

ROYAL TROON



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DEFINITIONS

- 1 In these Articles of Constitution the following expressions will have the following meanings:
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| “the Club” | Royal Troon Golf Club |
| “Life Members” | Members elected as such in accordance with Article 33 |
| “Honorary Members” | Members elected as such in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 |
| “Senior Members” | Members elected as such in accordance with Article 36 |
| “Craigend Members” | Members elected as such in accordance with Article 37 |
| “House Members” | Members elected as such in accordance with Article 38 |
| “Five-day Members” | Members elected as such in accordance with Article 39 |
| “Country Members” | Members elected as such in accordance with Article 40 |
| “Overseas Members” | Members elected as such in accordance with Article 41 |
| “Members under 30” | Members elected as such in accordance with Article 42 |
| “Junior Members” | Members elected as such in accordance with Article 43 |
| “Ordinary Members” | Members entitled to the full rights and privileges of membership and not coming within any of the categories of Membership defined elsewhere in these Articles |
| “Qualifying Members” | Members who have been Ordinary Members, or deceased former members who were Ordinary Members, for at least 10 years |

THE CLUB

- 2 The Club shall be called “Royal Troon Golf Club” and Membership will be open, subject to the terms of this Constitution, to any person and none of the exceptions open to associations set out in Schedule 16 to the Equality Act 2010 will apply subject to:
- (a) the rights to all existing Members of the Club to retain their current Membership;
 - (b) the continued priority admission as Members of the Club of sons and daughters of Qualifying Members provided they are otherwise eligible; and
 - (c) the number of Ordinary Members will not exceed 500
- 2.1 The Club is a Non-Profit making organisation. All profit and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Club’s facilities. Any profit or surplus on a winding-up or dissolution of the Club will, with the prior sanction of the requisite majority pursuant to Article 4, only be distributed to:-
- (a) Another Non-Profit making body, or
 - (b) The Members of the Club.

PROPERTY OF THE CLUB

- 3 The title to any heritable property owned or leased by the Club shall be taken and vested in the names of the Captain and the Secretary of the Club respectively, for the time being and their successors in office as Trustees ex officio for and on behalf of the Club.
- 4 (a) The property, effects and moneys of the Club shall belong equally to the members from time to time but the right and interest of every member shall be personal and limited to himself/herself, shall expire with his/her membership and shall not be assignable, nor arrestable nor pass to heirs or executors.
- (b) No heritable property of the Club, whether owned or leased, and having a value in excess of ten times the then current annual subscription of Ordinary Members (such value being assessed by an independent valuer appointed for that purpose by the Committee) may be disposed of in any way whatsoever whereby the members would be deprived of the possession, use or enjoyment thereof, whether permanently or temporarily (except temporarily in the case of a tournament or championship at the discretion of the Committee), without a resolution to that effect being passed at a General Meeting of the Club by nine-tenths of those members present and entitled to vote.

MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

- 5 The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the management of a Committee elected for not less than a year by the members.
- 6 The Committee shall have the power from time to time to make Rules governing and regulating the running of the Club. These Rules shall contain:
 - (a) particulars of subscriptions, fees and other charges payable from time to time by members, guests, visitors and others;
 - (b) regulations governing the opening of the Clubhouse, the supply of alcoholic liquor and all domestic matters in relation to the Clubhouse.
 - (c) regulations governing the introduction and admission of guests or visitors to the Clubhouse and/or the Courses; and
 - (d) such other regulations as may from time to time be considered desirable for the better running of the Club.

Any repeal or alteration of the Rules affecting either the entry money to the Club or the subscription of Ordinary Members will only be effective if approved at a General Meeting of the Club.

OFFICERS

- 7 (a) An Honorary President, who shall have all the privileges of an Ordinary Member, may be proposed by the Committee for election for a period of three years at any Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) A Captain and a Vice-Captain shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting to hold office until the next following Annual General Meeting.
8. Notwithstanding the terms of Article 7 an Officer of the Club may be removed from office by any General Meeting of the Club which may also fill any vacancy in any office.

SECRETARY

- 9 A Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee who shall also have the power to remove any person from such office.

