

CONSTITUTION OF THE CATALINA COUNTRY CLUB

VETERAN GOLFERS SECTION.

DEFINITIONS

Corporate responsibility (fiscal as well as organisational) for any Section of the Club rests with the Board as defined in the Constitution and in underlying corporate legislation; it extends to all activities of a Section. Definitions herein are as in the Constitution of the Catalina Country Club Ltd, plus:

- (a) "Section" means the Veteran Golfers Section.
- (b) "Committee" means the Veteran Golfers Section Committee.
- (c) "Member" means a Member of this Section unless the context means otherwise.
- (d) "Club" means the Catalina Country Club Ltd.
- (e) "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Catalina Country Club Ltd.
- (f) "Board" means the Board of Directors of Catalina Country Club Ltd.
- (g) "Captain" means the Veterans Section Captain.
- (h) "R&A" refers to the Authority which governs the rules of golf.
- (i) "GA" refers to Golf Australia.
- (j) "Club Captain" refers to the Captain of the Catalina Country Club Ltd.

1). Objectives

- 1.1 (a) To administer the Section of the Club called the **Catalina Veteran Golfers** in accordance with the Club's Constitution and By-laws.
(b) To support the health, wellbeing, longevity, harmony, and camaraderie of its members.
- 1.2 To conduct Member competitions as permitted by the Board, and in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf.
- 1.3 To conduct social, fundraising and welfare activities within the Section.

2). Membership

- 2.1 Membership is open to any Golfing Member of the Catalina Country Club (including Life and, when specified by the Board, Special Members of the Club who have golfing rights accorded by the Board), who has attained the age of 55 years.

3). Subscription and Competition Fees

- 3.1 Annual subscription shall be fixed by the Committee and shall be due and payable in full by Members on the first playing day in the membership year (i.e. 1st July to 30th June).

3.2 **Competition Fees**

- 3.2.1 Competition fees shall be fixed by the Board from time to time.
- 3.2.2 The Committee on occasion may apply a competition levy over and above the Board defined competition fee.
- 3.2.3 The Committee may on occasion increase the prize element, the excess to be accorded to the general funds of the Section.

4). **Committee**

- 4.1 The Committee shall be elected at the Catalina Veteran Golfers Annual General Meeting and will comprise the following positions:

President
Vice President
Captain
Vice-Captain
Membership Coordinator
Treasurer
Up to four Ordinary Members

- 4.2 The Committee may appoint any Member as a Publicity Officer, who need not be a Committee member.
- 4.3 The Committee shall meet at the direction of the President, or at the call of three other members of the Committee, and at least once in any three months. Its quorum shall be four (4) Committee Members which shall include either the President or the Captain. All questions before the Committee will be decided by vote and by a simple majority.
- 4.4 The Captain with the assistance of the Vice-Captain shall be responsible for the conduct of all competitions according to the R&A Rules of Golf and will be answerable to the Club Captain in this respect. The Captain or his deputy may appoint a Match Committee from time to time, drawn from the Section Membership.
- 4.5 The Membership Coordinator shall be responsible for recording all Veteran Golfing Member's data and in consultation with the Treasurer, Club administration and District administrators to ensure affiliations are completed and recorded correctly.

- 4.6 The Treasurer shall keep records of Income and Expenditure and prepare monthly reports and the full set of accounts as at the 30th of June each year and these are to be submitted to the Catalina Country Club for audit purposes. An annual budget is to be prepared and submitted to the Committee at the June meeting each year.
- 4.7 The Publicity Officer shall arrange appropriate publicity for this Section.
- 4.8 Should any Committee Member absent themselves from three (3) consecutive meetings without apology or reasonable excuse, he shall forfeit his position on the Committee. In these circumstances, the Committee shall have the power to appoint a substitute Committee Member.
- 4.9 The Committee shall have the power at any time and from time to time to appoint any eligible member to the Committee to fill a casual vacancy, as defined in the Club Constitution and including any vacancy caused by a lack of candidates at the Committee elections. The Member so appointed will hold office only until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
- 4.10 The Committee shall have the power to appoint and discharge any appropriate Veteran Representative that may be required by the Board, to sit on various Sub-Committees, Working Groups, etc. as may be required from time to time.
- 4.11 The Committee shall call the Annual General Meeting and may call a General Meeting at any other time.

