

Constitution (2003) (Amended 2004, 2006, 2007, 2012,2013,2014 and 2019)

(1) Name: *The name of the Association shall be the Central Aberdeenshire District Seniors(CADS) and shall be a nonprofit making body.*

(2) Aims:

The Association is formed to:-

- (a) Promote the game of golf and foster social relationships amongst Senior Members from designated clubs.
- (b) Obtain playing facilities at designated clubs.
- (c) Promote and arrange matches and competitions.
- (d) Provide and arrange prizes, awards and merits at matches and competitions.
- (e) Raise funds by subscription, donation or promotion in order to serve the financial needs of the Association.
- (f) Accumulate funds as current or reserve and to apply them directly or indirectly for the benefit of all members.
- (g) Pay all necessary costs legally and properly incurred in the way of its activities.

(3) Membership:

(A) Participating Clubs. A Club may join the Association by:-

- (i) Application to the Secretary and thereafter await the approval / rejection of an A.G.M.
- (ii) By invitation of the Association after approval at an A.G.M.

(B) Individual Playing Members in Designated Clubs.

- (i) Each club shall be entitled to nominate 11 qualified players hereafter known as the "Quota". Huntly and Tarland quota is 4 qualified players
- (ii) Membership is restricted to those aged 55 and over by the date of the first meeting in any current year.
- (iii) Should the entries in a club exceed its Quota, the allocation of places to its members is the sole responsibility of the club.

(4) Office-bearers and Committee:

- (a) Office-bearers shall consist of a Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary is in receipt of an annual honorarium.
- (b) The Committee shall consist of the aforesaid Office-bearers plus three other members.
- (c) The Chairman and Vice-chairman shall hold Office only until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The Secretary, Treasurer and the 3 Committee members shall hold Office for a period of 3 years but shall be eligible for re-election.
- (d) Should a vacancy occur, the Committee may co-opt a member who will serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

(5) Election of Office-bearers and Committee:

(A) Chairman and Vice Chairman: These Offices are filled by use of the following system.

- (i) An alphabetical rotation method is employed.
- (ii) If a member of club (A) holds the Office of Chairman in any one year, a member proposed by club (B) will automatically be the Vice Chairman for that year.
- (iii) In the following year the previous Vice Chairman will become the current Chairman.(failing that, a nominee from club will fill the post) and a nominee from club(C) will become the current Vice-Chairman.
- (iv) the rotation will continue so that in time, each club will have provided nominees for the two Offices; thereafter the system will start afresh.

(B) Secretary, Treasurer and three Committee Members: Members may seek election to these Offices by providing written notification of their intent to the Secretary no later than the 14th. October of the current year. Should the number of nominations exceed the vacancies, a secret ballot will be held. Should the nominations fall short of the vacancies, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

(6) Committee Proceedings:

The Committee shall meet as and when required for the dispatch of business and otherwise regulate its business as it may decide. The Secretary shall intimate notice of every meeting stating the nature of the business to be considered. At such meetings a Quorum shall consist of 4 members, one of whom must be an Office-bearer.

(7) Meetings of the Association:

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held each calendar year on the last Thursday of November. The notice calling the Meeting must be in the possession of clubs at least 14 days prior to the Meeting and must state the order of proceedings and the business to be discussed. A Quorum shall be 20 **members**.

(A) Any Motion must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not later than the 14th October of the current year. Motions shall fall into one of the following two categories:-

- (i) A Member Club Motion. (discussed and agreed by members and submitted as such)
- (ii) An Individual Member's Motion. (such a motion must be proposed and seconded)

(B) At the Annual General Meeting the business shall include:-

- (i) Consideration of an annual report on the Association.
 - (ii) Consideration of the accounts.
 - (iii) Decisions with regard to the affiliation fee paid by clubs to the Association and the green fee/ fees to be paid to participating clubs.
 - (iv) Election of Office-bearers and Committee Members.
 - (v) Consideration of any competent motions.
 - (vi) Presentation of trophies.
 - (vii) Any other competent business.
- (II) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called should the Secretary receive a written demand for such from the Committee, or from at least one half of participating clubs, or from 50 individual members. Any demand for an Extraordinary General Meeting must clearly state the business to be discussed, such business to be clearly stated on the notice sent to clubs when calling the meeting. Members should have at least 21 days prior notification of the Meeting.
- (III) The Chairman of the above meetings shall be the Chairman of the Association, failing that ,the Vice-Chairman. In the absence of both, the Meeting shall appoint a Chairman.
- (IV) Voting shall be by a show of voting cards i.e. one vote per club.
- (V) All decisions and motions shall be decided by a simple majority of card vote.
- (VI) The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(8) Finances:

The Association shall require proper accounts to be kept and a statement of Income and Expenditure, together with a Balance Sheet must be produced at the Annual General Meeting.

(9) Subscriptions:

- (a) Club Affiliation Fee :- Payment of such must be with the Treasurer prior to the first meeting in a current year.
- (b) Green Fees :- These to be paid by visiting players on the day of play – Home club players pay no fee. A player will not be charged a green fee at any club where he holds membership.

(10) Records of Proceedings:

The minutes of proceedings at all meetings shall be kept and this written record shall show all decisions reached and actions taken or to be taken. This record is to be confirmed at the next appropriate meeting.