

BATHURST GOLF CLUB BY-LAWS

Golf

Golf is a game, which depends, a great deal on tradition and long custom for its charm. It follows quite naturally that a Golf Club is a conservative institution. This conservatism should extend to the choice of dress and generally in the standard of conduct on the Course and in the Clubhouse.

It cannot be over-emphasised that the fundamental Rule is consideration to one's fellow member.

The status of a Golf Club may be judged by the etiquette of its members. It is always better to give a point rather than take one.

Reciprocal Arrangements

Members are advised that reciprocal arrangements have been effected with the Clubs listed in the current program book.

Subscriptions

In the case of all members, the financial year shall be from 1st July to 30th June each year. Subscriptions are due and payable in advance-they may be paid in instalments in such amounts, proportions and on such days as the Board may determine from time to time. Members who are one month in arrears in regard to payment of fees cannot retain membership privileges.

Dress Regulations

In order to maintain a standard suitable to the Club, members are requested to pay attention to their dress and the dress of any visitor they introduce. The following should be regarded as a minimum.

Course: During competitions

Neat casual clothes at all times.
Shirts must have a collar (no collar, no play).
Golf shoes or joggers ONLY
White or coloured sport socks allowed
Long football socks not allowed

During social rounds

Course Dress Regulations are at the Professional's discretion.
Neat casual clothes at all times.
Shirts must have a collar (no collar, no play).
Golf shoes or joggers ONLY

Attire NOT permitted includes football clothing, singlet type shirts, T-shirts without collar, advertising type T-shirts, track type clothing, board/beach/athletics type short, and clothing considered to be of an offensive nature.

Clubhouse:

Clubhouse Dress Regulations are at the General Manager's discretion.

Neat casual dress at all times.

Work clothing allowed Monday to Friday up till 7.00 p.m.

No singlet tops at any time.

Visitors

Any member introducing a visitor shall be responsible for the conduct of such visitor, and should accompany him/her at all times. No visitor shall be supplied with liquor on the premises unless at the invitation and in the company of a member.

Excluding Open days and invitation days, visiting members of recognised Golf Clubs, affiliated with the AGU may, at the discretion of the club professional and subject to conditions regarding members rights of play, play in a Club competition.

Etiquette of Golf

(As per the Rules of Golf)

Courtesy on the Course

Consideration of Other Players

In the interest of all, players should play without delay. No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found; they should search for five minutes before doing so.

They should not continue play until the players following them have passed and are out of range.

When the play of a hole has been completed players should immediately leave the putting green.

Behaviour During Play

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 their opponent or their fellow-competitor tees his/her ball. The Club, however, promotes and recommends the use of "ready golf" as a means of speeding up play.

Priority on the Course

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

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.

If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should allow the following match to pass.

Slow Play Policy

INTRODUCTION

This policy applies to all amateur golfers for all events & competitions conducted by The Bathurst Golf Club in addition to any other tournament conditions, local rules or other Special Event requirements.

1 Speed of Play

1.1 Preamble

Each Player in each group shall endeavour to maintain these standards of pace of play, whilst adhering to commonly accepted standards of golfing etiquette and sportsmanship.

Any group *more than one fairway behind* the group in front shall be considered *out of place in the field*. As a Bathurst Golf Club member you are expected to actively assist your group maintain its place in the field.

1.2 Guidelines

As a general guide, each group is expected to complete each hole 14 minutes after tee-off. This means *completion* of the first nine holes should be completed in two hours and five minutes. The eighteen holes should be completed in *four and one quarter (4¼) hours from initial tee-off*, allowing for a 5 minute half-way break.

Any group out of place in the field should **actively** seek to improve their pace of play and consider themselves as having received a warning.

Any group unable to maintain the expected pace of play *and* which has lost its place in the field may be subject to a penalty without further warning.

2 Penalties

2.1 Range of Penalties

Depending on the nature of the competition, the weather and the number of penalties may include:

- (i) a one stroke penalty or;
- (ii) a two stroke penalty or;
- (iii) a disciplinary report for a player who continually fails to keep up with play.

