

Dirleton Castle Golf Club

Rules & Regulations

as amended 2007

1 NAME

The name of the Club shall be "DIRLETON CASTLE GOLF CLUB" hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

2 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Club shall comprise Full and Associate Membership.

(a) Full Membership shall consist of Ordinary and Honorary Members (collectively the Eligible Members) and Junior Members.

(b) Associate Membership shall consist of:

- i) Applicants, not more than 10 in number, who for good and economic reasons would be unable to join Gullane Golf Club. Such applications would be subject to approval by Gullane Golf Club.
- ii) Male Employees of Gullane Golf Club.

Save as provided in Sub-clause (b) (i) hereof the Committee shall have the sole right of deciding as to the eligibility of any applicant for Membership and shall have the power to elect or to refuse admission without reason given.

(c) Full Membership shall be limited to not more than 100 all of whom shall be Ordinary, Honorary, Honorary Life or Junior Members of Gullane Golf Club.

(d) Ordinary Membership of the Club shall be confined to persons 18 years of age and over having their main or principal place of abode in the Parish of Dirleton.

(e) Honorary Membership shall be granted automatically by the Club to Ordinary Members following 40 years' Membership of the Club at which time such Members shall cease to pay any annual Subscription.

(f) Junior Membership shall be confined to persons who have attained the age of 12 years and are under the age of 18 years as at the 1st January with their main or principal place of abode in the Parish of Dirleton. On reaching the age of 18 years Junior Members shall be eligible to transfer to Ordinary Membership provided they satisfy the qualification requirements of sub-clause (d) hereof and are granted Ordinary Membership of Gullane Golf Club, failing which they shall cease to be Members of the Club with immediate effect.

(g) In the event of a Full or Junior Member moving his main or principal place of abode from the Parish of Dirleton it will be required that he resign his Membership except in any of the following specific circumstances:

- i) He was either born in the Parish of Dirleton or at the time of his birth his parents were resident in the Parish, or
- ii) He attended school in the Parish of Dirleton, or
- iii) He has been a Full Member of the Club for a minimum period of 10 years.

In each of these cases Membership may be retained providing that the Member maintains commitment to the Club by regular participation in club activities in satisfaction of which the Member shall be required to participate in a minimum of 5 club events annually, failing which he shall cease to be a Member of the Club with effect from the 31st December in the year in which he no longer satisfied the requirements for continuing membership.

The Committee shall have the sole right to adjudicate on continued membership.

(h) In the event of a Full or Junior Member leaving the Parish temporarily and being unable to satisfy the above conditions the Committee shall have the power to place such a member on a Suspense List for a period of not more than 2 years. He shall be placed at the head of the waiting list and shall be readmitted as soon as a vacancy shall arise on his return to reside in the Parish.

3 COMMITTEE

(a) The Committee of the Club shall be elected from the Eligible Members and shall comprise Office Bearers and Committee Members.

(b) The Office Bearers shall consist of a Captain, Vice Captain, Secretary and Treasurer all of whom shall be elected annually. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be conjoined.

- (c) The Committee Members shall be 6 in number, 3 of whom shall retire annually and shall not be eligible for re-election until after the expiry of 1 year.
- (d) In the event of a vacancy arising within the Committee Members between Annual General Meetings of the Club the Committee shall be empowered to co-opt an Eligible Member of the Club onto the Committee to fill such vacancy.

4 ENTRY FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) Annual Subscriptions shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Entry Fee shall be equal to the Annual Subscription with the exception of Junior and Associate Members who pay no Entry Fee.
- (c) For new Members joining the Club the Entry Fee and Annual Subscription shall be paid within 1 month of admission failing which the application shall be void.
- (d) The Annual Subscription shall become payable in advance on 1st January of each year and must be paid within 1 month thereafter. No member shall participate in the advantages or privileges of the Club until he has paid his Annual Subscription.

5 RESIGNATION

Any Member intending to resign must give notice in writing to the Secretary on or before 31st December, otherwise he will be liable to pay his Annual Subscription for the ensuing year.

6 SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

The Committee, by a three-fourths majority of votes of the Committee, upon their being satisfied that any Member, having been granted the right of representation before the Committee, has by his ungentlemanly conduct or other causes made himself offensive to the Members, shall have power of Suspension of such Member from exercising his privileges as a Member of the Club for a period of time agreed by the Committee or until Expulsion from the Club.

In the event the Committee decide on Expulsion then if three-fourths of the Eligible Members present at the first Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting thereafter confirm the Committee's decision, the said Member shall forthwith be expelled from the Club.

