

## BERRI GOLF CLUB - RULES & BYLAWS

The Berri Golf Club is affiliated with Golf Australia and bound by the Rules and Policies of Golf Australia. The **Member Protection Policy of Golf Australia** sets out the Codes of Conduct for players, officials, coaches, volunteers and spectators. It also covers **Child Protection and Complaint Resolution** policies and procedures. The playing of golf is regulated by the **Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the Royal and Ancient Rules Ltd and the US Golf Association**. In the event of any discrepancy these take precedence over the club bylaws.



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## **M1 Membership / Members**

- Classes of membership and fees shall be determined by the Committee.
- **Membership classes:**
  - a. Full Members
    - i. Normal
    - ii. Senior: Aged over 65 years
    - iii. Super Senior: Aged over 75 years
    - iv. Honorary
    - v. LifeFull members of all subclasses are entitled to vote in General Meetings and have reciprocal rights.
  - b. Sports Members

Sports members may play 7 days a week, have a GolfLink handicap, play in competitions for an additional fee but are not eligible to vote at general meetings not have reciprocal rights and are not eligible for championships or representative events.
  - c. Country Members

Principal place of residence must be more than 80km from Berri. May play 7 days a week, play in competitions, have a GolfLink handicap but may not vote in general meetings or play in championships or representative events. Do not have reciprocal rights.
  - d. Junior/student Members

Less than 18 years or fulltime secondary/tertiary student less than 25 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Have all the privileges of full membership but cannot vote at general meetings or hold office.
  - e. Visitors/temporary Members

Any person who has paid a greenfee or is participating in a competition is considered a temporary member and must comply with the rules of the club. Temporary membership is granted only for the day of play.

[Adopted 24/4/17]

## **M2 Damage to Cars parked in Carpark (23/5/96)**

- cars parked in the carpark shall be done at the owners risk and the Golf Club shall accept no responsibility for any damage which occurs to them due to accidental action by golfers

## **M3 Eagles Nest (24/4/96)**

- sponsorship of the Eagle's Nest will apply only to weekend events

**M4 Temporary Handicaps**

- “new” members may be immediately allocated a temporary handicap by the Match Committee in order that they can begin playing in competition rounds

**M5 Buggy Room**

- members may store their bag and buggy in the Buggy Room upon payment of the annual fee prescribed by the Committee

**M6 Membership Fees**

- New membership applications shall be submitted on the approved form together with a \$50 application fee which on approval of the committee shall be deducted from the subscription payable. Following approval of membership applications, nomination forms will be passed to the Treasurer who will liaise with the Records Officer to ensure that all fees due are paid as soon as possible [Adopted 24/4/17]
- payment of subscriptions - membership fees shall be due on 1<sup>st</sup> January
- A member may elect to pay his/her annual subscriptions in six equal instalments, each due and payable on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June by direct debit. Members who have not paid their subscriptions by 1<sup>st</sup> March shall be deemed to be no longer financial members of the Club and shall thereby forfeit all membership rights.
- Pro-rata Payment of Subscriptions: Members who join the club during a year shall be liable for pro-rata payment of the normal subscription as per the following schedule:

join in April - June	pay 75% of fee
join in July - Sept	pay 50% of fee
join in Sep - Dec	pay 25% of fee

[Adopted 24/4/17]

**M7 Newsletters**

- A club Newsletter shall be distributed as deemed necessary during each year and it shall act as an official notification to members if/when required. This may be by email or on the club website.

**M8 Reciprocal Memberships Rights / Fees**

- members of clubs with which Reciprocal Rights have been agreed shall be entitled to all privileges normally available to Club Members.

- members of those clubs which exercise a Reciprocal Members (Reduced) Green Fee shall in turn be required to pay the same fee to play on the course.

**M11 Membership Discs**

- The current year's membership disc must be attached to golf bags.

**COURSE:**

**C1 Chipping on the Course**

- members wishing to practice chipping shall do so only on the designated practice fairways, or when the painted zones marked adjacent to the Practice Putting Green.

**C2 Sponsorship of "Tee Signs" (27/3/96)**

- advertising on each Tee marker will be made available to sponsors for a fee to be set each year by the C'tee.

**C3 Golf Carts (Motorised)**

- motorised golf carts shall be driven only on fairways or paths and in no circumstances should they be into the 'rough'.
- any member of the committee who observes the misuse of a motorised cart shall be empowered to confiscate the key of said cart
- Any member is able to play from a motorised cart for all events (a medical certificate is not required) [adopted 16/6/2015]
- Owners of golf carts are required to meet all statutory requirements with regards to registration and insurance [adopted 22/5/17]
- Golf carts are used at the owner's risk. The golf club takes no responsibility for their misuse. [adopted 22/5/17]

**C5 Riverland Aerating Service**

- the club is joint owner of various items of machinery with Barmera, Loxton and Waikerie Golf Clubs, Berriview, Barmera and Renmark Tintra Tennis Clubs, which are normally stored at Berri Golf Club and controlled by the greenkeepers of Berri and Barmera Golf Clubs.
- the coring machine will be 'hired' to those clubs who are party to the agreement at an hourly rate. Funds received for such usage will be held in

the Riverland Aerating Service Account for the purpose of repairs and maintenance and/or replacement of the machinery.

