

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB LIMITED
GOLF CLUB RULES 2022

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SECTION 1- NAME AND OBJECTS

1. NAME:

The NAME of the Club is the BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB LIMITED GOLF CLUB.

2. INTERPRETATIONS:

- a) "The Club" means the above mentioned club
- b) "The rules" means the rules of this club as laid down by the Golf Club
- c) "By-Laws" means the by-laws laid down by the committee
- d) "The Committee" means the members for the time being of the committee of management of the Club in accordance with these rules
- e) "Month" means calendar month
- f) "Associations" means the New South Wales Golf Association.
- g) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.

3. OBJECTS:

The objects for which the Club is established are to do all such things as the members shall determine and are incidental the conduct, advancement and promotion of the game of golf and to engender by association a fraternity feeling amongst golfers.

SECTION 2- MEMBERSHIP

4. THE CLUB shall consist of the following class of members:

- (a) Full members
- (b) Life Members
- (c) Junior Members

Full and Life members shall be entitled to all privileges of the club.

5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION:

Any financial member of the Bermagui Country Club limited who has paid the stipulated fee set down for the appropriate golf categories shall be automatically classed as a full member of the Bermagui Country Club Limited Golf Club provided that such member is affiliated with the New South Wales Golf Association and is not under suspension or expulsion by the Bermagui Country Club Limited.

6. FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP:

If any member fails to pay the annual subscription as required by the Bermagui Country Club Limited they shall automatically cease to be a member of the Bermagui Country Club Limited Golf Club.

7. EXPULSION, SUSPENSION AND REPRIMAND OF MEMBERS:

Every member of the club undertakes to comply with the Rules of Association of the Articles of Association of the Bermagui Country Club Limited and the Rules and By-Laws of the club. Suspension from competition play and reprimand shall be the right of the Bermagui Country Club Limited to whom the Committee may report any member who, in its opinion, has engaged in conduct prejudicial to the good order and interests of the Club.

SECTION 3- THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

The management of the club shall be in the hands of the members of the club through the Annual General Meeting and/or Special General Meeting as hereinafter provided.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Annual General meeting shall be held in a place to be fixed by the Committee but not later than the 31st May of each year.
- b) At least twenty-one (21) days' notice shall be given to members of the time and place appointed by the committee for such a meeting. This notice shall be posted on the Club Notice Board twenty one (21) days before the date of such meeting.
- c) Notices of Motion must be received up to fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Such notices will then be posted on the Club Notice Board.
- d) The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be in the following order;
 - i. Reading of notice convening Meeting
 - ii. Reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General and/or Special General Meeting
 - iii. Reading of the Annual Reports, consideration and adoption thereof
 - iv. Election of Office Bearers. The President of the Bermagui Country Club Ltd shall be invited to the meeting and take the chair for the election of the President and immediately thereafter shall vacate the chair in favour of the newly elected President of the Club who will proceed with the election of Officers and business of the Annual General Meeting
 - v. To deal with the Notices of Motion of which due notice has been given
 - vi. General Business matters to be submitted for consideration by the Committee at a future Committee Meeting

9. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

- a) Nominations for election to the Committee shall be made in writing on forms provided by the Committee. The nominations must be signed by two (2) Full or Life Members and signed by the nominee and such must be delivered to the Secretary of the Club or lodged at the office of the Bermagui Country Club Ltd before a date and time previously determined by the Committee and advised in the notice to members of the Annual General Meeting.
- b) At the Annual General Meeting the election of all officers shall be by **Secret Ballot**, which shall be conducted by two (2) scrutineers appointed by the Meeting.
- c) If there are not sufficient nominations in writing to fill the required number of vacant offices, the written nominees shall be declared elected and further nominations will be accepted from the Members present at the Meeting.

10. VOTING

Voting at the Annual/ Special General or Committee Meetings, except as otherwise provided in these rules or where a secret ballot is demanded by a majority of the members in attendance, shall be by show of hands. Each member shall have one vote and the Chairman a deliberate and a casting vote.

11. QUORUM

The quorum of an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be twenty (20) members in person. If within half an hour after the time appointed for the start of the Meeting a quorum is not present, the Meeting shall stand adjourned to a date to be fixed within fourteen (14) days and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the appointed starting time those present shall constitute a quorum.

12. RULES OF DEBATE

The rules of debate for all Annual and Special General Meetings and Committee and subcommittee meetings shall be the accepted rules of general debating practice.

13. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the President or the Honorary Secretary upon them receiving a request in writing stating the business for which is required from not less than five (5) members of the committee or from not less than twenty (20) members of the Club.
- b) At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given to members of the time and place and nature of the business to be brought forward at such Special General Meeting. This notice shall be posted on the Club noticeboard. No business other than that stated in the notice shall be dealt with by the Meeting.

14. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- a)** The members shall vest the control and business of the Club in a Committee of Management elected by them at the Annual General Meeting. Such Committee shall consist of the officers of the Club as hereunder and they shall hold office, except as hereunder stated, for a period of twelve (12) months or until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Officers of the Club shall consist of:

- A President (3 Year term)
 - A Vice President
 - A Mens Captain (2 Year term)
 - A Womens Captain (2 Year term)
 - A Mens Vice Captain
 - An Honorary Secretary (2 Year term)
 - A Treasurer
 - Two (2) Committee
- b)** The Committee of Management shall hold periodical meetings and shall meet at least once in each month to transact the business of the Club. The President and/or Secretary shall, when necessary and as provided for within these rules, convene a Special Meeting of which seven (7) days' notice shall be given to all Committee Members.
- c)** The President, Vice President or in their absence one of the Committee members shall preside at all Committee meetings.
- d)** Should any member of the Committee fail to attend for three (3) consecutive meetings without leave of absence he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Committee.
- e)** When any vacancy occurs on the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy at a meeting of the Committee.
- f)** The Committee may from time to time delegate any of its Powers to sub-committees and shall, as thought fit, appoint, recall or revoke such delegation or appointment. The President and Captains are ex-officio on all sub-committees with full voting rights.
- g)** The Secretary or properly appointed substitute shall record the Minutes of all Meetings, resolutions and proceedings in a book provided for the purpose.
- h)** The Committee shall have the power to;
- i.** Elect sub- committees, appoint delegates, appoint a Club Handicapper and assistant, make by-laws, not inconsistent with these rules, and do all such things that is deemed advisable for carrying out and managing the business and affairs of the Club and which conform to the Memorandum and Articles of Bermagui Country Club Ltd;

- ii. Interpret the Rules and By-Laws of the Club, the interpretation of the Committee being final; and
- iii. Carry out all resolutions passed on at the Annual General Meeting of the Club

15. COMMITTEE QUORUM

At any Meeting of the Committee of Management five members thereof shall constitute a quorum.

16. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- a) **PRESIDENT**- The President is the main conduit between the Bermagui Country Club Ltd Board of Management and the Golf Club. The duties of the President shall be to preside at Committee meetings, to regulate and keep order in all proceedings and carry into effect the Rules and By-Laws of the Club. The President should be unbiased and direct the discussion so that opposing points of view are given full opportunity to expression, thus ensuring that final decision is in the best interests of the Club.
- b) **SECRETARY**- The Secretary shall be the executive office of the Committee and shall, if possible, attend all meetings of the Committee, including General and Special Meetings of the Club. The Secretary shall record the Minutes of all meetings in a book provided for the purpose, conduct all correspondence in connection with the general business of the Club and attend to the business and affairs of the Club in accordance with the decisions and directions of the Committee. In conjunction with Bermagui Country Club Ltd records, the Secretary will be provided access to records of the names, addresses, contact details and home club of all members of the Club.
- c) **CAPTAINS**- The Captains are the Chief Officials on the playing side and are responsible for upholding the rules and traditions of the game. The Captain's duties include liaison between the Sub-Committees, where established. Relevant Captains should deal with all matters in regard to play on the course and see that players are educated in respect to the rules of golf, local rules and etiquette. Respective Junior golf and pennant teams should also receive the relevant Captains attention.

17. ALTERATION OF RULES

No new rule shall be made or any existing rule altered or repealed except at a general meeting called for that purpose and only then upon the motion being carried out by a majority of three-fourths of the members present at the meeting in person. Any alteration to existing rules must be ratified by the Bermagui Country Club Ltd.

18. BY LAWS

The Committee shall have the power to make By-Laws not inconsistent with these rules of those of the Bermagui Country Club Ltd, for the efficient working of the Club and to alter, amend or rescind the same as the occasion may require. All by-laws shall be entered in a book kept for this purpose and shall be available for inspection by the members.

19. RULES OF THE GAME OF GOLF

The rules of the game of Golf as adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews shall apply to all games played under control of the Club except when specially stated otherwise. Failure to observe any such rules will render the offending player liable to disqualification from the competition of the match.

20. MATCH COMMITTEE

The Match Committee shall be comprised of three (3) members duly elected by the committee. The Duties of the Match Committee shall be;

- a) To select and arrange for Pennant, Association and inter club fixtures
- b) To control and manage all events excepting social golf
- c) The Match Committee shall have the power to co-opt when assistance is required in running any event
- d) The Match Committee shall have the responsibility for routine matters concerning the event of the day. Decisions of unresolved contentious matters rests with the Committee.
- e) The Match Committee will make regular reports to the monthly meetings of the Committee which may accept or reject the match committee's recommendations
- f) The committee of Management shall have the power to fill any vacancy that should occur on the Match Committee.

21. DISPUTES, SUGGESTIONS ETC

All complaints and suggestions must be made in writing to the Secretary who shall bring the matter before the Committee at its next meeting. No member is to verbally raise a complaint with a committee member prior to, or during, competition play. Members shall not communicate complaints direct with the Course Superintendent or Greens staff in respect course conditions or playability without express permission from the Committee.

22. SUB COMMITTEES

The Committee may appoint a sub-committee to control social golf or other identified activities in accordance with the rules and conditions laid down by the Committee.

23. LIFE MEMBERS

Any member who is considered to have rendered special and outstanding service to the Club may be recommended for Life Membership of the BCC Ltd in accordance with the BCC Ltd Constitution.

Any proposed recommendation by the Committee for Life Membership must appear on the notice to members advising them of the Annual General Meeting and only one Life Member can be recommended or elected at any Annual General Meeting.