



**MEADOW SPRINGS**  
GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

**BY-LAWS OF MEADOW SPRINGS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

Members are required to observe the RULES and ETIQUETTE of Golf.

- 1.1 All competitions are under control of the Proprietor, which reserves the right to change or alter any date, cancel or vary any competition.
- 1.2 On days when competitions arranged by the Proprietor are in progress, any member not taking part can play only when and where directed by the Proprietor.
- 1.3 Play at all times must commence from the first tee, unless otherwise authorised.
- 1.4 Competition fees must be paid prior to play commencing.
- 1.5 Non-payment will result in disqualification or disciplinary action of the player or team.

**CAPTAIN OF THE MATCH**

- 1.6 The player on the lowest handicap in any type of match or competition automatically becomes the Captain of the match.  
It becomes his responsibility to ensure that the etiquette of the game and the general conditions of play are strictly observed.

**THE PRO-SHOP**

- 1.7 The Pro-shop or the Club Secretary has complete control of bookings and both the Pro-shop or Club Secretary have the power to act for and are responsible to the Proprietor.
- 1.8 Any player who has not reported to the Pro-shop 15 minutes prior to their scheduled hit off time may forfeit their place.

**COMPETITION ONLINE SHEETS**

- 1.9 Will be available as follows:-

**SATURDAY COMPETITIONS**:- The timesheet will be open on the kiosk at the club area at 6.20am each Saturday 7 days prior to event. Online bookings will be open at 6.30am.

**WENDNESDAY COMPETITIONS** – The timesheet opens at 7.30am 7 days prior to each event at the kiosk, 7.30am online.

**SUNDAY COMPETITIONS** - - open on kiosk at 6.15am and online at 7.15am 7 days prior to each event.

- 1.10 Any player who fails to notify the Pro-shop of his inability to play at a particular reserved time shown on the time sheet shall be guilty of breach of Club etiquette and may be liable to such action as the Proprietor considers appropriate.

### **MARKING & RETURNING OF CARDS**

- 1.11 It is the player's responsibility alone to record his correct handicap on his scorecard.  
1.12 Cards must be signed by the marker and counter-signed by the player, then scanned and returned to the competition box immediately following the competition of the round.

### **LOCAL RULES**

- 1.13 Existing Local Rules are listed on the Scorecard and/or notice board  
1.14 Temporary Local Rules as deemed necessary from time to time will be as displayed on the notice board

### **HANDICAPS**

- 1.15 Divisions:  
A – Grade 9 and under  
B – Grade 10-16  
C – Grade 17-36
- 1.16 To receive a handicap a player must submit three 18 hole cards or six 9 hole cards to the club handicapper (or a combination of both). These cards DO NOT need to have been played in a club competition. Stableford scoring to be used when submitting cards for handicap.

### **DOMESTIC HANDICAPS**

- 1.17 A Domestic Handicap may only be used in events conducted at a player's home Club.

### **HANDICAPS FOR USE IN VARIOUS EVENTS**

- 1.18 Individual:
- |            |   |  |
|------------|---|--|
| Stroke     | - | Full Handicap  |
| Par        | - | Full Stroke Handicap   |
| Stableford | - | Full Stroke Handicap   |
| Match Play | - | Full Difference of Stroke Handicap   |
| Bisque     | - | Full Stroke Handicap taken as declared to marker on completion of the hole |
- 1.19 American Foursomes 3/8 of aggregate handicap  
Canadian Foursomes 3/8 of aggregate handicap

### **RESTRICTED TEES**

- 1.20 Restricted Tees will come into effect when an event approved by the Proprietor is being played. A time sheet showing the restrictions will be displayed on the notice board.

## **GENERAL**

### **PRACTICE ROUNDS**

- 1.21 Two balls are the maximum to be used during a practice round.

