Western Sydney

Region

Veteran Golfers

Association

By-Laws

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1.0 Definitions

Note: Defined Terms are shown in bold. Headings have no significance in the interpretation of the **By-Laws**

1.1 **Affiliated Club** - means a golf club affiliated with the New South Wales Golf Association and GA

1.2 **Association** /**The Association and WSRVGA**- means the Western Sydney Region Veteran Golfers Association.

1.3 **Auditor** -means a person suitably qualified or experienced to perform the duties of an auditor.

1.4 **Audited Financial Reports** -means **Financial Reports** for the **Financial Year** signed by the President and Secretary/Treasurer as audited and approved by the Auditor in his report.

1.5 **AVGU** - means Australian Veteran Golfers Union.

1.6 **Bank Accounts** - means an account with a major financial institution in the **Association's** name that requires 2 signatories for any payment transactions.

1.7 **By-Law** - means laws and guidelines approved by **The Council** for the organisation and control of competitions conducted by the **Association** provided such **By-Laws** are not inconsistent with the Constitution.

1.8 **Chairperson -** means for **Association** meetings the President and in his/her absence the First Vice President and in his/her absence one of the persons entitled to vote at the meeting elected by those entitled to vote and present at the meeting.

1.9 **Club Delegates** - means two persons from a **Member Club** nominated by the **Member Club** in writing to act on its behalf at Council meetings. **Member Club** may also nominate an alternate for each **Club Delegate** to act on its behalf in the absence of the **Club Delegate**. No more than two **Club Delegates** from a **Member Club** may be present at a Council meeting.

1.10 **Constitution/The Constitution** - means the Constitution as adopted and any subsequent amendments made in accordance with a **Special Resolution**.

1.11 **Council/The Council** - means all the Club Delegates together with all members of the **Executive.**

1.12 **Council Invitees** - means person or persons who are invited by **The Council** to join its meeting. The invitee has no voting rights.

1.13 **Council Meeting Quorum** - means a majority of Member Clubs entitled to vote at a Council meeting.

1.14 **Disbandment Notice** - means a notice issued by any **Member Club** requesting that a Special Resolution be passed that **The Association** be disbanded.

1.15 **Endorsed Event** - means an event hosted by a **Member Club** in accordance with **The Association's** timetable and **By-Laws.**

1.16 **Executive /The Executive** - means the **Playing Members or Social Members** nominated by **Member Clubs** elected by **The Council** at an Annual General Meeting.

1.16. i **The Executive Positions include:**

President – First Vice President – Secretary/Treasurer – Two Vice Presidents , one of whom shall be the Publicity Officer.

1.16. ii The President must immediately upon being elected resign as a **Club Delegate**, but other members of the **Executive** may continue to also hold the position of **Club Delegate.**

1.16. iii Unless removed by The Council, The Executive shall remain in office until the next Annual General Meeting

1.16.iv If a vacancy should occur for the position of President it shall be automatically filled by the First Vice President

1.16. v All members of the Executive shall have an equal vote at all meetings held under the auspices of the WSRVGA, except that no club shall have more than two (2) votes.

1.17 **Executive Meeting Quorum** - means at least 50% of The Executive which must include either the President or Secretary/Treasurer.

1.18 **Financial Records** - means suitable books of account detailing all receipts and payments together with supporting documentation.

1.19 **Financial Reports -**means Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the **Financial Year** or **Financial Year** to date.

1.20 Financial Year is the period from 1 October to the following 30 September.

1.21 **GA** -means Golf Australia.

1.22 **Life Member** is a past or present **Playing Member** who has rendered outstanding service to the Association and has been elected to Life Membership of the Association by Special Resolution carried by three quarters majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting. No past or present Member shall be eligible to be a Life Member unless that member had or has been a past or present Member of the Association for no less than a period of **ten consecutive years**. A person elected to **Life Membership** may be relieved from payment of any membership subscription.

1.23 **Membership Year**. The "membership year" for Playing Members shall commence on 1st day of January and end on the last day of December the same year.

1.24 **Member Club** - means a **Veterans Golfers Group** which is part of an **Affiliated Club** which has been offered and accepted membership of **The Association** in accordance with the **Constitution.**

1.25 **Members Register** - means a register maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer containing details of the **Playing Member's** and **Special Playing Member's** Golf ID Number, Member Golf Club, Name and financial status.

