

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM: REVISION TO BY-LAWS

Issue

The Committee has changed the by-laws with the objective of making the Club more welcoming and the Club's sporting facilities more accessible to families and guests of members. At the same time, the by-laws have been brought up to date, and a recitals section has been introduced for context.

The headline changes are the:

- reduction of Green Fees to \$Nil except for unaccompanied guests over 18;
- expanded times of tennis court availability for members and their guests; and
- access to and use of the Centenary Room by accompanied guests when not required by the Club.

And as a reminder, the introducing member is always responsible for the supervision and good conduct of their guests.

Changes to by-laws are summarised below (for full by-laws see attachments):

Recitals

The Recitals section of the by-laws incorporates for context a number of relevant Club Rules (which have not changed) around memberships, guests and liquor licensing requirements. Particular attention is drawn to the following:

- Restricted Sporting Members are restricted to use the tennis & squash facilities on not more than 8 occasions p.a.
- Country Sporting Members are entitled to use all the facilities of the club subject to not using the tennis and squash facilities at the club on a regular basis nor participating in Club tennis and squash tournaments and competitions.
- A member may invite the same male guest on not more than 8 occasions p.a.
- A member may invite a female guest as frequently as the Committee determines from time to time, provided that the guest is the member's wife, fiancé or lady friend.
- The Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 requires all non-members to the Club to be 18 or over and children under 18 to be accompanied by a parent/guardian or in the control of a sporting coach while participating in a sporting activity. All non-members must be signed in by a Member or a designated delegate of the Club.



Green fees

- Green fees for Restricted Sporting Members \$Nil.
- Green fees for accompanied guests of members \$Nil.
- Green fees for unaccompanied guests under 18 yrs old \$Nil.
- Green fees for unaccompanied guests over 18 yrs old \$12.

Tennis

- Court availability:
 - Weekdays: <u>7am</u>–10pm (consistent with EPA requirements). For 7am starts members must use the front courts out of respect to neighbours.
 - Weekends and public holidays: 8am-10pm.
- Courts use is prioritised for organised club tournaments and organised casual tennis over other bookings by members.
- Use of the Verandah court is restricted for organised competitions and organised casual tennis, unless approved by the convenor.
- Full Sporting Members, Life Members & Junior Members must book courts using the booking system. For duration > 4 hours or more than 1 court, approval is required from the convenor.
- Restricted and Country Sporting Members must book through the convenor.
- When guests are accompanied by members:
 - Court availability is the <u>same as for members</u> with times, priorities and restrictions as detailed above. There is no longer a preference for guests to play on the back courts.
 - o Guests must comply with dress code.
 - Guests are permitted to enter the club premises for the purposes of changing/showering, use the Centenary Room when not required by the Club, and use the Members' Bar on Sundays or otherwise at the Committee's discretion.
- When guests are <u>unaccompanied</u> by members:
 - Bookings require approval from the Manager, maximum of 4 people.
 - Court availability is subject to the above but further restricted to 7am-4pm on weekdays (from 8am on public holidays) and not on weekends.
 - One guest must be 18 years of age or over & be the parent/guardian of any guest under 18 years of age.
 - o Guests must comply with dress code.
 - Guests are permitted to enter the club premises for the purposes of changing/ showering but not to use any other Club Facilities.
 - Introducing member responsible for payment of green fees.
- Subject to court availability detailed above, any member, by prior arrangement with Club management, may introduce a guest or group of family and friends to use the Rear Tennis Courts, Houston Pavilion, and BBQ facilities.



Squash

- When not in use for competition, the squash court may be booked by Full Sporting Members, Life Members and Junior Members. Players/teams can only have ONE active booking within the seven-day advance period during peak booking squash times of: Monday to Wednesday 4pm to 8pm; Thursday and Friday 3pm to 8pm; and Saturday 9am and 11am;
- Restricted and Country Sporting Members may book through the convenor within restricted hours Monday to Wednesday 7am to 4pm; Thursday and Friday 7am to 3pm; Saturday 7am to 9am and 11 am to 2pm; Sunday 7am to 6pm;
- When guests are <u>accompanied</u> by members:
 - Guests must comply with dress code.
 - Guests are permitted to enter the club premises for the purposes of changing/showering, use the Centenary Room when not required by the Club, and use the Members' Bar on Sundays or otherwise at the Committee's discretion.
- When guests are unaccompanied by members:
 - o Bookings require approval from the Manager, maximum of 4 people.
 - Bookings are restricted to Mondays to Wednesdays 7am-4pm and Thursdays to Fridays 7am-3pm.
 - One guest must be 18 years of age or over & be the parent/guardian of any guest under 18 years of age.
 - Guests must comply with dress code.
 - Guests are permitted to enter the club premises for the purposes of changing/ showering but not to use any other Club Facilities.
 - o Introducing member responsible for payment of green fees.

Bowls

- When guests are <u>accompanied</u> by members:
 - o Guests must be supervised by a member who is a bowler.
 - o Guests must comply with dress code.
 - Guests are permitted to enter the club premises for the purposes of changing/showering, use the Centenary Room when not required by the Club, and use the Members' Bar on Sundays or otherwise at the Committee's discretion.
- Unaccompanied guests are not permitted.

Billiard and Snooker

- Guests must be 18 years or over and must be accompanied by members.
- Guests are permitted to enter the club premises for the purposes of changing/showering, use the Centenary Room when not required by the Club, and use the Members' Bar on Sundays or otherwise at the Committee's discretion.
- Unaccompanied guests are not permitted.



Attached is a copy of the amended by-laws incorporating these changes.

24 November 2024.