



Name of Club

1. The name of the Club shall be **CARNALEA GOLF CLUB**.
2. The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Council consisting of a President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer (hereinafter referred to as "the Officers"), one ex-officio member referred to in Rule 4, and 6 Councilors (who must be Full Members) elected for not less than one year by the General body of Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3 (a) The Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and 3 Members of Council in rotation shall retire annually at each Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election.
3 (b) The President shall serve for a period of one year but shall be eligible for re-election for a further period of one year as agreed by the Council and Members.
3 (c) A committee comprising the President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer will meet to select a name or names for submission to the Council for its approval and subsequent nomination at the Annual General Meeting of a Full member for the offices of President, Captain and Vice-Captain for the ensuing year.
4. Each Captain on retiring, shall be an ex-officio Member of Council for the following year.
5. The election of Officers and other Members of the Council shall take place in the following manner:
 - (a) Any two Members of the Club shall be at liberty to nominate a Full Member or Full Members not exceeding the number of vacancies to serve on the Council as Officers. The name of each Member so nominated shall, except in the case of a retiring Member, eligible for re-election, be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary before the 31st day of December preceding the Annual General Meeting, accompanied by a consent from the candidate stating that they will serve if elected.
A Member is not eligible for nomination until they have been a Full Member for at least 3 years.
 - (b) A list of the names in alphabetical order shall be affixed to the Notice Board of the Club at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.
Balloting lists shall be prepared containing the names of the Candidates only, and each Member present at the Annual General Meeting who has paid their annual subscription for the current year shall be required to vote for candidates to fill the number of vacancies on the Council.
Any ballot paper not containing the correct number of votes corresponding to the number of vacancies on the Council shall be regarded as spoiled and the votes thereon shall not be counted in the ballot. Where there are more Candidates nominated than vacancies, the voting shall be by ballot. In case there shall not be a sufficient number of Candidates nominated in the manner above provided, the Council shall nominate a sufficient number of names to fill up the remaining vacancies, the consent of the Full Member nominated being obtained as in Clause (a).



If two or more Candidates obtain an equal number of votes, a second vote shall be taken, and in case of an equal number of votes being cast for two Members, the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a deciding vote.

6. In case of a vacancy occurring amongst the Officers, the Council may, at its discretion, from amongst its own Members appoint a successor, who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. In case of a vacancy occurring in the Council, the Council shall have the power to co-opt a Full Member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting. Not more than 3 Members of Council may be co-opted by the Council in any period of twelve months.

7. At every meeting of the Club, the Captain, or in the absence of the Captain, a Chairman elected by the Members present, shall preside. The Chairman shall have a casting vote at all meetings.

8. All regulations made by the Council, and orders given by them, consistent with these Rules, shall be binding until set aside by a General Meeting.

9. The Council shall meet at least once every two months, and the quorum at such meetings shall be six.

10. The Council, in addition to the powers hereinafter specially conferred upon them, shall have the control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control, and dismiss the Club servants, and all such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with the Rules and Bye-laws of the Club, and the provisions of the Registration of Clubs (N.I.) Order 1996 or any amending legislation. They may appoint Committees from amongst their number and delegate to any such Committees any of their powers except the election or removal of Members. The proceedings of all Committees shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

10. (a) The Council shall have power to borrow money for the purposes of the Club or such amount or amounts either at one time or from time to time at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as the Council shall think fit and thereupon the Trustees of the Club shall at the discretion of the Council make all such dispositions of the property of the Club or any part thereof including a legal or equitable mortgage thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Council may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest.

(b) The Club shall not be conducted for profit and any surplus of income over expenditure in any year shall be used and applied for the benefit of all the Members.

Trustees

11. The property and effects of the Club shall be vested in four Trustees in trust for the Members for the time being.

(a) The Trustees shall be elected by a General Meeting from amongst the Members of the Club.

(b) Each Trustee shall remain in office until death or retirement or until a General Meeting shall think proper to remove them.



(c) In the case of any Trustee from any cause ceasing to hold office, a new Trustee may be nominated by the Council for election by the Members at the next General Meeting.

(d) The Trustees shall have power to invest money and mortgage or charge any of the property of the Club, in favour of any person, persons, company or corporation, provided that the capital amount of any such charge or mortgage and the rate of interest it shall bear, shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

Hon. Secretary

12. The Hon. Secretary shall keep a book in which the minutes of the proceedings of all General and Council Meetings shall be entered. The Hon. Secretary shall prepare an Annual Report to the Council for approval and submit it to the Annual General Meeting.

