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1 PRELIMINARY

1.1 By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Northside Social Golf Club Incorporated are written under the authority of Clause 10.1 of the Constitution dated May 2019 and have been created in accordance with the following principles:

The Club may, by resolution at a general meeting, make, amend or revoke by-laws for the management of the Club.

By-laws and rules supplement the Constitution for the purposes of running the Club and may:

- (a) provide for the rights and obligations that apply to any classes of associate membership approved under rule 3.5(2); and
- (b) impose restrictions on the committee's powers, including the power to dispose of the Association's assets; and
- (c) impose requirements relating to the financial reporting and financial accountability of the Club and the auditing of the Club's accounts; and
- (d) provide for any other matter the Club considers necessary or convenient to be dealt with in the by-laws.

1.2 Rules of Golf

All golf matches and tournaments conducted by the Association shall conform to and be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved from time to time by the Rules Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (see section 7) and any special provisions of the Club under local playing rules of the course controller.

The Captain or the Vice Captain may distribute to all members a schedule of 'Local Rules' under which weekly games shall be conducted.

If the Captain or Vice Captain does not distribute a new schedule of 'Local Rules', the previous conditions applying to 'Local Rules' shall prevail.

1.3 Social Functions

Social functions are arranged by the committee to enable monies collected to be returned to the members by way of subsidies for the

more costly events. It is important that all members actively support our social functions.

Social functions are normally formal functions during the year including the annual trophy presentation night, the 19th hole functions held either at the venues or at member's houses, and occasional outings at various locations.

19th hole at playing venues may be subsidised for partial green fees and/or food and mid-year or other functions may be subsidised for food.

19th hole barbecues at member's houses are family functions and can be subsidised for partial fees and/or food that includes the barbecue meat or other food and all drinks to represent value for money. Ladies may be asked to bring a plate of salad or sweets to help and if members are attending on their own, they are also asked to bring a plate of salad or sweets.

The Club has an Event Subsidy Guideline to enable a budgeting strategy and assist the Committee during decision making.

2 MEMBERS

2.1 Ordinary Members

Ordinary joining members must be eligible and apply as per Clause 3.1 and 3.2 of the Constitution; the person must also be capable of playing golf in accordance with Golf Australia rules, regulations and handicapping system.

Ordinary joining members shall play stroke-play with a committee member:

- (a) persons with a valid GOLFLink handicap shall play as a visitor initially to submit cards from games played with the Club; or
- (b) persons without a valid handicap shall play as a visitor to submit 3 score cards for handicapping purposes, from games played with the Club.

All cards submitted shall be considered for handicap purposes and for acceptance of membership by the committee.

Ordinary joining members are not required to pay the visitor's fee while playing their 3 handicap cards.

2.2 Associate Members

If the Associate member is a junior joining the Club, he/she shall follow the procedure outlined in rule 2.1.

Where the Associate member is a non-playing member there is no requirement to follow the procedure in rule 2.1

Acceptance of membership for Associate non-playing members shall be as per Clause 3.5.8 of the Constitution.

2.3 Annual Fees and Subscriptions

The schedule of fees for ordinary members are nominal values only and may vary from year to year as decided by members at the Annual General Meeting and are payable in accordance with Clause 4.2 of the Constitution dated May 2019.

A nomination fee for ordinary joining members may be charged at the discretion of the committee.

Casual playing visitors shall be charged a game fee but may be exempted if submitting handicap cards.

GolfWA affiliation levy shall be applied at the start of the season and is the same for all playing members (GolfWA do not distinguish between male, female and junior members).

Events levy shall be applied to all playing members at the start of the season with an exemption only applied to junior members.

Life members are exempt from Annual fees but must pay all other levies.

Associate non-playing members may have fees set at the discretion of the committee.

Schedule of fees

(a) Nomination Fee	\$ 25.00 (unless waived)
(b) Visitors Fee	\$ 10.00 (per game)

Members Annual Fees

(c) Annual Fee	\$ 70.00
(d) Events Levy	\$ 90.00 (\$2/game)
(e) GolfWA Affiliation Levy	\$ 60.00 (inc GA fees)

Total Fees	\$220.00
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2.4 Weekly Trophy

Once a year, each member rostered on the fixture list shall supply a trophy to the value of a **minimum of \$50** nominally, the trophy being presented on the day for weekly events.

Perpetual and formal club trophies are presented at the annual trophy presentation night at the end of the season. A trophy is also presented to any player scoring a Hole-in One.

Members scoring an eagle are rewarded from an ongoing eagle's nest comprising one dozen golf balls presented at the annual trophy presentation night at the end of the season.

2.5 Booking Management (Home games only)

The City of Stirling manages the booking system whereby individual clubs submit the required number of weekly groups before the start of the season for agreement by the Course Manager.

The Course Manager provides the club with allocated tee times for the agreed number of groups according to overall starting times throughout the year.

Casual golfers or club members playing non-club games need to book themselves via the on-line facility.

In introducing this system, Council is acutely aware that Hamersley Public Golf Course is a public facility with fair and equal community access remains a priority.

Council reserves the right to amend booking rules if there are unintended consequences resulting from this changeover.

Therefore the onus is on the club and individual members to each fulfil their obligations to ensure adherence to the rules.

Club responsibilities are as follows:

- (a) Give advance notice of away games and known weeks of low attendance.
- (b) Provide accurate attendance predictions and play in groups of 4 to maximise public spot availability.
- (c) Inform and provide MiClub nomination sheet to pro-shop on Thursday morning (ie 48 hours) prior to playing day of any booking reductions or trying to increase number of bookings (eg Club has booked 8 groups but are aware only 6 groups will be attending).

