

The Members Club KENNEDY BAY

BY-LAWS

All Members of The Club (The Members Club Kennedy Bay) are required to observe the Rules of Golf, Etiquette and Amateur Status set down by The R & A and laid out in the Club's Bye-Laws. In doing so the enjoyment of the game shall be enhanced for all Members.

1 COURSE ACCESS

- 1.1 The Golf Operations Duty Employee has day-to-day control of booking sheets, starting tees and times and all other decisions pertaining to Member access to the golf course for both Competition and Social play. In respect of Member Competitions that person shall act as a representative of and report to The Members Committee.
- 1.2 Members are required to report to the Golf Shop prior to commencing any round of Competition or Social golf.
- 1.3 Play at all times shall commence from the first tee unless otherwise authorized.
- 1.4 Member Bag Tags are to be displayed on your golf bag at all times to assist staff in identifying you as a Club Member.

2 COMPETITIONS

- 2.1 Member Competitions as published in the Member Fixtures are under the control of The Members Committee, which has the right to amend or cancel the details of Member Competitions, and to regulate Member participation as required.
- 2.2 Members shall complete registration for any Competition play and pay the prescribed Competition Fee at the Golf Shop at least 10 minutes prior to their tee time. Failure to do so without sufficient cause may result in the forfeiture of the Member's tee time (reverting to a later tee time only if available) and/or possible disqualification.
- 2.3 Having registered for Competition play all Members must ensure that they are at the tee and ready to play at their designated starting time. Failure to do so without sufficient cause may result in disqualification (R & A Rule 6-3a)

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- 2.4 The player on the lowest handicap in a group participating in any competition shall be deemed the Captain of the Match. It becomes that persons' responsibility to ensure that the etiquette of golf and the Club Bye-Laws are observed. It is the responsibility of the other players in the group to co-operate with the Captain of the Match to achieve this.
- 2.5 Monthly Medals shall be played on the last Saturday of each month unless fixtured otherwise. Only Members of The Club are permitted to play in Monthly Medal Competitions.
- 2.6 Club Championships shall be played annually as fixtured. Only Members of The Club are permitted to play in Club Championship Competitions.
- 2.7 Other than for Monthly Medals and Club Championships, Ladies shall be permitted to play in the same competition as Men at the discretion of the Committee. In such cases Ladies will be permitted to play from the Ladies tees with appropriate handicap adjustment.
- 2.8 Any decisions pertaining to the Rules of Golf required during a Club Competition shall be made by the Club Captain or, in their absence by any other Members Committee member or, in their absence by the most tenured Golf Operations staff member present. Any disputed rulings shall be referred to the Members Committee for resolution.

3 COMPETITION BOOKINGS

- 3.1 Members are responsible for their own Competition Bookings, including any amendments or cancellations. Member Competition Bookings may be made in the Member Management System via the Touch Screen or by ringing the Golf Shop.
- 3.2 Any amendment or cancellation to a Member Competition Booking must be made by the Member in person or by phone call to the Golf Shop no later than 1 hour before the booked tee time. Failure to do so without sufficient cause may affect the Member's eligibility to play in future Competition(s).
- 3.3 Members are not permitted to amend or cancel another Member's Competition Booking.
- 3.4 Members are permitted to make Competition Bookings from 12.00pm on the day 15 days prior to the Competition date (e.g. for a Saturday Competition from 12.00pm on the Friday fortnight prior to the Competition)

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- 3.5 In the case of a Competition for which there is a drawn field, the Draw shall be made and posted no later than 4.00pm on the day 2 days prior to the Competition date.

4 SCORECARDS

- 4.1 All Members are responsible for submitting their properly completed Scorecard immediately following the completion of play. Members must enter their scores in the Member Management System via the Touch Screen and place their Scorecard in the Competed Scorecard Box.

5 LOCAL RULES

- 5.1 Local rules are as displayed on the back of Scorecard and/or the Member Notice Board. Temporary local rules will be posted on the Member Notice Board which Members should consult prior to their round.

6 HANDICAPS and DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Member Handicaps will be administered in accordance with Golf Australia's Australian Handicapping System. Handicap divisions shall be as follows:

A-Grade: 10 and under;

B-Grade: 11 to 19;

C-Grade: 20 to 27

- 6.2 Every effort shall be made to update Handicaps after each Competition. In the event a Handicap is not updated, the Member shall play off the handicap as indicated in the Member Management System.

7 DECIDING TIES

- 7.1 Ties in Competitions shall be decided by the Australian count-back method unless otherwise denoted prior to the commencement of a competition. Under the Australian count-back method:

For 18 hole events the best score for the last 9 holes shall be used, if there is still a tie the last 6 holes or if still ties the last 3 holes. If a tie still persists then hole by hole from the 18th.

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For 27, 36, 54, and 72 hole events the last 18 holes shall be used and if still tied count-back for 18 holes as above.

In handicap events the relevant handicap or fraction thereof shall be applied.

For 9 hole events the best score for the last 6 holes shall be used. If there is still a tie, the last 3 holes. If a tie still persists then hole by hole from the 9th.

