

To: Club Communication Officers

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To our Fellow Golfers,

We are delighted to present here our proposal to form Golf Ireland.

The Discussion Group came together in November 2015, with a brief from the two Unions to set out what a new governing body for golf in Ireland might look like.

Since then we have been listening to the views of club golfers all around Ireland, to representatives of clubs and to officials and staff members of both Unions. We have also looked at how golf is administered in other countries and we sought input from representatives of other sporting bodies in Ireland.

We were also very mindful of the fact that Ireland is the only country left in the world to have two single gender governing bodies for golf.

All of the conversations, submissions and presentations we have been part of have helped us to form a very clear view of how we should shape our new governing body so that it can deliver the best possible outcome for the future of golf in Ireland. We now firmly believe that the establishment of Golf Ireland gives us the best chance of securing a bright and prosperous future for golf.

In this proposal, we set out in some detail how Golf Ireland will work in its organisational and regional structures, financial arrangements, legal structure, governance and how it will extend the level of services available to clubs. We also set out our proposals on how Golf Ireland will operate, including how it will promote and develop the game for golfers of all levels of ability, streamline the handicapping and course rating systems, set up a new and integrated calendar of events, recruit new volunteers and recognise better the invaluable work that volunteers do all around Ireland.

We would like to thank everyone in the golf community and beyond for their frank and open engagement with this process over the past few years. It has been an immensely enjoyable and rewarding experience, and we have tried to capture the spirit of those contributions in this proposal, as much as possible. We would also like to thank our fellow Discussion Group members for their incisive observations and for contributing to the excellent collaborative atmosphere in which we worked.

It remains for us to formally ask you to give your support to the proposed establishment of Golf Ireland. You will find the Golf Ireland proposal and support documents here: <https://www.onegoverningbody.com/>