

## **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.

### **MOTORISED CARTS - BY-LAW** AS AT – OCTOBER – 2016 (see end note )

- Notes: (i) A reference to the Committee is a reference to the Committee of Management (COM) or, in respect to a particular competition, the Committee or controlling body authorised by the COM to manage that competition*
- (ii) The overriding principle in this By-Law is that consideration should be shown to the Club, to others and to the condition of the course at all times.*
- (iii) If players follow the guidelines in this section, it will make the Club and the game more enjoyable for everyone.*

#### **1. General operation and use**

- a) Persons under the age of 16 years are prohibited from driving a motorised cart on the course or Club grounds even under supervision.
- b) Motorised carts are only to be used in accordance with the Club By-laws and rules of hire where applicable.
  - They must not be driven beyond a blue line defining a restricted approach to a putting green.
  - They must remain the same restricted distance in any direction from the putting green as was defined by the blue line at approach.
  - On course directional signage must be obeyed.

#### **2. Use under adverse conditions:**

- a) Whilst under good conditions the movement of Motorised Carts has no detrimental effect around the course. Some specially formed and sensitive grass areas, such as Tee Boxes, Greens and surrounds, mounding, and some wet ground conditions or areas under repair or renovation, may require particular consideration and control of their use.
- b) Under adverse or restricted conditions, the motivation should be to encourage as much golf as is reasonable in the circumstances. The key word is reasonable, particularly in respect to disabled persons who, without the use of a cart, may not be able to play.

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### **3. Decisions under adverse conditions:**

- a) When ground conditions, resulting from extremely dry or wet weather, or damage, repair or renovation, require consideration of restrictions to the passage or use of motorised carts, decisions will be made through consultation between any two or more of the following that are available, Club Captain, Vice Captain, Course Director, Superintendent and Club Professional, and no other.
- b) During these consultations, the Superintendent would be expected to possess superior knowledge regarding the potential damage that carts might cause and what measures and/or expense would be required to repair such damage.
- c) In the event of disagreement between those parties, the Club Captain, as the ultimate authority on matters of golf, or in that person's absence the Vice Captain, should make the final decision.
- d) Other than those identified above, it is certainly not the prerogative of Members of the Committee of Management to make day-to-day decisions about the game of golf or the use of carts.

### **4. Range of restrictions:**

- a) There will be occasions when a total ban on carts is necessary. However there can be a range of restrictions imposed consistent with specific locations and particular degrees of adverse ground conditions.
- b) Such restrictions could include :-
  - Limited to driving only along the rough grass in prescribed areas.
  - Directions to use only particular sides of certain fairways.
  - Application of a 90 degree rule. ie; driving at right angles from the rough to the ball and returning to the rough at a 90 degree angle.
  - Following a route defined by directional signage or ropes.

### **5. Storage in Club facilities**

- a) To enable storage in Club facilities, when available, Members are required :-
  - i) to have their cart currently insured against fire, theft, vandalism, 3<sup>rd</sup> party and property liability and to maintain that insurance for the duration of such storage.
  - ii) to have a co-signed, non-transferable written agreement with the Club within which this By-Law, attached as an addendum, is a condition of that agreement.
  - iii) to have paid the required rental in a manner set the COM.
- b) In the event that space is not available at any time, applicants will be put on a waiting list in order of application and allocated a position when the above requirements have been met.

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- c) Other than one dust cover per cart, no spare parts or any other material is to be stored within Cart storage facilities.
- d) Cart trailers, ramps or spare trailer wheels are not to be stored on Club grounds.
- e) Other than battery or fuel replacement, fixing of punctures or tyre changing, no servicing or mechanical repair, including oil changing, is to be carried out on Club grounds.
- f) COM reserves the right to prohibit use of any motorised cart which is found to be leaking oil, emitting an unacceptable level of exhaust noise or smoke, or driven in a hazardous manner.

**6. Penalties for Breach:**

- a) If a player blatantly or consistently disregards these guidelines in the use of Club facilities, or during a round, or over a period of time, to the detriment of others or the course, the Committee, the Match Committee or the body controlling the particular competition will take appropriate disciplinary action.
- b) This may result in suspension of playing rights or suspension from the Club, for a time.
- c) Or, in a competition, disqualification under Rule 33-7 of the R&A Rules of Golf.

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