8 CARE OF THE GOLF COURSE

- 8.1 BUNKERS - When playing from a bunker Members are required to carefully rake and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them. Sand is to be raked toward the centre of the bunker and the rake left in the centre of the bunker, head forward and handle parallel to the direction of play.
- 8.2 GREENS - All pitch marks and other damage is to be repaired prior to leaving the green.
- 8.3 REPAIR OF DIVOTS - Members are asked to chop in their divots in the fairway and apply sand if available.
- 8.4 MOTORISED GOLF CARTS All members who operate a motorized golf cart are to adhere to the following rules and regulations at all times:
 - 8.4.1 Maximum 2 people in a cart at any one time.
 - 8.4.2 All carts are to remain with all four wheels on the cart path in the vicinity of tees and greens.
 - 8.4.3 Apply the park break whenever leaving the cart.
 - 8.4.4 Carts are not to be driven beyond the immediate first cut of rough.
 - 8.4.5 No person is permitted to operate a cart without a valid drivers license.
 - 8.4.6 Take care to avoid bunkers and other hazards particularly when driving against the flow of play.

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9 PACE OF PLAY

- 9.1 In the interests of all, players have an obligation to play at a reasonable pace.
- 9.2 Members should make every effort to complete their round in a maximum of 4 1/2 hours (an average of 15 minutes per hole for a group of 4 players).
- 9.3 In Par or Stableford Competitions, Members must pick up their ball once their stroke allocation has been exceeded (i.e. they can no longer achieve a score on the hole). In such events Members should make every effort to complete their round in a maximum of 4 1/4 hours.
- 9.4 All players should make certain they keep up with the group in front of them. *“Your correct position on the golf course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you!” (The Starter, The Old Course, St Andrews)*
- 9.5 A group loses its position in the field when it falls one clear hole behind the group in front of it. It must make up ground immediately or allow the next match to play through. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, it should invite the faster moving group to play through.
- 9.6 Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for five minutes before doing so.
- 9.7 If there is a doubt about a ball being “out of bounds” or lost outside of a hazard it will speed up play if a “provisional ball” was played before proceeding.
- 9.8 The player who has the honor shall be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor as long as the group is retaining its place in the field. Otherwise players should play when ready in order to speed up the group’s pace.
- 9.9 In cases of slow play, Members shall first receive a warning. Further occurrences will result in appropriate penalties as prescribed in The Rules of Golf.

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10 ETIQUETTE

- 10.1 All members should respect their fellow players at all times. Do not move, talk, or stand near or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
- 10.2 Always wait for the group in front to be out of range prior to hitting except when they have called your group through.
- 10.3 Mobile phones should be switched to silent when on the course.
- 10.4 At the 9-hole-crossover, players continuing an 18 hole round have priority over any players commencing their round.

11 MEMBER BEHAVIOUR

- 11.1 Behavior or language that is likely to cause offence to other Members, Guests, Visitors or Employees not acceptable under any circumstance. In cases of inappropriate behavior the Member will be warned. Further disciplinary action may be taken as appropriate.

12 VISITORS AND GUESTS

- 12.1 Any inappropriate behavior by Visitors to the Club observed by a Member should be reported to the Golf Shop. Members are not permitted to intervene or approach the Visitors personally.
- 12.2 Children under 12 years of age are not permitted to accompany Members on the golf course during Competitions.
- 12.3 Members are permitted to bring Guests to the Golf Club and it is the responsibility of the Member to ensure the following conditions are met:
 - 12.3.1 All Guests' details must be reported to the Golf Shop.
 - 12.3.2 No person may be introduced as a Members' Guest more than 8 times during the Club's financial year.
 - 12.3.3 All guests must be appropriately dressed and abide by the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club.
 - 12.3.4 Any Guest playing in a Club Competition must pay the appropriate Green Fee and Competition Fee.

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13 DRESS

13.1 The minimum dress requirement for Members, Guests and Green Fee Players is:

13.1.1 Neat casual attire is required at all times. Appropriate golfing attire must always be worn on the golf course.

13.1.2 Collared shirt or recognized golf shirt are required for the golf course - *EXCLUDES for example t-shirts, singlets, football shirts.*

13.1.3 Tailored slacks or dress pants suitable for wearing with belt - *EXCLUDES for example tracksuit pants, cargo pants.*

13.1.4 Tailored shorts/skirts suitable for wearing with belt - *EXCLUDES for example board shorts, footy shorts, cut-offs.*

13.1.5 Appropriate sporting socks are to be worn with shorts/skirts - *EXCLUDES for example football socks.*

13.1.6 Denim clothing is not accepted on the golf course, however neat denim clothing is permitted in and the Clubhouse and surrounds.

13.1.7 Fully enclosed soft-soled/soft spiked shoes are compulsory on the golf course - *EXCLUDES for example dress shoes, work boots and any form of non-enclosed footwear. METAL SPIKES PROHIBITED.*

In the Clubhouse and surrounds dress shoes, fully enclosed casual footwear and recognized ladies footwear are also acceptable - *EXCLUDES for example thongs, sandals and scuffs.*

13.1.8 The wearing of hats or any other headwear is not permitted in the Clubhouse.