**CONSTITUTION, POWERS AND
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 10 The Committee shall consist of the Captain, the Vice-Captain and nine other members, five members of the Committee to form a quorum. The Captain shall be the Chairperson of the Committee with the Vice-Captain as his/her deputy and if neither is present the members of the Committee present shall choose one of their number as acting Chairperson.
- 11 Three members of the Committee shall retire by rotation annually, their places being filled up at each Annual General Meeting of the Club. Nominations shall be made by members in writing to the Secretary and posted in the Clubhouse not later than 31st May, and shall be embodied in the printed Report submitted by the Committee to the Annual General Meeting.
Any vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Committee.
- 12 The Committee shall meet once in a month or as often as may be required. At least three days' notice of all Committee Meetings shall be given by the Secretary but if urgent business has to be disposed of a Committee Meeting may be called on twenty-four hours' notice.
- 13 The Committee shall have power to appoint and remove employees of the Club and power to make Regulations from time to time for general comfort and accommodation of members as regards both the Courses and the Clubhouse and shall post any such Regulation in the Clubhouse.
- 14 The Committee may appoint Green, House, Handicap and Finance Committees and shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees from their own number or with the addition of other members of the Club. The Committee may appoint any member of the Club, although not a member of the Committee, Convener of the Green Committee for a term of years, not exceeding four, but he/she shall be eligible for re-election when his/her term of office expires.
- 15 The Committee shall have power from time to time to borrow such sums not exceeding £25,000 as may be required for the running of the Club or for capital expenditure on the Courses or on the Clubhouse and to make such arrangements for repayment as they deem appropriate. They shall have the power to charge the Club's property and assets in security for such loans. The Committee shall have the power to borrow such further sums and for such periods as a majority of members shall decide at a General Meeting called in terms of the Constitution.
- 16 The Committee shall have the power temporarily to suspend such of the Articles and Rules as they consider necessary in order to provide for the proper conduct of Championship meetings or other special circumstances and to make such temporary Rules and Regulations as they consider advisable for such occasions provided that no such change in the Rules and Regulations shall contravene the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Act 2010, the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 or any Statutory addition or amendment thereto or replacement thereof.

FINANCE

- 17 The Club financial year shall be from 1st May to 30th April.
18 Correct accounts and books shall be kept showing the financial affairs and
intrusions of the Club. Prior to the Annual General Meeting a duly audited
statement of the Club's affairs and of the income and expenditure for the past year
shall be printed and forwarded to each member, and shall be submitted to the
Meeting.
19 Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 20 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held at five o'clock on the last
Saturday of July or in special circumstances on such other date as the Committee
may decide provided the Meeting is held within three weeks after the last Saturday
of July.
21 A Special General Meeting may be called:
(a) when the Committee deem it necessary or;
(b) on a requisition being presented to the Secretary, stating the matters to be
discussed, signed by at least twenty-five members entitled to vote.
22 Notice of at least seven days of all General Meetings of the Club shall be given by
the Secretary.
23 The quorum for General Meetings shall be twenty-five members entitled to vote.
24 The Chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present
(and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time and
from place to place.
25 Proxies shall not be available at any General Meeting of the Club.
26 The Captain shall be the Chairperson of all General Meetings whom failing the
Vice-Captain and in the absence of both, a Chairperson shall be chosen by the
Meeting.
27 In all cases of equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a casting vote as well as
a deliberative vote.

MEMBERSHIP

- 28 Members of the Club may include:
- (a) Ordinary Members
 - (b) Life Members
 - (c) Honorary Members
 - (d) Senior Members
 - (e) Craighend Members
 - (f) House Members
 - (g) Five-day Members
 - (h) Country Members
 - (i) Overseas Members
 - (j) Members under 30
 - (k) Junior Members
 - (l) Visitors provided for in Article 44

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- 29 The election of new members shall rest with the Committee, but the Committee shall not proceed to the election of any candidate unless he/she shall have attained the age of 18 years (except in the case of Junior Members). The election shall be by ballot, and three black balls shall exclude.
- 30 Nominations for membership must be made on a printed form obtained from the Secretary. The nomination form will contain such information and be lodged with the Secretary with such lodging fee as shall be determined by the Committee from time to time (the fee being deducted from the entrance fee on election or forfeit if the nominee's name is withdrawn). The nomination form must be signed by a proposer and seconder to whom the nominee must be personally known. Nomination forms will be posted on the Notice Board or in some other prominent position in the Clubhouse at least one month before the nomination is to be considered by the Committee. At any time, members may lodge with the Secretary written letters of support for nominations and such letters shall be an element in the Committee's consideration of the suitability of nominees for membership.
- 31 The Committee may elect as Ordinary Members sons and daughters of Qualifying Members in such priority to other candidates for membership provided that so long as there are such other candidates for membership not more than two such sons and daughters shall be admitted to membership in succession.
- 32 On the admission of a new member the Secretary shall notify the same to him/her in writing, furnish him/her with a copy of the Constitution and Rules, and request him/her to pay the appropriate entry-money. Failing his/her doing so within one month from the date of his/her election and after notice in writing shall have been given to his/her proposer and seconder the election shall be void unless he/she satisfies the Committee there was reasonable excuse for such non-payment.

