



WEST LINKS JUNIOR GOLF CLUB

Constitution

Name

The name of the club shall be “The West Links Juniors Golf Club” and will be conducted as a not for profit organisation.

Objectives

The purpose of the club is to introduce the game of golf to any junior under the age of 18 years on the 1st January of the calendar year. Juniors will be introduced to the game of golf in a safe environment with a view to developing their skill sets, obtaining and retaining a handicap in order that they can compete in the competitions of the Club.

Equal Opportunities Statement

The Club is committed to the promotion of equal opportunity for all and aims to maintain a Club environment where everyone is treated with dignity and respect ensuring that individuals are not discriminated against.

Membership

Membership shall be open to any junior and no application for membership will be refused other than on reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, disability, race, religion or beliefs and sexuality. All members will be considered for membership at the discretion of the Management Committee. Any member of the West Links Junior Golf Club will have the opportunity to represent either North Berwick Golf Club or Tantallon Golf Club in Gents or Ladies team matches throughout the year. A junior can elect which club they wish to play for the duration of the competition/tournament and for friendly matches they can play for either club during the year.

On reaching the age of 18, a male junior member shall be given the opportunity to apply to join The North Berwick Golf Club, Tantallon Golf Club or become a Dual Member of both Clubs, and a female junior member shall be given the opportunity to apply to join the North Berwick Golf Club, provided that:

- The junior shall have been a member for a minimum of two years prior to 31st December in the year they reach 18 years of age;
- The minimum number of rounds played by the junior must be no less than 12 in each of the final two years of junior membership;
- Rounds that count towards the minimum of 12 are as follows:
 - ❖ General play
 - ❖ West Links Junior, Tantallon GC or North Berwick GC medals;
 - ❖ Other West Links Junior, Tantallon GC or North Berwick GC strokeplay or matchplay competition rounds;
 - ❖ West Links Junior team appearances home or away;
 - ❖ Scottish International appearances in National Championships, provided that such appearances are listed as West Links Juniors being the named representative club.

All of the above is subject to the proviso that the Management Committee retains the absolute discretion regarding any application for membership of North Berwick Golf Club or Tantallon Golf Club.

Should a junior member not meet the criteria specified above, it shall be at the sole discretion of either North Berwick Golf Club or Tantallon Golf Club to consider an application from such junior.

Membership Categories

Pre-Course Membership – this will give access to the Children’s Course, practice ground, practice putting area, and both Club Houses.

Full Course Membership – this will give access to the West Links, Children’s Course, practice ground, practice putting area and both Club Houses.

Subscriptions

The Annual Subscription will be set by the Management Committee and will be due for payment by 31st December of the prior calendar year. After 3rd January if no payment has been made, a reminder is sent to those members of the Club. On 14th January a final reminder is sent out and states that should they still remain in arrears on 31st January that member's membership shall cease to have effect.

Management Committee

The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Management Committee which shall consist of:

- Junior Convenor or Junior Convenors up to a maximum of two
- Club Professional or Assistant Professional
- Golf Operations Manager of the North Berwick Golf Club
- Secretary of Tantallon Golf Club
- Membership Manager
- Competitions Manager
- Coaching Team Manager

All appointments to the Management Committee will be ratified by the Chair of the North Berwick Management Committee and the Captain of Tantallon Golf Club.

Meetings

The West Links Junior Golf Club Management Committee shall meet no fewer than four times per annum with a quorum of four (or five where a constitutional change is proposed), where formal minutes will be taken. Finance and Accounts The financial year shall run 1st January to 31st December. An annual statement of accounts shall be prepared and presented at the next available Annual General Meeting of both the North Berwick Golf Club and the Tantallon Golf Clubs and will have an independent financial inspection carried out by a Chartered Accountant and approved by both Clubs. Two members of the Management Committee shall authorise all transactions of the Club. Bye-Laws The Management Committee shall have the power to publish and enforce bye-laws as and when the Management Committee feels are necessary to govern the activities of the West Links Junior Golf Club.

Dissolution Clause

If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all the Club's debts and liabilities any monies, the same shall be split equally between The North Berwick Golf Club and the Tantallon Golf Club. Upon the winding up or the dissolution of the Club there remains debts or liabilities these will be shared equally between The North Berwick Golf Club and Tantallon Golf Club.

Alterations

No alterations to the Constitution can be made without the approval of the Management Committee.