- Under no circumstances is the machinery to be loaned to other organisations or individuals.

**C6 Greens Staff have Right of Way**

- golfers must allow all course staff and members to have right of way and should not play their shots unless they are out of range.

**C7 Sand Buckets**

- all golfers shall carry and use sand buckets to repair divots on the course.

**C8 Practice on the Course**

- is limited to a single player hitting a second ball. Such practice shall not interfere with any other player following.

**C9 Greens Maintenance**

- when the flag has been removed the green is out of play and golfers are not to hit to the green until the flag has been replaced
- ball marks in greens are to be replaced before leaving to play the next hole
- care must be taken not to damage the edge of the hole or the green surface when removing or replacing the flag stick, or with shoe sprigs. The putter head must *not* be used to remove the ball from the hole - lift the ball by hand or suction cup only.
- buggies must not be taken onto greens or tees.

**C10 Bunkers**

- all ball and foot marks should be raked clean before leaving a bunker. Players should refrain from walking up the face of a bunker, except when actually playing the ball.

**C11 Bunker Rakes**

- in general rakes should be replaced within the bunker with the handle pointing in the direction of play. If there is more than one rake in a bunker, then handles should be at right angles to the bunker edge.

**RULES OF CLUB COMPETITIONS**

- R1 Trophies** (25/10/95)
- except for those events specifically designated as “open” in the Club Program, trophies offered in club competitions shall be restricted to club members.
- R2 Twilight Competitions** (25/10/95)
- the twilight competition shall be organised by the Match C’tee
  - it shall be a designated nine hole competition
  - Club Members may be permitted to play 18 holes on Twilight Competition days provided that they may only enter this competition if the designated 9 holes are played only once, and not commenced prior to 4.00pm.
- R3 Golf Ball Trophies - collection of**
- after each club competition the captain will provide a list of all members who have won golf ball trophies - members may then collect their ball(s) from the Proshop at their convenience.  
*Note:* Any ball costing \$4.50 or less may be taken free - members may pay the extra cost due if they wish to receive a specific more expensive brand of ball.
- R4 Purchase of Trophies** (26/11/94) AGM
- as far as reasonably possible, the club will endeavour to purchase all required trophies from local traders.
- R5 Pennant Golf - Live Card Requirement**
- in order to be eligible for selection to play in the clubs pennants teams, a member must have valid GolfLink handicap.
- R7 Club Competitions**
- competitions shall be confined to members unless otherwise decided by the Committee
  - Handicap competitions shall be played in such divisions as the C’tee directs
  - any dispute arising as to the result of any competition shall be referred to the match committee whose decision shall be final on all competitors
- R8 Priority of Play**

- four ball matches shall have right of way at all times
- three ball matches shall have no right of way except in competitions
- two ball matches have no right of way unless playing in competitions authorised by the C'tee
- A single player shall have no priority. It shall be the duty of players not having the priority of the course to call through players having such priority and to stand aside until they have passed

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

### **R9 Times of Play**

- play will commence at times in accordance with the starting sheet except when starting draws are made. A starting time sheet is provided to reserve starting times.

### **R10 Competition Fees**

- Before commencement of play, players must register and pay the competition fee. Failure to comply with this condition may render a player ineligible to receive a prize or trophy for the competition.

### **R11 Score Cards**

- Score cards must be lodged with the C'tee within 15 minutes of the completion of a round-failure to do so may render the player subject to disqualification. All cards must normally be lodged by 5.30 pm.

### **R12 Eligibility for Trophies / Pennants**

- After the Opening Day in each year, prizes and trophies in club competitions may only be won by financial members, unless otherwise specified.
- Non-financial members will not be selected to play in pennant teams.

### **R13 Junior Members**

- junior members shall usually be permitted to play in club competitions if they are accompanied by at least one adult club member.

### **R14 Organisation of Competitions**

- Stroke, Medal, Stableford and Open events shall be played in divisions.



- for up to 30 players there will be one division only
- from 31-50 players there will be two divisions
- over 50 players there shall be three divisions

**Trophies:**

*One Division* - Winner, Runner up, plus Balls

*Two Divisions* - Divisions are handicaps 1 to 14, 15 to 36  
Winner, Runner up in each division, plus Balls

*Three Divisions* - Divisions are 1 to 13, 14 to 18, 19 to 36  
Winner, Runner up in each division plus Balls

**Reciprocal Club:** members and visitors may win divisions (except for Special Events and open days)

**R15 Ties**

- Ties in Handicap events will be decided by count back. This shall normally be:
  - Last nine holes
  - Last three holes
  - Count back from 18, 17 etc.

