

RABY TAVERN SOCIAL GOLF CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. NAME:

- 1.1 The name of the club shall be "Raby Tavern Social Golf Club." Colours of the club shall be predominantly black and white.

2 OBJECTIVES:

- 2.1 The objectives of the Club shall be to play and promote the game of golf, and to organise social activities for the enjoyment of members and their families.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

- 3.1 The number of members of the Club shall be at the discretion of the Committee but shall not exceed thirty two (32) at any time. Appointment of new members will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- 3.2 Prospective members must:
 - 3.2.1 Submit a letter in writing to the Committee indicating their desire to become a member;
 - 3.2.2 Pay a twenty dollar (\$20) bond to the Club, which upon approval of membership will constitute a joining fee. This bond will be fully refunded to any person who ultimately does not pursue membership.
 - 3.2.3 Play three (3) rounds with the Club as a visitor and submit three (3) cards that will be used to allocate a handicap.
- 3.3 New members will be considered in a chronological order relative to the date of receipt to the Committee of their intention to join the Club, and payment of the bond. Ex-members wishing to rejoin will be subject to the same conditions as new members.
- 3.4 Members must play ten (10) games per year to qualify for renewal of membership. This requirement may be overruled by the Committee in

extenuating circumstances. This requirement shall be “pro-rata” for new members inducted during the year.

4. COMMITTEE:

4.1 The Committee of the Club shall comprise seven (7) positions as follows:

- * President
- * Secretary
- * Treasurer
- * Captain
- * Vice Captain * Handicapper
- * Social Secretary

4.2 The Committee will be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for the ensuing twelve (12) months.

4.3 Any Committee member who fails to make themselves available for meetings or Club business on a regular basis, or is negligent in the performance of their duties, may have their position declared vacant by a majority decision of the other Committee members.

4.4 The election of a new Committee member during the term of a Committee either by vacation or resignation will be effected by a vote of members at an Extraordinary General Meeting within one (1) month of the vacancy occurring.

5. MANAGEMENT:

5.1 The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the management of the elected Committee.

5.2 The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matters pertaining to the operation and activities of the Club not specifically covered by the Constitution.

6. CONSTITUTION:

- 6.1 The Constitution shall not be altered or added to without the consent of a two-thirds majority vote of members (in attendance) at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- 7.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on the day of the last game of the year. The Committee shall have the power to call Extraordinary General Meetings at their discretion.

8. QUORUMS:

- 8.1 A quorum for the purposes of an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club shall be twenty (20) members.
- 8.2 A quorum for the purposes of a Committee meeting shall be four (4) Committee members.
- 8.3 A quorum for the purposes of a Match Committee shall be two (2)

9. HONORARIUMS:

- 9.1 Honorariums at Committee meetings shall be at the discretion of the President.

10. LIABILITIES IN THE NAME OF THE CLUB:

- 10.1 No member shall incur any liability in the name of the Club unless instructed to do so by the Committee.

11. ANNUAL FEES:

- 11.1 Members shall pay such fees as may be determined by the Committee.

- 11.2 Members are required to pay fees via direct bank debit to the Club, in 11 equal monthly instalments starting on 1st February of the membership year, and deducted on the 1st of each subsequent month.
- 11.3 The only exception to clause 11.2 is where a member elects to pay a discounted amount determined by the Committee IN FULL by 31 January in the membership year.
- 11.4 Where the Committee has set instalment periods or due dates for payments of fees, any member being in arrears may be declared by the Committee to be unfinancial, subject to the individual circumstances of the Member. Any Member declared unfinancial will not be permitted to play or benefit from any social aspects of the Club, subject to the provisions of clauses 11.5 and 11.6.
- 11.5 Any Member declared unfinancial will be required to immediately make good the arrears, or enter into a suitable arrangement as determined by the Committee to do so, at which time the unfinancial status of the Member will be rescinded or suspended by the Committee. A Member whose unfinancial status is suspended can continue to play and benefit from any social aspects of the Club.
- 11.6 Any Member whose unfinancial status is suspended must continue to meet the agreement to make good their arrears. If a Member does not continue to meet the agreement entered into, the Committee may again declare the Member unfinancial.
- 11.7 Subject to the provisions of clauses 11.4, 11.5 and 11.6, any Member declared unfinancial may be expelled from the Club by the Committee.

12. FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE CLUB:

- 12.1 The Treasurer shall submit a balance sheet to each Committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting and at other such times as the Committee shall request.
- 12.2 Any member may review the financial records of the Club by giving one (1) weeks notice to the Committee.
- 12.3 The application of surplus funds held by the Club at the end of any year shall be decided by the incoming Committee.

13. MATCH COMMITTEE:

- 13.1 The Match Committee will comprise the Captain, Vice Captain and Handicapper (with President and Secretary as alternates).
- 13.2 The Match Committee will adjudicate on all disputes relating to the Rules of Golf.
- 13.3 Any member wishing to enter a protest regarding any match or the actions of any other member on the course shall do so on the day of the match to the Match Committee. Such protest shall be dealt with on the day by the Match Committee, whose decision shall be final.

14. CONDITIONS OF PLAY:

- 14.1 Play shall be generally governed by the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of individual courses. The only exception to Local Rules shall be that in ALL rounds, a twelve (12) inch preferred lie on all defined fairways shall apply.
- 14.2 Players will be disqualified at the discretion of the Match Committee unless all result cards are fully marked and endorsed by both player and marker
- 14.3 Where a count-back is necessary, it shall be decided in the following order until a winner is declared :
 - * Last nine holes **played** at 1/2 handicap;
 - * Last six holes **played** at 1/3 handicap;
 - * Last three holes **played** at 1/6 handicap;
 - * Hole by hole from **last hole played** backwards at scratch.
- 14.4 Members shall observe and follow golf etiquette at all times.
- 14.5 Members shall qualify for Matchplay based on Championship results. The top 8 finishers from each grade will play in Matchplay in the format of 1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6 and 4 v 5. In the event a member within the 8 cannot compete in Matchplay, the 9th place finisher will take their place (followed by the 10th place finisher and so on until all 8 competitors are confirmed).

15. VISITORS:

- 15.1 Visitors may play with the Club, subject to the availability of hit-off times, and may be charged a fee at the discretion of the Committee.
- 15.2 Visitors shall not be eligible for the Money Hole, Nearest the Pins or other daily awards on the course.

15.3 The winning visitor will be declared on scratch score only.

16. DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

16.1 Any member who does not conduct themselves in an orderly manner, or creates a disturbance, or offers any threat of violence to any member of the Club, shall be automatically suspended for three (3) months after official notice in writing from the Committee.

16.2 Any incidence of a member found to have knowingly cheated or contravened the Rules of Golf and reported to the Committee by the Match Committee, will be reviewed and may lead to the member being suspended for a period at the discretion of the Committee.

17. AMENDMENTS

January 2025 – Amendment (14.5) changed that not all members will qualify for Matchplay.