

CLUB BY-LAWS
PROCEDURE FOR JOINING THE CLUB

- Every candidate for membership shall be nominated in writing by any two members who are entitled to vote and are of at least one year standing. Nominations shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the clubhouse for at least fourteen days, after which the name of the person nominated will be submitted to a committee meeting for election.
- Within fourteen days, a member may make an objection to the election of any person nominated, in writing to the committee, stating the reason for his or her objection.
- Once the nomination form has been submitted, the nominee, after being interviewed by a member of the membership committee and at the discretion of that committee may use the facilities of the club upon the payment of the appropriate subscription fee. The nominee is however ineligible to play in competitions.
- The election shall be by ballot of the members of the committee at a meeting that is properly convened. No candidate shall be elected unless he or she obtains a majority of the votes of the members present.
- If the candidate is elected, he or she shall become a member of the club on the payment of the entrance fee and subscription. The subscription will be dated from the first of the month that he or she was elected to membership.
- Upon election, the applicant becomes subject to the rules and by laws of the club.
- A former member may, at the discretion of the chairman of the membership committee in consultation with the President and the Captain, be allowed to rejoin the club without having to go through the above procedure.
- It is the responsibility of the proposer and seconder, following election of the proposed new member to membership, to see that the new member is introduced to other members, is advised of all club rules and is sufficiently advanced in the knowledge of the rules of golf to be able to perform the duty of marker for a fellow competitor.

1. Visitors

- (a) Members who invite guests to the club must ensure that all green fees are paid in advance, at the professional's shop. In the event that the pro-shop is closed, a "self service" facility is located outside the Secretary Manager's office.
- (b) A visitor wishing to use the course must be a current member of an affiliated golf club and be able to produce evidence thereof. Members who wish to introduce a visitor who does not fall into this category should seek the permission of the President, Captain or the Secretary Manager. The Committee reserves the right to waive this rule in cases that it deems appropriate.
- (c) A prospective member who is not a member of an affiliated golf club but wishes to play a game of golf before making a commitment to join may do so after making the appropriate arrangements with the Secretary Manager. Prospective members can only play once and this should be in the company of a member and the appropriate green fee paid.
- (d) Any member introducing a visitor to the club is responsible for the dress and conduct of that visitor.
- (e) Any visitor shall not play more than six times per calendar year. Please note that visits except for open club tournaments such as the Christmas Tournament will count.

- (f) The number of guests is limited to three per member. In special circumstances, the introduction of more than three visitors may be permitted with prior approval of the Secretary Manager.
- (g) No visitor may play on Saturday without special permission from the President, Captain or Secretary Manager.
- (h) No visitor shall be entitled to play in a members' competition unless it is a visitors' day, or the permission of the Captain, President or the Secretary Manager has been given and the appropriate green fees paid.
- (i) It is a requirement of the Commissioner for Licensing that clubhouse visitors must be signed into the "visitors' register" by a member. The register is located in the dining room.
- (j) A member's son or daughter under the age of twelve may use the course without the payment of green fees provided he or she is in the company of a member and this causes little inconvenience to others. Members are responsible for the dress and conduct of their children. It is Committee policy that upon reaching the age of twelve, the child makes application to become a junior member.

2. Invitation Days

- (a) The first Wednesday of the month and Saturday guest days (as per the fixture book) are invitation days for members of Clubs, which form the Southern Metropolitan Golf Association. The current member clubs are Royal Hobart, Tasmania, Claremont and Kingston Beach. Guests from other affiliated clubs must be introduced by a member and pay the appropriate green fees as well as the competition fee. The Friday twilight competition is an invitation event and visitors may play upon payment of the applicable green fees plus competition fee. All of the above are included in calculating the six visits per annum.

3. Etiquette

It is important that all players are familiar with and observe the courtesies and customs accepted as the etiquette of golf, which are designed to make the game enjoyable for all. Whilst some of the etiquette of the game is set out in the Rules of Golf and throughout this fixture book, its needs to be acknowledged that they are not able to govern every possible situation.

Each player's enjoyment of the game depends upon the consideration and thoughtfulness of other players.

