



CONSTITUTION OF DUNDONALD CROQUET CLUB

(Adopted 7 March 2009)

1. The club will be called “DUNDONALD CROQUET CLUB” (hereinafter referred to as “the Club”).
2. This document shall be called the “CONSTITUTION OF DUNDONALD CROQUET CLUB” and shall be the constitution of the Club.
3. The purpose of the Club shall be to provide a croquet club for the people of Dundonald and its surrounding area, allowing Members to participate in competitive croquet while encouraging the social development of the Members.
4. The Club’s financial year shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December in each year.
5. General Meetings of the Club shall be held from time to time as determined by the General Committee. The quorum for any General Meeting shall be fifteen Members. No rule of the Club shall be altered, or a new rule made, except at (i) a General Meeting, (ii) at any Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) called for that purpose, or (iii) at any time by the General Committee acting in good faith. All proposals to alter existing rules, or apply new rules, will be put to a vote of the Members present (or Committee Members present) and deemed to be accepted in the event of a majority in favour.
6. The management of the Club shall be vested in a General Committee consisting of a Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer (or Joint Secretary & Treasurer) and at least two other Members. The quorum for any meeting of the General Committee shall be three Committee Members. The Office-bearers (excluding the Club Captain) and all other members of the General Committee shall be elected at a General Meeting and serve until he/she chooses to retire or he/she is removed by resolution of an EGM called for that purpose. The Club Captain for the forthcoming season shall be determined each year by the General Committee. The immediate Past Captain shall retire at the end of each year and shall not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed.

7. The General Committee shall hold meetings from time to time at their discretion and shall have the management of all the business and affairs of the Club. They shall at all times be entitled to remit any of their powers to sub-committees. All regulations and recommendations made by the General Committee, and all orders given by them, shall be binding on each Member of the Club until set aside at a General Meeting.
8. The General Committee shall have the powers to fill any vacancy which may occur from to time.
9. The Secretary (or Joint Secretary & Treasurer) shall keep correct minutes of all meetings and the Treasurer (or Joint Secretary & Treasurer) shall keep proper books of accounts showing the intromissions and financial affairs of the Club. The books and accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by one or more Members who shall be appointed by the General Committee.
10. Ordinary membership shall be open to persons desiring to share in the purposes and activities of the Club. Applications for membership shall be made in writing to the General Committee and considered by them for acceptance or rejection.
11. A Member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club if his/her subscription remains unpaid by the date of the first competition. The Member may, however, write to the General Committee prior to the end of the season requesting reinstatement if there have been extenuating circumstances.
12. On admission, each new Member shall pay the amount of his/her subscription and the Secretary (or Joint Secretary & Treasurer) shall thereafter furnish him/her with a copy of The Constitution of Dundonald Croquet Club. No Member newly admitted shall participate in any of the privileges of the Club while his/her subscription remains unpaid. Any new Member neglecting to pay the subscription will be notified that he/she has forfeited their right to membership and that no subscription is payable.
13. Honorary Membership may be conferred upon such persons who have distinguished themselves in service to the Club. Nominations for Honorary Membership may be made by any Member to the General Committee, and shall be in writing clearly stating the reason for such nomination. Nominations shall be considered and determined by the General Committee. Honorary Members shall not be liable for any payments of subscriptions in respect of membership and shall have the full rights, privileges, and responsibilities of an ordinary Member.
14. Proposals to alter the Constitution of Dundonald Croquet Club may be made by any Member and must be given in writing to the Secretary (or Joint Secretary & Treasurer) at least fourteen days in advance of any General Meeting at which it shall be considered for acceptance.
15. Recommendations or complaints may be made at any time by any Member. They must be submitted in writing to the Secretary (or Joint Secretary & Treasurer) and signed by the Member. All such matters will be submitted by the Secretary (or Joint

- Secretary & Treasurer) to the General Committee for consideration and resolution. The Committee may require the Member to be in attendance at the meeting when the matter is under discussion.
16. Any Member of the Club may require the General Committee to call an EGM to consider any point on which he/she may feel aggrieved. All requests to call an EGM must be made in writing to the Secretary (or Joint Secretary & Treasurer) and clearly specify the grounds of complaint. In addition to this, the request must be signed by no less than five Members.
 17. If the conduct of any Member appears to the General Committee to endanger the character, interest, good order or name of the Club it shall be in the power of the General Committee on their own resolution (or on a requisition signed by no less than five Members of the Club) to either:
 - (i) temporarily suspend the offending Member for a period of no more than two months; or
 - (ii) call an EGM to decide as to the permanent expulsion of the offending Member. At such meeting a vote will be taken and in the event of a majority of Members present voting in favour of the offending Member being removed from the list of Members of the Club, he/she shall cease to belong to the Club with immediate effect.
 18. For any breach of the foregoing rules, the General Committee shall have the power to temporarily suspend the offending Member for a period of no more than two months.
 19. The Club may only be wound up at a General Meeting (or EGM called for that purpose). The numbers of the General Committee required to be present at such meeting shall be a minimum of three, in addition to the majority of the Members present. A vote will be taken and in the event of at least three quarters of the Members present voting in favour, the Club will be wound up.

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