- (d) Committee member shall make green fee payment to pro-shop for all members who have nominated by COB Wednesday.
 - Members shall pay individually for any hire carts or other equipment.
 - Visitors shall pay the pro-shop their own green fees individually any hire carts or other equipment.
- (e) City of Stirling will monitor discrepancies between actual bookings and playing numbers and should a club continually overbook, Council may take action to reduce allocated groups available.

Member responsibilities are as follows:

- (a) Advise the Secretary of any planned or known absences that will occur (this includes holidays, work roster or extended injury).
- (b) Nominate for the draw before COB Wednesday via the link Northside.1golf.com.au only if intending to play; players can nominate up to 8 weeks in advance.
- (c) Contact Captain or Secretary as early as practicable should a player in the draw become unavailable to play.
- (f) Contact Captain or Secretary before 6.00 pm Friday night should a player not in the draw wish to play to ascertain if a spot is available.
- (g) Members to deposit green fees into the club account in the amount of \$42 per week or preferably at the beginning of each month \$160 per month (unless advised otherwise). Refer to clause 3.1 Eligibility to Play – Outstanding Fees regarding failure to comply.

Therefore the onus is on the club and individual members to each fulfil their obligations to ensure adherence to the rules.

Consequences for the club and players for breach of booking system may include:

- (a) Cancellation without notice of 2 or more groups shall initially be noted by Council.
- (b) Cancellation without notice may result in reduction of club booking to lowest attendance (eg Club booked 8

groups but only 6 groups attend, without 48 hours prior notice; then booking may be reduced to 6 groups).

- (c) A member nominated in the draw who fails to play without providing medical certificate, shall be liable to pay green fees and be placed at the rear of the field at his next playing date, provided a spot is available.
- (d) A member nominating for the draw and repeatedly fails to play may be excluded from the draw for a period and then may only play provided a spot is available.

2.6 Dress

Members are required to wear their club shirt for all home and away games and any event when representing the club, except for the Ambrose 4s in December.

Neat denim trousers (but not work or ripped jeans) and neat shorts whether elasticised waist or not for home games are permitted. Track pants, T-shirts and shirts with offensive logos are not to be worn by players, visitors or caddies.

Golf shoes are desirable and sneakers may be permitted for caddies, but street shoes, thongs, sandals, boots are not permitted on golf courses.

Members must comply with dress rules applied by away venues require appropriate clothing and footwear on the course and in the clubhouse.

2.7 Draw

The current limit for our club at Hamersley is 32 players and will not increase unless another club is playing away.

The draw should be conducted on Thursday prior to the next game by the Captain or committee member in accordance with the following established guidelines:

- (a) Members nominating to play the following week before COB Wednesday via the link Northside.1golf.com.au shall be placed in the first part of the draw, unless they advised they wish to tee off after 6.00 am.
- (b) Joining members playing their handicap cards shall be treated as members and be in the draw with committee members until accepted as members.

(c) Where the situation occurs at COB Wednesday before a game, nominations exceed number of spots allocated by course managers (usually 32) available, the club has developed a contingency plan that could result in players being balloted out as follows:

- i. Visitors shall be excluded from playing,
- ii. Players whose green fees in arrears more than 2 games (ie \$84) shall be ineligible to play (refer Rule 3.1 Eligibility to Play – Outstanding Fees) and shall be removed from the draw until all outstanding fees are paid,
- iii. Players whose green fees in arrears by less than 2 games cannot be included in the field ahead of members that are fully paid up and shall be removed from the draw to wait for a late withdrawal,
- iv. Players that are fully paid up and either volunteer to withdraw or excluded by ballot will be automatic inclusions, on the next date they wish to play,
- v. Players who are FIFO or have work commitments that prevent regular attendance will be exempt from any exclusion ballot unless clauses ii or iii above apply.

Any changes to be made to the draw on the day of the game shall be made by the following in order of priority; Captain, Vice Captain, or other committee members or club members delegated by them.

The following guidelines shall be used in making changes to the draw on the day of the game:

- (a) Any member, who fails to arrive at least 15 minutes before his allotted tee time (except in item (b) below), may be replaced in his group by another member, preferably one who attended the meeting the previous week, and such "late" member shall be relegated to the rear of the field to negotiate his position in the field with remaining players.
- (b) If a member in the draw is running late or unable to attend due to unexpected circumstances, then he should contact the Captain, Vice Captain or pro-shop to advise and he may be shifted in the draw.

(c) Members should not arrive without previously having nominated for the draw or not having contacted the Captain by COB Wednesday and expect automatic inclusion in the field. Such members may only play if they are making up a group of four or can form another group at the rear of the field. The committee shall monitor the later groups to ensure that players are not creating "cliques" and playing with the same players each week.

Groups will not be broken up or changed to accommodate late arrivals, players not in the draw or players with unexpected visitors

2.8 Visitors

Playing members may invite visitors to play on normal dates (subject to a \$10.00 visitor fee) and may be expected to play with their visitors at the rear of the field.

Playing members intending to invite visitors must give prior notice by contacting Captain or Secretary before midday on the Wednesday before the game.

Visitors may be permitted to play on perpetual trophy days and the club championships, but only at the discretion of the committee.

Visitors are not graded regardless of the competition, and will play stroke only unless:

- (a) the visitor has a current *GolfLink* handicap that can be used, or
- (b) in the interest of keeping the game flowing, a provisional handicap may be applied.

