

## **BAIRNSDALE GOLF CLUB Inc.**

## **BY-LAWS**

All By-Laws are to be read and considered in conjunction with the Rules of the Club as contained in the Constitution. In the event of any ambiguity the Rules will take precedence. The authority of the Committee of Management to create and/or amend By-Laws is described in the Club Constitution at Rule 40 in part 5.

### **CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP BY-LAW** AS AT – JUNE 2014

All applications for Membership must be made, and shall be processed, in accordance with Rules 11 & 12 of the Club Constitution. Effectively an application in writing to become a Member in a specific Category that has been seconded by a Club Member, and then acceptance by the Committee. Initial applications, and any subsequent requests to Club administration to change to another Category of membership, if age related, must include confirmation of Date of Birth which will be recorded.

The Rights, Obligations and Liabilities of Membership are defined in Rules 13 to 19 of the Constitution.

The Membership of the Club shall comprise the following categories:

- 1.0 Life Members;
- 2.0 Entitled Members
- 3.0 Social Membership
- 4.0 Golfing Membership;
- 5.0 Corporate Golf Membership
- 6.0 Bowling Membership
- 7.0 Combined Membership
- 8.0 Veteran Membership – Golf or Bowls
- 9.0 Junior Membership – Golf or Bowls
- 10.0 Country Membership – Golf or Bowls
- 11.0 Under 40's Membership – Golf or Bowls
- 12.0 Limited Memberships
  - 6 Months Golf Membership
  - 9 Hole Golf Membership
- 13.0 Extended Financial Membership (*closed*);
- 14.0 Honorary Members.

### **1.0 Life Members:**

The definition and the conditions for the granting of Life Membership are contained in the Club Constitution, see Rule 9.

### **2.0 Entitled Members:**

The definition of Entitled Member is contained in the Club Constitution see Rule 10.

### **3.0 Social Membership**

- a) This category of membership is available to any person over the age of 18 years.
- b) Once appointed to this category of membership, and having paid all applicable fees, levies or charges, the Member will enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of full membership.
- c) Except that any person holding a Social Membership must pay 50% of the applicable green or other usage fee to play or practice on the golf course, bowling rinks or to use any other Club sporting facilities at any time, and any guests of theirs must pay 100% of the applicable fee.
- d) Social Members are entitled Members.

### **4.0 Golfing Membership :**

- a) A Golfing Member is a person who has attained the age of 18 years and has paid the annual subscription fee for Golfing Membership together with any entrance fee, levy or charges set from time to time by the Committee.
- b) Golfing Members shall enjoy all rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of full membership, and have full access to the Club's facilities and the golf course, and may access the bowling rinks for social games, social competitions or by invitation of the Bowls Club Committee.
- c) Golfing Members are entitled members.

### **5.0 Corporate Golf Membership**

- a) Corporate Membership is an arrangement wherein Companies / Businesses can provide fully paid membership for a nominated person, plus staff or customer incentives or awards through having conditional flexible access to Club facilities at Company expense, as part of that Corporate Membership.

- b) This is achieved by obtaining one or more Corporate Memberships in the name of the Company but assigned to a particular nominated player who will then hold a standard membership card in their personal name. Each membership is also provided with an additional Company Membership card that can be made available by the Company to another person at any time that the nominated player is not using Club facilities.
- c) Once appointed to that category of membership at the discretion of the Committee, a nominated Corporate Member shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of full membership.
- d) Others using the 'Company Card' on occasion have only the same status as a 'green fee' player or visitor.
- e) Nominated Corporate Members are entitled members.

#### **6.0 Bowling Membership :**

- a) A Bowling Member is a person who has attained the age of 18 years and has paid the annual subscription fee for Bowling Membership together with any entrance fee, levy or charges set from time to time by the Committee.
- b) Bowling Members shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of full membership, and have full access to the Club's facilities and bowling rinks but not the golf course except on payment of applicable green fees.
- c) Bowling Members are entitled members.

#### **7.0 Combined Membership :**

- a) A Combined Member is a person who has attained the age of 18 years and has paid the annual subscription fee for Combined Membership, together with any entrance fee, levy or charges set from time to time by the Committee.
- b) Combined Members shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of Club membership and have full access to the Club's facilities, golf course and bowling rinks.
- c) Combined Members are entitled members.

#### **8.0 Veteran Membership - Golf or Bowls:**

- a) A Veteran Member is a member who has attained the age of 75 years at the beginning of the membership year, has requested membership of that category and

has paid the annual subscription fee for Veteran Membership together with any levy or charges set from time to time by the Committee.

- b) Applications must include confirmation of Date of Birth which will be recorded
- c) Veteran Members shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of their substantive categories of membership.
- d) Veteran Members are entitled Members.

