



Membership 101(Rev2)

The Club's Constitution is quite complex. Besides membership matters, it deals with legal, financial and governance issues. The latter three are of limited interest to the general membership; but all members should have a good grasp of how the Constitution affects them. The following are brief statements on these matters. For more information, you should consult the nominated clause(s) of the Constitution.

Membership and the Constitution

1. Membership Classes

There are five membership classes;

- Life and Honorary Members. (Clauses 6d & e). Awarded to members for outstanding service to the Club.
- Ordinary Members (Clause 6a).
- Family Members (Clause 6b). Includes a member, a spouse or partner of that member, together with dependent children between 6 and 18 years of age. Dependent full time students between 18 and 23 years of age may be included. (Clause 6f).
- Junior Members (Clause 6c). An adult sponsor is the actual member; and the junior beneficiary must be between 6 and 18 years.

2. Membership Rights

- Life Members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of Club membership, without payment of annual membership subscriptions. (Clause 7d).
- Honorary Members are entitled to use all of the Club's facilities and they also have annual subscriptions waived; but they may not stand for election for any management committee position, may not vote at general meetings and may not propose or second membership nominations. (Clause 7e).
- Ordinary Members are entitled to full membership rights of the Club. (Clause 7a).
- Family Members. The member and spouse/partner are entitled to full membership rights. Children between 6 and 18 years have the same rights as the beneficiary of junior membership. Children under 13 may use the Club's facilities only under the supervision of a responsible adult. (Clauses 7b & c).
- Junior Members. The junior member (that is, adult sponsor) has no rights or privileges. The beneficiary may use the Club's facilities (excluding the bar); and, if under 13, must be supervised by a responsible adult while doing so. (Clause 7c).

3. Applications for Membership

- Applications must be made on the current application form for the particular grade of membership. Nomination and subscription fees must accompany the application (Clause 10 a & c)
- Nomination fee and annual subscription fees are determined from time to time by resolution at a general meeting. (Clause 11,12b).
- Applications after 30th September are eligible for a pro rata subscription. (That is, for the number of quarters remaining in the season).
- Applications are considered for acceptance at a management committee meeting. Applications must be received at least 2 weeks before the meeting and must be posted on the Club notice board at least 1 week before the meeting. (Clause 10b)

4. Proof of Membership

- Every member is issued with a membership card, which must be carried at all times when using Club facilities.
- Non- members are required to pay full green fees (practice and/or competition) and higher prices for food and beverages.
- From the 2015/16 season, membership cards will be a different colour each year, which will provide Club officials with a quick and positive verification of current financial status.
- The card will carry an expiry date (e.g. 30th June 2016 for the 2015/16 season).

5. Membership Fees

- Membership fees are due on or before the 30 June, and may be paid by cash, cheque or direct transfer.
- All membership fees (including nomination fees where applicable) are to be paid in full upon application/renewal. Part payments will not be accepted.
- There is a one-month grace period after 30 June; and during this period membership privileges are not suspended if fees have not been paid. [Clause 14b (iii)].

6. Termination of Membership

- If you do not wish to continue your membership, you must resign in writing whilst still financial; that is, before 30 June (Clause 14a). If you do this, you are eligible to apply to re-join the club at a later date. You will be required to go through the nomination process; but no nomination fee will be payable (Clause 15).
- If you have not resigned before 30 June, you are regarded as a continuing member, and are liable for the fees for the subsequent season (Clause 12c). If you fail to pay these fees by 31 July, your membership has lapsed; and will be held in suspense from 1 July to 30 June of that Club year. Lapsed membership may be re-instated during that current Club year by paying in full (i.e. no pro-rata), the present fee for the class of membership held during the previous year (Clause 14e). If you fail to re-instate your lapsed membership before the end of the current club year, your membership will be automatically terminated (Clause 14f). You are eligible to apply to re-join the Club at a later date; but must go through the nomination process and pay the current nomination fee (Clause 15).
- Former members whose membership has been terminated in accordance with Clause 14b are not eligible to re-join the Club.

Membership Responsibilities

These are derived from several sources such as common law, legislated law, Club Constitution/by-laws, custom, and the Rules of Golf.

- Members are responsible for their individual behaviour whilst using Club facilities. They must observe the dress code (neat and tidy attire, with collared shirt/top and fully enclosed footwear as a minimum during competition). They must treat other members, visitors and guests with respect and consideration.
- Members are also responsible for the behaviour of their guests. You, the member, become the sponsor for your guest. The guest must be signed-in to the Club prior to play (competition days) and/or when using the facilities. The member must advise their guests of the standards expected; and must ensure that these standards are met and maintained. In addition, if playing the course, they must ensure that all appropriate fees have been paid prior to teeing off and that all prevailing conditions of play are adhered to.
- The Club welcomes visitors and members' guests; but in so doing, must ensure that the requirements of the Liquor Act, our lease from the Redlands City Council and the Club's by-laws are observed.
- The Club's Liquor Licence covers a 50 metre area immediately surrounding the bar **only (i.e. not the course)**. Furthermore, the club **is not** licensed for takeaway alcohol. Volunteers serving behind the bar have an obligation to open **all** beverages sold.
- **While the bar is open**, all visitors and guests must be signed- in by a member; and if that member leaves the bar precincts, arrangements must be made for another member to re-sign those visitors/guests. If not, the visitors/guests are required to leave the Club with the member. No Club- supplied, alcohol may be consumed on the course or removed from the bar area; and consumption of BYO alcohol is prohibited. Failure to comply with the above could result in prosecution of those concerned and/or loss of the Club's Liquor Licence.
- **At all other times (including before the bar opens as defined by our licence)**, consumption of BYO alcohol on the course is forbidden by a Club by-law. (See the prominent notice at the Club house).
- Consumption of alcohol in a public place is illegal; and one of the conditions of our lease is that the Club must not permit illegal acts on the premises. (Clause 11.1 of our lease)

In conclusion, members are expected to know, understand and apply the rules of golf; so that during competition, there is a "level playing field". This can be very difficult for new and inexperienced members alike; and the Management Committee recommends that long-term members should make a point of playing occasionally with new members to assist them with their understanding of the rules and etiquette of golf; and how to avoid the possibility of a breach of the rules, including that of slow play.

The Management Committee,
The Isle of Coochie Golf Club Inc.
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