

Constitution of the BGA

CONSTITUTION OF THE BARBADOS GOLF ASSOCIATION FOUNDED IN 1969

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Association shall be “THE BARBADOS GOLF ASSOCIATION” (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”)

ARTICLE II

STATUS The Association shall be an amateur body.

ARTICLE III

OBJECTS The objects of the Association shall be: –

- (a) To promote and administer the game of golf generally in Barbados.
- (b) To give guidance on the interpretation of the rules of the game.
- (c) To maintain overseas contact with all amateur Associations with respect to the game.
- (d) To arrange tours to other countries and to act as host to visiting national individual players and teams.
- (e) To adopt, enforce and interpret the rule or test of amateurism.
- (f) To adopt, enforce and interpret the rules for the playing of the game as laid down from time to time by the ROYAL & ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND and the UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION.
- (g) To maintain a system of course ratings for the purpose of handicapping under which all competitions of the Association shall be conducted.
- (h) To affiliate to or maintain relations with the ROYAL & ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND and the UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION and such other International Amateur Associations as shall have similar aims and objects.
- (i) To borrow money to carry out its objects and to give security for its

indebtedness.

(j) To accept gifts legacies and devices for the furtherance of its objectives.

(k) To purchase take on lease acquire hold or dispose of such real and personal property as may be necessary for its objects.

(l) To do all or any of the things specified above and all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive, to the attainment of the above objects or any of them and either alone or in conjunction with others.

ARTICLE IV

HEADQUARTERS The Headquarters of the Association shall be situated in the parish of St. James or at such other place in Barbados, as may be decided by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Association, of which not less than seven days notice in writing shall have been given to all members of the Association.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP (a) The Membership of the Association shall consist of Member Clubs, Member Associations, Ordinary Members, Life Members and Honorary Life Vice-Presidents:

(i) A **MEMBER CLUB** shall be any Golf Club in the Island, which is active in the game of Golf and provides facilities for the playing of the game.

(ii) A **MEMBER ASSOCIATION** shall be any organisation in the Island formed for the purpose of promoting and encouraging participation in the game of Golf.

(iii) AN **ORDINARY MEMBER** shall be any person who is elected to Membership of the Association in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution. An Ordinary Member need not be a member of a Member Club.

(iv) A **LIFE MEMBER** shall be a member who has paid an aggregate of Ten (10) years subscription in a lump sum and who shall not be required to pay thereafter annual subscription for the duration of his membership of the Association.

(v) **HONORARY LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT** – The Association may in consideration of meritorious services to the Association elect by simple majority vote, past or present, officers or delegates as Honorary Life Vice-

Presidents of the Association, who shall not exceed five (5) in number; provided always that such elected persons shall have been first recommended by the Committee of Management. Such members shall have the right to speak and vote at all General Meetings of the Committee of Management.

(b) Member Clubs and Member Associations shall register all individual members of their respective Clubs and Associations with the Association, and shall supply the Secretary of the Association with details and particulars of names and addresses of such Members.

Application for Ordinary Members of the Association shall be made on a form prescribed by the Association. All applicants shall be proposed and seconded by a member of the Association, and shall be elected to or refused membership of the Association at any General Meeting of the Association or meeting of the Committee of Management by a simple majority.

ARTICLE VI

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTRANCE FEES

(a) A Member Club shall pay an entrance fee of \$250.00 and an annual subscription of \$350.00.

(b) A Member Association shall pay such entrance fee and annual subscription as the Association shall from time to time prescribe.

(c) An Ordinary Member shall pay an annual subscription of \$250.00. Annual subscriptions shall become due and payable on or before the last day of February in each and every year; if a member is in arrears for 30 days or more, membership of the Association shall automatically terminate.

ARTICLE VII

REPRESENTATION

(a) Each Member Club and Member Association shall appoint two (2) of its members as representatives to all General Meetings of the Association. Such representatives shall have one (1) vote only at all meetings.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS The Officers of the Association shall be elected from among the representatives of the Member Clubs, Member Associations, Life Members and the Ordinary Members and shall be: –

(a) President, who shall be Chairman of all meetings and as such shall have an original and casting vote in the event of a tie in voting.

