



# CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be called **LUNDIN LADIES GOLF CLUB** and shall be a non profit making body dedicated to the supply of sporting services.

## 2. Membership

The Club shall consist of - (a)

Lady members

- (b) Senior lady members - aged 65 years or more who have been members for a minimum period of 20 continuous years
- (c) Intermediate members - girls aged 18-21 at the start of the Club's financial year
- (d) Junior members - girls aged under 18 at the start of the Club's financial year
- (e) Honorary life members - who may be elected by a majority of the members in General Meeting and who shall be exempt from paying a subscription. The Council will have discretion to limit the numbers in categories (a), (c) and (d). Only lady members, senior lady members and intermediate members will be entitled to vote
- (f) Social Membership – available to former members who can no longer play golf but wish to retain a link with the Club.

## 3. Management

The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Council comprising ten lady or senior lady members of the Club and including a Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer (2 of the last 3 offices may be held by one person) and six or seven ordinary members. All Council members must have been lady members of the Club for at least 3 calendar years. One third of the ordinary members and all office bearers retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

Nominations for office bearers of the Club and members of the Council must be made in writing, signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee (confirming her willingness to stand) and lodged with the Secretary a minimum of 14 days before the Annual General Meeting and they will be exhibited on the notice board for 7 days before the Annual General Meeting. Election shall be by secret ballot. The Council shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the office bearers or the Council during the year. At Council meetings 5 members shall form a Quorum.

In cases of equality of voting at any meeting the Captain or her Deputy shall have a casting vote. No office bearer or a member of the Council shall rent or lease land to the Club. No Office Bearer or member of the Council shall be a relative, business partner or person acting under the direction of any person leasing or renting land to the Club. No Office Bearer or member of the Council shall be a relative, business partner or person acting under the direction of anyone associated with the Club who receives emoluments based on the turnover of any aspect of Club activity.



#### **4. General Meetings**

The financial year of the Club shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in each year. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday in March when office bearers shall be elected, vacancies in the Council filled, auditors elected and the report of the Council with the Treasurer's annual statement duly audited, submitted and the general business of the Club transacted. A printed copy of the Council's report and balance sheet shall be available in the clubhouse at least one week prior to the Annual General Meeting. At an Annual General Meeting 12 members shall form a quorum. A Special General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time by the Council or upon the requisition of not fewer than 20 members of the Club addressed to the Secretary and specifying the resolution or resolutions to be submitted to the meeting. The Special General Meeting must be held within 6 weeks of the Secretary receiving such a requisition. Notice of Special General Meetings shall be given by advertisement in the local paper and by notice displayed in the Clubhouse at least 28 days before the date of the meeting. A quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be 12. At all General Meetings voting will be by majority unless otherwise specified.

#### **5. Subscriptions**

The annual subscriptions shall be proposed by the Treasurer and presented to the Council at its October Meeting. If the sum is within 2% of the present fees, it may be accepted on condition that the Council agrees unanimously. In the event that Council agreement is not reached or the proposed sum is outwith 2%, an EGM shall be called.

On a Member's first year they shall pay the full subscription regardless of their date of joining. If that member continues within the Club their following year's subscription shall be reduced to reflect the unused part of their first year

The Council shall fix the price of all other tickets. New members admitted after 30<sup>th</sup> September, will pay such proportion of the annual subscription as the Council shall think fit. Subscriptions are payable up to but no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January. Members who have not yet paid their subscription are not entitled to make use of the facilities of the Club. Any person who fails to pay the subscription by the 31<sup>st</sup> January shall cease to be a member of the Club.

#### **6. New Members**

A candidate seeking admission shall complete an application form with such information as is required by the Council on a form prescribed by them. She will also be required to record her name, designation and address in the book kept for the purposes in the Clubhouse. On payment of the amount of the subscription a new member shall be furnished with a copy of the Constitution by the Secretary or Treasurer. The member is thereby held to have submitted herself to the rules of the Club.

#### **7. Resignations**

Any member wishing to resign membership of the Club shall notify the same in writing to the Secretary prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> December, otherwise she shall be liable for her subscription for the following year.



If a member of at least 3 calendar years standing notifies the Secretary at the time of her resignation of a bona fide reason for her resignation she may be readmitted at the Council's discretion.

## **8. Complaints**

All complaints shall be made in writing to the Secretary and shall thereafter be investigated by the Council. Should any member be guilty of conduct which in the opinion of the Council shall be detrimental to the character, good order or welfare of the Club or otherwise render herself objectionable to other members, the Council may discipline the offending member and shall have the power to suspend such member if they so decide, providing that two thirds of the whole Council vote such suspension.

In the case of such suspension the member may, within fourteen days of such decision being intimated to her by letter, apply in writing to the Secretary, making whatever representations the member may consider appropriate in reply.

The Council after consideration of such representations or in the absence of any such representations may, by a simple majority, revoke such suspension or alternatively call a Special General Meeting with the recommendation that the member be expelled.

At such Special General Meeting the expulsion shall be confirmed or otherwise by the members present, provided that two-thirds of the votes cast are in favour of expulsion and such decision shall be final.

Voting shall be by secret ballot. Should any member be expelled in terms of this rule the name of the member shall forthwith be removed from the List of Members and such member shall cease to belong to the Club or have any claim on its property or privileges and in particular there shall be no claim at her instance in respect of such expulsion.

Notwithstanding any member being expelled from the Club she shall remain liable for the annual subscription and any arrears of some if unpaid at the time of her expulsion.

## **9. Property**

The property, effects and monies of the Club shall belong to the lady members and senior lady members equally but the right and interest of any member shall be personal and limited to herself and shall expire with her membership. 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 non-profit making organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such organisations to be determined by the members of the Club by the resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of the dissolution and in so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable object.

## **10. Rules**

The game shall be played according to the Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, the regulations of Scottish Golf, and such local rules as may from time to time be made by the Council of the Club. The Council shall have the power to enact such Byelaws as it may deem necessary to regulate the conduct for Clubhouse and Course.



## **11. Amendment**

The foregoing rules shall not be altered or added to except by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at a General Meeting.

Notice and details of any proposed alteration or addition shall be lodged in writing with the Secretary at least one calendar month prior to the meeting and shall be displayed on the notice board in the Clubhouse at least 7 days prior to the meeting.