

# **BDSM GOLF CLUB RULES**

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## BDSM GOLF CLUB AS AMENDED 2022

### **1. NAME**

- (a) The club shall be called the BDSM Golf Club and shall abide by the constitution of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd, and any by-laws relating to the BDSM Golf Club.

### **2. OBJECTS**

- (a) To promote, encourage, foster, develop, and extend golf within the Barham area.
- (b) To be a sub-club and be governed by the rules of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd.
- (c) Hire, purchase or otherwise acquire any equipment, property or services necessary for the conduct of recreational golf.
- (d) Raise funds through club activities as may be necessary from time to time.
- (e) The club shall at all times support and promote the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd, and promote the benefits provided by the parent club.

### **3. INTERPRETATION**

In these rules, unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:

- (a) "The club" means the BDSM Golf Club.
- (b) "The rules" means the rules of the club in force for the time being.
- (c) "The committee" means the members for the time being of the General Committee as constituted in accordance with these rules.
- (d) "Month" means calendar month.
- (e) "Year" means the BDSM Golf Club financial year and shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November and close on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October the following year.
- (f) Words importing the singular member include the plural and vice-versa.
- (g) "Secretary" wherever appearing shall mean and include the honorary secretary.
- (h) "Temporary Member" shall mean any person using the club facilities, who is a member or temporary member of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd and is eligible to become a member of the BDSM Golf Club.

### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) Membership of the BDSM Golf Club shall be open only to members of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd.
- (b) The right to hold office, to vote at Annual General Meetings and for the election of office bearers shall be held and exercised exclusively by members and life members.
- (c) Member shall mean any member of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd, who shall pay the full annual subscription as determined by the BDSM Board

to become a member of the BDSM Golf Club. Membership acceptance is at the discretion of the General Committee.

- (d) Life membership may be granted to any member by nomination in writing by at least two (2) members of the club. The nomination must be placed on the club notice board at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and will be voted on for acceptance or otherwise at the AGM.
- (e) Life Member shall mean any member who, in consideration of ten (10) years' service and an extensive history of dedication of service be granted honorary life membership of the club and whose election to life membership has been voted upon and approved by the members present at the AGM and endorsed by the Board of Directors of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd, prior to the Golf AGM.
- (f) The time limit for a person to be an Honorary or Temporary Member shall be at the discretion of the management committee.
- (g) Junior Member of the BDSM Golf Club shall be open to any junior sporting member of the Barham & District Memorial Services Club Ltd, who shall pay the full annual subscription as determined by BDSM Board to become a junior member of the BDSM Golf Club. Membership acceptance is at the discretion of the General Committee. A junior member shall be entitled to all privileges of a member except the right to hold office and to vote at the Annual General Meetings for the election of office bearers.

## **5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

- (a) Only financial club members and club life members of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd shall be eligible for membership of the BDSM Golf Club on payment of the prescribed annual subscription fee.
- (b) Any member who has not signified to the Secretary of their intention to withdraw from the BDSM Golf Club on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> May in any year shall be deemed to be an unfinancial member.
- (c) A copy of these rules shall be made available for inspection for any member upon request at all times.

## **6. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

- (a) The conduct of the club shall be vested in a General Committee of which shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Greens Committee Chair, Ladies and Men's Captains and two(2) general members.
- (b) Standing Sub Committees are;
  - a. Greens Committee                      Chair and maximum of three (3) elected or co-opted members.
  - b. Ladies' Match Committee              Captain, Vice-Captain and three (3) elected or co-opted members.

- c. Men's Match Committee      Captain, Vice-Captain and three (3) elected or co-opted members.
- (c) The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) shall have power to reprimand or suspend any member pending the hearing by the Board of Directors of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd of any charge against such member who shall infringe any rule or against whom any complaint in writing has been lodged with the Secretary or whose conduct shall in its opinion render the member unfit for membership. But no member shall be suspended or expelled without first being summoned before the Executive Committee in writing by letter posted to the member's last known address at least seven (7) days before such meeting and at which at least two thirds of the Executive Committee present at such meeting shall vote for the member's suspension. If the member fails to attend at the time and place mentioned without reasonable excuse the charge or complaint will be heard and dealt with and the Executive Committee will decide on the evidence before it – the member's absence notwithstanding.

## **7. FINANCIAL YEAR**

- (a) The financial year of the club shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November and close on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October the following year.

## **8. RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION**

- (a) The Club shall recommend the annual subscription fee and this subscription fee shall be subject to endorsement by the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd, with such fees including any affiliation fees levied by the Western Riverina District Golf Association (WRDGA) or GolfNSW.
- (b) All subscriptions shall be paid annually in advance and shall fall due on the last day of May in each year.
- (c) No person shall exercise the privileges of a member until they have paid the subscription, which they are liable to pay in accordance with these rules. All matters relating to the financial affairs shall be under the direct control of the Board of Directors of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd.
- (d) The Club is to set an annual subscription fee to join the Barham Golf Club's Veterans, which will include the annual affiliation fee set by the NSW Veterans Golf Association.