(b) Vice-President, who during the absence of the President shall perform the duties of the President.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President a Chairman shall be elected from among the members present and shall have the same privileges accorded the President. (c) Honorary Secretary (d) Honorary Treasurer

ARTICLE IX

LADIES' COMMITTEE There shall be a Ladies' Committee of the Association which shall be five (5) in number and whose functions shall be to co-ordinate and supervise all activities among the female members of the Association, and to liase with the Association in the promoting and administering of the game of Golf among ladies in the Island.

One of its members shall be appointed to the Committee of management of the Association.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

(a) The Committee of Management of the Association shall consists of the following: –

(i) The Officers of the Association as hereinbefore provided.

(ii) Two representatives elected from the Ordinary Members.

(iii) One representative from each Member Club.

(iv) One representative from each Member Association.

(v) One representative from the Ladies' Committee.

(vi) The Immediate Past President.

- (b) All Members of the Committee of Management shall have the right to speak and vote at all General Meetings of Association and all Meetings of the Committee of Management.
- (c) Five days' notice of any Meeting of the Committee of Management shall be given by the Secretary provided that in cases of emergency the President shall at any time summon a Meeting on giving forty-eight (48) hours' notice thereof.
- (d) The Officers of the Association shall continue to serve for a period of two (2) years following their election or until their successors shall have been elected. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.
- (e) Members elected to the Committee of Management other than officers shall hold office for one year and shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Association. All such members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (f) Any Club/Association shall be at liberty at any time and for such reason as it shall deem fit to terminate the appointment of its member to the Committee of Management, in which case the Club/Association shall forthwith appoint a successor to membership of the Committee of Management.
- (g) Except as provided for in the paragraph X (f) above all casual vacancies in the members elected to the Committee of Management occurring due to death, resignation or absence from four (4) consecutive meetings without justification of any member may be filled by the Committee of Management from among the members of the Association until the next Annual General Meetings of the Association.
- (h) The Committee of Management shall meet once every quarter or more often if necessary, at such time, date and place as fixed by the President. A QUORUM of the Committee of Management shall be four (4) in number.

ARTICLE XI

POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Committee of Management shall have and exercise the following powers, duties, functions and obligations:

- (a) To manage the affairs and business of the Association.

- (b) To promote, regulate, organise and manage all tournaments or any other competitions which may be sponsored by the Association from time to time.
- (c) To prohibit any act or practice by Members of the Association which in the opinion of the Committee is detrimental to the interest of the game and to deal with any Members disregarding such prohibition in such manner as the Committee may think proper.
- (d) To impose penalties on Members for any infringement of the laws of the Game or of the Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- (e) To take such disciplinary action as it may deem necessary in cases of misconduct or any other undesirable behaviour of any Member at any such competitions or tournaments as may be sponsored by the Association.
- (f) To decide all doubtful and disputed points in connection with the game and the laws thereof and the Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- (g) To consider and deal with any matters pertaining to applications for affiliation and membership as may be referred to the Committee and to decide on all questions as to the right of representation at General Meetings of any Member Club/Association or the right of members to attend such General Meetings.
- (h) To establish and maintain a true course rating of all golf courses in the Island.
- (i) To verify, allocate, investigate and determine, if necessary, the handicaps of all members of the Association.
- (j) To employ with power to dismiss any person to perform such duties and functions and for such remuneration as the Committee of Management might deem fit.
- (k) To borrow money for the business of the Association and to arrange for the repayment thereof.
- (l) To operate Bank Accounts in the name of the Association.
- (m) To delegate all or any of its powers to its duly appointed Committees.
- (n) To do all such things in the interest of the game and the Association as it may deem expedient.

ARTICLE XII

GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be & RESOLUTIONS held on or before the twenty-eighth day of February of each year at such place as the Committee of Management may appoint.

The Association's financial year shall run from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be conducted in the following manner: (i) Reading of the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

(ii) Reading and confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General meeting.

(iii) Presentation of audited statement of the financial affairs of the Association for the year ended.

(iv) Presentation of report on the activities of the Association for the year ended.