Visitors may participate in Bits competition under rule 4.2.

2.9 Attendance and Eligibility

Playing members would ideally attend 3 weekly events per month, where possible. However it is recognised that work rosters or family commitments may prevent regular attendance.

Playing members, except those subject work rosters, must play 2 out of 4 weekly events preceding perpetual trophy events (except club championships) to be eligible to win that trophy.

Playing members, except those subject work rosters, must play 10 weekly club events to be eligible to contest the club championships. Leave of Absence (LOA) is not considered for club championships or perpetual trophy events. For new members, the 10 weeks normally commences the first week they play after committee acceptance of their membership.

Playing members should apply in writing or advise the Secretary of an intended leave of absence if they will not be available to play for a period of greater than one month.

Eligibility for perpetual trophy and club champion events may be modified if a member provides formal written notification to the Secretary if other commitments prevent meeting requirements.

Playing members participating in an event who depart the course before the game is completed without an appropriate reason may be suspended or be expelled on the next occasion under Clause 5 of the Constitution.

2.10 Grades

Grades shall be set by the committee at the start of each season to equalise the number of members in each grade.

Grades shall be reviewed prior to the Club Championships in October to ensure balance for the championships and the rest of the season. Members will be advised if there are any changes to grades above.

Handicap grades applicable from white tees at Hamersley Public Golf Course are nominally as follows:

A grade	0 – 18.5
B grade	18.6 – 23.0
C grade	23.1 - 44.6

Player actual handicaps may vary at away game venues but for the purpose of Birdie and Bit Marker competitions, players shall be deemed to be playing the same grade as applicable at Hamersley Public Golf Course.

3 PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 Eligibility to Play – Outstanding Fees

Playing members shall be aware green fees at all venues must be paid for in advance and under club rules, side competitions require payment prior to or on the day as a condition of entry.

Following lifting of the Covid restrictions, the club has retained the on-line payment system and allowed a period of grace in making payments.

Playing members who have not paid green fees and side competition fees within 2 weeks after the playing date, shall be ineligible to be included in the draw, until all outstanding fees have been paid.

3.2 MiScore

MiScore has been adopted by the Club for scoring most events.

The setting up procedure is as follows:

- (a) Members not using MiScore at a private club, delete / uninstall any existing app and re-install from scratch,
- (b) Members having MiScore already up and running, then add Hamersley to your course list,
- (c) Create your profile,
- (d) Click add Club... Northside Social Golf Club,
- (e) At the end of the help screens it asks to score competition, social play or at the bottom - subscribe. Members need to subscribe as the club plays different courses. This will cost \$19.49 pa,
- (f) Pay the amount and club will reimburse members \$10,
- (g) Member logins:
 - Username: Last 5 digits of *GolfLink* numbers removing lead zeros. (ie 00018 becomes 18),
 - Password is NorthsideDDMM! where DDMM is for members birthday. Remember exclamation mark,
 - At first login it will prompt members to change their password,
- (h) Visit the link Northside.1golf.com.au to nominate for games. Refer to clause 2.5 Booking Management,

- (i) Click the bookings tab and the first 8 events will be listed as open. Click on an event and click on book me tab anywhere in the timesheet. Note this is not the booked time, but just a nomination to play; a random draw will be done on the Thursday before the game to allocate players into groups.
- (j) On game day select score competition to login (or add club if already using MiScore at another club). It will then ask prompt players to login.

Tips for using MiScore are as follows:

- (a) Carry a blank card as back up if a technical problem happens; players can then enter scores when returning to the clubhouse. This can also be used for side bets
- (b) Charge mobile phone prior to the round. Some players carry a portable power pack (eg Cygnett or Belkin) in their golf bag to recharge their phone if it goes flat.
- (c) Get the app up and running prior to the first tee. It is usually better to logon on the Friday to make sure it's working.

3.3 Scoring

Electronic or paper scorecards may be used for events and R&A rule 3 indicates all players are personally responsible for the following:

- (a) understanding and honestly applying the rules of golf including club rules and local rules,
- (b) ensuring that their card is submitted to the Captain or Vice Captain, or delegate, as soon as possible after their round and prior to the start of the meeting.

A player shall be penalised according to the rules of golf immediately after having submitted a score and any of the following are identified:

- (a) the score is not certified by both player and marker (rule 3.3.b subject to clause 6.16), both players sign to submit scores on MiScore and/or scorecard,
- (b) the number of strokes for any hole is lower than actual score (rule 3.3.b),

Note: For some courses and reasons unknown, MiScore may vary from Daily Handicap sheet provided by Handicapper. If this happens, MiScore shall prevail.

A score is deemed to be submitted when it is provided to the Captain or Vice Captain, or delegate, for them to action. Subject to the rules of golf, scorecards may not be retrieved or further actioned by the player or marker for any reason. Scores not submitted by the time the President opens the meeting will not be accepted.

If a player is unsure of his handicap or suspects it may have changed and has not been so informed and/or not had access to the handicap sheet, he may consult with the Captain and/or Handicapper and adjust accordingly prior to submitting his card (R&A rule 3.3.b).

If a player is disqualified, he is automatically deemed to have finished with the worst score for that week's event and forfeits his side bets. However, if the player attends the meeting, he is still eligible win the club bit markers, birdie and 2 ball competition.

Please note that it is the committee's responsibility for the addition of the strokes and application of the handicap. A player cannot be disqualified if any of these are incorrect.