Where Handicap Events are played in conjunction with Championship Events, players are only eligible to win one trophy.

**R16 Speed of Play**

It is imperative that slow play does not impede the field. It is suggested that players always:

- walk immediately to your ball and play if there is no danger of injury to the group ahead
- play your own ball before looking for a fellow competitors ball
- if held up, use this time for club selection and practice swing's
- play before marking the card when holding the honour
- play so as to not fall behind the group in front by a clean hole - and if you do, call the following group through
- if searching for a ball, immediately call up the following group - however if the group in front is ready to proceed before the called up group reaches them, they should proceed without delay and the calling through procedure shall lapse.

## **R17 Extreme Weather**

Competition events will be shortened to 9 holes if the forecast maximum for the day is greater than 40deg C. The Captain or delegate may cancel competition if extreme or dangerous conditions prevail (eg lightning, hail, severe wind or extreme heat) or the course is unplayable.

Social play is the responsibility of the individual golfer who should follow these club rules.

## **MAJOR CLUB EVENTS**

### **E1 Club Championships**

- Qualification is best gross scores for 2 of 3 Qualifying Medal rounds. Top eight (8) in Championship and top four (4) [top 8 if numbers allow] in other grades to play off by match play. Trophy to winners and runners-up. Only Full members (includes Senior, Super-senior and Junior) are eligible

### **E2 The Programme of Events**

- shall be formulated by the Match Ctee at the commencement of each season - and shall be published in the season programme for all members.

### **E3 Major Trophies - shall include:**

- ***Captains Trophy*** - for the Best Net Aggregate for Five of the Seven nominated medal rounds.
- ***Medal Rounds*** - there shall be 8 medal rounds played on designated dates and from the championship tees.
- ***Presidents Trophy*** - Most improved Senior
- ***Vice Captains Eclectic Trophy*** - best net score over all designated medal rounds.
- ***Ladies' and Men's Foursome Championships*** - 27 hole event to be played on a designated date.
- ***Open Tournament*** -
- ***Open Veteran's Tournament*** -

- ***J.H Brown Perpetual Trophy*** - Qualifying rounds (two) to determine top 8 qualifiers from two designated rounds of the Kassebaum Trophy (using balanced index). Leading 8 players to play off by handicap match play - each round to be completed by the designated date.
- ***Les Roberts Memorial Shield*** - to leading qualifier in club championship.
- ***Guys Menswear Trophy*** - best aggregate Stableford from three of the four designated events (as set down in the club programme).
- ***Most Improved Junior*** - junior players whose handicap has been reduced by most strokes during the season in competition play.
- ***Junior Championships*** - twenty seven hole competition to be played on the date designated in the annual programme

## **GENERAL**

### **G2 Dress & Behaviour Requirements on Course**

Members and visitors are expected to dress in a manner that will uphold the dignity of the club, so:

- clothing will be neat and tidy and in a good state of repair.
- Appropriate sporting footwear should be worn.
- no thongs, bare feet or shirts without sleeves.
- indecent language will not be tolerated on the course or in the clubhouse.
- Excessive alcohol intake and inebriated behaviour is prohibited.

In the event that a person or persons whether a player, visitor or guest is observed to be behaving in a manner contrary to the club rules or offensively or in a manner likely to bring the club into disrepute any member of the committee, course staff or clubhouse staff may demand that the person or persons leave the course or clubhouse and if they do not then the Police may be called to evict them with or without charges being laid.

[Adopted 18/1/17]

### **G3 Car Parking**

- members are requested to park within the designated parks.

- the areas reserved and designated for members of the Committee shall not be used by other members

**G4 Dogs**

- no player or member shall bring a dog (other than a guide dog) into the clubhouse or onto the course.

**G5 Interpretation of Rules**

- in the event of any doubt or dispute arising as to the meaning of any rule or rules, the C'tee shall have power to pronounce a decision, which shall be final
- if any case arises which is not provided for in the rules, it shall be determined by the Committee in such manner as it deems fit, and this decision shall be final.

**G6 Complaints**

- all complaints shall be made in writing to the Secretary.

**G7 Damage to Property**

- no member shall take away any property of the club and any member who breaks or damages any property of the club may be called upon by the Committee to make good such damage.

**G8 Notices**

- no paper notice or placecard, written or printed shall be put upon the club premises, or taken down or interfered with in any way except with the authority of the Secretary or Captain.

**G12 Prohibition of Play**

- the C'tee shall have power to prohibit play on the course or any part thereof at any time it may consider it advisable to do so. Notice of such prohibition shall be posted on the notice board.

**Last Review Date: 22 May 2017**