

THE DALHOUSIE GOLF CLUB
CARNOUSTIE

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. The name of the Club is “The Dalhousie Golf Club” Carnoustie

OBJECTS

2. The Club is constituted for the promotion of the Game of Golf and for associated activities.

YEAR

3. The Club year begins on the 1st April of each year and ends on 31st March of the following year.

OFFICIALS AND MANAGEMENT

4. {a} The affairs and business of the Club shall be under the management of a Council consisting of the following Office-bearers: Captain, Vice Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary together with not more than six Councillors, six to form a quorum.
{b} Office-bearers shall retire at 31st March each year. Councillors shall be elected for a term of three years, and two Councillors shall retire by rotation at 31st March each year.
Retiring Office-bearers and Councillors shall be eligible for re-election.
Elections shall be by ballot at the General Meeting of members held in February, and those elected shall take office on 1st April following.
{c} Vacancies amongst the Council occurring during the year shall be filled by co-option by the Council and shall be for the remainder of the current club year.

MEMBERSHIP

5. **The Membership of the Club shall consist of Life Members, Ordinary Members, Country Members, Junior Members, Temporary Members and Overseas Members.**
- {a} Life Members – It shall be competent at any General Meeting of the Club on a recommendation of the Council, to confer upon any gentleman the distinction of Honorary Life Membership in recognition of him as a golfer of renown, or of conspicuous services rendered to the Club, or to the Game of Golf. Such Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of an Ordinary Member.**
 - {b} Ordinary Members – Persons resident under 25 miles by road or rail from the Clubhouse shall be eligible for Ordinary Membership**
 - {c} Country Members – Persons resident 25 miles or more by road or rail from the Clubhouse shall be eligible for Country Membership and shall have all the privileges of an Ordinary Member, including voting.**
 - {d} Junior Members – Persons between the ages of 13 and under 18 shall be eligible for Junior Membership. They may enter for all Club Competitions; they may attend General Meetings of the Club, but shall not have the right to vote. They shall be eligible for Ordinary Membership without entry fee on attaining the age of 18 years.**
 - {e} Temporary Members – Suitable persons may be admitted to Temporary Membership at the discretion of the Council for periods of one week, one fortnight or one month and may participate in weekly Club Competitions. Applications should be made to the Secretary. Temporary Members may not attend General or Special Meetings.**
 - {f} Overseas Members - Suitable persons whose permanent residence is outwith the United Kingdom may, at the discretion of the Council, be admitted to Overseas Membership. The minimum period of membership shall be five years and the subscription for the period shall be as determined by the Council. There shall be neither entry fee nor voting rights. Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary in writing. On becoming Ordinary Members no entry fee shall be payable.**

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

6. Candidates for membership, Article 5 {e and f} excepted, shall be proposed by one Member and seconded by another, to both of whom the candidate under nomination must be known personally. The names and addresses of candidates, together with names of their proposer and seconder, shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board for at least ten days prior to election. The admission of new Members shall be under the control of the Council, who shall approve of nominations before display on the Notice Board.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

7. On the admission of a new Member the Secretary shall notify him of the same and shall furnish him with a copy of the Constitution and Rules and shall arrange for the payment of the appropriate entry fee and subscription.

ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE

8. Life, Ordinary and Country Members only, shall have voting rights at General and Special Meetings.

ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

9. {a} The entrance fee shall be such as may be determined by the Club Council.
- {b} The annual subscription shall be such sum as may be resolved at a General Meeting of the Club Members. Members elected after 31st October shall pay half the current annual Subscription for the remainder of the Club year.
- {c} The Annual Subscription shall be payable on the first day of April each year, and no Member whose Subscription is in arrears, shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club after the first day of May, until his subscription is paid. If his subscription shall not have been paid on or before the first day of June following, he shall cease to be a Member, but the Club nevertheless shall be entitled to payment from him of his Subscription, which is in arrears. The Council may reinstate a Member on payment of all arrears of Subscription.
- {d} Any Member absent from the United Kingdom during the entire Club year shall not be liable for his subscription provided that he has notified the secretary of his intention before the year has begun. Any member

who has intimated his absence and returns to the United Kingdom may resume his Membership on payment of his full subscription if between 1st April and 31st October, or half subscription if between 1st November of one year and 31st March of the following year.

- {e} Each Ordinary and Country Member entitled to vote, over and above his Subscription for the year, shall be liable for any loss made by the Club during each year of his Membership as such loss is set forth in the Accounts certified by the Auditor; but such loss shall in the case of each Member extend only to an amount not exceeding a sum equivalent to his Annual Subscription to the Club, as the latter may be fixed by the Constitution of the Club; and every Member shall be bound to pay such additional Subscription when called upon to do so by the Council. A Minute approved by the majority of the Council, signed by the Chairman, authorising the levying of such an additional Subscription and a Notice from the Secretary sent to each Member, shall bind such Member to pay the amount of the additional Subscription.

Any Member withdrawing from the Club in terms of Article 12 shall be liable, nevertheless, for such additional Subscription for the current year.

