

Constitution
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1. Introductory provisions

1.1. Interpretation

1.1.1. In this constitution:

- a. **act** means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*;
- b. **association** means Gold Coast District Golf Association Inc.;
- c. **bylaws** means the bylaws of the association;
- d. **by lot** means making a determination or choice by lottery. For example, this might include conducting a draw at random;
- e. **casual vacancy**, on the management committee, means a vacancy that happens when an elected member of the management committee resigns, dies or otherwise stops holding office;
- f. **constitution** means the rules of the association, as per the Act;
- g. **fee** means a payment of money due to the association by its members;
- h. **imprest system** means the management of funds in an account whereby a fixed balance is maintained by regular replenishments;
- i. **majority** means more than half of all members present and voting at a management committee meeting or a general meeting;
- j. **member** means a person or affiliated club, duly accepted as such by the management committee in accordance with the constitution, having paid any membership fees due to the association;
- k. **present** means:
 - i. at a management committee meeting, see rule 5.6.6; or
 - ii. at a general meeting, see rule 6.5.2.
- l. **properly constituted** means, for a golf club seeking membership of the association:
 - i. incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001*;
 - ii. incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*;
 - iii. for an unincorporated association, having and maintaining a constitution and rules in a format acceptable to the association;
 - iv. for any other entity, conducting its affairs, including its golfing operations, in a manner acceptable to the association.
- m. **signed** means agreed in writing;
- n. **special resolution** means a resolution that is passed at a general meeting (including the annual general meeting) by the votes of at least 75% of the club DELEGATES who are present and voting;
- o. **written / in writing** means, unless the contrary intention appears, all forms of visible words, including printed, hard copy or digital formats.

1.1.2. Words importing the singular include the plural where context requires or permits.

- 1.1.3. A word or expression that is not defined in this constitution, but is defined in the Act has, if the context permits, the meaning given by the Act.

1.2. Name

- 1.2.1. The name of the incorporated association is Gold Coast District Golf Association Inc.

2. Objects and powers

2.1. Objects

- 2.1.1. The objects of the association are to:
 - a. foster, encourage and promote golf for males and junior females throughout the association's district;
 - b. affiliate with Golf Queensland, Golf Australia and such other bodies as the association deems fit;
 - c. abide by the rules regulating the conduct of the sport of golf;
 - d. comply with course rating and handicapping systems as determined by Golf Australia;
 - e. form and register zones within the association as necessary;
 - f. control and regulate association championships, matches within the association and matches with other associations;
 - g. foster a healthy environment and encourage sportsmanship, good fellowship and a sense of community spirit;
 - h. do such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any or all of these objects.

2.2. Powers

- 2.2.1. The association has the powers of an individual.
- 2.2.2. The association may, for example:
 - a. enter into contracts; and
 - b. acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of property; and
 - c. make charges for services and facilities it supplies; and
 - d. do other things necessary or convenient to be done in carrying out its affairs.
- 2.2.3. The association may issue secured and unsecured notes, debentures and debenture stock for the association.

3. Membership

3.1. Classes of members

3.1.1. The membership of the association consists of the following classes:

- a. affiliated club:
 - i any properly constituted golf club, which is approved by Golf Queensland, allocated by Golf Queensland to belong to the association, which supports the objects of the association and abides by the association's bylaws and codes of conduct, is eligible to be an affiliated club;
 - ii each affiliated club is entitled to nominate up to four delegates to act as the representatives of the affiliated club;
 - iii nomination and revocation of club delegates must be in writing and signed by the relevant club official or executive of the affiliated club;
 - iv club delegates are entitled to vote at general meetings of the association.
- b. ordinary:
 - i ordinary members must be at least 18 years of age and support the objects of the association and abide by the association's bylaws and codes of conduct;
 - ii ordinary members include male members of affiliated clubs who have an Australian registered (golflink) handicap;
 - iii ordinary members are eligible to be nominated by their club as that club's delegate;
 - iv ordinary members are eligible for election to the management committee;
 - v ordinary members are not entitled to vote at general meetings of the association, unless they are also a club delegate.
- c. junior:
 - i junior members must be below 18 years of age and support the objects of the association and abide by the association's bylaws and codes of conduct;
 - ii junior members include male all junior members of affiliated clubs who have an Australian registered (golflink) handicap;
 - iii junior members are not eligible to be nominated by their club as that club's delegate;
 - iv junior members are not eligible for election to the management committee;

- v junior members are not entitled to vote at general meetings of the association.