1.25 i **Special Playing Member** is

I.a Veteran Golfer who is not a member of a **Member Club**, and

II. has completed the necessary application form and paid the Special Joining Fee, and

III. whose details have been entered in the **Member Register** as a **Special Playing Member**, and

IV. entitled to play in **Nominated events**

V. has no further rights other than to be affiliated to NSWVGA for the period of membership which shall not extend beyond the normal membership year in which the details are entered in the Member Register.

Special Joining Fee- means the amount fixed by The Association from time to time to cover the agreed Special Playing Member fee for joining the Association for the remainder of the membership year in which paid.

1.26 **Non-Playing Member**: Is **NOT** a financial member of an **Affiliated Club** and is a financial member of a Golf Club recognised by the Constitution of **NSWVGA** who if male has attained the age of fifty-five (55) years or who if female has attained the age of fifty (50) years and has a GA handicap.

1.27 **Nominated event:** - means an event, other than an endorsed event, that is run directly by the **Association** and designated a **Nominated Event** by the **Council** and is an event sanctioned by the **NSWVGA** in which only players affiliated to **NSWVGA** are entitled to play.

1.28 **Notice Address** - means the address notified by a **Member Club** to the **Association** Secretary to which all **Association** notices must be addressed.

1.**29 Notice of Non Performance** - means a notice to a **Member Club** that fails to meet its responsibilities under the Constitution setting out the nature of the non-performance and the expected course of action required to remedy such non-performance.

1.30 **NSWVGA** -means The New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association.

1.31 **Ordinary Resolution** - means a resolution proposed and seconded by a **Member Club** and passed by a simple majority **of Club Delegates.**

1.32 **Playing Member** is:

i. a financial member of an Affiliated Club and who if male has attained the age of fifty-five (55) years or who if female has attained the age of fifty (50) years and has a GA handicap, and

ii. a financial member of a **Member Club**, and

iii whose details have been entered in the Members Register.

iv. That players shall play for the **Member Club** through which they are registered.

1.33 **Proxy Vote** - means a written instruction to a Club Delegate to vote for or against a specific Ordinary Resolution or Special Resolution or any amendments thereto, providing such Ordinary Resolution or Special Resolution was advised in writing prior to the meeting. A Proxy Vote must be made known to the Chairperson at the commencement of the meeting. A Proxy Vote shall not give a general power to vote.

1.34 **Special Meeting Quorum** - means two thirds of the Member Clubs entitled to vote at a Special Meeting or Annual General Meeting.

1.36 **Social Member -** is a financial social member of an Affiliated Club and who if male has attained the age of fifty-five (55) years or who if female has attained the age of fifty (50) years.

1.37 **Special Resolution** -means a resolution passed by 75% majority of those Member Clubs present and entitled to vote at a Special Meeting or Annual General Meeting for which at least 21 days written notice has been given, such notice to include details of the proposed resolution.

1.38 **Subscription** – means the amount fixed by The Association from time to time to cover the agreed Playing Member categories which shall include but not limited to the following: -

Male Playing Members and Female Playing Members

1.39 **Veteran Golfer** – means a male or female player with a GA handicap who if male has attained the age of fifty-five (55) years or who if female has attained the age of fifty (50) years and otherwise qualifies as a Veteran in accordance with the rules of NSWVGA.

1.40 **Veteran Golfers Group**- means a collective of Veteran Golfers from a Member Club.

1.41 Written Notice - means a notice given in writing which includes electronic communication such as email.

2.0 Guide Lines for Endorsed Events.

2.1 The format of all **WSRVGA Endorsed Events** is to be decided in consultation between the Host Club and the Association.

2.2 The Host Club should appoint a Tournament Organiser to coordinate all processes from Nomination to Presentation.

2.3 The Endorsed Event is to be open to all Playing Members.

(1) Each of the 8 Clubs be permitted 18 entries

(2) Where the Clubs of WSRVGA do not meet their quota, vacancies to be filled by reserve players allocated equally amongst clubs. The host club has the first right to nominate up to two (2) reserves. The remaining vacancies to be filled with up to two (2) reserves from each club in the order that entry forms have been received. This process is to be repeated until all vacancies are filled or the reserves nominated by clubs have been exhausted.

