



Black Bull

GOLF CLUB AT SILVERWOODS
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BY LAWS, RULES & REGULATIONS

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SECTION 1 – GENERAL CLUB RULES

1.1 HOURS OF OPERATION

- a The hours of operation will be established by the Club on a seasonal basis. The Club reserves the right to vary these hours as needed, as well as the right to close the Golf Course and other facilities for tournaments, special events, group play and scheduled maintenance and repairs.
- b The Club and administrative officers are open as follows:
Monday to Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm, closed Christmas Day.
- c For more information on current hours of operation for the restaurant, bar and Golf facilities check on the Member's notice board or visit the website www.blackbullgc.com.au

1.2 DRESS CODE – ON COURSE

- a Dress on the Golf Course and practice areas is smart casual and standard golf attire. Tank tops, singlets, football jumpers and thongs are not permitted on the Golf Course. All attire to be in good repair. Golf shoes with metal spikes specifically, are not permitted. Socks must be worn with all footwear.
- b The General Manager, Head Professional or their designee reserves the right to refuse entry to persons to the Golf Course, Clubhouse and Country Club Facilities who are not dressed in accordance with these rules.

BREACHES OF DRESS CODE

The following process applies to breaches of the dress code:

- a For each breach the Member will be provided with a written warning;
- b Should the Member receive three written warnings in a 12 month period, then that Member will have all membership privileges suspended for a period of 1 month;
- c If the player who has suspended booking rights is issued a further warning within the suspension period. The player will then lose playing rights for a period of 1 month.
Warnings issued will lapse after 12 months.

1.3 MAILING ADDRESSES

- a The Member is responsible for filing with the General Manager's Office in writing their mailing address, including email address and any changes, to which the Member wishes all notices and invoices of the Club be sent.

1.4 CHARGE AND PREPAID ACCOUNTS

- a The Club does not offer charge facilities to Members. All purchases of food, beverage and golf merchandise are to be settled by either cash or credit card at the time of purchase.
- b Members may elect to prepay amounts to the Club for convenience, and may charge purchases to their account whilst available credit remains.

1.5 MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION

- a The General Manager will issue each Member with a Membership Card.
- b Members must:
 - i Show their Membership Card to the General Manager's staff upon request;
 - ii Not allow their Membership Card to be used by any other person;
 - iii Notify the General Manager immediately if their Membership Card is lost, stolen or destroyed.
- c If a Member notifies the General Manager that their Membership Card is lost, stolen or destroyed, the General Manager must issue the Member with a replacement card (at the Member's cost) within reasonable time of actually receiving the notification from the Member.
- d The Member must, upon request, provide formal identification to the General Manager in order to satisfy the General Manager of the Member's identity. If the Member is unable to produce formal identification, the General Manager may withhold Membership benefits from the Member until appropriate identification is produced.

1.6 GUESTS

- a Members must accompany their Guests at all times and are responsible for their conduct and dress. Members must sign in Guests and ensure all applicable Guest fees are paid for.

1.7 CHILDREN

- a Children under twelve years of age are permitted to use the Club facilities if accompanied or supervised by a Member or a Guest, 18 years or older.

1.8 RESPONSIBLE SERVING OF ALCOHOL

- a Pursuant to the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998, The Black Bull Golf Club Limited, holds the licence to serve alcohol on the Clubs premises. The General Manager, or designee, retains the right to discontinue service of alcohol to any patrons, at any time, at their discretion.
- b A restricted club licence authorises the licensee to supply liquor on the licensed premises to a member of the club, an authorised gaming visitor or a guest of a member for consumption on the licensed premises.

1.9 GRATUITIES

- a All gratuities are uniformly distributed to golf and beverage personnel. For food and beverage service, Members may elect a level of gratuity commensurate with the level of service they have received.



SECTION 2 – GOLF COURSE RULES

1.10 FOOD AND BEVERAGE ON PREMISES

- a Only food and beverage purchased from the Club (i.e beverage carts, Golf Shop, Restaurant, Bar) may be consumed within the Clubhouse, recreational facilities.

1.11 SMOKING POLICY

- a The Club is a designated non-smoking venue within all internal areas of the Clubhouse Facilities. Smoking is permitted on the Golf Course (see clause 2.16 for total fire ban days) and all terraced external areas. Smokers are reminded that the discarding of cigarette butts in any other receptacles or space other than those designed for this purpose is prohibited.

1.12 PROPERTY DAMAGE ON PREMISES

- a Members shall be liable for any damage or removal of Clubs property by the Member or his/her guest.

1.13 PARKING

- a Members must park their vehicles in accordance with the indicated parking regulations. Parking is prohibited in the driveways or on Club grounds. All members park at their own risk.

1.14 ANIMALS

- a Members are reminded that pet animals are prohibited on the Golf Course and Club facilities at all times.

1.15 VIOLATIONS

- a Members and employees of the Club are requested to report any violations of the By Laws, Rules and Regulations immediately to the General Manager.

2.1 TEE TIMES

- a Members may make tee time bookings out side of the Member allocated tee times for them selves and their accompanied guests up 14 days in advance through the Golf Shop.
- b A member may reserve a maximum of one (1) group for themselves, fellow Members and Guests per day, subject to availability.
- c The general Manager reserves the right to change a Member's tee time.
- d Members are required to contact the Golf Shop to cancel tee times as soon as they are aware they are unable to play. If a Member fails to use a booking made by a member, this is a breach of these rules.

2.1 GUESTS

- a All Members Guests playing golf must be registered in the Visitors Book located at the Golf Shop. Guests may pay appropriate Guest Fees as described in the Fee Schedule, which may be changed from time to time. A 20% discount to Members Guest currently applies.

Guest Playing in Members competition times:

- i A Member can invite one (1) Guest to play in amongst the Member allocated tee times.
- ii The Guest must have a current Golf Link Number at the time of booking.
- iii Members and their Guest must play from the Tee determined by the Professional or designee.

2.3 HANDICAPS

- a All handicaps are maintained in accordance with Golf Australia guidelines.
- b For a member to obtain a handicap, (3) 18 hole scorecards or (6) 9 hole scorecards, must be submitted to the Golf Shop. The scorecards must be dated, signed by the player and countersigned by their playing partner.
- c For Members traveling and playing overseas, a Club Handicap Certificate is available upon request through the Golf Shop.

2.4 REGISTRATION

- a All players and their guest must register in the Golf Shop prior to play.
- b The Club may allocate tee times to other players where the Member has not turned up and registered a minimum of 15 minutes before the scheduled tee times.
- c All Members wether they are playing Competition or playing socially must register through the Golf Shop. The Professional or designee will then advise which tee to begin play from.

2.5 STARTING

- a Play is to start from the tee directed by the Professional or designee.

2.6 PLAYING NUMBERS

- a No more then four (4) players per group are permitted, unless authorized by the General Manager or designee.



2.7 PRACTICE

- a When practicing, Members are to use the designated practice facilities.
- b The tees, greens or fairways of the Golf Course are not be used fro practice under any circumstances.
- c The playing of more then two (2) or more balls from any tee, green or fairway is prohibited.

2.8 COMPETITIONS

- a The Club organizes a variety of social and competitive golf events to cater for the range of golfing skills of Members.
- b Full details of competitions and events will be featured on the Members Notice Board, Mi Club or the website www.blackbullgc.com.au

2.9 SLOW PLAY

- a If a group falls one clear hole behind the group in front the course marshal will advise the group to make up the ground lost.
- b If the group is unable to make up the required time the course marshal has the right to split the group into two (2) two's to help speed up play. When the group has made up the required time the group may join back into a group of four (4).
- c It shall be at the discretion of the Golf Course marshal to allow the following group to play through.

BREACHES OF SLOW PLAY

The following process applies to breaches of the slow play:

- i For each breach the member will be provided with a written warning;
- ii Should the Member receive three written warnings in any 12 month period, then that Member will have all Membership privileges suspended for a period of one (1) month;
- iii If the player who has suspended booking rights is issued a further warning within the suspension period. The player will then lose playing rights for a period one (1) month.
- iv Warnings issued will lapse after 12 months.

2.10 NO SHOW

- a No Show is the failure to inform the Club (Golf Shop) prior to the booking time that the booked tee time is not required. A valid reason is required to avoid a No Show warning, Management reserve the right to determine the validity of the reason for a No Show.