3.1.2. The number of members in all classes of membership is unlimited.

3.2. New membership

3.2.1. An application for membership must be:

- a. in writing; and
- b. in the form decided by the management committee.

3.3. Membership fees

3.3.1. The fees for affiliated club membership of the association are:

- a. the amount decided by management committee; and
- b. payable when, and in the way, the management committee decides.

3.4. Admission and rejection of new affiliated clubs

3.4.1. Club delegates must consider an application for affiliated club membership at the next general meeting held after the association receives:

- a. the application for membership; and
- b. the appropriate membership fee for the application.

3.4.2. The management committee must ensure that, as soon as possible after the applicant applies to become a member of the association, and before the application is considered, the applicant is advised:

- a. whether or not the association has public liability insurance; and
- b. if the association has public liability insurance, the amount of the insurance.

3.4.3. Club delegates must decide at the meeting whether to accept or reject the application.

3.4.4. If a majority of the club delegates present and voting at the meeting vote to accept the applicant as a member, the applicant must be accepted as a member.

3.4.5. If the club delegates decide to reject an application, the secretary of the association must, as soon as practicable, give the applicant notice of the decision in a manner determined by the management committee and the association must refund any membership fee paid by the applicant.

3.4.6. An applicant has no right of appeal against rejection of an application for membership under this rule.

3.5. When membership ends

- 3.5.1. A member may resign from the association by giving a written notice of resignation to the secretary.
- 3.5.2. The resignation takes effect at:
 - a. the time the notice is received by the secretary; or
 - b. if a later time is stated in the notice, the later time.
- 3.5.3. The management committee may terminate or suspend a member's membership if the member:
 - a. in the case of an individual:
 - i is convicted of an indictable offence; or
 - ii does not comply with any of the provisions of this constitution; or
 - iii has membership fees in arrears for at least twelve months; or
 - iv conducts himself in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the association.
 - b. in the case of an affiliated club:
 - i does not comply with any of the provisions of this constitution; or
 - ii has membership fees in arrears for at least twelve months; or
 - iii conducts itself in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the association.
- 3.5.4. If the management committee decides to terminate or suspend a member's membership, the secretary must, within seven days of the decision, give the member written notice:
 - a. setting out the decision of the committee and the grounds on which it is based;
 - b. stating that the member may address the committee at a properly constituted management committee meeting to be held not earlier than seven days and not later than 28 days after the service of the notice;
 - c. stating the date, place, and time of that meeting;
 - d. informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following:
 - i attend and speak at that meeting;
 - ii submit to the committee at or before the date of that meeting written representations relating to the resolution.
- 3.5.5. Before the management committee terminates or suspends a member's membership, the management committee must:
 - a. give the member a full and fair opportunity to make verbal representations at a meeting as mentioned in rule 3.5.4.b;

- b. give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the committee by the member at or before the meeting mentioned in rule 3.5.4.b.
- 3.5.6. If, after considering all representations made by the member, the management committee decides by resolution to terminate or suspend the membership, the secretary of the management committee must, within seven days of the meeting mentioned in rule 3.5.4.b, give the member a written notice of the decision.
- 3.5.7. An affiliated club's membership of the association terminates automatically if the affiliated club ceases to be approved and registered with Golf Queensland.

3.6. Appeal against termination or suspension of membership

- 3.6.1. A member whose membership has been terminated or suspended, may give the secretary written notice of their intention to appeal against the decision.
- 3.6.2. A notice of intention to appeal must be given to the secretary within seven days after the member receives written notice of the decision.
- 3.6.3. If the secretary receives a notice of intention to appeal, the secretary must, within 14 days after receiving the notice, call a general meeting to decide the appeal.