Any disputes and/or complaints about the game are referred to the match committee for resolution prior to the next club game. All players involved in any disputes or problems are to be notified by the Captain as soon as possible after the event and the results of the match committee investigation also passed on to all concerned prior to announcing the results to the members at the next meeting.

3.4 Pace of Play

Slow play or failing to keep up with the group in front is a very frustrating part of golf and is not tolerated by clubs at any venue.

R&A rule 5.6 indicates:

- (a) players should recognise that their pace of play affects others and they should play promptly throughout the round (such as by preparing in advance for each stroke and moving promptly between strokes and in going to the next tee);
- (b) player should make a stroke in no more than 40 seconds (and usually in less time) after the player is able to play without interference or distraction, which includes preparation and practice swing; plus
- (c) players should tee off where next fairway is clear before marking the score card.

A **READY GOLF and SAFE ETIQUETTE** handout sheet is distributed to each player at the start of the season and players are expected to adhere to this to avoid penalty strokes or other sanctions.

If a group falls behind by at least a par 4 or a par 5 fairway, and are warned by the group behind, the group then have 3 fairways to make up the gap. If this is not achieved, the Captain is informed and each member of the offending group may be penalised 2 strokes.

3.5 Course Conduct

Members may wish to consume alcohol prior to, during and after their round in accordance with any relevant course rules. Such consumption should be in moderation in consideration of their playing partners, other club members, the host club and the image of NSGC in the eyes of the public. If alcohol consumption is deemed to be excessive by the Committee then the member may be disqualified from the day's event immediately and / or have their membership suspended for a period. Repeated (or serious one off) instances may result in cancellation of membership.

3.6 Covid

Mandatory full vaccination shall not be imposed by the club but leave the choice of being vaccinated or not vaccinated up to individual members.

To protect and safeguard members, should the State Government, Local Government and/or GolfWA determine mandatory rules are required to attend venues, then the club reserves the right to impose this as a condition for members and visitors to be permitted to participate in club events.

4 SIDE COMPETITION GUIDE

4.1 Birdie Competition

Before each weekly event, members may enter either the birdie competition in the appropriate grade for a fee as follows:

A grade	\$2.00
B grade	\$2.00
C grade	\$2.00

Two holes are drawn for the A and B grade competition and the winner(s) takes all. The C grade competition can only be won if the

hole (odd or even) coincides with the date of the month (odd or even). Refer to clause 2.10 Grades for handicaps at away venues.

If there is no winner for either competition, the money is carried over to the next playing date and so on. Members must pay for the number of the weeks the birdie pot has carried over if they have been absent.

If the birdie money in either competition reaches \$100 and is not won the week it reaches that figure, the Captain may opt to select a winner based on birdies scored on the hardest hole as per the course index or allow birdie pot money to carry over to the next playing date.

Visitors cannot enter this competition, as there is high probability of any birdie pot having been carried over for several weeks.

4.2 Bits Competition

At the start of each week's event, members toss for partners (unless a drawn partner's event) and play for bits if they wish.

If playing for bits, a general guide, is as follows:

Coin Toss	\$1.00	To decide partners and honour on 1 st hole.
Game, front & back 9	\$2.00 each	Played with partner on a hole-by-hole basis; best individual score wins each hole (if necessary, partners score may be needed to decide).
Split Sixes	\$2.00 each	Usually played in groups of 3 on a hole-by-hole basis; individual best score gets 4 pts, next best 2pts and 0 pts for worst score; or in case of a tie can be split 3/3/0, 4/1/1 or 2/2/2. This can be for overall game or game, front and back 9.

Skins	\$1.00 /hole	Usually played in groups of 3 on a hole-by-hole basis; individual best score wins 'the skin'. If 2 or more players tie for the best score the skin 'carries over' to the next hole, doubling its worth.
Birdies	\$1.00	
Ferret	\$1.00	Chip in or putt from off the green
Nearest pin 3s & 5s	\$1.00	
Pinny	\$1.00	Hit the pin from off the green but does not go in
Sandy	\$1.00	Putting out next shot after single shot out of bunker
Snake	\$1.00	Last person to have most putts (3 or more) on green (includes any stroke that may go off green after first putt) payable to each other group member

It is possible that more than one bit can occur on the same hole in which case the monetary value for each bit is combined. In the case of birdie, ferret, nearest the pin, then bits would amount to \$3.

All monies including side bets shall be settled before the start of the fines session.

4.3 Bit Markers

Bit markers are for holes pre-determined by the Captain and winners receive golf balls.

Bit markers can be placed as follows:

- (a) a player nearest the pin but still off the green on the fairway or collar of green, may write their name on the Bit Marker, if the marker hasn't been placed on the green already,

(b) should another player in a later group land anywhere on the green, their shot on the green prevails, For example, 3rd Hole 4th shot - a player is still off the green with 4th shot, puts their name on the marker; however the player in a later group lands anywhere on the green with their 4th shot, the shot on the green prevails.

Refer to clause 2.10 Grades for handicaps at away venues.

Visitors with a *GolfLink* handicap on payment of prescribed visitors fee are eligible to enter the Bits competition and Bit Marker competition for nominated bit holes.

Visitors without a *GolfLink* handicap, by agreement from other group members may enter Bits competition on a provisional handicap.

Visitors without a *GolfLink* handicap on payment of prescribed visitors fee are eligible to enter nearest pin on par 3 only.