Penalties (i) and (ii) will normally be applied to *all Players* of a group.

3 Avoiding Penalties

3.1 Supporting Fellow Members

- i) Players must be ready to tee off 15 minutes prior to their allotted tee time. See also "Conditions of Play"
- ii) Players must be ready to play their shot at all times.
- iii) Carts and pull buggies are to be parked in the direction of the next tee.
- iv) Clear each green as soon as the last Player has completed the hole.
- v) Scorecards are to be marked on the next tee, not on or near the greens. If the group

ahead is already out of range, the first player is to tee off, then mark the scorecard with the result of the previous hole.

- vi) Do not take excessive practice swings and do not replay putts after completing the hole when other groups are following.
- vii) In other than stroke competitions, pick up your ball when you cannot score.
- viii) In the event of a lost ball call the following group through immediately.

It is the duty of all players to keep up with the group in front, not in front of the group behind. If each Player in a group can shave just five seconds from each shot, the group can improve the time taken to play a round by up to twenty minutes. This provides an opportunity for all following Players to enjoy their game.

Care of the Course

Holes in Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker a player should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by him/her. The rake is to be placed in the MIDDLE of the bunker once repairs are completed.

Restore Divots and Ball Marks

Through the green a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced is replaced at once, pressed down and filled with sand, and that any damage to the putting green made by the ball or the player is carefully repaired.

All players are reminded to carry and use sand buckets at all times. This includes players carrying their clubs.

Damage to Greens - Flagsticks, Bags, etc.

Players should ensure that when putting down bags or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage a hole by standing close to it, in handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green. Golf buggies **must not** be wheeled across greens. All bags and buggies **MUST** be left clear of the green while putting out on the green.

Golf Carts

Golf carts may be used under the conditions set down by the Committee and Professional. The used of carts during Championships and tournaments IS ALLOWED. Golf carts must not be driven to closer than 10 metres from any green.

Damage Through Practice Swings

In taking practice swings players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly the tees, by repairing divots.

Sand Buckets

Sand buckets must be carried and used by all players whenever using the course. This also includes all players carrying their clubs.

Par three holes have sand in buckets on tees to fill divots

The Hole

Members are prohibited from removing the ball with the blade of their putter but may remove the ball from the hole with a suction cap or ball claw attached to the handle.

Complaints

All complaints should be made in writing to the General Manager who, if unable to satisfy them, shall submit them to the Board of Directors. No employee of the Club shall be directly reprimanded by an individual member.

Complaints re golf competitions should be made to the match committee as per the rules of golf.

Special Notice to Players

- Patronise your own Professional.
- Balls are not to be purchased from persons on the course.
- Members are asked to note that persons searching for balls are not permitted on the course at any time unless authorised by the Professional. Please check all persons on the course not playing golf.
- Members are requested to accept responsibility to see that all social players, juniors, visitors and fellow members observe the necessary requirements for conduct, preservation and maintenance of the course.
- All course notices must be strictly observed.
- Walk briskly between shots.
- Always pick up when you are unable to score in Stableford or Par events.
- When marking a ball on the green, please use a small coin or marker.

Practice Rules

Practice on the course before a competition outside defined practice areas may result in disqualification. See Rule 7-1b. Continuous practice (more than two balls) is permitted only from defined practice areas.

In practice rounds a member may play two balls ONLY - but in doing so must not delay the play of others on the course.

The following are prohibited:

Continuous shots from tees

Continuous shots from fairways.

Continuous shots to or on any playing putting green.

Continuous shots from course bunkers.

The putting surface of the Practice Green is a practice area ONLY for putting. (NO chipping allowed.)

When hitting balls from the practice area, ensure that practice balls are clearly marked.

Car Park

Members are requested to observe the etiquette required in the Parking Area. A few moments care by everyone will result in the maximum number of cars being accommodated. The nose

of the car should be as close as possible to the kerb thus providing a clear driveway behind the car. Take care that the car is between the guide lines.

The Club takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles in the Club's car park.