5). Annual General Meeting

- 5.1 A Catalina Veteran Golfers Annual General Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Catalina Country Club Limited.
- 5.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the 3rd Thursday in July of each year (unless directed otherwise by the Board), to transact the following business: -
 - a) To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
 - b) To receive and confirm reports from the President, Captain and Treasurer
 - c) To address any Notice of Motion which must be in writing and posted at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting
 - d) To debate matters of General Business.
 - e) To elect Members of the Committee for the ensuing year. This will always be the concluding item of the meeting
- 5.3 No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting (including Annual General Meeting) of members unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum for a General Meeting shall not be less than twenty-five (25) Members present, and only financial members will be entitled to vote.

6). Life Membership

- 6.1 Life Membership is the highest honour that the Catalina Veteran Golfers can bestow on a Veteran Member.
- 6.2 To qualify for this honour a member must have provided outstanding service to the Veterans and served on the Committee in either a fully elected or honorary capacity for a significant period.
- 6.3 Election to Life Membership must be by way of Special Resolution and carried by at least two-thirds majority of those Members present and voting at a General Meeting of the Catalina Veterans Golfers. Such proposal to the meeting would also need to carry appropriate support and recommendation from the Committee.
- 6.4 Not more than two (2) Members can be elected to Life Membership in any one financial year of the Veterans, unless otherwise determined by the Members in General Meeting.
- 6.5 There will be not more than five (5) Life Members of the Veterans at any one time, unless otherwise determined by the Members in General Meeting.
- 6.6 Life Membership of the Catalina Veteran Golfers in no way bestows the same rights, benefits, and privileges as Life Membership of the Catalina Country Club.

7). Competitions

- 7.1 The mode of competitions shall be the responsibility of the Captain.
- 7.2 The handicapping of Veteran Golfers, shall be in accordance with that required by Golf Australia (GA) and the Catalina Club system of handicapping for 9- and 18-hole competitions.
- 7.3 The maximum handicap for special events shall be determined by the Committee otherwise that specified by Golf Australia.
- 7.4 The maximum handicap for an 18-hole competition shall be in accordance with GA and the Club Captain's determination.
- 7.5 The Captain/Vice-Captain shall be responsible for checking all score cards and returning cards submitted for 9/18-hole events to the Catalina Country Club's Office for adjustment of members GA handicap.
- 7.6 Trophies and prizes shall be awarded to the winners of various competitions and other players, at the discretion of the Committee.
- 7.7 To compete in Veteran competitions, a golfing member of the Club must have completed the necessary Veteran's membership form and have paid the annual Veterans subscription fee.

8). Visitors

- 8.1 Veteran visitors shall be made welcome and be entitled to play in competitions conducted by the Catalina Veteran Golfers subject to the following conditions: -
- a) Be a financial member of a registered golf club in Australia and carry appropriate evidence in this regard, and.
 - b) Provide evidence of Veteran Membership, and
 - c) Hold a current GA handicap

Or

- d) Are an International visitor who shall provide evidence of comparable qualifications to the satisfaction of the Veteran Captain (or nominee) on the day.

Such visitors will automatically be accorded Temporary Membership of the Club under the Club Constitution but must still sign in when entering the Club's Licensed Premises (as defined in the By-laws).

- 8.2 Visitors should pay the normal Veteran daily competition fee in addition to any special green fee set down by the Catalina Country Club
- 8.3 Visitors shall be entitled to win any prize in the competition, however, will not be eligible to win any major trophy specifically sponsored for the Catalina Veterans.

9). Implementation and Amendments

- 9.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that Members and visitors fully observe the Rules of this Section.
- 9.2 Amendments (other than typographical error or errors of logic) to the rules of this Section shall require the approval by a simple majority of the Members present at a General Meeting, plus ratification by the Board.