4.4 Five Dollar In Competition

Before most weekly events, members may enter the \$5 in competition. The daily winners shall be determined on first, second, third, fourth and fifth; and prize money shall be determined by the Captain. Due to the nature of some events or through insufficient weekly trophy donors, the \$5 in may be a mandatory requirement for games.

Visitors with a *GolfLink* handicap can enter this competition.

4.5 Two Ball Competition

Before each weekly event, members may enter the 2-ball competition for \$2. Any member or visitor scoring a 2 on any hole wins 2 golf balls for each 2 scored.

Visitors on payment of prescribed visitors fee are eligible to enter Two ball competition.

4.6 Fines

A fines session resulting in \$1 fines for general misdemeanours and \$2 for more serious offences such as throwing clubs phone calls, etc. Fines are generally restricted to golf, the club and the day's event rather than personal or private issues. It is customary to allow each member to pay his own honesty fines first and only if something has been inadvertently "forgotten", then these can be corrected at the late fines session.

If fined, the person has a right of appeal (except away games) but if the appeal is lost the fine is doubled. If the appeal is successful, the person making the fine pays the fine.

4.7 Raffles

Club raffle of \$20 being awarded to the member whose name is drawn from those members playing in the day's event.

Beer raffle at a cost of \$5 for each member and each visitor. The number of weekly prizes awarded is at the discretion of the committee.

Money Wheel at a cost of \$2 for each member playing in the day's event. The member whose name is drawn then spins the wheel to determine the winning amount, with each number representing \$1. Entry is restricted to members and/or joining members only as a reasonable amount of money can be won and is a privilege of membership.

Visitors on payment of prescribed visitors fee are eligible to enter Beer Raffle but are ineligible to enter Club Raffle and Money Wheel.

4.8 Chase the Ace

Players enter weekly at the cost of \$4 and have bought a 'ticket' by virtue of the \$4 fee

The funds from 'ticket' fees are divided into three parts. Typically the club keeps 50%, the weekly winners take ≈30%, and the remaining ≈20% goes into the jackpot.

Weekly winners – 3 are selected and each wins \$10.

The weekly winners in order of selection, draw a card from a deck of playing cards and wins the accumulated jackpot if the ace of spades is drawn.

If not, the reduced deck is kept for the following week's game, and the jackpot rolls over to the next week with the following exception:

(a) If another ace (hearts, diamonds or clubs) is drawn, then that player receives \$20 from the accumulating jackpot.

The jackpot accumulates from week to week until it is won, and the game is then over, with a new game starting the following week.

5 GOLF COMPETITION GUIDE

5.1 Weekly Trophy

Members can play in weekly trophy events without completing any qualifying period.

Members may invite visitors to play with the Club on weekly trophy dates subject to:

- (a) giving prior notice to the Captain that they are bringing a visitor;
- (b) playing with their visitor at the rear of the field, unless otherwise required by the Captain; and
- (c) being responsible for the behaviour of the visitor and compliance with Club and course rules.

Weekly trophies should be presented on the day of the competition, by the designated trophy donor. The Runner-Up receives two balls and winner of each 9 receives one ball.

Visitors shall not be eligible to win weekly trophies other than those nominated as 'bit' holes (nearest pin on par 3, or 2 ball competition).

5.2 Perpetual Club Trophy

Members can play in perpetual club trophy events provided the member has played in any two of the four previous weeks, unless special circumstances exist to exempt players that may include:

- (a) the member is a FIFO worker and only able to play on an irregular basis; or
- (b) the member is rostered for work on more than two playing dates in that period; or
- (c) the member is returning from long term injury, or
- (d) any other reason deemed valid by the Committee.

Members may invite visitors to play with the Club on perpetual club trophy dates subject to:

- (a) giving prior notice to the Captain that they are bringing a visitor;
- (b) playing with their visitor at the rear of the field, unless otherwise required by the Captain; and

(c) being responsible for the behaviour of the visitor and compliance with Club and course rules.

Members are eligible for annual perpetual trophy categories run over the calendar year that are not set playing events without completing any qualifying period.

Perpetual club trophies should be presented on a date and at a function arranged by the Committee.

Visitors shall not be eligible to win perpetual club trophies other than those nominated as 'bit' holes (nearest pin on par 3, or 2 ball competition) on the day of competition.

5.3 Countback

Countback shall be the last 9 holes played unless both 1st and 10th tees are used in which case the countback shall be from the back 9 of the course (holes 10-18), then the last 6 holes, the last 3 holes then hole by hole from number 18 hole back.

5.4 Club Championships

Members are eligible to play in the club championships provided the member has played in ten events prior to the championships in the same calendar year.

Members are discouraged from inviting visitors to play on club championship dates.

Club Championship games are conducted over 4 rounds with winners, with ties not permitted.

Where play-off hole(s) to decide the winners is not feasible, then a countback on last round by players involved shall apply.

Club championship trophies should be presented on a date and at a function arranged by the committee; usually at the Annual Presentation Night.

Visitors shall not be eligible to win club championship trophies other than those nominated as 'bit' holes (nearest pin on par 3, or 2 ball competition).

Club Championship trophies are awarded to the following:

• Club Champion	Best Gross Overall
• Nett Champion	Best Nett Overall
• Putter Champion	Lowest aggregate putts on green
• Gross Winner	Best Gross – A, B and C grade
• Gross Runner Up	Runner Up Gross – A, B and C grade
• Nett Winner	Best Nett - A, B and C grade
• Nett Runner Up	Runner Up Nett - A, B and C grade

If there are less than 6 players in a grade who all complete the four rounds of the championship, then there shall only be Gross Winner and Nett Winner awarded for that grade.