- (a) Check the local rules before you hit off.
- (b) All players must use a set of golf clubs and bag. Golf equipment is available for hire from the pro-shop for those who do not have equipment.
- (c) No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
- (d) Call the following players through if they are waiting and your ball is not immediately found. Every player may search for his or her ball for five minutes but waiting players must be called on to play through if it is your turn to play and your ball has not been found. Players who call through another group should, if convenient, play their next shot and walk forward with the group called through. They must not then resume play until the players called through are out of range.
- (e) Players must ensure that when dropping bags or the flagstick no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to it or in the handling of the flagstick. The putter head must not be used to remove the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.

- (f) If you are unable to take your place in the field, please notify the starter as soon as possible. An hour's notice is not considered acceptable. No notification causes disruption to other members' games and will not be tolerated by the Club.
- (g) No one is to move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
- (h) Enter and leave bunkers at their low part and walk directly to your ball via the flat portion of the bunker. Smooth or rake all marks in the bunker and leave the rake in the center parallel with the line of play.
- (i) All players must repair divot marks both on the fairway and in the rough. This is done by REPLACING the divot, which can be chopped and pressed back into place and then covered with a thin layer of sand so as to remove any surface irregularities. All players must carry and use a sand bucket. At the completion of the round, buckets are to be emptied and placed in the storage rack provided.
- (j) Repair ball marks on the putting green, particularly your own, and repair spike damage after you putt out.
- (k) Buggies must not be taken across greens or within three metres of the greens' surface or between greens and bunkers.
- (l) The player with the lowest handicap and/or the senior member shall be Captain of the group and is responsible for the observance of the Rules of Golf, Local Rules and Etiquette. This does not lessen the responsibility of the other members of the group to see that the same is adhered to.
- (m) Members shall afford the Captain and the President the courtesy of the first tee.

4. Slow Play

An essential feature of an enjoyable game of golf is that a player finishes a round within a reasonable time frame. Our experience at Kingston Beach suggests that an 18-hole competition round of golf should be completed in approximately 4 hours. Any excess over 4 hours suggests that one or more players sufficient attention to the minimisation of SLOW PLAY.

Some practices that need to be kept in mind to avoid slow play include :-

- (a) On the Tee:
 - Be aware when it is your turn to tee up and be ready to hit.
 - Do not hold up play by marking or consulting your card.
- (b) Fairway Shots:
 - The order of play should be anticipated and the player ready to hit.
- (c) On the Green:
 - Place buggies in readiness to proceed to the next tee. Do not leave you buggy at the front of the green. Leave the green immediately you have holed out.
- (d) Picking Up:
 - In stableford, par and best ball competitions, players must pick up if they can no longer effectively score on the hole being played.
- (e) Calling Though:
 - A group, which loses its place in the field so that there is a clear hole ahead, must call the group behind through. Groups being held up under these circumstances have not only the right but also a duty to the rest of the field behind to play through when it is safe to do so.
- (f) Play a provisional ball when your ball may be lost.
- (g) Position yourself and select your club before it is your turn, providing you are in a safe position and you are not impeding a fellow player's progress. On the putting green repair ball marks and study the line of your putt before it is your turn to play.
- (h) Consider pulling the bag of the last player on the tee forward immediately the player has played his shot.

5. Scorecards

- (a) Each player, after completion of the round, shall return his/her scorecard to the competition box.
- (b) It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that his/her name, correct handicap and score is clearly shown on the card and that the card is signed before returning it.

6. Motorised Golf Carts

Members who experience difficulty in walking 18 holes of golf may use their own cart or hire one. The use of these or any other motorised equipment must be approved by the Captain or by delegated authority under Clause (g) prior to its use.

The following conditions for the use of motorised carts have been established to ensure their proper use and to protect the golf course.

- (a) Carts must not be driven onto tees, tee-mounds, or greens or between bunkers and greens. Carts must be driven around the outside of greenside bunkers.
- (b) Carts must not be driven or left within ten meters of greens.
- (c) Carts must be driven along the rough and strictly not on fairways.
- (d) Carts must not be driven ahead of play when a ball is still to be played.
- (e) No more than two persons or their equipment may ride in a cart, and under no circumstances should people under the age of 18 years be allowed to drive a cart.
- (f) When carts are used in competitions, the users must maintain their normal place in the field and will have no special priority.
- (g) The Committee reserves the right to:
 - 1. Rule on the occasions and the competitions in which a cart may be used.
 - 2. Not permit their use in certain Club competitions unless there is a justifiable medical reason.
 - 3. Not permit their use on those occasions where temporary damage could be imparted to the golf course. The Vice-Captain (Men's Golf), the Captain (Women's Golf), the Course Superintendent and the Club Secretary have delegated authority from the Captain to close the course to the use of motorised golf carts at all times.

