

TGCC Membership Bylaw

Membership

This By-Law is in keeping with Constitution Clause 9

“Membership categories and the annual subscription for each category shall be determined by the Board of Management and recorded in the By-Laws.”

and 9.1 Members Voting Rights

“Voting rights are in conjunction with the categories of memberships in By-Laws.”

and Constitution clause 11.8 Duties of the Board

(iv) To establish new or delete existing classes of membership as defined in By-Laws.

Membership All memberships are at the discretion of the Board of Management and All memberships are at the discretion of the Board of Management and comprise of two categories - Members with Voting Rights and Members without Voting Rights (Non-Voting Members.) Each membership category has the full rights and privileges of the Club, subject to them having paid the required subscription and levy for the membership period as set by the Board.

9.1 Members with Voting Rights

(i) **Full Golf Membership**

Those persons who have attained the age of eighteen years and have been admitted to membership in accordance with the Constitution and Rules. Such Membership may be either as an affiliated golfing member, eligible for an official handicap by paying the required affiliation fee to an Affiliation Golfing Body in conjunction with his or her club membership subscription fee, or non-affiliated. Non-affiliated members will be unable to hold an official golfing handicap. The Board has the power to set a modified subscription on a case by case basis for full time tertiary students and first year golfers.

(ii) **Country Golf Membership (Affiliated to Tairua)**

Those persons who reside a majority of the time beyond the settlement of Hikuai in the south and Whenuakite in the north. Tairua is their home club. Such memberships will be charged a reduced membership fee as agreed by the Board of Management when determining annual subscriptions and fees. Members can play in Club Championships or Trophy competitions. Member can hold office, vote, and represent the club in inter club competitions. To qualify as a Country (affiliated) Member they must satisfy residency requirements of living outside Tairua apart from weekends and occasional holidays, or in the case of overseas members for more than six months of the year.

(iii) **First Year Golf Membership**

Those members who have not been a member of Tairua or any other New Zealand Golf club or held a Dot Golf handicap can apply for First Year Membership and receive a discounted subscription fee at the discretion of the Board.

(iv) **Senior Playing Golf Membership**

Club members who have been financial members for 20 years or more and are 70 years of age or more may be granted the status of Senior Playing member and may have their subscription discounted upon nomination and approval of the Board, which in making its decision takes into account both the longevity of the membership and the contribution made by the member for

the benefit of the club during the term of his or her membership. Senior Playing members will have the same rights and privileges as Full Members. There will be no more than 10 Senior Playing Members at any one time.

(v) Senior (Non-Playing) Membership

Those persons who have been a financial golf member and through personal or health reasons can no longer be an active golf member can apply to the Board for Senior Membership. A Senior Member retains all rights and privileges previously held excepting the right to play a round of golf. Senior Membership is reviewable annually by the Board. The Board has the power to set a modified subscription on a case by case basis.

(vi) Life Membership

Any member who has rendered outstanding service to the Club may, on the recommendation of the Board, be elected a Life Member by two-thirds majority at any Annual General Meeting. There shall be no more than five Life Members at any one time and such Life Members shall not pay subscriptions but retain full rights but cannot hold office.

(vii) Financial Life Membership

Members may apply to the Board for admission as a Financial Life Member. A Financial Life Member will have the rights and privileges of a Full Playing member for the rest of their natural life on the payment of a fixed sum set by the Board in lieu of annual subscriptions.

(viii) Corporate Membership

This membership is available to business owners/corporate entities with all associated rights and privileges being held by the nominated person/s. Playing rights are determined by the category of membership and the subscription is as set by the Board of Management annually.

(ix) Contributory Membership

Persons who are eligible for full playing membership can pay their subscriptions in advance under arrangement with the Board, in the form of a non interest bearing loan or goods and services to the Club and can have their full subscriptions set at the time their loan was given towards repayment of the debt owing to them by the Club.

9.2 Memberships without Voting Rights (Non-Voting Members)

(i) Junior Golf

Those persons under the age of 18 attending a primary or secondary school shall have full playing rights but cannot hold office or vote. Proof of age required

(ii) Tertiary Membership

Available at the discretion of the Board to those persons who are attending full time University or other Tertiary institutions or are working as an apprentice. Tertiary membership bestows the same rights as full membership, but tertiary members cannot hold office. A Tertiary Member must provide identification or documentation confirming their status annually in order to take advantage of any discounted subscription which may be approved by the Board.

(iii) Seasonal Golf Membership

Four-month membership is available for those who wish to play golf. Seasonal Members have full playing rights. Seasonal members must reapply for membership annually.

(iv) Green Fee Membership

Those persons who have attained the age of eighteen years and have been admitted to membership in accordance with the Constitution and Rules. Such membership is available to those persons who may play a limited amount of golf, usually at different courses, but are desirous of having and maintaining an official handicap. In addition to the annual subscription determined by the Board for such membership, they will be required to pay the affiliated green fee rate at whichever course they play, including that of their home club Tairua where their handicap is held.

(v) Social Membership

Subject to having paid the required annual subscription a social member is entitled to use the House facilities but does not have any playing rights in golf or other sporting codes and cannot hold office or vote.

(vi) Country Membership (non-affiliated to Tairua)

This is a secondary membership offered to full playing affiliated members of another NZ Golf Club who is responsible for maintaining their handicap records. Such membership will be charged a reduced membership decided by the Board of Management when determining annual subscriptions and fees. Members cannot play in Club Championships or Trophy competitions. Member cannot hold office, vote, but can represent the club in inter club competitions.

Honorary Membership

The Board can bestow Honorary membership. Membership is conferred by invitation of the Board without payment of a subscription and with such rights and privileges as are determined at the time of appointment. Honorary Memberships will be bestowed for a period of up to twelve (12) months but can be renewed for further twelve (12) monthly periods by resolution of the Board.

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