3.7. General meeting to decide appeal

- 3.7.1. The general meeting to decide an appeal must be held within 28 days after the secretary receives the notice of intention to appeal.
- 3.7.2. At the meeting, the member must be given a full and fair opportunity to show why the membership should not be terminated or suspended.
- 3.7.3. Also, the management committee and the members of the management committee who terminated or suspended the membership must be given a full and fair opportunity to show why the membership should be terminated or suspended.
- 3.7.4. An appeal must be decided by a majority vote of the club delegates present and voting at the meeting.

3.8. Register of members

- 3.8.1. The management committee must maintain a current register of members of the association.
- 3.8.2. The register must include the following particulars for each member:
- a. the full name of the member;
 - b. the details and names of management committee members of affiliated clubs;
 - c. the postal or location address of the member;

- d. the date of death or time of resignation of the member;
- e. details about the termination or reinstatement of membership;
- f. any other particulars the management committee or the club delegates at a general meeting decide.

3.9. Prohibition on use of information on register of members

- 3.9.1. A member of the association must not:
 - a. use information obtained from the register of members of the association to contact, or send material to, another member of the association for the purpose of advertising for political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes; or
 - b. disclose information obtained from the register to someone else, knowing that the information is likely to be used to contact, or send material to, another member of the association for the purpose of advertising for political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes.
- 3.9.2. Rule 3.9.1 does not apply if the use or disclosure of the information is approved by the association.

4. Secretary

4.1. Appointment or election of secretary

- 4.1.1. The secretary must be an individual residing in Queensland, or in another state but not more than 65km from the Queensland border, who is:
 - a. a member of the association elected by the association as secretary; or
 - b. any of the following persons appointed by the management committee as secretary:
 - i a member of the association's management committee;
 - ii another member of the association;
 - iii another person.
- 4.1.2. If a vacancy happens in the office of secretary, the members of the management committee must ensure a secretary is appointed or elected for the association within one month after the vacancy happens.
- 4.1.3. If the management committee appoints a person mentioned in rule 4.1.1(b)(ii) as secretary, other than to fill a casual vacancy on the management committee, the person does not become a member of the management committee.
- 4.1.4. However, if the management committee appoints a person mentioned in rule 4.1.1(b)(ii) as secretary to fill a casual vacancy on the management committee, the person becomes a member of the management committee.

- 4.1.5. If the management committee appoints a person mentioned in rule 4.1.1(b)(iii) as secretary, the person does not become a member of the management committee.

4.2. Removal of secretary

- 4.2.1. The management committee of the association may at any time remove a person appointed by the management committee as the secretary.
- 4.2.2. If the management committee removes a secretary who is a person mentioned in rule 4.1.1(b)(i), the person remains a member of the management committee.
- 4.2.3. If the management committee removes a secretary who is a person mentioned in rule 4.1.1(b)(ii) and who has been appointed to a casual vacancy on the management committee under rule 4.1.4, the person remains a member of the management committee.

4.3. Functions of secretary

- 4.3.1. The secretary's functions include, but are not limited to:
 - a. calling meetings of the association, including preparing notices of a meeting and of the business to be conducted at the meeting in consultation with the president of the association; and
 - b. attending management committee meetings and general meetings of the association;
 - c. keeping minutes of each meeting; and
 - d. keeping copies of all correspondence and other documents relating to the association; and
 - e. maintaining the register of members of the association.

5. Management committee

5.1. Membership of management committee

- 5.1.1. The management committee of the association must have at least **three** members, of whom one holds the position of president, another of whom holds the position of treasurer and any other members that the club delegates elect at a general meeting.
- 5.1.2. A member of the management committee must be a member of the association.
- 5.1.3. At each annual general meeting of the association, the members of the management committee must retire from office, but are eligible, on nomination, for re-election except as provided in rule 5.1.4.
- 5.1.4. No member shall serve in the position of president for any longer than three consecutive years, except in the case that no other nomination for this position is received by the due date as in rule 5.2.1(c)(iii), whereby

the member shall have the option of serving only one additional year in the position.

- 5.1.5. A member of the association may be appointed to a casual vacancy on the management committee under rule 5.4.
- 5.1.6. A management committee member must exercise his powers and discharge his duties in good faith, in the best interests of the association for proper purpose and with a degree of care and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise in the circumstances.
- 5.1.7. No member may simultaneously serve as a member of the management committee and as a club delegate.