BREACHES OF A NO SHOW

The following process applies to breaches of the No Show

- i For the breach the Member will be provided with a written warning;
- ii Should the Member receive three written warnings in any 12 month, then that Member will have all Membership privileges suspended, for a period of one (1) month.
- iii If the player who has suspended booking rights is issued a further warning within the suspension period. The player will then lose playing rights for a period one (1) month.
- vi Warnings issued will lapse after 12 months.

2.11 PERSONAL PROPERTY

- a Members are reminded not leave golf bags or personal belongings unattended on Club property. The Club will not be held responsible for damaged, lost or stolen property.

2.12 USE OF GOLF COURSE FOR NON GOLF PURPOSE

- a The Golf Course is a private property and its sole purpose is for use by golfers with a reserved tee time. The use of the Golf Course for other activities (walking, running, cycling, walking dogs) is strictly prohibited unless authorised by the General Manager.

2.13 DAMAGE TO THE GOLF COURSE AND PROPERTY

- a The following infringements will be brought to the General Manager attention and may result in the severity of the infringement being received by Management.
 - i Throwing any type any type of litter, anywhere on the Golf Course at any time. All paper, bottles, cans, cigarette butts should be put in your golf bag or cart until you reach a litter receptacle.
 - ii The display of temper or other discourteous conduct resulting in damage to the Golf course;
 - iii Failure to repair your ball mark on the green;
 - iv Failure to rake the sand before leaving the bunker;
 - v Operating a golf cart on the shoulder or within 10 metres of any green, tee or bunkers that are not a designated cart path. Failing to comply with instructions from the Golf Course Marshal.
 - vi Permitting your bag to be placed on any putting green.
 - vii The use of driving range balls on the Golf Course;
 - viii Failure to register and pay for a guest; and/or
 - ix Deliberate abuse of any item of Club property.

2.14 CLOSURE OF COURSE

- a The Club reserves the right to close the Golf Course for play at any time without notice for any reason that the Club thinks fit. The Club and the General Manger make no warranty that the Golf Course will be available for play. No person will have any action against the Club or the General Manager as a result of the Golf Course not being available for play.

2.15 ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

HEAT

- a The assessment of extreme weather conditions will be undertaken by Members (self-assessment) with reference to information obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology Website (www.bom.gov.au) and the temperatures as set out below.
 - i The Club competition will be cancelled the day prior if the forecast temperature is forecast to exceed 40+ degrees.

Management HIGHLY recommends the following practice when playing in most conditions irrespective of temperature.

- i Wear a hat and UV protected sunglasses;
- ii Apply sunscreen regularly
- iii Regular hydration
- iv If players choose to play on hot days, then they do so at their own risk and the Club accepts no responsibility, however Management will recommend that a player hires a golf cart and keeps hydrated;
- v In the case of the Temperature exceeds 45 + degrees the course will be deemed unplayable and there for be closed for all Members and guest.



SECTION 3 – GOLF CART RULES & REGULATIONS

LIGHTNING/HEAVY RAIN

- a Play may be suspended due to heavy rain and lightning at the discretion of the General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or designee should they believe there is a danger to player's from lightning or when lightning is in the area of the Golf Course and surrounds. Suspension of play will be two blasts of the air horn and/or through verbal message relayed throughout the Golf Course by the General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or their designee.

Should play be suspended players should quickly (run) and carefully make their way back to the safety of the Club House or Golf Shop. Players are not to remain on the Golf Course under any circumstances. In the event that any golfers are operating a golf cart, they should stop and park in a safe position and then proceed quickly (run) to either the Clubhouse or Golf Shop which ever is closer.

Players must not, under any circumstances, use radios or phones during a lightning storm, unless in emergency circumstances.

Play will not commence until the General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or designee re-opens the course for play.

FOG

- a When visibility is reduced that the fairway bunker on the left side of the first fairway (approximately 220m from the tee) is unable to be seen, play must be suspended. Suspension of play will be through a verbal message relayed throughout the Golf Course by the General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or their designee.

Once the fog has lifted and visibility has returned to the level stated above, the General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or their designee may direct play to resume.