For tied matches at the end of four rounds, the result shall be decided by countback on the same last round played by tied players.

5.5 Ambrose

All players hit from the tee and the best shot is selected for players to play from there. Other players pick up their ball and play their next shot from as indicated below, continuing until a ball is holed out.

- On fairways**, balls may be played within a club length of where selected ball has come to rest,
- In Rough**, the player whose ball is selected must play from where ball has come to rest; other players may drop ball within a club length of the selected ball to play their shot; (when dropping the ball, it must remain in the rough and not onto fairway),
- On green**, balls may be placed within 6 inches (150 mm) of selected ball. If the putt is missed, 'tap-ins' are not allowed, as it prevents other players from putting.

Handicap is $\frac{1}{8}$ of total team handicap for 4-person team. Equal Tee shots means using minimum 4 tee shots each player.

Handicap is $\frac{1}{6}$ of total team handicap for 3-person team. Equal Tee shots means using minimum 5 tee shots each player. (In absence of 4th team member for 4 ball event, 1 person may have an extra putt).

Handicap is $\frac{1}{4}$ of total team handicap for 2-person team. Equal Tee shots means using minimum 8 tee shots each player.

5.6 Bisque Par

The player decides on which holes to use his handicap strokes and does not have to elect to use a stroke on a given hole until *after* that hole is completed (but before teeing off on the next). The player may use as many strokes or none at all as he wishes on any given hole.

For example, on hole 2 the par 4 is a disaster and the player scores an 8 and has 18 handicap strokes to use, the player may elect to use 5 handicaps strokes to score a plus. A net birdie is marked with a plus (+), a net par is (0) and net bogey is (-). Record the actual score and number of handicap strokes used on that hole along with (+ - or 0) on the scorecard.

Once all available handicap strokes have been used then no further handicap applies; sometimes it is better to save handicap strokes for the more critical holes.

At the completion of the game the players add up all the pluses and minuses on the card and also the number of handicap strokes used which should equate to his daily handicap. Any handicap strokes not used should be deducted as minuses from the final score.

5.7 Five Club

The player decides which five clubs will be carried in the bag. Hamersley has a stipulation that one of the clubs must be a putter. Any additional clubs in the bag will lead to disqualification.

5.8 Irish Four Ball

Teams of four players, each plays his own ball throughout using the Stableford scoring system and each player's score is recorded for handicapping.

The scores of a predetermined number of team members per hole are combined for one team score.

For example, if the low two scores are being counted on a given hole, and those scores are 0 and 1, then the team score on that hole is 1.

The number of scores per hole to vary throughout the round in this fashion:

- (a) Par 3 Holes - Two low balls
- (b) Par 4 Holes - Three low balls
- (c) Par 5 Holes - All four scores

5.9 Matchplay

Matchplay dates – Round robin in March, April, May, Quarter finals in June, Semi-finals in July and Final in August.

Players will be divided into 4 handicap quartiles (low, low-medium, medium-high, high handicap) with 1 selected from each quartile to comprise the group of 4 players, with all players playing from same tee,

Maximum handicap stroke differential for round robin will be 17 strokes (ie 5 handicap v 22 handicap max),

Preferably 8 groups of the same 4 players, play round robin for 3 rounds (refer to contingency below if odd groups),

No round robin games can be deferred, so any player unable to play on the designated Matchplay date forfeits 2/1 to his opponent,

Winner of each round robin game is awarded 2 points, 1 point for draw and loser 0 points. No sudden death play-off in round robin,

At the end of round robin games:

- (a) The player with most points from each group goes into quarter final field of 8,
- (b) If players within a group are tied on points, the player with the highest aggregate advances to quarter final (eg Player A with wins 5/4, 4/3 and 1up (10 aggregate) and Player B wins 3/1, 4/3 and 2/1 (9 aggregate), Player A advances).
- (c) Handicap differential cannot be applied to finals.
- (d) Sudden death play-off applies only for finals. AGU states Matchplay Index must apply to squared matches going to sudden death play-off from Hole 1 with result being scored as 1 Up.
- (e) R&A rules allow for simultaneous Matchplay and Par/Stableford and should desirably only occur during finals. Individuals can opt whether they wish to play these as Matchplay only or play simultaneous games, only if both participants agree on the day.

Where the situation occurs there are likely to be less or more than 8 groups, a contingency has been developed to allow for 8 players only to contest quarter finals

- (f) 9 groups (highly unlikely) the two winners with lowest points/aggregate from round robin would go to sudden death play-off for the 8th spot,
- (g) 7 groups (more likely) the 2nd best points/aggregate from amongst the 7 groups would go through to complete the quarter final field of 8.

Hamersley Matchplay Index

Stroke	Applicable Hole Numbers													
1	6													
2	6	15												
3	3	6	15											
4	3	6	13	15										
5	3	6	7	13	15									
6	3	6	7	13	15	17								
7	2	3	6	7	13	15	17							
8	2	3	4	6	7	13	15	17						
9	2	3	4	6	7	11	13	15	17					
10	2	3	4	6	7	11	13	15	16	17				
11	2	3	4	6	7	9	11	13	15	16	17			
12	2	3	4	6	7	9	11	13	15	16	17	18		
13	1	2	3	4	6	7	9	11	13	15	16	17	18	
14	1	2	3	4	6	7	9	10	11	13	15	16	17	18
15	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	15	16	17
16	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	16
17	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
														18

5.10 Par Plus

Par Plus is a hybrid version of the traditional Par scoring format where double, triple and quadruple plus scores can be achieved on holes whilst the worst score that can be achieved on a hole is a minus. It is designed to offer the player a bonus for achieving good scores on holes.