Hon. Treasurer

13. The Hon. Treasurer shall keep correct accounts and books, showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club and shall make up the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Club to the 31st December in each year, which shall be printed and circulated amongst Members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Auditors

14. The Accounts of the Club shall be audited by Auditors elected at the Annual General Meeting preceding such audit.

Meetings

15. The Annual General Meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the 31st December in each year, but not later than the 31st March, at such place and time as the Council shall arrange, to receive the Hon. Secretary's Report and the Financial Statement, to elect Office-bearers, Council and Auditors for the ensuing year, to revise rules and to transact any other business as may be regularly brought before it. Any member wishing to bring forward, at the Annual General Meeting, a motion dealing with the Rules, or with business of a special nature, shall, before the 1st January, preceding the day of the meeting, give to the Hon. Secretary written notice of their proposal; and notice of all such proposals, together with the Annual Report of the Council and the Treasurer's Financial Statement, duly audited shall be sent to each Member of the Club at least seven days before the Meeting.

16. Special General Meetings of the Club may be called at any time by the Council or on a requisition to the Hon. Secretary, signed by at least fifty members or three Trustees, stating the business to be brought forward. Seven days' notice of such Meeting, and of the business to be brought forward, shall be given by the Hon. Secretary to the Members in writing. No other business than that mentioned in such notice, shall be discussed at the Meeting.

17. A minimum of 30 Members representing a minimum of 210 votes of the Club shall form a quorum at a General Meeting, and no business shall be transacted unless such a quorum is present. If the 30 member minimum is achieved but the voting rights of such members do not total 210 votes then the meeting shall not be considered quorate.



Election of Members

18. Each candidate for admission shall be proposed by one Member of the Club and seconded by another; and their name, address and designation, on a nomination form, signed by their proposer and seconder, and countersigned by a Member of Council, shall be lodged with the Secretary, who shall have the same posted in the Club House for at least 14 days prior to the ballot. The Council shall from time to time consider proposals for admission together with any written objections to such proposals lodged with the Secretary, and shall have power to accept or reject such proposals -the mode of election to be by ballot and Candidates to be elected only if the majority of the Council Members present vote accordingly. Candidates balloted for, and not elected, shall not be proposed again within a period of twelve months.

19. On the admission of a new Member, the Hon Secretary shall intimate same to them furnishing them with a copy of the Rules of the Club, and requesting them to pay the amount of their Annual Subscription, and no Member newly elected shall participate in any of the advantages or privileges of the Club until they have paid their Subscription. And should such Subscription not be received within 14 days of the Hon. Secretary's notification of admission, it will be understood that they decline to become a Member, and their name shall be removed from the list.

20. The Annual Subscription, which is deemed to include all additional elements such as Membership Supplements and Locker Rent, shall be such as may from time to time be determined by the Council, provided that if it appears to the Council that a general increase in the subscription would be required in excess of Bank of England Base Rate plus 1% of the subscription then current, a Special General Meeting of Members be called to consider the proposed increase and if thought fit, to sanction it with or without amendment.

Payment of Subscription

21. The Annual Subscription is due on 1st January in each year, and is payable in advance. No Member whose Subscription is not paid shall be eligible to compete in Club competitions, or vote at any Meeting of the Club. The Council shall have power to deal with any member whose Subscription is unpaid. The Council may direct that the name of such Member shall be posted in the Club premises, provided that a special notice asking for payment and drawing attention to this rule shall have been sent to the last known address of the said Member a reasonable time before the notice is posted. If no satisfactory reply is received by 1st March in any year, the Secretary shall report the matter to the Council, who shall have power to strike the defaulter's name off the Club roll. Such defaulter shall remain liable for any subscription due and unpaid, but may be reinstated by the Council on payment of all arrears.

22. The Club year shall begin on 1st January. Members elected after 1st July in any year shall pay for the year of admission such a proportion of the Annual Subscription being not less than one-half thereof as the Council shall from time to time decide. Categories of Membership

23. The membership of the Club shall consist of the following:



Full Members

Persons aged 30 and above and duly approved and elected to membership as provided in Rules 18 to 20 above or has transferred from the Lady Associate category. Each Full Member shall have rights to, and be entitled to the privileges of all of the facilities by the Club.