FROST

- a The Club reserves the right to delay tee times due to heavy frost and is at the discretion of the General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or their designee should they believe there is a danger to players or the Course.
- b Golf carts and heavy machinery will not be allowed to enter onto the Golf Course until such a stage as the General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or their designee believes that no damage will be done to the course.

WILDLIFE

- a The Club has an abundance of wildlife on the Golf Course throughout the year. The Club recommends that golfers do not approach snakes and kangaroos for any reason and to avoid moving within a close proximity (recommended 10 metres) of snakes and kangaroos. Golfers are requested to call the Clubhouse to inform Management of location of any snake sighting.

2.16 CHILDREN

- a Children (under 18) not participating in golf and accompanying a playing adult on the Golf Course must adhere to the following:
- Parental guidance is required at all times;
 - Children must be seated in the Golf cart when in motion;
 - Children are not to enter bunkers at any time;
 - Parents with accompanying children are responsible for ensuring that the pace of play is not deviated from due to the presents of children;
 - Children must remain in close proximity of the golf cart / players;
 - Children must have a basic understanding of Golf etiquette;

3.1 CONDITIONS OF GOLF CART USE ON PREMISES

- Only electric carts to be used on course unless approved by the General Manager, Golf Professional or designee.
- Only persons over eighteen (18) years of age with a drivers licence may operate a Club owned golf cart on Club property. In the case of a privately owned cart a person over (18) years of age with the appropriate insurance coverage and licence.
- Club owned carts are only to be used on the Golf Course and for transportation, to and from the practice range and are not to be driven home or streets of Silverwoods Estate.
- Members will be liable for the cost of the repair or, in extreme cases, replacement of golf carts due to negligent or inappropriate operation causing damage by either themselves or by their Guest/s. Members will also be liable for any personal injury or property damage caused by the reckless behaviour of either the Member or their Guest/s.
- The use and operation of all golf carts, whether provided by the Club or privately owned, is at the risk of the users and such users shall, as a condition of such use, indemnify and hold indemnified the Black Bull Golf Club and Management, from and against all liabilities arising out of such use.
- No more than two (2) golf bags may occupy or be carried in or on a single cart unless advised by General Manager, Golf Professional or their designee.
- Golf carts must be operated on cart paths where provided at all times unless advised by General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or their designee. Golf carts shall not be driven closer than ten (10) metres from any green or ten (10) metres of any tee, except on a constructed cart path, located within the prescribed distance.
- Golf carts are not permitted to be driven in, or through any sand traps, bunkers, or other hazards, including landscape areas and shall be kept at least five (5) metres from the lip, or edge, of any sand traps, bunkers or hazards.
- Soft areas, depressions and drainage retention areas must be avoided, especially following heavy rains. During extended wet periods or otherwise specified by General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or their designee carts may be prohibited from use as not to cause damage to the Golf Course.
- All directional signs, stakes, ropes and other markers used to guide and direct golf cart traffic must be observed. Similarly, signs prohibiting or restricting the use of golf carts in particular areas, are to be obeyed without exception.
- Carts must always be parked on the side or rear and never in front of any green. Considerable playing time will be saved and possible injury avoided with the observation of this rule.
- From time to time, due to extreme weather conditions, golf cart usage on the Golf Course may be limited or prohibited.
- A maximum of three carts per group unless authorised by the General Manager, Head Professional or their Designee.



SECTION 4 – PRACTICE FACILITY RULES

3.2 OWNING AND OPERATING A PRIVATE CART

- a Members of the Club are entitled to own a private golf cart for the use on the Golf Course subject to the completion and approval of a Golf Cart Licence Agreement, available from the Club.
- b Road Safety Act 1986 - MOTOR VEHICLES DECLARED NOT TO BE A MOTOR VEHICLE. Section 3 (2) (b)**
 - i is not in fact used for travelling on a highway for more than two kilometres at a time in the one direction; and**
 - ii is only being used for the purpose for which it was manufactured; and**
 - iii meets one of the vehicle descriptions set out in the schedule to this Order**

The Schedule

Golf cars

Golf buggies

Ride-on lawn mowers

- c All privately owned golf carts are required to meet special requirements, this may include an annual inspection.
- d All private golf carts must be electric powered only.