## **9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) The Annual General Meeting of members shall be held in November each year on a date to be determined at a General Committee meeting.
- b) Notice of the date, time and place for each Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the notice board at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for such Annual General Meeting.

- c) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be the consideration of the following:-  
The annual reports, endorsed balance sheet and statement of accounts by BDSM Club Ltd Accounting Officer. The election of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Greens Committee Chair, Ladies' and Men's Captains, two (2) general members and standing Sub-Committees.  
Any other business as shall be specified in the notice convening the meeting and of which notice in writing has been given to the Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- e) All other business shall be dealt with at a general meeting, which shall be held immediately after the conclusion of the annual general meeting.
- f) A quorum at all Annual General Meetings shall be fifteen (15) personnel present and entitled to vote.
- g) At all Annual General Meetings or special meetings of the club should a quorum not be present within thirty (30) minutes of the specified time, then such meeting shall stand adjourned until such other time as the members present then decide, and notice of such adjournment shall be placed on the notice board by the secretary.

#### **10. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

- (a) The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ladies' and Men's Captains, Greens Chair, Greens Committee, Men's and Ladies Match Committees and two (2) general members shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the club annually.
- (b) Only full members and life members shall be eligible to be nominated for any office.

#### **11. NOTICES**

- (a) Unless otherwise specifically provided in these rules notice may be served upon a member either personally or in sending it by certified mail or email addressed to such member at their last registered address, but the non-receipt of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of any meeting referred to therein.

#### **12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- (a) A special general meeting of members may be called by the President at any time, or shall be called by the secretary on receipt of a written notice signed by at least fifteen (15) members, stating the specific object for which the meeting is to be called.
- (b) A special general meeting called by the Secretary as provided in the previous paragraph shall be by notice to members, such notice to be placed on the notice

board at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting and shall contain the specific object for which the meeting is called.

- (c) A quorum at all special general meetings shall be at least fifteen (15) members personally present and entitled to vote.

### **13. GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- (a) General Committee meetings shall mean duly convened meetings of the committee, but not Annual General Meetings, specific general meetings or special meetings of Committee.
- (b) General Committee meetings shall be held monthly on dates and times fixed by the General Committee.
- (c) A quorum at a General Committee meeting shall be not less than two thirds members entitled to vote.
- (d) The General committee meeting shall have power to co-opt members to standing sub committees and power to appoint such sub-committees as it deems advisable and it shall delegate to such sub-committee any matters deemed expedient either for decision or for consideration on any subsequent report or recommendation to the general meeting.
- (e) Should a vacancy or vacancies occur in any office or position in which appointment was made at the Annual General Meeting, through any cause whatsoever, the General Committee meeting may, at its discretion, fill such vacancy or vacancies either for the unexpired period of the year, or for such lesser period as is necessary for the carrying on of the duties of such office or position.

### **14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Annual General Meeting)**

- (a) Where there are more candidates for office than there are required, a ballot shall be held amongst the members present and entitled to vote.
- (b) A ballot paper duly initialled by the President, or by the Vice-President or by the secretary be handed to each member present and entitled to vote.
- (c) Any such member desirous of voting shall indicate in the manner directed on such ballot paper the name of the person, or persons for whom they desire to vote, being no more or no less than the number required to fill the vacancy or vacancies and thereupon hand such ballot paper to a scrutineer appointed to act as hereunder provided.

### **15. SCRUTINEERS**

- (a) At all general meetings of members where a ballot is to be taken two (2) scrutineers shall be appointed by the chairman of the meeting and they shall conduct such ballot.

- (b) In any case of doubt as to the formality or otherwise of any ballot paper the scrutineers shall forthwith refer same to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision shall be final.

## **16. MEETINGS AND POWERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

- (a) The Committee shall meet on a date and at a time, which the Committee shall determine.
- (b) Special meetings of the Committee may be called at any time it is deemed necessary by the President, or by three (3) members of the Committee.
- (c) At all meetings of the Committee two thirds of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and no meeting shall be held unless a quorum is present.
- (d) At all meetings of the Committee if a quorum is not present within fifteen (15) minutes of the appointed time, such meeting may stand adjourned to a date and time fixed by those members present and notice of such adjourned meeting shall be sent by the secretary to all members of the committee.
- (e) If any member of the Committee is absent from three (3) consecutive general meetings without the consent of the Committee, the member shall cease to be a member of the committee and the General Meeting shall appoint another qualified member in his place.
- (f) The executive shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- (g) The President, and if absent, the Vice-President or Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.
- (h) Full and complete records of all meetings of the Committee and of any sub-committee shall be kept and entered in a book to be provided for that purpose.

## **17. PRESIDENT**

- (a) The President shall take the chair at all meetings, whether of members or of Committee. In the President's absence or refusal to act, the vice-president shall take the chair, and, in the absence or refusal to act of the president or senior vice-president the members present shall elect a chair from among their number, the chair shall have a casting vote in case of an equality of votes in addition to the Chair's deliberate vote.

## **18. TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection, banking and recording of all monies received by the Club and shall furnish returns and books to the B.D.S.M.C. as required and to the General Committee at Committee and Annual General Meetings.