If all reserves are allocated, then the host club is then permitted to fill any additional vacancies or call on other clubs for further reserves if at all possible.

2.4 **Non Playing Members** who are Veteran Golfers may play if the Endorsed Event numbers are not fully subscribed by Playing Members.

2.5 The Host Club should ensure the course is presented in order to produce a fair and challenging game of golf with the needs of Veteran Golfers in mind, and should be typical of the club`s normal competition days.

NOTE: EVENT POSTPONED – ALLOCATION OF NEW DATE

That in addition to the Executive and Host Club negotiating a new playing date, all Clubs be consulted using electronic means before a final new date is agreed.

That the host club makes a decision by 6pm the previous evening as to whether the event goes ahead, IF POSSIBLE. The advice of the Course Superintendent must be considered.

2.6 The Host Club will use the funding provided by the Association to ensure an appropriate trophy and/or prize is provided to the following winner/s:-

2.6a Winning Club

2.6b Winning Players

NOTE – PLAYERS MAY BE AWARDED MULTIPLE TROPHIES

WSRVGA approves the awarding of multiple major prizes to an individual at interclub events, but **individual** Host Clubs may choose to run the prize allocation at their discretion.

2.7 The Host Club will ensure all Major sponsor banners are appropriately located around the course and that all event advertising recognises the Major sponsor of the WSRVGA.

2.8 The Host Club will appoint a member of their club to host Sponsor representatives on the day of the event. They will ensure registration; lunch ordering and presentation participation is completed appropriately.

2.9 The Host Club will ensure registration and lunch ordering is set up to enable players to start on time.

2.10 Prior to dispatching players to starting holes Host Club should ensure local rules together with competition conditions of the day should be announced and distributed. This should include events and nearest to the pins. Card collection and score processing should also be advised at this time.

2.11 Host Club should ensure club house is set up for lunch delivery and trophy presentation and players advised on return of the program to follow. Sponsor acknowledgement should be done as often as possible and also included in the presentation. Club house set up should include display of trophies and any sponsorship material.

2.12 On completion of presentation Host Club should invite representatives from the Member Club hosting the next Endorsed Event to advise any details and hand out any nomination forms.

2.13 Host Club is to allow for the number of players as agreed from time to time by Council to be Sponsor representatives to play in the event.

2.14 WSRVGA will pay costs for Sponsor representatives including entry fee, cart hire and lunch.

2.15 The entry fee of players who fail to attend, without at least 24 hours notice, after they have indicated they would attend shall be forfeited and retained by the Host Club unless an appropriate substitute can be found.

2.16 WSRVGA will provide funds towards the cost of running the event but specifically to ensure appropriate prizes are provided.

2.17 WSRVGA will provide any Sponsor banners or material for the event and the Host Club will arrange appropriate display and distribution.

2.18 The Host Club should complete an Event Feedback report that provides but is not limited to "what went well" and "what could be done differently next time" prior to the next Council meeting.

3.0 Event Feedback

3.1 Feedback may include:

HOST CLUB - EVENT DATE - PLAYING NUMBERS

Sponsors - Male - Female

RESULTS

HOW DID FOLLOWING WORK AND WHAT COULD BE DONE DIFFERENTLY

Registration Lunch ordering

Event format and prize list Playing conditions and course setup

Sponsor acknowledgement and display and distribution of

banners and material.

Lunch delivery and food quality

Card collection and score processing

Presentation process and timing

4.0 Club and Player of the Year Trophy Conditions

4.1 The winning club at each **Endorsed Event** will be determined by adding the best 4 Stableford scores (male and/or female) for each club.

4.2 In the case of a tie at an **Endorsed Event** the winner will be determined as follows:-

4.2a The club with the highest 4th placed score will be the winner.

4.2b If still a tie the club with the highest 3rd placed score will be the winner.

4.2c If still a tie the club with the highest 2nd placed score will be the winner.

4.2d If still a tie the club with the highest 1st placed score will be the winner.

4,2e If still a tie normal count back conditions will be applied to the highest 4th placed score.