For example, if a player scores 1 or more worse than nett par, is $-$; a Nett par is 0; 1 better than nett par is $+$; 2 better than nett par $++$; 3 better than nett par $+++$.

The handicapper will revert score to standard par score for handicapping.

5.11 Stableford – Combined

Teams of two players, each plays his own ball throughout using the Stableford scoring system and each player's score is recorded for handicapping.

The two scores are combined to make up the team score on each hole.

For example, if the 2 players score 3, 0, then the team score for that hole is 3 (3+0) or if the 2 players score 3, 4, then the team score for that hole is 7 (3+4).

5.12 Stableford – Multiple

Teams of two players, each plays his own ball throughout using the Stableford scoring system and each player's score is recorded for handicapping.

The two scores are multiplied to make up the team score on each hole.

For example, if the 2 players score 3, 0, then the team score for that hole is 0 (3x0) or if the 2 players score 3, 4, then the team score for that hole is 12 (3x4).

5.13 Swap Handicap

This is a variation on Stableford - Combined with players using their partner's handicap and each player's score is recorded for the game.

For example, player A normally has a handicap of 10 and player B has a handicap of 25, then for this game player A will use 25 handicap and player B will use 10 handicap.

The two scores are combined to make up the team score on each hole.

The handicapper will revert score to standard Stableford score for handicapping.

5.14 Whack and Hack

Teams of four players, each plays his own ball throughout using the Stableford scoring system and each player's score is recorded for handicapping.

Two scores are combined to make up the team score on each hole. The two scores that are used are the highest points and lowest points.

For example, if the 4 players score 3, 2, 2, 0 then the team score for that hole is 3 (3+0). However there is an exception. If 1 player scores a birdie or better on a hole then the team gets to use the birdie plus the best of the other scores on that hole.

5.15 Yellowball

Teams of four players, each plays his own ball using the Stableford scoring system and each player's score is recorded for handicapping. However, of the four golf balls the team members are playing, one of them is yellow. That yellow ball rotates among the team members, changing after each hole.

For example, on the first hole player A hits the yellow ball; on the second hole, player B plays the yellow ball, and so on, rotating throughout the round.

Example: On the third hole, Player A scores 3, B scores 2, C scores 1 and D scores 0. Player C has the yellow ball, so his 1 counts and player A has the best points among the other three, so his 3 counts, then the team score is 4 (1+3).

The 'yellowball' does not have to be yellow but must be marked in some way to designate it as "the" ball.

5.16 Perpetual Trophy List

Memorial Trophy	Stroke	One day event
Summer Cup	Stableford	One day event
Life Member Trophy	Stroke	Two day event
Captains Trophy	Stroke	One day event
Winter Cup	Stroke	One day event
Presidents Trophy	Stroke	Two day event
Pinjarra Cup	Stableford	Two day event (1 early; 1 late in year)
Matchplay	Matchplay	3 Round robin games and 3 finals rounds
Monthly Medal	Stroke	8 rounds (Feb to Oct) and final
Mercedes	Stableford	Players that have not won weekly/club trophy
Eclectic 1 st Half	Stroke score	Lowest score each hole Hamersley (Feb to Jun)
Eclectic 2 nd Half	Stroke score	Lowest score each hole Hamersley (Jul to Nov)
Aitchison Cup	Stableford	Best aggregate score; based on a particular number of away games in any one year
Most Consistent		Consistency points based on a sliding scale to include games played, scores, wins, runner-up etc.
Most Improved		Handicap improvement based on a sliding scale (ie lower handicapper does not need to reduce handicap strokes as much as high handicapper).
Over 60s		Consistency points based on a sliding scale to include games played, scores, wins, runner-up etc.
Paul Barnsley Award		Player voted as best social player by members.

Wooden Spoon	Most number of wooden spoons; includes team's competition.
Fork Up	Fork for the biggest blunder; not confined to on-course gaffes.
Dummy Spit	Biggest individual loss of control.
Stirrer's Pot	Individual that caused most agitation.
Club Championships	Refer to rule 5.4 above

6 LOCAL RULES

6.1 Local Rules

Local Rules described through this section are mostly applicable to Hamersley Golf Course but rules may vary between courses. Therefore when playing at courses other than Hamersley, players should play to Local Rules that are applicable at each course.

6.2 Accidental Movement of a Ball on Putting Green

R&A rule 13.1d applies when a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

6.3 Ball Lost or Out of Bounds

R&A rule 18 applies to all games at Hamersley, where all external fences, nursery fences between the 9th, 10th and 11th holes, driving range fences between the 7th, 8th and 9th holes are boundary fences.

Stroke and Distance

All members are encouraged to hit provisional balls whenever possible. It is quite within a player's right to go back to the original spot and hit another ball; however, in the interests to speed up play, Model Local Rule E-5 is the preferred option. The player can drop the ball anywhere within the "Relief Area" (which includes the fairway). When the ball is dropped and it rolls a long way from the drop point, a player does not need to re-drop it, as long as it still rests in the "Relief Area.

Once the stroke and distance rule has been used and the original ball is then found, then the original ball cannot be played,

If a “Provisional Ball” has been played, and you cannot find either it or the original, the Stroke and Distance” rule must be enforced on the provisional balls “Reference Point.”