Honorary Members

The Council may elect ladies or gentlemen who have rendered special services to the Club, or who attained eminence as golfers, or persons of public eminence, as Honorary Members. Such election shall be subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting of the Club, and must be, in case of a gentleman, on the nomination of the Council, and in the case of a lady, on the nomination of the Ladies Committee. A two-thirds majority of Members present and voting shall be necessary for such election. Honorary Members may be elected for life or such other period as the General Meeting may decide, and they shall be entitled to all the privileges of Membership, except that they shall not be entitled to claim any share of the property of the Club upon its dissolution.

Lady Associates

Ladies aged 21 and over who are entitled to use the Course and Clubhouse facilities subject to the following restrictions:

Use of the course all day Monday to Friday, inclusive and on the weekend (Saturdays and Sundays) from 2:30 p.m. onwards.

No new entrants to this category of membership will be permitted after 1 July 2006.

Restricted Members

This category of membership shall be open to:-

- (A) Members over 65 years of age (male or female) who have held full or lady associate membership for a continuous period as defined in rule 48 below. The annual subscription shall be discounted as per Rule 48 below.
- (B) Persons aged 21 years and over - the maximum number in this category shall from time to time be decided by the council. The annual subscription to be discounted as per Rule 48 below

They shall be permitted to play Monday to Friday (Inclusive) subject to restrictions which shall from time to time be decided by the council.

House Members

House Members shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of rule 18 and shall be entitled only to the privileges of the Club House.

They shall only be entitled to play on the Course on payment of a reduced Green Fee as decided from time to time by the Council.

Junior and Young Adult Members

The Council may elect Junior or Young Adult Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 18 upon such terms and under such regulations as they may from time to time determine.

The word Junior to mean any person who has reached the age of 9 years or has not yet attained the age of 18 years, and the word Young Adult to mean anyone between the ages of 18 & 29.

Juniors admitted under the preceding Rules, shall, on attaining 18 years, become Young Adult Members and liable for the Annual Subscription payable by the relevant Young Adult age category. On attaining 30 years (membership year in which 30 is attained) and wishing to become Full Members must be elected as provided under Rule 18.. Junior Members shall have no right of Membership in the Club, nor shall they have the privilege of proposing or seconding a candidate for election as a Member.

**Student Members**

Young Adult Members (18-29 years of age) in full time education.

Overseas Members

Existing Members now residing outside Northern Ireland may transfer to this Category.

They shall be entitled to play on ten occasions per year as decided from time to time by the Council. Overseas Members shall have no voting rights.

Temporary Members

The Council shall have the power to make Regulations governing the playing of golf on the Course by golfers who are not Members of the Club, and shall fix the Fee which any such person shall pay for a round of golf. Any such person shall, on payment of the appropriate Fee be issued with a Temporary Membership Card and shall be a Temporary Member of the Club and be entitled to the privileges of the Course and Club House during the day for which such Temporary Membership Card has been issued. A Temporary Member shall not be entitled to make any proposals or attend or vote at any Meeting of the Club.

All such Temporary Members introduced by and playing golf with Members of the Club including Lady Associates, Restricted and Junior Members shall be entitled to do so at a Special Rate of Green Fee as may be determined by the Council.

Resignation

24. Any Member wishing to resign from the Club shall notify the same in writing to the Secretary previous to the 1st January. In default of them so doing, they shall be liable for the Subscription for the year commencing on that date.

Recovery of Debts Due to the Club

25. The Hon. Treasurer for the time being shall be authorised to sue on behalf of the Club, when directed by the Council to do so, and the Minutes of the Meeting at which direction was given shall be evidence of such authority.

Removal of Members

26. In the event of any Member willfully acting contrary to the Rules and Regulations of the Club, and after remonstrance by the Office-bearers, continuing so to act, or in the event of any Member conducting themselves, either in or out of the Club premises so as, in the opinion of the Council, to injure or discredit the character of the Club, the Honorary Secretary shall communicate with such Member, and inform them that a Special Meeting of Council will be held to consider the complaint made against them and notifying them that they may attend thereat to explain their conduct. If two-thirds majority of the Meeting at which not less than eight Members of the Council shall be present, consider it expedient that they should resign, they shall have the option of doing so within seven days; and should they fail to do so within that time, the member shall be expelled by the Council from the Club, and on such expulsion, shall forfeit all rights to or claim upon the Club or its property or funds.

