting.

Motions for the Annual General Meeting must be in the Secretary's hands, in writing at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.

Amendments to such Motions must be in the Secretary's hands in writing at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

All Such Motions and Amendments will be published on the Club Notice Board fourteen days and seven days respectively before the Annual General Meeting. Any such Motion, or Motion as amended duly submitted and passed by the Annual General Meeting will be effected immediately.

A Special General Meeting shall be called:

- (a) When the Committee deem it necessary, or
- (b) Within twenty-one days of receipt of a requisition signed by not less than twenty members stating the business to be discussed. Notice of such Special Meeting shall be given by advertisement in the local press and by intimation placed on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse.

Attendance and voting rights at the Annual General Meeting or any special General Meeting of the Club shall be confined to full members of the Club. At all meetings of the Club forty full members shall form a quorum.

V. MEMBERSHIP

1 Honorary Members

Persons who in recognition of services to the Club or the game of Golf may be nominated by a recommendation at a General Meeting of the Club as an Honorary Life Member.

(a) Full Members

Full members of the Club are Honorary Members, members paying full subscriptions and Senior and Intermediate members paying reduced subscriptions. Country, Associate, Junior, Temporary playing members and non-playing members are not full members of the Club.

(b) Intermediate Members

Subject to having been a Junior Member for not less than two years, Intermediate Membership is available to persons over 18 years of age and under 21 years of age as at 15th February at a reduced rate of the Full Member's subscription.

(c) Senior Membership

Subject to having been either a Full or Country Member for any period of not less than ten years, or for the immediately preceding five years, and to having reached state retirement pension age, a member may elect to pay the annual subscription at the reduced rate of the Full Member's subscription.

Names and addresses of all persons proposed as full, country, associate or junior members of the Club, shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for at least a week before their election and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election. The election of new members shall be in the hands of the Committee.

On the admission of a new member, the Secretary shall furnish him or her with a copy of the Constitution and Rules and a Fixture List and shall request him or her to pay the subscription and entrance fee, if in force. No member shall participate in any of the privileges of membership until he or she has paid the subscription and entrance fee.

(d) Country Membership

Country Membership may be granted to persons whose normal place of residence is outwith a 25 mile radius of the Club.

(e) Associate Membership

Associate Membership may be available to full members of other Wigtownshire Clubs.

(f) Junior Membership

Only Junior Membership is available to persons under the age of 18 years as at 15 February in each year.

(g) Temporary Playing Members

Any person temporarily resident in the area or a day visitor who is desirous of playing golf on a daily, weekly or fortnightly basis, may, on application and on paying the appropriate subscription to the Secretary or his Agent acting for the time being on the authority of the Committee, be admitted a temporary playing member of the Club.

Admission shall be subject to election by the full Committee or a Sub-Committee appointed from time to time who may at any time summarily suspend or withdraw the privileges, without reason given. Pending election, temporary playing members shall enjoy the privileges of use of the course and Clubhouse facilities. Temporary playing members shall have no right or interest in the property of the Club or in the management of the Club's affairs. A temporary playing member must at all times when required to do so by an official or authorised servant of the Club, produce the receipt granted to him or her in respect of the subscription hereinafter mentioned and paid for temporary playing membership. The Committee shall have the power to admit as temporary playing members with or without payment to all the privileges of the Clubhouse for one or more days, members of any other Golf Clubs or Associations for all purposes in connection with matches or competitions.

(h) Non-Playing Members

- (1) Spouses of all full members will be entitled to non-playing membership of the Club on payment of the appropriate subscription with right to enjoy the privileges of the Clubhouse facilities, but shall have no right or interest in the property of the Club or in the management of the Club's affairs.
- (2) Non-playing membership will be available to all persons having an interest in the game of golf. Non-playing members will require to be proposed and seconded by full members only and their election will be in the hands of the Committee whose decision will be final. On payment of the appropriate subscription non-playing members will be entitled to enjoy the privileges of the Clubhouse but shall have no right or interest in the property of the Club or in the management of the Club's affairs.

VI. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions, entrance and green fees for the ensuing year shall be fixed at each Annual General Meeting. Any member failing to pay his or her Annual Subscription due on 15th February, before the 31st March, will be held as in arrears and a reminder shall be sent to him or her. Failing payment of the subscription within ten days of this intimation, the Committee shall have the power to take what ever action, financial or otherwise they deem necessary. No member will be permitted the use of the Course or Clubhouse until the subscription is paid.

VII. RESIGNATIONS

Any member may properly resign from the Club by notifying the Secretary in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting. Former full members of the Club who properly resign may apply for membership again, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Clause (V) 2(a). If elected, the member shall on rejoining make payment of the current subscription and of an entrance fee, if in force, which shall be the difference between the entrance fee chargeable in the year he or she resigned and the current entrance fee.

VIII. RESTRICTIONS AS TO SALE OF LIQUOR

- (1) The hours during which excisable liquor may be supplied in the Clubhouse shall be within the statutory hours and as from time to time laid down by the Committee.
- (2) The Committee shall be responsible for the purchase and distribution of all excisable liquors and all rights and properties therein shall belong to the members of the Club.
- (3) No member of the Committee of Management and no manager or servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of alcoholic liquors therein nor in the profits arising from such sale.
- (4) No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club to any person under the age of eighteen.
- (5) Any member of the Club, as already herein defined, with the exception of junior members, may introduce up to three guests to the Clubhouse and the guests may not be supplied with alcoholic liquor on the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member, and the member shall upon the admission of such a guest to the Club premises or immediately upon him or her being supplied with such liquor, enter his or her own name and address of the guest in a book which shall be kept for the purpose and which show the date of each visit. The member shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her guest for the duration of the guest's visit.
- (6) No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club premises for consumption off the premises, except to a Full member of the Club in person for consumption by them, or to a person holding a licence or Wholesaler Excise Licence for the sale of such liquor.

IX. FUNCTIONS

1 Club Functions

Dances and social functions organised by the Committee of the Club for which there may or may not be charge shall be permitted.

2 Private Functions

A member, group of members or in the case of the Club wishing to hold a function not related to the every day purpose of the Club, an office-bearer may apply in writing to the Secretary for permission to hold a function on the Club premises and the following rules shall apply.

- (a) The application must be made at least twenty-one clear days before the required date.
- (b) The application should be countersigned by two members of the Committee and should state briefly the nature of the function.
- (c) Immediately on receiving the application the Secretary shall display the same in a prominent place in the Club premises for a period of seven days.
- (d) If no objections are received to the holding of the function, the House Convenor or his nominee may then approve the use of the Club premises for said function and at least one member of the Committee shall be nominated to be present during the course of the function. In the event of objections being received, the application will then be considered by the Committee who may grant or refuse the application and the decision of the Committee shall be final.
- (e) The function will finish at the normal closing time of the Club unless special permission for an extension of hours has been applied for and granted.
- (f) Guests attending private functions organised by a member or a group of members or a private function organised by the Club and that is not related to the every day purpose of the Club, may on signing a book called The Function Book and on payment of any fee imposed by the Club for such occasions receive a ticket which will entitle the guest to become a Temporary Social Member of the Club for the duration of the private function only.
- (g) The member, group of members or, in the case of a Club organised function, any member of the Committee shall complete in the Function Book the date, the member's name, the nature of the function and the number of Temporary Social Members introduced by him/her and this shall be done immediately prior to the guests signing the said book and accepting Temporary Social Membership.
- (h) Temporary Social Members shall not have the right to take part in the management of the Club nor will they have any voting powers. Temporary Social Members shall not be permitted to introduce any guest to the Club.
- (i) Temporary Social Members shall be bound by the Constitution and Rules of the Club for the duration of the function.

X. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

If the conduct of any Member, Temporary Member or Visitor is in the opinion of the Committee likely to endanger the character, interest or good order of the Club, or if any Member, Temporary Member or Visitor shall act in defiance of its Constitution or Rules, the Committee shall have the power to suspend for such time as the Committee shall decide, or to expel such Member, Temporary Member or Visitor from the Club, Clubhouse or Course. Such suspension shall for the period of suspension, entail forfeiture of his or her ticket or subscription. Any member of the Committee, the Steward or Greenkeeper may ask a Temporary Member to show his or her ticket.

XI. PROPERTY

Any heritable property belonging to the Club shall be vested in the President, Captain and Secretary and their successors in office as Trustees on behalf of the Club.

All Leases, Minutes of Agreement, Contracts of Service and formal deeds shall be binding on the Club if signed on its behalf by the President, Captain and Secretary for the time being. The Committee of Management shall have the power at all times to borrow such sums from the Bank or other lenders for the proper management of the Club as the Committee will consider expedient, and that with or without the granting of security for the said sums. Any major borrowing must be approved by the Club at a General Meeting.

XII. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES

This Constitution may be altered on at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting convened under Clause IV. Notice of the terms of any proposed alterations must be given in writing to the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting. Alterations to the Constitution accepted by Annual or Special General Meetings shall become effective immediately. Any rules made in terms of this Constitution may be altered or amended from time to time by the Committee or by the Annual General Meeting convened for the purpose in terms of the said Clause IV.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

All complaints must be made in writing to the Secretary and signed by the person or persons complaining. The Committee shall take all complaints into consideration and shall have the power to give such deliverances or orders thereon as they consider necessary.

XIV. RULES

- 1 The etiquette of golf is to be observed at all times.
- 2 All divots to be replaced.
- 3 Play in Club Competitions for Country and Associate Members will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- 4 Full Members and Country Members may purchase a number of Guest Tickets at Concession prices. Members must attend the Clubhouse and introduce their guests.
- 5 New playing members joining after 15th September in any one year shall be charged half the annual subscription payable.
- 6 Juniors under 16 years of age may not play in Club or Open Competitions under the jurisdiction of the SGU with proviso that if any Junior regardless of age attained a low handicap and was showing exceptional promise he/she could then be invited by the Captain or Committee to play in both Club and Open Competitions.
- 7 Unless accompanied by an Adult Playing Member the following restrictions to Junior Members' times of play apply: Under 16 years – Weekday: May not play golf after 5.00pm. (Except in an organised event); Weekend: May not play golf before 2.00pm. 16-18years – No restrictions – May play at any time with the permission of the Secretary. Other playing times may be possible but this will be at the discretion of the Secretary. Juniors must, at all times give way to Adult Members.
- 8 Dogs are not allowed on the course except on a lead and under control.