### **USE OF TEES**

- 1.22 Blue – Male Golfing members  
 Red – Female Golfing members  
 White/Blue – Visitors

### **COMPETITION DECISIONS**

- 1.24 Any decisions required on the interpretation of the Rules of Golf or on local rules shall be made by the Membership Secretary and in any other case, by the Proprietor.

### **DECIDING TIES IN EVENTS**

- 1.25 Ties in events shall be decided using the R&A guidelines being:  
 For 18 hole events the best score for the last 9 holes shall be used, if there is still a tie the last 6 holes or if still tied the last 3 holes. If a tie still persists then hole by hole from the 18<sup>th</sup>.  
 In 27, 36, 54 and 72 hole events the last 18 holes shall be used and if still tied count – back as in 1 above.  
 In handicap events the relevant handicap or fraction thereof shall be applied.  
 For Club Championship events ties will be decided with a sudden death playoff as stated in Conditions of Play for that event.

**NOTE** – For a 9 hole event the best score for the last 6 holes shall be used. If there is still a tie the last 3 holes. If a tie still persists then hole by hole from the 9<sup>th</sup> hole.

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 1.26 Each Member will be required to pay an annual subscription fee.  
 Until 30 June 2022 the annual subscription fees will be as set out below. Thereafter, annual subscription fees for members who reside in Australia will be fixed by the Proprietor from time to time such that they are comparable with fees for comparable courses in Australia. Annual subscription fees for members who do not reside in Australia will be set by the Proprietor from time to time.

Individual Restricted (5 Day) Golfing Member - \$1876.00 Annual Subscription  
 Individual (7 Day) Golfing Member - \$2,508.00 Annual Subscription  
 Corporate Golfing Member \$2,508.00 Annual Subscription (per person)  
 Lifestyle Golfing Member \$1200.00 Annual Subscription.  
 Junior Plus (19-22yo) \$1,000 Annual Subscription  
 Junior member (10- 18yo) \$250 Annual Subscription

### **GREEN FEES**

- 1.27 Members will not be required to pay any green fees. The Proprietor may, from time to time, at its discretion, determine green fees for non-members and the terms and amount of any discount for member's guests.

### **ADMINISTRATION FEES AND ADDITIONAL LEVIES**

- 1.28 Additional fees or levies may be introduced by the Proprietor from time to time at its sole and absolute discretion.

### **FOOD & BEVERAGE LEVY**

- 1.29 A Food and Beverage levy will apply and will be charged at \$300.00 per year and is subject to change at the sole discretion of the Proprietor. (Not applicable to Lifestyle members)

### **BUNKERS:**

- 2.1 Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully rake and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them. Sand is to be raked toward the centre of the bunker, not outwards. "Leave the lie you would want for yourself".
- 2.2 Rakes are to be left in the bunkers with the handles lying parallel to the direction of play.

### **THROUGH THE GREEN**

- 2.3 Through the green, **DIVOT HOLES** are to be repaired by breaking in the sides pressing them down. DO NOT replace divots.

### **GREENS**

- 2.4 Players should ensure that all **PLUG MARKS**, or other damage are repaired before leaving the green.

### **GOLF MOTOR CARTS**

- 2.5 Notices and greens staff directional markers regulating the movement and positioning of golf motor carts should be strictly observed.

### **DAMAGE THROUGH PRACTICE SWINGS**

- 2.6 In taking practice swings, players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly the tee areas.

### **LAKES**

- 2.7 Artificial Lakes  
Under no circumstances should any member or guest enter a lake to retrieve a ball.

## **GREEN STAFF**

### 2.8 Grounds Staff

Players are asked to co-operate with staff by allowing them to perform their course maintenance tasks, unhindered, in order that these may be completed as speedily as possible.

#### Greens

When the flagstick is removed please **DO NOT** hit up until work is completed. This will be signified by the replacement of the flagstick in the hole.

## **COURTESY ON THE COURSE**

### **BEHAVIOUR DURING PLAY**

- 3.1 No one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.

