

DUMBARTONSHIRE GOLF UNION

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

(i) Name

The Union will be called "The Dumbartonshire Golf Union" hereinafter referred to as "The Union".

(ii) Objects

The objects of the Union shall be the affiliation of all golf clubs in or associated with Dumbartonshire and surrounding area with a view to fostering the game of golf ; improving the standard of play ; promoting camaraderie amongst golfers ; holding championships, competitions, inter- county or representative matches ; carrying out course rating for handicapping purposes ; providing a representative to serve on the Executive Council of the Scottish Golf Union ; levying subscriptions from member clubs and expending funds in pursuance of the objects of the Union.

(iii) Membership

Membership is open to all golf clubs in the Dumbartonshire and surrounding area, (as shall be determined by the Scottish Golf Union), providing said clubs have the minimum number of male members (other than boys) as stipulated by the Scottish Golf Union.

(iv) Management

The affairs of the Union shall be conducted by :-

1. An Executive Committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer, representative to the Executive Council of the Scottish Golf Union (the office bearers) and up to six other members all of whom must be members of an affiliated club with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer which offices may be filled by the same person.
2. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and representative to the Executive Council of the Scottish Golf Union shall be elected at the Annual General meeting and shall hold office for one year when they will be eligible for re-election as office-bearers or as members of the Executive Committee. The President and Vice-President shall not be elected to their respective office for a term exceeding two years. The other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period of three years with one third of them retiring annually by rotation when they will be eligible for re-election.
3. Any vacancy arising during the year may be filled by the Executive Committee. Any such appointment shall require approval at the next Annual General Meeting. In the case of a vacancy occurring in the position of an ordinary member of the Executive Committee, the person so co-opted will fall to retire at the same time as his predecessor would have been due to retire.
4. The Executive Committee shall have authority to co-op such additional members as considered necessary to assist in carrying out the objects of the Union and to serve on sub-committees. Such Co-opted members shall not be members of the Executive Committee.

5. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least every three months when a quorum of four members, other than the Secretary and Treasurer, shall be required.

(v) Powers

The Executive Committee shall have the powers necessary for the full and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Union. The Executive Committee shall have power to make Bye-Laws and Rules and to rescind or amend these and, providing sufficiently intimated, the same shall be binding on all member clubs of the Union until rescinded or amended at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

(vi) Meetings

1. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Union shall be held in November of each year. Any member club desirous of bringing a proposal before the meeting must give notice in writing to the Secretary by the 15th October. The Secretary shall send a Notice to each member club of the date of the meeting outlining such business to be transacted as authorised by the Executive Committee and of any proposal by a member club of which due notice has been received. Such business shall include the election of Office Bearers, and members of the Executive Committee and a Statement of the Annual Accounts up to the previous 30th September, duly audited.

2. Special General Meeting

The Executive Committee shall have power to call a Special General Meeting of the Union, and shall be bound to hold such a meeting within 30 days of receipt by the Secretary of a written requisition for that purpose signed by four or more members of the Executive Committee or by eight or more member clubs.

3. Quorum

Representation from eight member clubs shall form a quorum at an Annual or Special General meeting.

4. Chairman

At all meetings of the Union, the President, whom failing the Vice-President, whom failing a member of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the meeting to take the Chair. In the event of equality, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

5. Voting

At any Annual General or Special General meeting of the Union, in the event that a vote is required, member clubs in attendance shall be entitled to vote as follows :-

Clubs having membership numbers of :-

- Up to 99 members - 1 vote
- 100 to 199 members - 2 votes
- 200 members and over - 4 votes.

6. Proxies

Proxies shall not be available at any meetings of the Union.

(vii) Subscriptions

An annual subscription shall be payable by member clubs based upon its maximum number of all categories of adult male members in the last completed financial year of the club. The per capita rate on which the subscription is based shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting by a majority of those present and voting.

Subscriptions shall be due for payment by the 1st of January of each year following the Annual General Meeting and any unpaid by 31st March shall be considered to be in arrears, at which time the Executive Committee shall be entitled to delete the offending club from membership.

(viii) Auditor

An auditor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to hold office for the ensuing year.

(ix) Resignation

A member club shall be entitled to resign from the Union on giving notice to the Secretary before 15th October in any year.

(x) Alteration of the Constitution

No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Notice calling such a meeting must state the proposed alteration, which to be effected must then receive the support of at least two thirds of those present and voting.

(xi) Dissolution

If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Union there remains, after satisfaction of all of the Union's debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects (that is, aims and activities) similar to the objects of the Union, such organisation or organisations to be determined by members of the Union by Resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of dissolution, and in so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable organisation.