- {f} The amount payable in advance for temporary Membership shall be such as is determined by the Club Council.
- {g} Current Entry Fees and Subscription Rates shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES

10. A person being elected a Member of the Club is considered to have agreed to the Rules of the Club and on these conditions alone is entitled to all the privileges of the Club.

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES

11. The Constitution and/or Rules of the Club shall not be altered or added to except by a majority of three-fourths of the Members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Club. At least ten days' notice must be given by circular to all members entitled to vote, of the details of any motion to alter or add to the Constitution and/or Rules.

RESIGNATIONS

12. Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall notify the same in writing to the Secretary previous to the first day of April; in default of which he shall be liable for his Subscription for the year commencing on that date.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

13. Provided that previous notice has been given to Members entitled to vote that the conduct of a Member is to be considered, it shall be competent for three-fourths of the Members present and entitled to vote at a General or Special meeting to expel such Member who, in the opinion of the Council, may have acted contrary to the Constitution and/or Rules of the Club and who, after remonstrance by the Council, shall have continued so to act, or otherwise render himself unacceptable to the Members.

GUESTS

14. A Member may admit three guests at one time to the use of the Clubhouse. The Member introducing a visitor shall enter his own name, the name and address of each visitor and the date of the admission in the Visitors Book in the Clubhouse. A visitor shall remain in the Clubhouse only so long as the Member introducing him is there, but the Council may in special cases dispense with this stipulation. A person may only be introduced as a guest seven times in one year, except by dispensation of the Council. No person who has been refused admission as a Member, and no person who has been expelled from Membership of the Club, can be introduced to the Club.

MEETINGS

15. {a} General – There shall be two General meetings of the Club annually, one in February and one in September, notice of which meetings shall be sent to each Member entitled to vote at least ten days previously. At the General Meeting in September, a Statement of the Financial Affairs of the Club for the year to 31st March shall be submitted to the Members.
The Accounts shall be audited by a professional Accountant appointed by the Council. An abstract of such Accounts

shall be made available to each member entitled to vote. The dates of all General Meetings of the Club shall be fixed by the Council.

- {b}** Special Meetings – Special Meetings of the Club may be called by the Council either on their own determination, or on a written requisition addressed to the secretary and signed by at least ten Members entitled to vote, and stating the reason for such request. Intimation of a Special Meeting shall be made by notice issued to Members entitled to vote, at least ten days prior to the Meeting and such notice shall specify the business to be brought before the Meeting and no business except that which is notified shall be transacted at such a Meeting.
- {c}** No General or Special meeting shall be invalidated through the accidental omission to send notice or notices to any Member or Members.
- {d}** Twenty Members entitled to vote shall form a quorum at all General and Special meetings. No proxies shall be allowed.
- {e}** Voting at any General or Special Meeting of the Club, except under 4{b} shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise decreed by the Chairman, and in the event of there being an equality of votes for or against a resolution, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- {f}** The Captain, whom failing the Vice Captain, whom failing a Member of the Council, shall preside at all Meetings of the Club.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

16. Meetings of Council shall be at least once a month.

DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

17. {a} The Captain, whom failing the Vice-Captain shall preside at all Council Meetings and failing both a Chairman shall be elected by the Meeting. Besides a deliberative vote, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.
- {b} The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Club at General, Special and Council Meetings and shall take charge of all papers, books and other records: and he shall make or cause to be made applications for registration and renewal thereof of the Club in terms of the Licensing {Scotland} Act 1962, and any modifications thereof.
- {c} The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the Club and shall deposit the same with the Club's Bankers. All cheques on the Club Bank Account shall be signed by him and countersigned by another Member of Council, in which description is included the Captain, Vice Captain, Secretary and Match Secretary. All

transactions shall be recorded in a Cash Book. All Accounts or claims against the Club shall be submitted to the Council for approval before payment is made. The Books of Account, Bank Book or Statement and all vouchers and other documents shall be produced to the Council on request. He shall present a Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year to 31st March duly audited, to the general Meeting of the Club in September.

- {d} The Treasurer shall issue Subscription notices to all Members at least seven days prior to 1st April.
- {e} The Match Secretary shall be responsible for all Competitions, Tournaments, and Club Fixtures, and all business relating thereto.
- {f} The Council shall appoint two of its' Members to act, along with the Match Secretary who shall be Convenor, as a Handicapping Committee to adjust and regulate the handicaps of Members and to determine other matters pertaining to the duties of Match Secretary, as may from time to time arise.
- {g} Members appointed by the Club as representatives to the Carnoustie Golf Course Committee or to any other body, shall report to Council regarding the business under consideration by such a body.
- {h} The Council shall appoint such other Committees as may be deemed necessary with powers to co-opt as appropriate.

CLUB PROPERTY

18. The whole property of the Club both Heritable and Movable, at present belonging to or which shall hereafter be acquired by the Club, shall be vested in the Captain, Vice Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and Councillors, in office for the time being, as Trustees and in Trust for the behoof of the Club. The Trustees may borrow money on the Security of the property of the Club to such an extent as they may think fit and grant Bonds and Dispositions in security binding the Club to repay the sums borrowed to the lenders and conveying the Heritable Property in security to the lenders. No part of the Club Heritable Property may be sold nor major structural alterations effected without the approval of a General or Special Meeting of the Club.