The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees his ball

### **PRIORITY ON THE COURSE**

- 3.2 In the absence of special rules, two ball matches should have precedence over and be entitled to pass any three or four ball matches.

A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind.

Any match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round.

## ETIQUETTE

- 3.3 All players should play without delay.

Players should not be concerned with the position of the group behind but at all times keep up with the group ahead. A time of four hours for 18 holes should be aimed for.

Notwithstanding the above, please wait until the players in front are out of range before hitting, unless they have called your group through.

Players should not search for 5 minutes before calling the following group through. This should be done as soon as it is apparent that the "lost" ball (s) will not be easily found.

A match has lost its position in the field when it is one clear hole behind the preceding match. It must make up the lost ground immediately OR allow the following match to play through.

If a match fails to do this, the following match is permitted to exercise its rights to play through.

On reaching a green leave your clubs conveniently placed for subsequent movement to the next tee. DO NOT leave your clubs in front of the green.

Please leave the green immediately play of the hole has been concluded. Scorecards should be completed on the next tee.

The player with the honour at each tee should mark his/her card AFTER hitting off, unless the match ahead is still in range.

In par and stableford competitions, do not continue playing a hole after your stroke allowance has been exhausted.

“Slow” players habitually fail to observe some or all of the above suggestions. The Proprietor has the right to penalise offenders and persistent violation will lead to placement at the rear of the field on competition days.

The player on the lowest handicaps in any type of match or competition automatically becomes the captain of his match and it is his responsibility to ensure that the etiquette of the game is observed. All players should take responsibility for the pace of play of their group.

#### 3.4 Calling up on par 3's

This practice is contrary to the Rules of Golf, is dangerous, and must not be adopted by any member.

### **VISITORS**

- 3.5 Any incorrect behaviour or etiquette observed should be reported to the ProShop or General Manager, if present. Members should neither intervene nor approach the visitor(s) personally.

### **GENERAL NOTES**

#### **DOGS**

- 4.1 Members and visitors are prohibited from bringing dogs in to the Clubhouse or onto the course.

#### **LOCKERS**

- 4.2 A maximum of 50 lockers will be available with a rental fee to be determined by the Proprietor applicable for each year thereafter. A locker will be available to the balance of members on a day-to-day basis with no fee applicable. These lockers are to be vacated of personal effects and the key to be returned to the pro-shop at the completion of each round.

### **GOLFING MEMBER IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND BAG TAGS**

- 4.3 A Club member identification card and bag tag will be issued to each Member.
- 4.4 Membership card must be presented in the Pro-shop prior to play. Club identification bag tag is to be prominently displayed on member's golf bag.

### **COMPLAINTS**

- 4.5 All complaints shall be made in writing to the Proprietor.

#### **4.5.1 COMPLAINTS MUST NOT BE MADE DIRECTLY TO ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE CLUB.**

### **CHILDREN ON THE COURSE**

- 4.6 On no account are children under 10 years of age to accompany members during social or competition play, or to be on the course or practice areas.

### **GUESTS**

- 4.7 Members introducing visitors to the Club to play golf must ensure:
- (a) That fees are duly paid
  - (b) All guests are appropriately dressed and adhere to the Rules of Golf
- 4.8 A guest introduced by a member will qualify for a reduced green fee to be determined by the Proprietor from time to time. A member may not introduce more than three guests at any one time and must accompany the guests for their entire round of golf under this arrangement.
- 4.9 A member may not introduce the same person more than 12 times in a calendar year.
- 4.10 Visitors who are Members of clubs affiliated with Golf Australia may enter club competitions by designated "invitation".
- 4.11 Green fees are payable when visitors or guests enter a Club Competition.
- 4.12 Visitors or guests may not bring motorised buggies onto the course for competitions or otherwise without paying the designated "Trail Fee" and with prior approval by the General Manager.