5.2. Electing the management committee

- 5.2.1. A member of the management committee may only be elected as follows:
 - a. the secretary calls for nominations for management committee positions at least 28 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to be held;
 - b. any club delegate, or affiliated club management committee member in their club delegate's absence, may nominate one or more ordinary members to serve as a member of the management committee;
 - c. nominations must be:
 - i in writing; and
 - ii signed by the candidate and club delegate, or affiliated club management committee member, who nominated him or her; and
 - iii given to the secretary at least 14 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to be held.
 - d. each club delegate present and entitled to vote at the annual general meeting may vote for one candidate for each vacant position on the management committee. Any equality in voting is resolved as follows:
 - i if there are two candidates and both candidates receive an equal number of votes, voting is determined by lot;
 - ii if there are three or more candidates and two or more candidates receive an equal highest number of votes, a second vote is conducted between only those candidates who received the equal highest number of votes. In the event that, following the second vote, two or more candidates receive an equal highest number of votes, voting is determined by lot.

- e. if there is only one candidate for a position, the candidate is declared elected if approved by a majority of club delegates present and voting. If the candidate is not approved, nominations for the position may be taken from the floor of the meeting;
 - f. if, at the start of the annual general meeting, there are no candidates nominated for any position, nominations for that position may be taken from the floor of the meeting.
- 5.2.2. A person may be a candidate only if the person is:
- a. 18 years of age or older; and
 - b. eligible to be elected as a member under section 61A of the Act.
- 5.2.3. A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the names of the affiliated clubs who nominated each candidate, must be open for inspection by members of the association for at least seven days immediately preceding the annual general meeting.
- 5.2.4. If required by the management committee, balloting lists must be prepared containing the names of the candidates in order determined by lot.
- 5.2.5. The management committee must ensure that, before a candidate is elected as a member of the management committee, the candidate is advised:
- a. whether or not the association has public liability insurance; and
 - b. if the association has public liability insurance, the amount of the insurance.

5.3. Resignation, removal or vacation of office of management committee member

- 5.3.1. A member of the management committee may resign from the management committee by giving written notice of resignation to the secretary.
- 5.3.2. The resignation takes effect at:
- a. the time the notice is received by the secretary; or
 - b. if a later time is stated in the notice, the later time.
- 5.3.3. A member of the management committee may be automatically removed from office if that member is absent from three consecutive management committee meetings without leave of the management committee.
- 5.3.4. A member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the association if a majority of the club delegates present and voting at the meeting vote in favour of removing the member.
- 5.3.5. Before a vote is taken about removing the member from office, the member must be given a full and fair opportunity to show cause why she should not be removed from office.

- 5.3.6. A member has no right of appeal against the member's removal from office under this rule.
- 5.3.7. A member immediately vacates the office of management committee member in the circumstances mentioned in section 64(2) of the Act.

5.4. Vacancies on management committee

- 5.4.1. If a casual vacancy happens on the management committee, the continuing members of the management committee may appoint another eligible member of the association to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting.
- 5.4.2. With the exception of the positions of president and treasurer, the continuing members of the management committee may act despite a casual vacancy on the management committee.
- 5.4.3. If the number of management committee members is less than the number fixed under rule 5.7.1 as a quorum of the management committee, the continuing members of the management committee may act only to:
 - a. increase the number of management committee members to the number required for a quorum; or
 - b. call a general meeting of the association.
- 5.4.4. If a casual vacancy happens in the position of president or treasurer, the continuing members of the management committee may act only to:
 - a. appoint another member of the association to fill the casual vacancy; or
 - b. call a general meeting of the association.

5.5. Functions of management committee

- 5.5.1. The management committee must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the association complies with its obligations under the Act and this constitution.
- 5.5.2. Subject to this constitution or a resolution of club delegates carried at a general meeting, the management committee has the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the association.
- 5.5.3. The management committee has authority to interpret the meaning of this constitution and any matter relating to the association on which this constitution is silent, but any interpretation must have regard to the Act, including any regulation made under the Act.

Note: *The Act prevails if the association's constitution is inconsistent with the Act; see section 1B of the Act.*

- 5.5.4. The management committee may exercise the powers of the association to:
- a. borrow, raise or secure the payment of amounts in a way the management committee decides; and
 - b. secure the amounts mentioned in rule 5.5.4(a) or the payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee, or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the association in any way, including by the issue of debentures (perpetual or otherwise) charged upon the whole or part of the association's property, both present and future; and
 - c. purchase, redeem or pay off any securities issued; and
 - d. borrow amounts from members and pay interest on the amounts borrowed; and
 - e. mortgage or charge the whole or part of its property; and
 - f. issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the association; and
 - g. provide and pay off any securities issued; and
 - h. invest in a way the club delegates of the association may decide;
 - i. report to club delegates on management and financial matters.
- 5.5.5. For rule 5.5.4(d), the rate of interest must not be more than the current rate being charged for overdrawn accounts on money lent (regardless of the term of the loan) by:
- a. the financial institution of the association; or
 - b. if there is more than one financial institution of the association, the financial institution nominated by the management committee.

5.6. Meetings of management committee

- 5.6.1. Subject to this rule, the management committee may meet and conduct its proceedings, as it considers appropriate.
- 5.6.2. The management committee must meet at least once every four months to exercise its functions.
- 5.6.3. The management committee must decide how a meeting is to be called.
- 5.6.4. Notice of a meeting is to be given in the way decided by the management committee.
- 5.6.5. The management committee may hold meetings, or permit a management committee member to take part in its meetings, by using any technology that reasonably allows the member to hear and take part in discussions as they happen.
- 5.6.6. A management committee member who participates in the meeting as mentioned in rule 5.6.5 is taken to be present at the meeting.

- 5.6.7. A question arising at a management committee meeting is to be decided by a majority vote of members of the management committee present and voting at the meeting and, if the votes are equal, the question is decided so as to maintain the status quo.
- 5.6.8. If a management committee member has a material personal interest in a matter that relates to the affairs of the association:
 - a. the management committee member must declare the interest;
 - b. the management committee member must not vote on matters that relate to the interest and, if the member does vote, the member's vote must not be counted;
 - c. the association cannot avoid the transaction merely because of the existence of the interest.
- 5.6.9. The president is to preside as chairperson at a management committee meeting.
- 5.6.10. If there is no president or if the president is not present within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a management committee meeting, the members may choose one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

5.7. Quorum for, and adjournment of, management committee meeting

- 5.7.1. At a management committee meeting, more than 50% of the members elected to the management committee as at the close of the last general meeting of the association form a quorum.
- 5.7.2. If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a management committee meeting called on the request of members of the management committee, the meeting lapses.
- 5.7.3. If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a management committee meeting called other than on the request of the members of the management committee:
 - a. the meeting is to be adjourned for at least one day; and
 - b. the members of the management committee who are present are to decide the day, time and place of the adjourned meeting.
- 5.7.4. If, at an adjourned meeting mentioned in rule 5.7.3, there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting, the meeting lapses.

5.8. Special meeting of management committee

- 5.8.1. If the secretary receives a written request signed by at least 33% of the members of the management committee, the secretary must call a special meeting of the management committee by giving each member of the management committee notice of the meeting within 14 days after the secretary receives the request.

5.8.2. If the secretary is unable or unwilling to call the special meeting, the president must call the meeting.

5.8.3. A request for a special meeting must state:

- a. why the special meeting is called; and
- b. the business to be conducted at the meeting.

5.8.4. A notice of a special meeting must state:

- a. the day, time and place of the meeting; and
- b. the business to be conducted at the meeting.

5.8.5. Only the business listed on the notice of a special meeting of the management committee may be conducted at a special meeting of the management committee.

5.8.6. A special meeting of the management committee must be held within 14 days after notice of the meeting is given to the members of the management committee.

5.9. Minutes of management committee meetings

5.9.1. The secretary must ensure full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of each management committee meeting are entered in a minute book.

5.9.2. To ensure the accuracy of the minutes, the minutes of each management committee meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next management committee meeting, verifying their accuracy.

