



CONSTITUTION

ALDWARK MANOR ESTATE GOLF

JANUARY 2023 (updated APR 23)

GENERAL

1. The Club shall be called "Aldwark Manor Estate Golf".
2. The object of the Club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of golf.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; race; religion or belief; sex or sexual orientation. (Race includes colour, nationality and ethnic or national origin).
4. The Club shall consist of:
 - a) The Club Manager
 - b) The Chairperson
 - c) Welfare Officer
 - d) Ordinary Members, i.e., Playing Members aged 18 years and older. Ordinary Membership may be divided into categories in terms of playing rights and subscriptions. The Management Board shall be responsible for approving new membership categories.
 - e) Junior members aged under 18
 - f) Visitors whose period of Membership shall be at the discretion of the Management Board
5. Membership of the Club is open to all on a fair and equitable basis. The Management Board delegates acceptance of membership applications to the Club Manager, subject to approval at the next Board meeting. The Management Board may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's appeals procedures. Prior to being elected a new member shall not be entitled to any privileges of the club.



6. There shall be a Management Board.

a) The purpose of the Board is to provide leadership and strategic direction focusing on profitability and developing the vision, objectives and core values and goals of the club.

b) The Management Board shall consist of Club Chairperson, Club Manager, Welfare Officer, Handicap Secretary, Chair of Greens and the Hotel Owner, all of whom should be ordinary members.

7. In addition to the Management Board there shall be a Handicaps & Competition Committee which shall consist of a chairperson; Competition Club Manager, Handicap Club Manager and others as are individually approved by the Board.

8. The Management Board shall have the power to regulate or restrict the hours of play on special days for any class of Member.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ACCOUNTS

9. The amount of entrance fees and full annual subscriptions for Members shall be at the discretion of the Management Board.

10. The Annual Subscriptions, levies and any outstanding levies from a previous year, are payable at the beginning of the next membership year from the date that they joined. Non-payment of subscriptions by this date will exclude members from member benefits including competitions. Members who have not paid the said subscriptions and levies by the beginning of the next membership year in question will cease to be able to exercise the rights and privileges of a member of the club. Members disbarred in this way may subsequently apply for re-instatement under rule 5.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

11. The Management Board has the right to discipline and may suspend the membership of any Member or suspend a Member's handicap whose conduct, whether on the Club premises or else where, is considered by the Management Board to be detrimental to the best interests of the Club or its reputation.

The Management Board shall have power to exclude the Member from Bunkers Bar & Restaurant pending the hearing of the case against them.

a) No Member shall be suspended or expelled without first being summoned before the Board and full opportunity to the member to advance an explanation or defence, nor unless three quarters of the Board then present shall vote for their suspension or expulsion. The Chairperson of the Board who hears the case shall not have a casting vote on this occasion.

b) A suspended Member including a member whose handicap has been suspended, shall cease to have any of the privileges of Membership, which for the avoidance of doubt shall include where



appropriate, the right to vote at any general meeting of the Club, nor may be nominated for or hold office whilst suspended, but shall remain liable to pay all subscriptions, levies and other monies due.

c) A Member who is suspended shall have the right to seek a review of his suspension by the Management Board if so requested, in writing to the Club Manager within 7 days of suspension. The review shall take place within 14 days of the request.

d) A Member who is expelled shall have the right of appeal to the Members at a special meeting if requested, in writing to the Club Manager within 7 days of expulsion. The meeting shall be convened by the Club Manager within 21 days of the expulsion. If at least two thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote at the meeting are in favour of allowing the appeal the Member shall be automatically reinstated.

e) The Member may have legal representation at any hearing before the Board or the Members in a special meeting or the right to be accompanied by another Member.

12. Any Member expelled or suspended in accordance with the Rules, or otherwise ceasing to be a Member of the Club shall forfeit all the rights to or claim upon the Club or its property or funds as he/she would have by reason of Membership.

13. The club has the power to suspend / terminate memberships in accordance with the clubs' disciplinary regulations and any disciplinary process will follow this policy that the club has adopted. All complaints shall be made in writing to the Club Manager who, if unable to deal with them, shall submit them to the Management Board, whose decision shall be final. In no instance shall an employee or contractor of the Club be reprimanded directly by a Member.

14. Visitors are not eligible for Club Competitions.

15. The rules of the game of golf, as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews Ltd, shall be adhered to on the course (except in as far as they are added to by any local rules of the club) and the handicaps of Members shall be administered in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Council of National Golf Unions, as authorised by England Golf. Particular attention should be paid to section 1 of the rules of golf.

16. No paper, notice or placard, written or printed, shall be put in the Bunkers Bar & Restaurant without the sanction of the Management Board.

17. Dogs are not allowed on the Course with the exception of Guide Dogs for the blind, and Hearing Dogs for the deaf.

18. Members are required to pay all expenses which they themselves incur as well as those of their Guests visiting the Club, whether these charges emanate from within the Bunkers Bar & Restaurant or elsewhere within the club property. These latter expenses shall be paid in full before the departure of the guest concerned.



19. All tee times must be pre-booked, up to a maximum of 14 days in advance, with all golfers required to report to the golf shop prior to commencing their round.

20. Mobile phones should be placed on silent whilst out on the course.

21. Aldwark Manor Estate Golf will adhere to and enforce the 2021 UK Anti-Doping Rules (as amended from time to time, the "Rules") are intended to implement the World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code") and its supporting International Standards (each as amended from time to time) in the United Kingdom. They also acknowledge the Athletes' Anti-Doping Rights Act referenced in Code Article 20.7.7, which compiles in one place the rights of Athletes that are specifically identified in the Code and the International Standards.

22. Due to the course's close proximity to the River Ure and The Environment Agency's Flood Protection measures, there may be occasion when the course is closed, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall. We will aim to keep this down to a minimum, but our Grounds Team will have the final say regarding these closures and any changes in the course status will be communicated via the club app. Bunkers Bar & Restaurant and the Golf Shop may also be closed occasionally, specifically on days such as Christmas Day and during our winter closure in January each year, again this will be communicated via the club app.

I hereby confirm that Aldwark Manor Estate Golf Club will abide by the constitution outlined above and the following:

- an agreement to recognise The R&A as the body responsible for the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status and shall abide by the Rules of Golf and any Terms and Conditions of Affiliation to England Golf Page 6 of 13 November 2020 changes as laid down from time to time by The R&A.
- An agreement to comply with (1) the By-Laws, as defined above, and which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall include the England Golf Rules, any policies, including an equality policy, and any Regulations, including disciplinary, safeguarding, and anti-doping regulations; and (2) the County Rules and Regulations of its chosen County Body. In each case this shall be as laid down and amended and notified to the Applicant from time to time.

Name: Christophe Gitton

Position: Estate Director

Signature: