



Turnberry Golf Club

Constitution

1.0 The Name of the Club

The Club shall be called Turnberry Golf Club (hereinafter referred to as the “Club”)

2.0 Objects of the Club.

The objects of the Club shall in general be;

- The promotion of the game of golf for the benefit of the Members and in particular the promotion of both competitive and non competitive play by Members and their guests on the Turnberry Golf Courses.
- The promotion of social intercourse among the Members and their guests.
- The promotion of good relations with the management and staff of Turnberry Hotel (hereinafter referred to as the “Hotel”) and
- The procurement from the Hotel of the best accommodation, facilities and arrangements for the benefit of the Members.

3.0 Membership

The membership of the Club will fall into three section's, a Gentlemen's Section comprising Gentlemen Playing Members, Gentlemen Honorary Life Members and Gentlemen Non Playing Members; a Ladies Section comprising Lady Playing Members, Lady Honorary Life Members and Lady Non Playing Members and a Junior Section comprising Junior Members both male and female. The number of playing members in the Gentlemen's Section shall not exceed 320 in the Ladies Section shall not exceed 70 and in the Junior Section shall not exceed 50. However, in addition to those playing members herein before referred to, the Club will have the power to grant membership to Senior Management Staff of the Hotel up to a maximum of seven. Such members would have the status of Gentlemen Playing Members or Lady Playing Members as appropriate. Admission to membership of the Club in one of the foregoing categories shall be regulated under the Rules of the Section (as referred to in clause 5 hereof).

These membership quotas may be revised from time to time following discussion with the Hotel and the Joint Liaison Group (as referred to in clause 6 hereof) and the agreement of the Committee of the relevant Section of the Club.

4.0 Honorary Life Members

4.1

Members of 50 years, but not necessarily 50 consecutive years, standing as fully paid Playing Gentlemen or Playing Lady Member shall be entitled to Honorary Life Membership of the Club. Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to such benefits as may be fixed from time to time.

4.2

The Club and the Gentlemen's and Ladies Sections thereof may, with the approval of the Hotel, elect as Honorary Life Members, persons who have given exceptional service to the Club or to the game and these may include Honorary Presidents. Such Honorary Presidents and Honorary Life Members (except as provided in clause 4 hereof) must be proposed by not fewer than five Members and shall be elected at any General Meeting, the agenda for which gives notice of the proposal. The votes of at least two – thirds of those present and entitled to vote shall be required to secure election.

5.0 Rules of the Sections

The Gentlemen's Sections and the Ladies' Sections of the Club shall operate under a set of rules for their respective Sections, which in themselves form part of the Constitution, dealing with expulsion and categorisation of Members, the management of their Section and the election of Office Bearers and a Committee for each section, for the organisation of the competitions, meetings and financial affairs of each section and for the discipline and any other matters considered necessary by the respective Sections, but only to the extent that such matters do not conflict with the terms of the Constitution . The operation of the Junior Section will be under the management of the Committee of the Gentlemen's Section. All applicants for Junior Membership will apply to the Committee of the Gentlemen's Section as provided for in the Rules of the Section.

6.0 Joint Liaison Group.

The Captain, Vice Captain and Honorary Secretary of the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Sections will comprise a Joint Liaison Group of the Club for the purposes of contact and/or negotiations with the Hotel. This Joint Liaison Group will have the power to appoint a delegate or delegates from its number for the purposes of exercising its functions. The Captain of the Gentlemen's Section shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie. This Group will meet as required and report to the respective Section Committees.

7.0 Entrance Fees Subscriptions and Resignations

7.1

The Entrance Fee and Annual Subscriptions, inclusive of any other charges recommended by the Committees of the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Sections in consultation with the Joint Liaison Group, shall, for all categories of Members, be such amounts as shall be fixed by the Club in General Meeting called for the purpose. If any motion before such a General Meeting obtains a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote, it shall be carried. A Gentlemen Playing Member or Lady Playing Member in the year commencing 1st January following his or her attaining sixty-five years of age, provided that Gentleman Playing Member or Lady Playing Member has been a fully paid Gentlemen Playing Member or Lady Playing Member for a minimum of ten years, but not necessarily 10 consecutive years, shall continue to enjoy the rights of a Gentlemen Playing Member or Lady Playing Member, but shall enjoy a reduced subscription or such other privileges as shall be agreed from time to time with the Hotel and fixed in General Meeting. A Gentlemen Playing Member or Lady Playing member in the year commencing 1st January following his or her attaining seventy-five years of age, provided that Gentleman Playing Member or Lady Playing Member has been a fully paid Gentlemen Playing Member or Lady Playing Member for a minimum of 25 years, but not necessarily 25 consecutive years, shall be entitled to a Kintyre/ Arran only membership. The fee for this Kintyre/Arran only membership will be agreed from time to time with the Hotel and fixed in General Meeting. The Entrance Fee to be paid by Junior Members on being admitted as a Gentlemen Member or Lady Member shall be reduced by one – eighth for each year of his or her having been a Junior Member. Entrance fees paid by new members shall be due to the Section joined by that Member.