5.10. Delegation

5.10.1. The management committee may delegate all or any of its powers and authorities, duties and functions to any person or to any subcommittee except:

- a. the power to delegate; and
- b. a function that is a duty imposed on the management committee by the Act or by any other law.

5.10.2. Despite any delegation under this rule, the management committee may continue to exercise all its functions, including any function that has been delegated to a subcommittee and remains accountable for the exercise of those functions at all times.

5.11. Appointment of subcommittees

5.11.1. The management committee may appoint one or more subcommittees consisting of members of the association considered appropriate by the management committee to help with the conduct of the association's operations.

- 5.11.2. Subcommittees shall have such membership, powers and duties as the management committee shall confer on them, or which the management committee shall delegate to them.
- 5.11.3. Any act or thing done or suffered by a subcommittee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this constitution has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the management committee.
- 5.11.4. A subcommittee may meet and adjourn as it considers appropriate, or as requested by the management committee.
- 5.11.5. A member of the subcommittee who is not a member of the management committee is not entitled to vote at a management committee meeting.
- 5.11.6. A subcommittee may elect a chairperson of its meetings.
- 5.11.7. If a chairperson is not elected, or if the chairperson is not present within 10 minutes after the time fixed for a meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
- 5.11.8. A question arising at a subcommittee meeting is to be decided by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the meeting and, if the votes are equal, the question is decided so as to maintain the status quo.

5.12. Acts not affected by defects or disqualifications

- 5.12.1. An act performed by the management committee, a subcommittee or a person acting as a member of the management committee is taken to have been validly performed.
- 5.12.2. Rule 5.12.1 applies even if the act was performed when:
 - a. there was a defect in the appointment of a member of the management committee, subcommittee or person acting as a member of the management committee; or
 - b. a management committee member, subcommittee member or person acting as a member of the management committee was disqualified from being a member.

5.13. Resolutions of management committee without meeting

- 5.13.1. A written resolution agreed in writing by all members of the management committee is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a management committee meeting that was properly called and held.
- 5.13.2. A resolution mentioned in rule 5.13.1 may consist of several documents in like form, each agreed in writing by one or more members of the management committee.

6. Meetings of members

6.1. Annual general meetings

- 6.1.1. The association's annual general meeting must be held:
 - a. at least once each year; and
 - b. within 6 months after the end date of the association's reportable financial year.

6.2. Business to be conducted at annual general meeting

- 6.2.1. The following business must be conducted at each annual general meeting of the association:
 - a. receiving the association's financial statement, and audit or verification report, for the last reportable financial year;
 - b. presenting the financial statement and audit or verification report to the meeting for adoption;
 - c. electing members of the management committee;
 - d. appointing an auditor, an accountant or an approved person for the present financial year.

6.3. Notice of general meeting

- 6.3.1. The secretary may call a general meeting of the association.
- 6.3.2. The secretary must give at least 14 day's notice of the meeting to each member of the association.
- 6.3.3. If the secretary is unable or unwilling to call the meeting, the president must call the meeting.
- 6.3.4. The management committee may decide the way in which the notice must be given.
- 6.3.5. However, notice of a meeting called to hear and decide an appeal against the management committee's decision to terminate or suspend a member's membership of the association must be given in writing.
- 6.3.6. A notice of a general meeting must state the business to be conducted at the meeting.

6.4. Quorum for, and adjournment of, general meeting

- 6.4.1. At a general meeting, a number of club delegates equal to more than 50% of the number of affiliated clubs as at the close of the last management committee meeting form a quorum.
- 6.4.2. No business may be conducted at a general meeting unless there is a quorum of club delegates when the meeting proceeds to business.

- 6.4.3. If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a general meeting called on the request of members of the management committee or the association, the meeting lapses.
- 6.4.4. If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a general meeting called other than on the request of members of the management committee or the association:
 - a. the meeting is to be adjourned for at least seven days; and
 - b. the management committee is to decide the day, time and place of the adjourned meeting.
- 6.4.5. The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which there is a quorum, and must if directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place.
- 6.4.6. If a meeting is adjourned under rule 6.4.5 only the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place may be conducted at the adjourned meeting.
- 6.4.7. The secretary is not required to give the members notice of an adjournment or of the business to be conducted at an adjourned meeting unless a meeting is adjourned for at least 30 days.
- 6.4.8. If a meeting is adjourned for at least 30 days, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given in the same way notice is given for an original meeting.

6.5. Procedure at general meeting

- 6.5.1. A club delegate may take part and vote in a general meeting in person, by proxy or by attorney.
- 6.5.2. A club delegate who participates in a meeting as mentioned in rule 6.5.1 is taken to be present at the meeting.
- 6.5.3. At each general meeting:
 - a. the president is to preside as chairperson; and
 - b. if there is no president or if the president is not present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting or is unwilling to act, the club delegates present may choose another management committee member to be chairperson of the meeting; and
 - c. if there is no management committee member present the club delegates may choose one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting; and
 - d. the chairperson must conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly way.

6.6. Voting at general meeting

- 6.6.1. At a general meeting, each question, matter or resolution, other than a special resolution, must be decided by a majority vote of the club delegates present and voting.
- 6.6.2. The chairperson of a general meeting has no primary vote.
- 6.6.3. A question arising at a general meeting is to be decided by a majority vote of club delegates present and voting at the meeting and if the votes are equal the chairperson has a casting vote only.
- 6.6.4. A club delegate is not entitled to vote at a general meeting if the affiliated club which he represents has fees more than 30 days in arrears at the date of the meeting.
- 6.6.5. The method of voting is to be decided by the management committee.
- 6.6.6. However, if at least 20% of the club delegates present demand a secret ballot, voting must be by secret ballot.
- 6.6.7. If a secret ballot is held, the chairperson must appoint two members to conduct the secret ballot in the way the chairperson decides.
- 6.6.8. The result of a secret ballot as declared by the chairperson is taken to be a resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was held.

6.7. Special general meeting

- 6.7.1. The secretary must call a special general meeting by giving each member of the association notice of the meeting within 14 days after:
 - a. being directed to call the meeting by the management committee; or
 - b. being given a written request signed by:
 - i at least 33% of the number of members of the management committee when the request is signed; or
 - ii the president or secretary of at least 33% of the number of affiliated clubs when the request is signed; or
 - c. being given a written notice of an intention to appeal against the decision of the management committee:
 - i to reject an application for membership; or
 - ii to terminate or suspend a member's membership.
- 6.7.2. A request mentioned in rule 6.7.1(b) must state:
 - a. why the special general meeting is being called; and
 - b. the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- 6.7.3. A special general meeting must be held within 28 days after the secretary:
 - a. is directed to call the meeting by the management committee; or
 - b. is given the written request mentioned in rule 6.7.1(b); or

c. is given the written notice of an intention to appeal mentioned in rule 6.7.1(c).

6.7.4. If the secretary is unable or unwilling to call the special meeting, the president must call the meeting.

6.8. Proxies

6.8.1. An instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing and be in the following or similar form:

Gold Coast District Golf Association Inc.:

I, _____ of, _____ being
a member of the association, appoint _____ of _____
as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual) general meeting
of the association, to be held on the ____ day of _____ 20____
and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 20_____

Signature _____

6.8.2. The instrument appointing a proxy must be signed by the appointor or the appointor's attorney properly authorised in writing.

6.8.3. A proxy must be an ordinary member of the association.

6.8.4. The instrument appointing a proxy is taken to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot.

6.8.5. Each instrument appointing a proxy must be given to the secretary before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.