- (a) The Treasurer shall not authorise a purchase or a payment in excess of \$1,000 unless such a purchase or payment has been authorised in writing by the Board of Directors or delegated authority to the CEO of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd.
- (b) The Treasurer shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the club and particulars usually shown in books of account of a like nature.
- (c) The Treasurer shall produce a financial statement to the General Meetings and prepare the annual endorsed financial statement by the BDSM Club Accounting Officer for the presentation to the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The Treasurer must prepare and provide a copy of the financial statement for the financial year reflecting June 1 to May 31 the following year for endorsement by the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd by June 15 each financial year.

## **19. SECRETARY**

- (a) The Secretary shall carry out all duties and instructions which the General Meeting or committee may decide upon.
- (b) The Secretary shall convene and attend all General Meetings.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep and produce correspondence in connection with the club.
- (d) The Secretary shall prepare and submit the annual report of the club's affairs for presentation to the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall post on the club notice board all notices required to be posted, either by these rules, or as directed by the general meeting.
- (e) The Secretary shall keep true records of the committee, general and special meetings and enter same in the minute book.
- (f) Minutes are to be circulated to each committee member and a copy attached to the notice board not later than one (1) week after such meeting. The date of the next General Committee Meeting shall be determined at that meeting and will be included in the minutes.

## **20. CAPTAINS – MEN'S AND LADIES'**

- (a) The Captain should be selected for their qualities of leadership and have a good knowledge of the rules of golf and uphold those rules and find new ways to increase participation of members and guests.
- (b) The Captain is to be Chairman of their Match Committee and oversee the varied duties of this Committee. As Chairman of the Match Committee, the Captain is responsible for seeing that all of the obligations and requirements of the Match Committee are completed satisfactorily.
- (c) The Captain must also provide liaison between the Greens and Match Committees and Golf Club Management to ensure that the course and out of bounds, margins of water hazards and lateral water hazards, ground under repair, obstructions and integral parts of the course are defined accurately.

- (d) The Captain would be involved in selection of Pennant teams to represent the club and accompany those teams, when available, when visiting other clubs. They would be present to ensure that visiting teams are welcomed at their own club.
- (e) The coaching of players for Pennant Teams and promotion of juniors are matters which should also receive their attention in conjunction with Club Professionals.
- (f) Basically, the Captain should deal with all matters in regard to play on the course, in conjunction with Golf Club Management and ensure players are educated in respect of the rules of golf, local rules and etiquette.
- (g) The Captain is to liaise and support the Golf Club Management in the running of Tournaments. Club Championships, Board Events and Club Presentation Night to be the responsibility of the Captains and Match Committees.
- (h) The Captains and Match Committees in conjunction with Golf Club Management to produce the yearly fixtures program.
- (i) Both the Ladies' and Men's Captains to liaise with each other to ensure consistency of decisions and support management decisions discussed at the General Committee meetings.

## **21. GREEN'S SUB COMMITTEE**

- (a) The Greens sub-committee shall consist of Chair elected and three (3) elected (or co-opted) members.
- (b) The purpose of the Greens sub-committee is to;
  - a. Liaise between members and Golf Club Management and the Course Superintendent on the condition/ presentation of the course for competition play.
  - b. Prioritize renovation and repair work as required in conjunction with the Golf Club Manager and the Course Superintendent.
  - c. Advise on planned course improvements.
  - d. Develop and maintain an inventory of course Flora, and plan a maintenance and replanting program as required in conjunction with the Golf Club Manager and the Course Superintendent.
- (c) Meeting minutes are to be kept and distributed to each member, a copy to be displayed on the club notice board.
- (d) The Chair is to attend and report to the General Committee.

## **22. PRIZES**

All prizes presented to or offered by the club shall be in the form of a trophy or trophies, open orders, cash vouchers, or in such other form as is consistent with and will not infringe on the amateur status of any member.

### **23. AMENDMENT OF RULES**

- (a) The rules of the BDSM Golf Club shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd, and no amendment, alteration or addition to such rules shall be operative until approved by the Board of Directors of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd.
- (b) Any rules amendment shall be adopted, rescinded, altered or introduced otherwise than at the Annual General Meeting or at a special general meeting called for the purpose, and in all other cases (14) days' notice shall be given and delivered or posted in accordance with these rules.
- (c) All questions under this heading shall be decided by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote.

### **24. WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION**

- (a) In the event of winding up or cancellation of the club, the assets and liabilities held by the BDSM Golf Club shall be disposed of in the manner agreed to by the Board of Directors of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd.

### **25. BY-LAWS**

Subject to these rules, by-laws for the conduct of the business of the club and carrying out of its objectives may be enacted, altered or repealed at any committee meeting subject to the approval of the Board of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd.

**26. DECLARATION**

Signed on this day ..... as approved by the members of the BDSM Golf Club per:-

\_\_\_\_\_ (Hon. President)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Hon. Secretary)

Signed on this ..... in agreement with the members of the BDSM Golf Club and the Board of Directors of the Barham & District Services Memorial Club Ltd per:-

\_\_\_\_\_ (President)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Chief Executive Officer)