6.4 Capping of Score

Capping of Score or “Maximum Score” is a new, additional form of stroke play:

- (a) A player’s score for each hole is capped at a maximum set by the Committee, which may be fixed (such as 6, 8, 10, etc.), related to par (such as two times par or triple bogey), or related to the player’s handicap (such as net double bogey).
- (b) A player who does not complete a hole (often referred to informally as “picking up”) will not be disqualified, but simply gets the maximum score for the hole.

Capping score, when utilised, has been set as double the par on holes but shall not be applied for the Club Championships or the Sandgroper Open.

6.5 Course Markers, Dustbins, Fairway Markers Relief

Relief shall only be allowed if these interfere with your swing or stance. Ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty (no line of sight) and dropped within 1 club length of original ball position. No relief is allowed from boundary fences.

6.6 Internal Fences, Toilet Block Relief

For Hamersley, relief from the internal safety fences on holes 1, 2, 3, 6 (including adjacent bund), 7, 12, toilet block and surrounding path shall only be allowed if these interfere with your swing or stance. Ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty (no line of sight) and dropped within 1 club length of original ball position. Added relief to obtain clear line of sight to green is not allowed.

6.7 Distance Measuring Devices

R&A rule 4.3 applies for all competition play conducted at any course, where a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other

conditions that might affect their play (eg elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach the rule.

A mobile phone app may be used but only to measure distance and NOT any other conditions.

6.8 Ground Under Repair (GUR)

R&A Rule 16 GUR Definition shall be applied for materials piled for removal even if not marked. Grass tree cuttings and material left on the course abandoned and not intended to be removed may be GUR even if not marked. The greenkeeper turf sods adjacent to grass tree bunker on 13th hole and greenkeeper area adjacent to the 18th hole are a typical example.

Ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty and dropped within 1 club length of the edge of designated area.

If a ball is lost in GUR and confirmed by one other member in the group, another ball may be dropped at nearest point of entry without penalty.

6.9 Off Fairways but not in Hazards

R&A rule 7 applies to reasonable actions to identify ball and R&A rules 15.1 and 15.2 apply to relief from loose impediments and movable obstructions without moving the ball from its original spot. No relief is allowed from sand, buggy tracks or improvement of lie.

Relief without penalty shall be allowed from vehicle tracks (immovable obstructions). Ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty and dropped within 1 club length of tracks or obstruction.

6.10 Preferred Lies

Preferred lies may be taken on fairways only in accordance with Local Rules at the course being played.

In the absence of any Local Rule, then a preferred lie may not be taken.

6.11 Putting Green

R&A rule 13.1c applies to improvements allowed on the putting green at Hamersley. At some courses, a Local Rule may be applicable due to local conditions.

6.12 Sand Bunkers

R&A rules 12.1, 12.2a, 12.2b, 15.1, 15.2, 16.1c, 16.2 and 19.3 apply to various aspects of a ball in the bunker.

6.13 Sprinkler Heads

For Hamersley, relief may be taken where sprinkler heads are within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball. Ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty and dropped within 1 club length.

6.14 Staked or Cultivated Tree

A cultivated tree has a section of ground around its base dug away.

For Hamersley, relief shall only be allowed if a staked tree or reticulation pipes in grass tree bunker interferes with your swing or stance and no relief from grass trees.

Ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty and dropped within 1 club length of the edge of foliage or pipe.

At some courses, a Local Rule may be applicable for the protection of young trees.

6.15 Unplayable Ball

R&A rule 19 applies to an unplayable ball. For Hamersley, to maintain pace of play the desirable options under penalty of 1 stroke are preferably (b) or (c):

- (a) Stroke and distance relief by playing the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made; or
- (b) Back-on-the-line relief taken by lifting the ball and going straight back on a line from the hole (not the tee area) through the original position and dropping the ball; or
- (c) Lateral relief where the ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole dropped within 2 club lengths.

6.16 Unsigned Scorecard

R&A rule 3.3b(2) applies to unsigned scorecard. Given most game score submissions are via the MiScore app, scorecards are only

used where MiScore cannot be used to score the event or a player loses MiScore access prior to or during the game.

The Committee is permitted to use its discretion as follows:

Modification of Penalty Under Rule 3.3b(2) for Missing Player or Marker Certification

- (a) [Rule 3.3b\(2\)](#) imposes a penalty of disqualification when the hole scores on the scorecard have not been certified by the player, the marker or both. But in situations where the Committee feels it is more appropriate to modify the penalty to two strokes, it may choose to do so.
- (b) **Model Local Rule L-1** "[Rule 3.3b\(2\)](#)" is modified in this way: If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets the **general penalty (two penalty strokes)**. The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round.
- (c) The Sandgroper Tournament does not use MiScore, with all players submitting scorecards for the event. The Sandgroper Committee shall decide prior to the event whether Model Local Rule L-1 is applied to the event.

6.17 Dangerous Situation Rule

USGA Decision 1-4/10 applies to any Dangerous Situation where snakes or bees or aggressive kangaroos interfere with play. It is unreasonable to expect the player to play from such a dangerous situation and unfair to require the player to incur a penalty under Rule 26 (Water Hazards) or Rule 28 (Ball Unplayable).

- (a) If the ball lay through the green, the player may, without penalty, drop a ball within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest spot not nearer the hole that is not dangerous and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.
- (b) If the ball lay in a hazard, the player may drop a ball, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest spot not nearer the hole that is not dangerous.

7 RULES OF GOLF

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