In the event of any Full or Associate Member being suspended or expelled by Gullane Golf Club then the Committee shall immediately implement Suspension or Expulsion of the said Member from the Club without any need to make reference to the Membership.

7 GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of October in each year to conduct all competent business and to elect Office Bearers and Committee Members.

Sufficient notice of an Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to have been given by intimation on the Club's notice board not less than 6 calendar weeks prior to the due date.

Any subject relating to the management and affairs of the Club may be discussed at the Annual General Meeting. No motion shall, however, be entertained unless duly proposed and seconded and unless the terms thereof have been intimated to the Secretary in writing by the proposer and seconder on or before 4 Calendar Weeks preceding the Meeting; the Secretary shall send notice of such a motion to every Member at least 14 days before the Meeting.

- (b) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time or by a Requisition to the Secretary signed by 10 Eligible Members.

An Extraordinary General Meeting must be held within 28 days of the Secretary receiving a Requisition stating the terms of the motion to be proposed. Thereafter, notification shall be sent to each Eligible Member of the Club 14 days prior to the date of such a Meeting.

- (c) Only Eligible Members shall be entitled to speak and vote at General Meetings or Requisition the Secretary for an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- (d) 12 Eligible Members shall form a quorum in General Meetings.
- (e) At any General Meeting a resolution (except a resolution changing the Rules of the Club, or concerning the expulsion of a Member, or concerning authority either to borrow, or to dispose of club assets) shall be deemed to have been carried if passed by a simple majority of votes.
- (f) The Chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote in case of need.
- (g) An entry of all Resolutions carried shall be made in the Minutes and such an entry once made shall be conclusive evidence of the Resolution having been carried.

8 COMMITTEE MEETING

- (a) The Committee shall meet from time to time as may be required and must be called together if a requisition signed by not less than 3 members of the Committee be served upon the Secretary requesting him to convene such a meeting of the Committee.
- (b) 5 shall form a quorum at a Meeting: the Committee.
- (c) The Chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote in case of need.
- (d) A record of all matters discussed and decided during each Meeting shall be maintained by the Secretary and such Minutes shall be read at the subsequent Meeting, amended if appropriate and subsequently signed in approval by the Chairman as an accurate record of the preceding Meeting.

9 ALTERATION OF RULES

- (a) The Rules of the Club shall not be added to nor altered nor repealed save by a majority of two-thirds of the Eligible Membership personally present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- (b) Any proposal to create a new Rule or to alter or repeal an existing Rule must be notified to the Eligible Members not less than 14 days prior to an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose in accordance with Clause 7 (b).

10 FINANCE

- (a) The financial year of the Club shall run from 1st October in each year.
- (b) The whole funds and assets of the Club shall be vested in the Office Bearers and Committee Members for the time being.
- (c) The Committee shall have power to delegate authority to manage the funds of the Club to the Captain, Vice-Captain, Treasurer and Secretary.

The said Office Bearers shall have power to open Bank Accounts in the name of the Club. Any two so authorised Office Bearers shall be empowered to operate such Accounts jointly and shall be bound to pay into said Accounts all funds received by them within one week of receipt.

- (d) The Committee shall be bound to deliver an account of income and expenditure of the Club to the Eligible Membership at the Annual General Meeting and such account shall be audited by 2 Eligible Members of the Club who are neither Committee Members nor Office Bearers.
- (e) The Committee shall have no power to borrow or invest or to dispose of any of the Assets of the Club without the approval of the Eligible Members at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club.
- (f) A majority of two-thirds of those Eligible Members present and voting shall be necessary to carry a resolution to borrow money or to dispose of Assets of the Club.

A simple majority shall be required for a resolution to invest.

11 RULES OF GOLF

The Rules of Golf as they may from time to time be fixed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, shall, with the addition of such Local Rules as may be implemented from time to time by Gullane Golf Club, be the Rules observed by the Club.

12 ASSETS

The effects and money of the Club shall belong equally to all the Eligible Members during their Membership; but the rights and interests of every such Eligible Member shall be personal and limited to him, and shall expire with his Membership, and shall not be assignable or arrestable or pass to his heirs and executors.

With the consent of three fourths of the Eligible Members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose the Club may be wound up and subsequently the assets of the Club shall be disposed of and any money so raised shall be added to any money held to account by the Club and after all outstanding debts and expenses have been paid the balance shall be distributed among the Eligible Members.