DEBENTURES

19. With the authority of a General Meeting, the Council may from time to time issue Debentures to the members for such amounts and at such rates of interest and for such periods as they may deem necessary, and the Trustees in whom the Heritable Property is vested shall hold the same in security for such Debenture holders. The Debentures may be transferred with the consent of the Council on payment of a registration Fee of five shillings for each transfer.

EXCISABLE LIQUORS

- 20 {a} No member of the Council or governing body and no manager or servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquor therein or in the profits arising from such sale.
- {b} No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club premises for consumption off the premises except to a Member of the Club in person for consumption by him or to a person holding an excise licence for the sale of such liquor.
- {c} A guest shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises, unless on the invitation and in the company of a Member, and the Member shall upon the admission of such a visitor or immediately on his being supplied with such liquor, enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in the Visitors' Book.
- {d} No excisable liquor shall be sold to any person under 18 years of age.
- {e} The hours during which excisable liquor may be sold or supplied in the Club shall be as laid down by the Council within the conditions of the Licensing{Scotland} Act 1962, or other appropriate Statute which may be enacted subsequent thereto. The hours thus laid down by the Council shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board.

DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

21. The Club shall only be dissolved at a Special Meeting upon a motion to dissolve the Club being placed before such Special Meeting and carried by not less than three quarters of the Members present and entitled to vote. In the event of the Club being dissolved, the surplus assets shall be divided amongst and shall be paid to all persons who were Ordinary Members, Country Members and Lady Associate Members of the Club at {a} The thirty-first day of December nineteen hundred and ninety and {b} The date on which the motion for Dissolution is carried, on the basis of one share of the surplus for each £10 of subscription or part thereof paid for the Club year ending on 31 March 1991.

LADY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Wives and daughters of Members may be admitted as Lady Associate Members. Other candidates, excluding wives of non-members, may be admitted at the discretion of the Council. Such admissions are made subject to the conditions of Article 6. The Annual Subscription of Lady Associate Members shall be such sum as may be resolved by the Club Members at a general or Special Meeting. The current fees shall be displayed on the

Notice Boards. Temporary Membership shall be on the same basis as Male Temporary Membership.

Lady Associate Members may admit three guests at one time to the use of the Clubrooms to which Lady Associate Members are admitted, their gentlemen guests may have the courtesy of the Clubhouse. The provisions as to the introduction of Guests as set out in Article 14 shall be observed: names of guests and their addresses and the name of the Lady Associate Member introducing them shall be entered in the Lady Associate Members' Visitors' Book.

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RULES

- 1. All regulations made by the Council and orders given by them for the general comfort and accommodation of the Members shall be binding on every Member until set aside by a General Meeting.**
- 2. No notices or documents of any kind shall be placed on the Club Notice Boards or on the walls of the Club or otherwise except by the authority and with the concurrence of the Council.**
- 3. All Members shall defray whatever expenses they incur before leaving the Club. The names of Members neglecting to comply with this rule shall be reported to the Council, who shall make prompt application to the Members for the sum due by them to the Club.**
- 4. All complaints must be made in writing to the Secretary, who shall submit the same to the Council.**
- 5. The Club accepts no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, from whatever cause, the property of Members or their guests, which may be left in or about the Club premises.**
- 6. Members may not borrow or remove from the Club premises any article belonging to the Club without the permission of the Council.**
- 7. No dogs, cats or other animals may be brought into the Clubhouse or any part of the Club without the permission of the Council.**
- 8. The Rules for playing the Game of Golf as printed and used by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, with such modifications or alterations as may from time to time be made by the said Club, shall be the Rules for the Game to be played by Members of The Dalhousie Golf Club excepting insofar as these rules may be varied by local rules.**
- 9. Competitions for trophies, etc., shall take place on such days and on such conditions, including handicaps, as the handicapping Committee, subject to the approval of the Council, shall fix.**

No Member shall be allowed to take part in any competition unless his Subscription for the current year has been paid.

- 10.{a} In the event of an Open Tournament, County Cup, Inter-Club Match or similar competition taking place on the Carnoustie Links, the Council shall have the power to admit as Temporary Members, without payment, those taking part in the Tournament, Match or Competition; but the time during which the players may be Temporary Members under this rule shall not exceed one week, including the period of the competition, and in every case the names of the players shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Club.**
- {b} Where Club Members are officially appointed as representatives of the Club to play in any Golf Tournament, such reasonable outlays as may be incurred by these representatives and as may be approved by the Council shall be repaid by the Club.**
- {c} Club Members whose Home Club is other than The Dalhousie Golf Club must provide a Certificate of Handicap at the Home Club before the end of February each year. Members' returns made in Score Competitions away from the Home Course, and including "No Return" must be reported to the Match Secretary.**
- 11. Any difference of opinion which may arise as to the proper construction or meaning of any of the foregoing Rules shall be referred to and decided by Council.**