4.1

- a The General Manager, Golf Professional or their designee, will open the practice fairway daily, subject always to condition of the practice fairway.
- b The practice facility will operate each day the Club is open for play (closed Christmas Day) with in the hours specified by the Club or designee.
- c All golfers wishing to use the practice facility must register at the Golf Shop.
- d Only range balls provided by the Club to be used on the practice facility.
- e Players must not walk forward of the tee markers for any reason.
- f Practice must be from the designated markers only and is at the discretion of the Golf Professional or his designee. Golf balls designated by the Club, as practice range golf balls are not permitted on the Golf Course under any circumstance.
- g The Club practice balls are not to be taken from the practice facility under any circumstances.
- h Children and Juniors Members 12 years of age or younger are permitted to use the practice facility, although they must be supervised by either a Member or a guest at least 18 years or older.
 - i The supervising adult will take full responsibility for the behaviour of any children whilst utilising the practice facility. Neither the Club nor Management will accept responsibility for any personal injury caused to a child, or by a child whilst the child/s under the supervision of an adult.
 - j The General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent or their designee on behalf of the Club may prohibit a child/adult from using the facility should they be behaving in a inappropriate manner putting themselves other patrons in a inappropriate manner putting themselves other patrons or causing miscellaneous damage.



SECTION 5 – MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 INCONSISTENCY WITH CONSTITUTION

- a In the event of any inconsistency between the Constitution of the Black Bull Golf Club and these By Laws, Rules and Regulations, the provisions of the Constitution prevails.

5.2 POLICY FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUES ON THE COURSE

- a Memorial Plaques are for Members only (current & past) who has been a member of the Black Bull Golf Club for a period of 12 months or more.
- b A request for a plaque is to come from either a collective group of members or family members for consideration.
- c Consideration is only given after the bereavement time of 1 month.
- d The plaque design and material is supplied by the Club, the costs is to be paid for by Members of family members prior to order.
- e The actual placement of the plaque is determined by Management.
- f The Club will take all necessary precautions, however, are not liable for any damage/theft to the plaque.

5.3 RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

- a The Club has reciprocal rights with a number of Clubs, for a full list of participating Clubs see the Clubs web site www.blackbullgc.com.au for details and booking procedures. The agreement allows member's access to the Host Club with the same playing rights, privileges and courtesy as bestowed by the Home Club member.

5.4 CHANGES TO RULES

These Rules may be changed by the Board of the Black Bull Golf Club at any time. The General Manager will notify Members of the changes by displaying the new Rules on the Golf Course notice board.

SECTION 6 – RULES & REGULATIONS

6.1 RULES

- a A Member of the Black Bull Golf Club will always act in accordance with the Rules of Golf as out lined by the Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf.
 - If a breach of the Rules of Golf is reported in any Club Competition, or whilst representing the Black Bull Golf Club this will be referred to the Golf Committee.
- b A Member of the Black Bull Golf Club will always act in accordance with the etiquette section of the Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf.
 - In the case of a breach of the Etiquette of Golf, this will be referred to the Golf Committee.
- c A Member of the Black Bull Golf Club will be responsible for their guest or guests to adhere to rules 6.1 a & 6.1 b.
 - If a breach is reported it will be referred the Golf Committee.

6.2 SAFETY

Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by a club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or practice swing.

- Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.
- Players should always alert green staff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.
- If a player plays a ball in the direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he / she should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such situations is "FORE"

6.3 PACE OF PLAY

Players should play at a good pace. The Committee may establish pace of play guidelines that all players should follow.

- Pace of play will **only** be marshalled by the General Manger, Head Professional or their Designee.

6.4 THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME

Golf is played, for the most part, without supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsman ship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

- If a Member or Guest is not conducting them selves in a manner of the spirit of the game and the Rules of Golf the Committee may consider taking appropriate disciplinary actions against the offending player or player's.
- Such actions may include prohibiting play for a limited time on the course or in certain competitions. The Committee will deal with each instance on a case-by-case manner.
- This is considered to be justifiable in terms of protecting the interests of the majority of golfers who wish to play in accordance with these guidelines.
- In the case of a serious breach of etiquette, the Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 33-7.

6.5 RULES DISPUTE

For any rules deputed in any of the Club Competitions they will be referred to the Head Professional or his designee. The uses of the latest decisions book will be referred to and their decision is final.



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