If a two-thirds majority at such meeting consider it expedient that the member should not resign but be suspended from the Club for a period of time, then the Council may suspend such Member from membership for such time as they shall think fit.



List of Members

27. A list of Playing Members with their Handicaps shall be exhibited in the Club House and the names of the Officers, and other Members of Council and Standing Committees for the year, shall also be posted in the Club House.

Rules of Golf

28. The Rules of Golf as they may from time to time be fixed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrew's or other recognised governing body, shall, as far as applicable, be the Rules of Golf for this Club.

Bye-Laws

29. The Council shall have power to make, repeal and amend such Bye-laws as they may from time to time consider necessary for the well-being of the Club, such Bye-laws, repeals and amendments shall have effect till set aside by the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

Club House

30. The Club House shall open daily for such hours as may be fixed by the Council. No Member (other than a Member of Council attending a Meeting of same, or any of its Committees) shall remain in the Club House after the hours specified, unless express permission has been granted by the Council for a Meeting or entertainment. Any member who infringes this Rule, after remonstrance from any of the Office-bearers, may be expelled or suspended by the Council from membership of the Club as provided by Rule 26.

31. No visitor shall be allowed the privileges of the Club House except on the invitation of a member. The Member must, immediately on the guest's admission, enter his or her name and the name and home town or golf club of the guest in the book kept for that purpose which shows the date of the visit.

This applies equally to a parent, husband, wife or child (over 18) of any Official or Member. A visitor shall not be supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless upon the invitation and in the company of a Member. The same person, except where that person is a parent, husband, wife or child of a Member, shall not be admitted as a visitor to the Club premises on more than 20 days in any period of 12 months. The Member introducing a visitor shall be responsible for their guest during their stay on the Club premises.

Members shall not leave the premises before their guests.

Intoxicating Liquor

32. The hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied on the Club premises shall be from 11.30am until 11.00pm on each week-day, except that, on not more than 52 occasions in anyone calendar year, the hours of opening may be extended up to the hour of 1.00am, provided that any such extension of the hours has the prior written approval of a Sub-Divisional Commander for the Police Sub-Division in which the Club premises are situated. On Good Friday the hours shall be from 5.00pm to 11.00pm while those on Sundays and Christmas Day shall be from 12.30pm to 10.00pm, or such shorter hours as may be decided by



the Council. A statement, printed in plain type, of the hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied on the Club premises shall be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the club premises.

33. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to any person under 18 years of age.
34. Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club.
35. No member of the Council, or Manager, or Servant employed by the Club, shall have any personal interest in the supply of intoxicating liquor to or by the Club, nor in the profits arising from such sale.
36. The Council shall from time to time make such Regulations, or Bye-laws, consistent with the foregoing, as they may think fit for the management of the Club House, the supply of intoxicating liquor therein, and the regulation of, and preservation of, order in same.
37. No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club
38. No person shall directly or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club or members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

General

39. The Council's interpretation of any doubtful part of the Rules, as also of all Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations for the management of the Club and its property and affairs, or for the general comfort and accommodation of the Members of the Club, shall be binding on every Member until set aside by a General Meeting.
40. These Rules shall not be altered, revoked or amended except at an Annual General Meeting, or special General Meeting, duly convened in accordance with the Rules.
41. Every Member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules and Bye-laws of the Club.

Club Property

42. No Member without the permission of the Hon. Secretary shall take away from the Club House or premises any books, papers or other articles which are the property of the Club, and any Member injuring, destroying or removing same from the Club House or premises shall make such restoration or pay such compensation as the Council may determine.

Notices

43. No notices or documents of any kind shall be placed in the Club House except by the authority and with the concurrence of the Hon. Secretary.



Address of Members

44. Each Member shall communicate to the Honorary Secretary any change of address. All addresses communicated to the Honorary Secretary shall be inserted in the Register of Members, and all notices sent by post to the last address supplied by any Member shall be deemed to have been duly delivered to such Member.

Complaints

45. Complaints should be made, in writing to the Honorary Secretary who, if unable to remove the cause, shall submit them to the Council, whose decision will be final.

Members Bound by Rules

46. Each Member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules, Bye-laws and Local Rules of the Club.

All Members shall carry Membership Cards while on the premises of the Club.