#### **9.0 Junior Membership - Golf or Bowls:**

- a) A Junior Member is a person who is under the age of 19 years at the commencement of the membership year, and has paid the annual subscription fee for Junior Membership together with any entrance fee, levy or charges set from time to time by the Committee.
- b) Applications must include confirmation of Date of Birth which will be recorded
- c) Junior Members may play in Club competitions, championships, pennants and special competitions and, subject to this clause and 9.3, shall enjoy the privileges of Club membership. They shall have full access to the Club's facilities, provided that Junior Members under the age of 18 years shall only have access to the licensed area of the Club in association with sporting activities or during presentation functions in accordance with the approval of the Director of Liquor Licensing.
- d) Junior Members are not entitled members.
- e) Applicants for membership, or existing Junior Members, who are aged between 18 and 24 years may apply for a category of membership other than Junior Membership provided they pay the annual subscription fee levy or charges applicable to that category.

#### **10.0 Country Membership - Golf or Bowls :**

- a) A Country Member is a person who has attained the age of 18 years, resides outside a radius of 100 kilometres from the Bairnsdale Post Office and has paid the annual subscription fee for Country Membership together with any entrance fee, levy or charges set from time to time by the Committee.
- b) Country Members may play in Club competitions, championships, pennants and special competitions and shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of Club membership and have full access to the Club's facilities.
- c) Country Members are entitled members.

## **11.0. Under 40's Membership - Golf or Bowls :**

- a) In an effort to attract and retain Members after Junior Membership, and in recognition that family and other pressures particular to the 19 to 40 year age group might make maintaining membership difficult. The Committee may offer a reduced membership subscription as an incentive and assistance to continue.
- b) Applications must include confirmation of Date of Birth which will be recorded.
- c) Once appointed to that category of membership, and having paid the annual subscription fee for Under 40's Membership together with any entrance fee, levy or charges set from time to time by the Committee, the Member shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of full membership.
- d) Under 40's Members are entitled Members.

## **12.0 LIMITED MEMBERSHIPS**

Limited Members are entitled Members

### **12.1 6 Months Golf Limited Membership :**

- a) A membership applicant, or an existing full or veteran member, may apply for a 6 month only membership due to their limited availability or desire, and must state their intended commencement date on their application.
- b) Once appointed to that category of membership and having paid the annual subscription fee for Limited Membership together with any entrance fee, levy or charges set from time to time by the Committee, the Member shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of that limited membership during the designated 6 months, plus social membership rights for the remainder of the year.

### **12.2 9 Hole Golf Limited Membership :**

- a) A membership applicant or an existing member may apply for a 9 Hole only membership due to their limited availability or desire.
- b) Once appointed to that category of membership and having paid the annual subscription fee for Limited Membership together with any entrance fee, levy or charges set from time to time by the Committee, the Member shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of full membership including playing in any 9 hole competitions or 9 hole championships.
- c) Except that they and any guests of theirs must pay the applicable green fee to play in excess of 9 holes on the course on any one day together with any related competition fees.

**13.0 Extended Financial Membership: (closed):**

- a) A special general meeting of members resolved that no further applications for Extended Financial Memberships shall be accepted by the Committee. The following conditions of membership apply to existing Extended Financial Members.
- b) An Extended Financial Membership shall cease either:
  - i. at the expiry of the agreed period;
  - ii. when the member dies or resigns from membership of the Club, or
  - iii. the membership is terminated in accordance with Constitution Rule 22.7.5.
- c) Whole of Life' Extended Financial Memberships shall cease in accordance with clauses ii. or iii. above.
- d) Except under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Committee, no pro rata refunds of Extended Financial Membership subscriptions shall be made in the event of that membership ceasing.
- e) Extended Financial Members shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, entitlements, responsibilities and obligations of their substantive categories of membership.

**14.0 Honorary Members :**

- a) The following persons shall be eligible to be admitted to the Club as Honorary Members:
- b) Employees of the Club, the period of such Honorary Membership being the duration of their employment.
- c) Members of other associations playing on the Club's golf course or bowling rinks in any match or competition, or persons accompanying such players, the period of such Honorary Membership being the duration of the event including one day before the event;
- d) Persons residing temporarily in the Bairnsdale district who normally reside outside a radius of 100 kilometres from the Bairnsdale Post Office, the period of such Honorary Membership being no longer than 28 days, or such longer period as determined by the Committee;
- e) Persons who are permitted to use the golf course or bowling rinks of the Club by reciprocal arrangements provided that the Committee may limit the number of such visits per annum, and

- f) Persons who are permitted to use the golf course or bowling rinks of the Club on payment of green fees or for charitable or other purposes, the period of such Honorary Membership being the days for which their use of the course or rinks is approved by the Committee.
- g) Honorary Members may not play in Club championships, pennants or special competitions.
- h) Honorary Members must pay such fees, subscriptions or charges as the Committee determines from time to time and must comply with any conditions set by the Committee for Honorary Membership.
- i) Honorary Members shall have access to the facilities of the Club for the duration of their membership. But, they are not entitled members nor may they introduce visitors to the Club.
- j) The Committee has the right to refuse a person Honorary Membership or to cancel any Honorary Membership conferred.