LIFE MEMBERS

- 33 The Committee may elect Life Members whose number shall not exceed 25 at any time and only those who have been Ordinary Members of the Club for not less than 30 years shall be eligible to be elected as Life Members. The fee payable by Life Members on election shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee.

HONORARY MEMBERS

- 34 The Committee may elect Honorary Members, who shall pay neither entry-money nor subscription. To qualify for election as an Honorary Member the candidate must have rendered important service to the Club or be a person of international distinction or reputation. For the avoidance of doubt, the rights of Honorary Members elected prior to July 2013 will subsist in accordance with the terms and conditions applicable to such election.
- 35 The Committee shall have power to admit the Secretary of the Club as a member without payment for the duration of his/her term of office.

SENIOR MEMBERS

- 36 The Committee will invite to be Senior Members those Ordinary or Five Day Members who are 75 years of age and over and have been Members for not less than 40 years and who will pay an annual subscription in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

There will be no limit on the number of Senior Members. A Senior Member will be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Club and will otherwise have the same rights and privileges as an Ordinary Member.

CRAIGEND MEMBERS

- 37 The Committee may elect Craigend Members, who will pay an annual subscription in accordance with the Rules of the Club. Only those Members who have been Ordinary Members of the Club for not less than 15 years and are at least 70 years of age shall be eligible, unless under exceptional circumstances which shall be determined by the Committee. Craigend Members may play at any time on the Craigend Course and will have full access to and use of the Practice area but will have no other playing rights. There will be no limit on the number of Craigend Members. A Craigend Member will be entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Club. For the avoidance of doubt, the rights of Non Playing Members elected prior to 29 July 2017 will subsist in accordance with the terms and conditions applicable to such election (and such rights will also include the rights set out in this Article 37).

HOUSE MEMBERS

- 38 The Committee may elect House Members who will pay an annual subscription in accordance with the Rules of the Club. Only those Members who have been Members of the Club for not less than 5 years will be eligible, unless under exceptional circumstances which will be determined by the Committee. There will be no limit on the number of House Members. A House Member will have no playing rights, but shall be entitled to attend but not to vote at General Meetings of the Club.

FIVE-DAY MEMBERS

- 39 The Committee may elect Five-day Members who shall pay an annual subscription in accordance with the Rules of the Club. Only those members who are 60 years of age and over and have been Ordinary Members of the Club for not less than 20 years shall be eligible to apply for such membership. They shall have the same rights and obligations as Ordinary Members but shall play neither on the Old Course nor, unless elected as a Five-Day Member prior to 27 July 1996, on the Portland Course on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays.

COUNTRY MEMBERS

- 40 Any Member, who has been a Member of the Club for not less than 3 years, who resides more than 60 miles from Troon and who only uses the Club occasionally during the year, shall be liable to pay a modified subscription in accordance with the Rules of the Club, provided that he/she so advises the Secretary in writing on or before 1st May in the relevant year. On receipt of this intimation, provided the Committee consider it to be satisfactory the name of such Member will be removed from the list of Ordinary Members and will be placed on the list of Country Members. In the event of his/her returning to reside within the 60 mile radius of Troon, such Member shall thereupon revert to Ordinary Membership and will become liable for the full annual subscription. It is the obligation of the Member in question to advise the Club of his/her change of residence forthwith. Members on the list of Country Members, if temporarily visiting Troon, may play on the Courses on 12 occasions in any one year without charge but on any subsequent occasion the green fee applicable at that time will be payable by him/her. Country Members will be entitled to attend but not to vote at General Meetings of the Club.

OVERSEAS MEMBERS

- 41 The Committee may elect as an Overseas Member a person who is permanently resident outside the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom and who is a member of a golf club affiliated to a recognised National Golf Association. The number of Overseas Members will be limited to 50. An Overseas Member when elected will pay the full entry fee then applicable to an Ordinary Member but will pay only half the annual subscription both on election and thereafter. Overseas Members will be entitled to attend but not to vote at General Meetings of the Club.