7.2

The Club's year shall run from 1st January until 31st December in each year. Annual Subscriptions and other charges shall become due in advance on 1st January of each year. The Honorary Secretary of the Gentlemen's Section shall notify each Member to this effect and request payment. Any Member who fails to pay the Subscription or other charges by 1st February that year shall be held to be overdue and shall not be entitled to any privileges of Membership and in particular shall not be entitled to vote at any Meeting of the Club nor take part in any Club Competitions until the subscription is paid. In that event the Honorary Secretary of the Gentlemen's Section shall send a second Notice to the Member. A Member whose Subscription is still unpaid by 14th February of that year shall cease to be a member but shall be liable to the Club in a proportion of the Annual Subscription or other charges as shall be fixed by the Joint Liaison Group and also for the Club's expenses in the recovery of the same.

7.3

In the event of the Annual Subscription and other charges not being agreed prior to 1st January, the Joint Liaison Group shall be empowered, only in these special circumstances, to make other arrangements for the collection at a date or dates to be fixed by them.

7.4

Any resignation must be tendered in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Gentleman's Section within fourteen days of the issue of the Subscription Notice for the year to which the Subscription applies. Any Member who tenders a resignation after the expiry of the fourteen day period shall then be liable to the Club in a proportion of the Annual Subscription and other charges as shall be fixed by the Joint Liaison Group and also for the Club's expenses in recovering the same.

7.5

The Joint Liaison Group shall have the power to reinstate a member on good cause being shown and on payment of all arrears and such additional charges as the Joint Liaison Group may determine.

8.0 Changes to the Constitution.

Any motion to alter the Constitution of the Club shall be considered by any General Meeting of the Club. Such motion shall not be carried unless it receives the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote. Those entitled to vote shall be Gentlemen Playing Members, Gentlemen Honorary Life Members, Lady Playing Members and Lady Honorary Life Members.

9.0 Quorum

At any General Meeting of the Club, in terms of the Constitution, the quorum shall be twenty members eligible to vote.

10.0 General Meetings

Any General Meeting of the Club shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary of the Gentlemen's Section in any of the following circumstances;

- If the Joint Liaison Group so resolve
- Upon a requisition of the Committee of either the Gentlemen's or Ladies' Section
- Upon a requisition signed by no fewer than thirty members of the Club entitled to vote at such a Meeting.

11.0 Clubhouse

The management and maintenance of the Clubhouse shall be the responsibility of the Hotel. The opening and closing hours of the Clubhouse and the hours during which food and drink will be served shall also be the responsibility of the Hotel. No member shall reprimand any of the staff of the Hotel but may address any complaints to the Committee of his or her Section. The Hotel undertakes to set aside one room for the exclusive use of each of the Committees of the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Sections.

12.0 Course – Play

The Management, running and maintenance of the Golf Courses are the responsibility of the Hotel, who will keep the Club informed of the general state of the Courses, regarding any periods of closure, special repairs, alterations, tournaments, special parties, etc., and will assist the Club in

obtaining full play on the Courses. The Manager of the Courses has at all times the right to regulate the order of play. The Joint Liaison Group may offer suggestions from time to time to the Managers on points affecting the Courses. The Gentlemen's Captain and Ladies' Captain shall have the privilege of the first tee of either course at any time. The Rules of Golf as they may from time to time be fixed by the R&A Golf Club of Saint Andrews, shall be adopted by the Club. Recommendations by other appropriate Golfing Bodies may be adopted by the Committee of either section under suitable notice displayed on the Section Notice Board.

13.0 Complaints and Discipline.

The Committee and Members of the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Sections have the power to take such steps as may be appropriate to implement the terms of those Rules of the respective Section Rules as to Complaints and Discipline, and in particular expulsion from a Section shall automatically constitute expulsion from the Club.

14.0 Property and Assets

The property and assets of the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Section shall be vested in each of the respective Sections subject to the Rules of each Section.

15.0 Administration Expenses

All expenses and costs incurred by the Secretary of the Gentlemen's section in relation to the administration of Club affairs shall be met by the Gentlemen's and Ladies section in proportion to membership.

Fully amended

26th Nov 2016.