7. Priority on the Course

Players playing in a Club Competition have precedence over all other players.

Any player playing less than 18 holes must not cut in on a group playing a full round, nor any other group playing less than 18 holes, unless they can do so without causing any interference to the other group.

8. Dress Regulations

Dress regulations will be strictly enforced for both members and their guests. The current dress regulations are on display around the clubhouse, on the notice board and outside the Secretary Manager's office.

9. Complaints

All complaints concerning the club staff or any other matter must be made to the Secretary Manager, Captain or President, or if required, in writing for submission to the Committee if they are unable to satisfy the complaint. No member shall reprimand or instruct an employee of the Club.

10. Practice

Practice may take place in the areas so designated, i.e. the areas adjacent to the Clubhouse and the area in the rough at the 17th fairway adjacent to the sixth green. Practice on the course and the practice putting green are subject to the following conditions.

Practice tee opposite the 18th green:

- (a) Balls must only be hit up the hill in a northerly direction away from the Clubhouse end.
- (b) When people are picking up practice balls, other users must under no circumstances endanger them and if in doubt, should cease hitting until the area is clear.

Practice from the rough at the 17th fairway adjacent to the sixth green:

- (c) This area must not be used when a competition is in progress.

Practice on the course:

- (d) Only two balls may be played.
- (e) Play must take place from the yellow tee markers.

Practice putting green:

- (f) Chipping to the green may take place only from the defined area. Members must not practice in the direction of the Clubhouse and pro-shop windows.

11. Inclinor

- (a) Players of the 17th hole have priority use of the inclinor over any other person.
- (b) Maximum of four persons with equipment are allowed to use the inclinor at any one time.
- (c) When players leave the inclinor they must ensure that the gates are locked and shut securely and the inclinor returned.

12. Resignations

Any member intending to resign from the Club shall signify his or her intention to do so in writing to the General Manager on or before the 30th of September, or shall remain liable for the subscription for the ensuing year.

13. Green Staff

Members of the Green Staff performing their duties on the course have priority at all times and players must not endanger them by hitting up when they are in the line of play.

14. Tee Markers

Play shall take place from the white markers in official Club competitions only. At all other times the yellow markers are to be used. Lady members play from red markers.

15. Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones is not condoned either on the course or in the Clubhouse. However, mobile phones with a vibrating device (and ring tone off) are acceptable either on the course or in the Clubhouse.

If a call needs to be made on the course, it should be done so in between the play of holes and away from other players. Ideally phones should be turned off in the dining room but if necessary calls must be answered outside.

16. Clubs stored in the Storage Shed

Golf clubs stored in the Club's storage shed are at the owner's risk, as are personal belongings left in the locker room or stored in personal lockers.

17. Insurance

Insurance against loss by fire or theft of property and golfing equipment is the responsibility of the member.

18. Animals on the Course

With the exception of seeing-eye dogs, animals are not to be brought onto the golf course.

19. Payment of Subscriptions and Levies

Any members failing to pay a subscription applicable to his or her category of membership within two (2) months after the beginning of the Club year or in relation to a levy within two (2) months of the date it became payable may at the discretion of the Committee be fined an amount of ten (10) per cent of his or her annual subscription or levy and have their membership rights suspended. If such subscription or levy and fine be not paid within four (4) months after the beginning of the Club year, his or her name, at the discretion of the Committee may be erased from the List of Members and he or she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club but shall be liable to pay to the Club the amount overdue subscription or levy.

20. Non-Playing Members

They must sign the visitors' book each time they use the course and are only entitled to use the playing facilities five times in total, including the practice facilities.

21. Alcohol

Alcohol may be consumed in the Clubhouse and on the course. Only alcohol purchased from the caterer may be taken onto the course.

22. Hoses and Sprinklers

Players must not shift or kink hoses or turn off watering systems. If necessary, the ball may be moved without penalty. Refer to the local rules on the back of the scorecard.

23. Bar and Catering Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11.00am to 3.30pm
Wednesday	10.30am to 6.00pm
Thursday	11.00am to 3.30pm
Friday	11.00am to 7.00pm
Saturday	10.30am to 7.00pm
Sunday	Closed

Bar and Catering hours may be varied at certain times during the winter months.