MEMBERS UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE

- 42 The Committee may elect to membership persons aged 18 and up to and including 29 on such terms and conditions as shall apply to such members in the Club Rules. Such members shall be entitled to attend but not to vote at General Meetings of the Club. Such members shall on admission pay half the entry money then due (except in the case of former Junior Members who will not require to pay any entry money) and an annual subscription in accordance with the Rules of the Club. Such members will automatically become Ordinary Members on the 1st May following their 30th birthday and pay the full annual subscription then in force from the 1st May following their 30th birthday.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

- 43 The Committee may elect to Junior Membership persons aged 12 and up to and including 17 on such terms and conditions as shall apply to such members in the Club Rules. Such members shall have no right to attend any meetings of the Club. On attaining the age of 18 such members will require to be elected to further membership of the Club in terms of Article 29 hereof.

VISITORS

- 44 Visitors to the Club (“Visitors”) must be Members of any recognised Golf Club and may be permitted to play over the Courses and use the Clubhouse on payment of Green Fees in force at the time. Visitors will not be allowed to play over the Old Course on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sunday and Public Holidays. The Committee’s powers under Article 6 (c) of the Constitution will apply to this Article 44.
- 45 In special circumstances the Committee may in its discretion permit Visitors the use of the Clubhouse and Courses on a daily basis only under such conditions and at such charges as are fixed by the Committee from time to time. The number of Visitors shall be monitored by the Committee on a daily basis.

RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

- 46 Any member wishing to resign shall intimate his/her intention to the Secretary in writing but any member failing to give such intimation on or before 1st May shall be held liable for his/her subscription for the ensuing year.
- 47 In case the conduct of any member, either in or out of the Club be, in the opinion of the Committee, injurious to the character and interests of the Club, the Committee may, after giving the member a reasonable opportunity of being heard, request such member to resign, and failing compliance with such request within fourteen days from the date thereof, the Committee shall remove his/her name from the roll of members. The right of appeal shall be reserved to any member so dealt with, and, if exercised by him/her within fourteen days of the date of the official letter notifying him/her of his/her expulsion, which shall be posted to his/her last known address, a General Meeting shall thereupon be convened in terms of Article 21 to deal with the case. A vote of a majority of the members present and entitled to vote at such Meeting confirming the action of the Committee shall be decisive. The decision of the General Meeting shall be formally communicated to the member involved.

DUES

- 48 Any member admitted after 1st October shall pay half the annual subscription for the remainder of the current year and any member admitted after 1st February shall not be charged any subscription for the remainder of the then current year.
- 49 The annual subscription falls due on 1st May in each year and if not paid within a month thereafter shall be considered to be in arrears. Any member failing to pay his/her subscription before 1st July in any year shall be written to by the Secretary and if his/her subscription be still unpaid a fortnight thereafter his/her name shall be posted in the Clubhouse.
- 50 No member shall be allowed to vote or take part in any discussion of any motion or question before the Club, nor to compete for prizes or participate in any of the advantages or privileges of the Club or Clubhouse, until all arrears due by him/her are paid.

- 51 If a member leaves his/her subscription unpaid for three months after it becomes due the Committee may remove his/her name from the list of Members of the Club, and he/she can only be reinstated by ballot in the usual way and on payment of all arrears together with a fine or penalty of one year's subscription in addition to the current year's subscription.

CLUBHOUSE

- 52 No alcoholic liquors shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club and no alcoholic liquors shall be sold or supplied to any person under 18 years of age.
- 53 No member of the Committee or any manager or servant employed by the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of alcoholic liquor in the Clubhouse or in the profits arising from such sale.
- 54 Members must defray all expenses incurred in the Clubhouse at the time they are incurred, the Steward having no authority to keep accounts.
- 55 No gratuity shall be given to any employee of the Club.

GENERAL

- 56 A copy of the Constitution and a copy of the Rules of the Club and an alphabetical list of all the members and their addresses shall be kept at the Clubhouse and shall be available for inspection by any member on application to the Secretary.
- 57 The Articles of Constitution may only be altered at a General Meeting of the Club and notice of any such proposed alteration shall be posted in the Clubhouse at least 28 days before the Meeting at which the alteration is to be considered and in addition particulars of such proposed alteration will be given with the Notice of such Meeting. Any such proposed alteration shall require the approval of a majority of those present and entitled to vote at the Meeting in order to succeed, except in relation to any proposed alteration to Article 4 above or this Article which, in either case, shall require the approval of nine-tenths of those members present and entitled to vote at the Meeting.