(v) (a) Election of Officers in accordance with Article X. (when constitutionally due). (b) Election of additional Members of the Committee of Management in accordance with Article X. (when constitutionally due).

(iv) Appointment of an Honorary Auditor.

(v) Appointment of Bankers.

(vi) Resolutions.

(vii) General business.

Fourteen (14) days' notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all Member Clubs/Associations and Ordinary Members.

RESOLUTIONS

(b) Any Member Club Association may present a resolution for consideration at an Annual General Meeting, provided that notice by way of a copy of such resolution is sent to the Secretary at least one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting and is duly signed by the Secretary of the Club/Association.

Any other Member may present a resolution for consideration at an Annual General Meeting provided that notice by way of a copy of such resolution is sent to the Secretary at least (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY

(c) An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association may GENERAL MEETINGS except in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV

hereof be convened on not less than fourteen (14) days' notice in writing at the instance of the Committee of Management, or on the requisition of not less than twenty (20) members in good standing with the Association who in such requisition given to the Secretary shall set out the purpose of the Meeting. Such requisitioned meeting shall be summoned by the Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the receipt by him of such requisition. The Notice of an Extraordinary General meeting shall be given to all Members and shall therein state the purpose for which the meeting is called and only the specific matter for which such meeting has been summoned shall be dealt with and considered at such meeting.

QUORUM (d) A Quorum at all General Meetings shall be not less than twenty (20) members of the Association.

If within thirty (30) minutes of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present at a meeting of which due notice shall have been given such meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or if that day be a public holiday the next succeeding day other than a public holiday and the members then present shall constitute a quorum.

WAIVER OF NOTICE

(e) Whenever notice of a meeting is required to be given under the provisions of this constitution a waiver in writing signed by the person entitled to the said notice whether before or after the time stated therein shall be deemed equivalent to Notice. Attendance at any meeting by a member representative or officer shall be conclusively deemed a waiver of notice of that meeting unless objection is made at the commencement of such meeting to the failure to give proper notice.

(f) The President and failing him the Vice-President shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Association. If there is neither the President nor Vice-President present within fifteen (15) minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting the members present and forming a quorum shall by a simple majority elect one of the members to be Chairman who shall preside at the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII

TRUSTEES (a) There shall be three (3) Trustees of the Association in whom all the movable or immovable property of the Association shall be vested.

(b) The President, Secretary and Treasurer while in office shall ex-officio be the Trustees of the Association. All powers to sue or defend any actions and all agreements and contracts shall be signed by any two Trustees unless the Committee of Management shall otherwise direct.

ARTICLE XIV

ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

No part of this Constitution may be amended, rescinded or altered except at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting specifically summoned for the purpose and passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment to this Constitution intended to be introduced at a General Meeting shall be furnished in writing to the Secretary not less than one (1) month before such meeting.

ARTICLE XV

DISSOLUTION The Association may on a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of its membership decide to dissolve the Association whereupon on a specific date appointed by the Association, the Committee of Management shall proceed to realise the property of the Association and after the discharge of all liabilities the balance, if any, shall be donated to such charities as shall be determined by the Association or shall be donated to the Government of this Island to be used for the benefit of sport in the Island and upon completion of such donation this Association shall be dissolved.

ARTICLE XVI

INTERPRETATION In case any doubt shall arise as to the meaning of any of the Articles or any regulation or by-law of the Association the interpretation placed thereon by the Committee of Management shall be final and binding upon all members of the Association.

This Constitution hereafter known as “the constitution of the Barbados Golf Association is hereby approved and adopted and shall come into operation forthwith.

SIGNED AND APPROVED

R. ALLEYNE PRESIDENT

T. HANTON SECRETARY
DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1984

AMENDED THIS 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1990

H. MICHAEL SIMMONS	PRESIDENT
GRANTLEY CUMBERBATCH	SECRETARY

AMENDED THIS 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008 (Article VI, (c))

BIRCHMORE GRIFFITH	PRESIDENT
TRENTON WEEKES	SECRETARY

AMENDED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019 (Article VI, (c))

TREVOR TASKER	PRESIDENT
TRENTON WEEKES	SECRETARY