### **VISITING OTHER CLUBS**

- 4.13 Before visiting another Club, a member should contact the Secretary and ascertain if play on the course is permitted and the relevant dress rules. On arrival at the Club he should introduce himself to the Secretary and sign the Visitors book.

### **ACCESS TO COURSE**

- 4.14 Members have a right of access to Meadow Springs Golf & Country Club, only when engaged in playing or practicing golf which has been booked through the Pro-shop. The same rules apply to Members' guests.

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

- 4.15 Neither the Club nor the Proprietor can be responsible for the security, or any subsequent loss of or damage to items of personal property, which have been left or stored within the boundaries of the golf course or the confines of Meadow Springs Golf and Country Club.

### **PRIZES**

- 4.16 All prizes will be presented after the completion of the competition. Most trophies for club competitions will be purchased through Meadow Springs Golf and Country Club Pro-shop.

### **GOLFING MEMBERS DRESS REQUIREMENTS - CLUBHOUSE**

- 5.1 Members are urged to dress in good taste at all times to maintain the dignity of the game of golf and Club standards. To obviate any embarrassment to themselves, the club or other members, they are asked to observe the following:

#### **ON ALL COMPETITION DAYS, LOUNGE AREA, AFTER 6.00PM**

- 5.2 Golf attire not to be work related, no blue or "work" jeans, no crew-neck t-shirts or thongs. Slacks or dress shorts are permissible; shirt with a collar must be worn. (coat or jacket is optional).

### **OTHER DAYS/TIMES**

- 5.3 As 5.2 above.

### **COURSE AND PRACTICE AREA DRESS CODE**

- 5.4 (a) Golf attire should be neat. Tracksuits, jeans, t-shirts, singlets and crew-neck shirts (with or without advertising or screen print scenes) are not acceptable. (Shirts to be tucked in).  
 (b) On the course, either long trousers or tailored dress shorts may be worn. Shorts must not be abbreviated, elastic and/or draw string waists are not acceptable. When shorts are worn sports socks may be worn.  
 (c) Proper footwear must be worn at all times. That is, approved soft spiked golf shoes. Caddies – soft spiked golf shoes or flat-soled sandshoes with socks. Appropriate footwear does NOT include thongs, sandals, rippled soles, or the like.
- 5.5 Female Golfing Members on course – No jeans, tracksuits, abbreviated shorts, t-shirts (slogan advertising), midriff tops, tank tops. Shirts must have a collar. In the lounge, tailored slacks, dress shorts, skirts (not abbreviated), a jumper or blouse is acceptable.



- 5.6 The Proprietor may object to any particular mode of dress, even though it may, in the letter, apparently conform to the requirements set out above.

### **DESIGNATED TIMES DURING**

- 6.1 Wednesday afternoons, Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons are Competition times. The starting times of Competitions will be adjusted seasonally. Tee times are to be used sequentially and any unused tee times set aside for competitions can be used at the Proprietors discretion.
- 6.2 On all other days, excepting for major events, all players have equal rights.
- 6.3 Corporate groups playing with the permission of the Proprietor are to be extended the facilities of the course and the use of the Clubhouse.
- 6.4 Members are urged to make advance bookings when planning to play on weekends or public holidays to avoid disappointment and aid in the timely operation of the golf course.

### **PLAYING RIGHTS OF VARIOUS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

#### **INDIVIDUAL (7 DAY) GOLFING MEMBER**

- 7.1 May play at any time except when a special event approved by the Proprietor is in progress.

#### **INDIVIDUAL RESTRICTED (5 DAY) GOLFING MEMBER**

- 7.2 May play weekdays Monday through Friday except when a special event approved by the Proprietor is in progress.

#### **CORPORATE GOLFING MEMBERS**

- 7.3 May play at any time except when a special event approved by the Proprietor is in progress.

#### **LIFESTYLE MEMBERSHIP**

- 7.4 May play at any time except when a special event approved by the Proprietor is in progress.