Voting Membership Rights

47. As agreed at EGM (2019) voting rights for membership categories will be as follows:

Full Member (or Hon member who was previously Full Member)	7 votes
5-day Member	5 votes
ITG Year 1	3 votes
ITG Year 2	5 votes
Lady Associate member	5 votes
Lady Associate member 5 day	4 votes
Adult 18-29 categories	4 votes
House Member	1 vote

(ii) All member categories above to be able to put forward proposals for AGM / EGM and to speak at such meetings

(iii) All member categories have the right to receive annual accounts / notices of AGM / EGM. Going forward AGM / EGM callings, notices of motions & Annual Accounts will no longer be posted. Instead they will be displayed on Club notice boards, website and social media channels as well as being emailed where available. Hard copies can also be collected from the clubhouse.

(iv) All voting at AGM / EGM will move to confidential paper based given show of hands will no longer be possible

Those persons not carrying Rights of Voting are Honorary Members (except those who have previously been Full Members of the Club), Overseas Members, & Junior Members. These categories shall not at any time exceed three times the number of Full Members of the Club.

48.



From 1st January 2015 the following discount structure applied :-

<u>Membership Category</u>	<u>Discount Received</u>
Five Day	Full Member's fees, less 20% of the Full Member's subscription
Over 65	Full Member's fees, less 20% of the Full Member's subscription
Over 65 5 Day	Full Member's fees, less 35% of the Full Member's subscription
Over 80 Full Member	Full Member's fees, less 65% of the Full Member's subscription
Over 80 5 Day	Full Member's fees, less 75% of the Full Member's subscription
Over 65 Lady Associate	Lady Associate Member's fees, less 20% of the Lady Associate's Member's subscription
Over 65 Lady Associate 5 Day	Lady Associate Member's fees, less 35% of the Lady Associate's Member's subscription
Over 80 Lady Associate	Lady Associate Member's fees, less 65% of the Lady Associate's Member's subscription
Over 80 5 Day Lady Associate	Lady Associate Member's fees, less 75% of the Lady Associate's Member's subscription
Junior	Full Member's fees, less 70% of the Full Member's subscription
Full 21 to 22	Full Member's fees, less 60% of the Full Member's subscription
Full 23 to 25	Full Member's fees, less 45% of the Full Member's subscription
Full 26 to 29	Full Member's fees, less 40% of the Full Member's subscription
Juvenile	Full Member's fees, less 80% of the Full Member's subscription
Overseas	Full Member's fees, less 70% of the Full Member's subscription
Student 21 years to 25 years	Full Member's fees, less 60% of the Full Member's subscription
Joint Member's	5% of the combined Full Member's and Lady Associate's Member's subscription

To qualify for Over 65 discounts, Members must have 15 years continuous membership at 1st January in each subsequent year. Over 80 requires 40 years continuous membership.

Following EGM in October 2019 the following amendments were agreed to the above

To remove over-65 discounts for all playing members currently in receipt of the same by 25% each year - starting in 2020. This will mean that no further discount will be received by 2023. Members not presently qualifying for this discount in 2019 (aged 65 on 1st Jan 2019 with 15 years full membership) would not qualify for such a discount going forward.

To remove joint membership category & associated discount for 2020 onwards

Given an agreed restructure of house member pricing from 2020 to a standardised £120 pa (plus social levy), it is proposed to remove over-65 discounts for house members with immediate effect in 2020



To consolidate 5 categories of Adult 18-29/ Student membership to 3 with the following pricing for 2020

Adult 18-22 / Student £300

Adult 23-25 £460

Adult 26 – 29 £500

7/ To amend junior (under 18) pricing as follows for 2020

Age 9-12 £60

Age 13-17 £90

8/ To introduce a limited number annually (10) of new 6-year full memberships priced as follows for 2020:

£5000 paid in 2020 per member gives the following benefits

6 years full membership (2020 to 2025 inclusive) to include union dues, GUI levy, locker, trolley & £50 on bar card annually

**Important points*

This is committed membership – as such the only refund would be pro rata in the event of death

Social levy remains payable annually in July each year

In the event that demand is oversubscribed for this offer then a draw will take place to determine which 10 members will be allowed to take up such membership in 2020. Unsuccessful draw entrants will be retained as the priority pot for eligibility the following year – the pot will only re-open when we have less members than eligibility in forthcoming years.