6.8.6. Unless otherwise instructed by the appointor, the proxy may vote as the proxy considers appropriate.

- 6.8.7. If a member wants a proxy to vote for or against a resolution, the instrument appointing the proxy must be in the following or similar form:

Gold Coast District Golf Association Inc.:

I, _____ of, _____ being
a member of the association, appoint _____ of _____
as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual) general meeting
of the association, to be held on the ____ day of _____ 20 ____
and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Signature _____

This form is to be used *in favour of/*against [*strike out whichever is not wanted*] the following resolutions:

[*List relevant resolutions*]

6.9. Minutes of general meetings

- 6.9.1. The secretary must ensure full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of each general meeting are entered in a minute folder and stored electronically.
- 6.9.2. To ensure the accuracy of the minutes:
- a. the minutes of each general meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next general meeting, verifying their accuracy; and
 - b. the minutes of each annual general meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next meeting of the association that is a general meeting or annual general meeting, verifying their accuracy.
- 6.9.3. If asked by a member of the association, the secretary must, within 28 days after the request is made:
- a. make the minutes for a particular general meeting available for inspection by the member at a mutually agreed time and place; and
 - b. give the member copies of the minutes of the meeting.
- 6.9.4. The association may require the member to pay the reasonable costs of providing copies of the minutes.

7. Constitution and bylaws

7.1. Bylaws

- 7.1.1. The management committee may make, amend or repeal bylaws, consistent with this constitution, for the internal management of the association.
- 7.1.2. A bylaw may be set aside by a vote of club delegates at a general meeting of the association.

7.2. Alteration of constitution

- 7.2.1. Subject to the Act, this constitution may be amended, repealed or added to by a special resolution carried at a general meeting.
- 7.2.2. However, an amendment, repeal or addition is valid only if it is registered by the chief executive of the Queensland Government Office of Fair Trading.

7.3. Common seal

- 7.3.1. The management committee must ensure the association has a common seal.
- 7.3.2. The common seal must be:
 - a. kept securely by the management committee; and
- 7.3.3. used only under the authority of the management committee.
- 7.3.4. Each instrument to which the seal is attached must be signed by a member of the management committee and countersigned by:
 - a. the secretary; or
 - b. another member of the management committee; or
 - c. someone authorised by the management committee.

8. Finance

8.1. Funds and accounts

- 8.1.1. The funds of the association must be kept in an account in the name of the association in a financial institution decided by the management committee.
- 8.1.2. Records and accounts must be kept in the English language showing full and accurate particulars of the financial affairs of the association.
- 8.1.3. All amounts must be deposited in the financial institution account as soon as possible after receipt.
- 8.1.4. A payment by the association of \$100 or more must be made by cheque or electronic funds transfer.
- 8.1.5. Any cheque or electronic funds transfer must be signed or approved by any two of the following:
 - a. the president;
 - b. the secretary;
 - c. the treasurer;
 - d. any other member of the association who has been authorised by the management committee to sign cheques issued or approve electronic funds transfers by the association.
- 8.1.6. However, one of the persons who signs the cheque or approves the electronic funds transfer must be the president, the secretary or the treasurer.

- 8.1.7. Cheques, other than cheques for wages, allowances or petty cash recoupment, must be crossed not negotiable.
- 8.1.8. A petty cash account may be kept on the imprest system, and the management committee must decide the amount of petty cash to be kept in any such account.
- 8.1.9. All expenditure must be approved or ratified at a management committee meeting.
- 8.1.10. The association precludes the payment to an officer or employee of the association of an amount by way of commission or allowance calculated by reference to the quantity of liquor sold or supplied by the association or the receipts of the association for such liquor.

8.2. General financial matters

- 8.2.1. On behalf of the management committee, the treasurer must, as soon as possible after the end date of each financial year, ensure a financial statement for its last reportable financial year is prepared.
- 8.2.2. The income and property of the association must be used solely in promoting the association's objects and exercising the association's powers and no portion shall be paid or distributed directly or indirectly to members or their associates except as bona fide remuneration of a member for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the association.

8.3. Documents

- 8.3.1. The management committee must ensure the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the association.

8.4. Financial year

- 8.4.1. The end date of the association's financial year is 31 December in each year.

8.5. Distribution of surplus assets to another entity

- 8.5.1. This rule applies if the association:
 - a. is wound-up under part 10 of the Act; and
 - b. has surplus assets.
- 8.5.2. The surplus assets must not be distributed among the members of the association.
- 8.5.3. The surplus assets must be given to another entity:
 - a. having objects similar to the association's objects; and
 - b. the rules of which prohibit the distribution of the entity's income and assets to its members.
- 8.5.4. In this rule: **surplus assets** see section 92(3) of the Act.

