

## **Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc By-laws (Updated 9th December 2021)**

### **Membership:**

Members must be at least 55 years of age, an amateur golfer and a playing, life, or honorary member of:

- (a) a golf club affiliated with Golf Australia (or its successor body) and who has a current handicap recognized by Golf Australia (or its successor body); or
- (b) is a person accepted by Golf Australia or the Club as a visitor to Australia, except that
- (c) honorary life members of the Club qualify under this definition even if they do not qualify under (a) or (b) above.
- (d) note that to be eligible for the Club Championship a member must hold a current Golf Australia Handicap.

Total membership is restricted to 150 paying members, plus members who are exempt from the annual fee. Any member reaching the age of 80 years, who has been a member for the past 5 years, is exempt from the annual fee.

Any person becoming a member in the second half of the calendar year will be required to pay \$40.00

### **Social/Non-Playing Membership:**

- (a) is a person under 80 years of age who is unable to continue playing competitive golf.
- (b) pays a \$1.00 annual membership fee.
- (c) pays a fee to cover the cost of lunch and raffle when attending monthly events and the non-golfer fee when attending special events.

### **Life Members:**

- (a) Honorary life membership may be conferred upon any member who has rendered outstanding service to the Club. (Having at least 10 years service & contribution on committee positions)
- (b) To be eligible for honorary life membership a member must be nominated by a member and seconded by another. Such nomination shall be forwarded to the General Committee for approval and, if approved by the General Committee, such nomination shall be referred to the next general meeting of the Club.
- (c) If such nomination is approved, the person so nominated shall be an Honorary Life Member from the date of the general meeting.

### **Competitions:**

- (a) all competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited and any Local

Rules of the golf courses played on by the Club, as allowed for by Appendix 1 of the aforesaid R&A Rules.

- (b) the Committee has the power to deal with and resolve any dispute or protest (Disputes). Disputes must be lodged with the Committee within 15 minutes of the competition results, for such Disputes to be taken into account in determining the competition results. After the 15 minute deadline the competition is closed.
- (iii) the Committee may-
  - shorten any event to take account of adverse conditions. (It may fix another day and or venue for the event or not, at its sole discretion).
  - decide the manner in which a decision is to be reached in the case of a tied match. Such decision will be final.

### **Championships:**

- (a) will be played over 36 holes at selected courses.
- (b) to be eligible, a player must have played at least three games in that financial year, all prior to the first round of the Championships.
- (c) Club Champion will be the player with the best gross score.
- (d) 'A', 'B' 'C' and 'D' grade winners will be the player with the best net score.

### **Ties in Competition:**

In the event of a tie;

- (a) Club Champion will be decided by a sudden-death playoff from the first tee.
- (b) all other competitions will be decided by a count back using the process outlined in the R&A Rules Appendix 1, rule 10 (c)

### **Dress Code:**

Visiting Club Dress Code acceptable otherwise shirt must have sleeves and a collar. Tailored slacks and shorts are permitted. No denim clothing is allowed. Sport socks must be worn with shorts. Shoes must be worn.

### **Heat Policy:**

On the day of any event, upon reaching 38 degrees celcius (as determined by the captain of the day) play will be abandoned and the Match Committee will decide if sufficient holes have been played to warrant prizes.

### **Visitors:**

- (a) no visitors are allowed on free days.
- (b) visitors must satisfy all of the conditions listed under 'Membership' (a) and (b) above and be introduced by a Club member.
- (c) visitors cannot win a major trophy but are eligible to win the competition of the day.
- (d) visitors are only allowed one visit per financial year unless a member of an affiliated Veteran's golf club and has the permission of a member of the committee.

**Eagle's Nest:**

- (a) 8 balls. If more than one eagle, balls are shared.
- (b) Hole in one - 8 balls plus a trophy.

**Complaints:**

- (a) complaints must be submitted to the Secretary in writing, for tabling at the next Committee meeting.
- (b) if the Committee cannot resolve the complaint, the Association's Rules 'Division 3 Grievance Procedure' will be followed.