4.2e(i) Best back 9 will be the winner

4.2e(ii) If still a still a tie best score last 6 holes will be winner,

4.2e(iii) If still a tie best score last 3 holes will be winner,

4.2e(iv) If still a tie, starting from 18th best score hole by hole will be winner.

4.2f If still a tie, joint winners will be declared.

4.3 After all Qualifying Events have been played the club that has accumulated the most points by adding their best 4 scores from all Qualifying Events will be declared the winning Club of the Year.

4.4 In the case of a tie for Club of the Year, the points scored by the clubs at their home event will be deducted from their event total and the club then left with the highest total will be declared the winner of Club of the Year. If still a tie, joint winners will be declared.

4.5 To be eligible to win Player of the Year (Male and Female), Playing Members must have played in at least 3 of the qualifying events.

Home scores recorded are not to be counted towards the individual points score for Player of the Year. All other scores for Club of the Year and daily events to continue as per the current rules.

4.6 At the end of the 8 Qualifying Events the Playing Members' 3 highest stableford scores will be added and the player with the most points will be the winner of Player of the Year.

4.7 In the case of a tie for Player of the Year and Runner Up, the lowest score will be deducted and the player with the highest aggregate of the remaining two scores will be the winner. If still a tie, joint winners will be declared.

4.8 For a player to be eligible for either Club of the Year or Player of the Year he/she must be a Playing Member.

4.9 **Club of the Year**

Presented with the Club of the Year trophy. WSRVGA to organise engraving prior to presentation.

Player of the Year

The NSWVGA provide the following for both male and female winners:

• NSWVGA medal - WSRVGA to arrange engraving • $50 gift vouchers (2)

NOTE: NSWVGA do not supply anything for runners up or Club of the Year

WSRVGA provide the following:

Trophies awarded to both male and female Player of the Year

Winners: • $100 gift voucher Runners Up: • $50 voucher

5.0 Sponsorship Support

5.1 WSRVGA to obtain and maintain sponsorship agreements.

5.2 WSRVGA to liaise with Host Clubs re sponsorship activity and advertising.

5.3 WSRVGA to ensure all Host Club requirements are met for each Endorsed Event

5.4 Host Club to provide requirements for Sponsor displays (banners, stands, giveaways, and advertising material) and WSRVGA to comply

WSRVGA in conjunction with Host Club to ensure Sponsor complies with requirements during the event and whilst on Host Club premises.

5.5 Suggested sponsor needs for Host Club to provide are as follows; • Prominent position near pro shop or registration area to display sponsor naming banners. Prominent position on 1st and 10th Tees to display sponsor naming banners.

• Prominent position on designated Tees of NTP holes and/or long drive holes to display naming banners.

• Prominent area for distribution of any advertising material or giveaways.

• Space on club notice boards to place event advertising

6.0 Membership Fees and Administration

6.1 Membership fees are to be paid for each Playing Member and are $7.00

6.2 Membership fees are to be paid as follows:-

6.2a For existing Playing Members - Annually by 31 October

6.2b For new Playing Members - by 15 days after month of joining

6.3 Secretary/Treasurer must be provided with following details and changes thereto for each Playing Member by the Member Club:-

Full Name - Sex - Affiliated Club - Golf ID Number

6.4 Secretary/Treasurer must maintain a Member Register for all Playing Members with their details as per 6.3 and their financial status

6.6 Secretary/Treasurer must pay the NSWVGA affiliation fee for Playing Members to the NSWVGA in accordance with the instructions issued by the NSWVGA

The NSWVGA affiliation fee and due date for payment are:-

Affiliation Fee $5.00

Due Date for payment 31 December

7.1 Executives Election Administration

7.1 Members of the Executive may only be elected from Playing Members or Social Member nominated by a Member Club

Nomination must be in writing and received by the Secretary/Treasurer no later than 7 days before the Annual General Meeting.

In the absence of written nominations the Chairperson may call for nominations from the Club Delegates present at the Annual

In the case of an equality of votes for an Executive position the Chairperson shall not have a casting vote.

7.5 Voting will be by a show of hands unless a Club Delegate calls for a written vote.

7.6 **Proxy Votes** will not be permitted.

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