

VICTORIAN GOLF LEAGUE Inc.



BY – LAWS

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BY-LAW No. 1: **RULES OF GOLF**

- (1) The Rules of Golf as approved from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, and adopted by the Golf Australia shall be the Rules of Golf of the League and Member Clubs.

BY-LAW No. 2: **HANDICAPPING AND COURSE RATING**

- (1) The Australian Course Rating system as approved from time to time by Golf Australia and adopted by the Victorian Golf Association, shall be the system used by the League for rating courses on which Members conduct competitions.
- (2) The Australian Handicapping system as approved from time to time by Golf Australia and adopted by the Victorian Golf Association shall be the method used by the Members of the League to determine the golf handicap of each affiliate.
- (3) All Members are required to utilize the official handicap record sheets issued by the Victorian Golf Association through the League for recording the handicaps of each affiliate.
Exception : This is not required for Member Clubs that are on GolfLink or approved computer handicapping systems.
- (4) Where a Member Club wishes to install and use a computerized handicapping System, other than GolfLink the Club shall inform the committee of the League prior to the installation of the system and supply a copy of the record produced by the system. The committee shall examine the record to ensure that it complies with the requirements as laid down by the Golf Australia Handicapping system.

BY-LAW No. 3: **VGL PENNANT COMPETITION**

- (1) The League shall conduct an annual match play competition to be known as "V.G.L. Pennant".
- (2) The League's Committee shall determine the conditions on which the competition shall be conducted and the League shall publish the conditions and distribute the conditions to each Member.
- (3) Unless exemption is granted to any Member, each Member shall enter at least one team in pennant competition each year.
- (4) Any Member wishing an exemption from entering a team in the annual pennant competition shall apply to the League setting out in full the grounds on which it applies for exemption from entering a pennant team.
- (5) The League's Committee shall consider any application for exemption, and by special resolution grant an exemption to a member.

BY-LAW No. 7: **APPEALS**

- (1) An Appeal to the Council against a decision by the Committee may be made by a Member or an Affiliate in writing to the Executive Manager of the League within seven (7) days of being informed of the decision giving rise to the appeal. The appellant will be required to lodge a \$400.00 bond with their appeal to cover costs associated with the appeal, such bond to be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

BY-LAW No. 8: **LEAGUE EVENTS**

- (1) Where entry to a League event is declared compulsory, each Member will be required to enter a specified number of players in that event. The number of players to be entered shall be set by the Leagues Committee.
- (2) Each Member will be required to complete an entry form for each League event and such entry form shall be returned to the League by the date specified.
- (3) A Member who has paid entry fees in advance shall be required to submit an entry form for League events. An entry will be deemed not to have been received unless the entry form is returned to the League on or before the due date specified.
- (4) Any Member who has entered in any League Competition, and is not represented on the day, shall incur a \$50.00 penalty.
- (5) No Alcohol shall be consumed during League Events and Pennant by Players or Caddies. Any person breaking this regulation will be disqualified and asked to leave the course.

BY-LAW No. 9: **MOTORIZED RIDE-ON CARTS**

- (1) The League's Committee may approve that an individual player may use a Motorized golf cart upon the following procedure being followed:-
 - a) An application for the use of a motorized golf cart is made in writing to the League on the form as supplied by the League.
 - b) The application is supported by a certificate from the player's medical practitioner or at the discretion of the Committee of the League.
- (2) The League's Committee may request from the player making an application any further information that it requires in order to formulate a decision.
- (3) Once permission has been granted by the League, such Motorized golf carts may be used in all League Events.
- (4) The final decision to permit the use of motorized golf carts on any course is a decision for the management of the course. It is the responsibility of the player to obtain the appropriate permission prior to using the motorized golf cart on any course.

BY-LAW No. 10: **MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS**

- (1) At the end of each Member's Current Financial Year, the Member must complete the form provided by the league and forward it to the Executive Manager no later than 14 days after the date of their financial year. This form must be signed by the Club President and Secretary.

BY-LAW No. 11: **BULK ENTRY FEES**

- (1) Each Member shall at the time of paying Affiliation Fees. Pay to the League an amount set annually by the committee as a Bulk Entry Fee.
- (2) The Bulk Entry Fee will cover the costs of one compulsory entry from each club for each of the following events:- Foursomes Championship (2 players), Mixed Foursomes (2 players), Open Championship (A.R. Martin 1 player), President's Trophy (1 player), Team's Event (4 players), Champion of Champions (1 player), Medalist of Medalists (1 player) and President, Captain, Secretary, Councilors Day (4 players).

This equates to 16 green fees and meals (approximately thirteen) where provided.

Note: (a)The bulk entry fee is not an automatic entry for each of the events.

To be included in the draw, each club must return the appropriate entry form by the due date.

(b)The Veteran's Championship and the Junior Championship entry fees are not included in the Bulk Entry Fees.

BY-LAW No.12: **BUDGET**

- (1) The Treasurer shall prepare a Budget for discussion at the September Committee meeting of the League.
- (2) The Committee of the League must then submit the Budget to all clubs in October for consideration at the last Council meeting for the year.
- (3) The Budget will act as a guide to setting the Affiliation Fees and Bulk Entry Fees for the ensuing year.

BY-LAW No.13: **MEASURING DEVICES**

- (1) Distance measuring devices are not permitted in any League competition.