



## **Western Australian Italian Golf Club (W.A.I.G.C) Rules & Regulations of Members**

### **INTRODUCTION**

**W.A.I.G.C is bound by the constitution of the W.A.I.C inc and Golf WA, the by-laws of the Golf WA regulations and conditions of Golf WA. For further reference [www.golf.org.au/rulesofgolf](http://www.golf.org.au/rulesofgolf)**

**W.A.I.G.C abides by the rules of golf and the rules of amateur status as laid down from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.**

It is the responsibility of each member to check their handicap and make any necessary change prior to commencing play.

Cards handed in, incorrectly completed e.g. wrong score or handicap, not signed by player and marker will be disqualified.

To maintain an official handicap a minimum of 5 cards per year played in a recognised competition must be submitted.

Any dispute at any tournament is to be brought to the attention of the Club Captain on the day, whose decision shall be final and no further correspondence shall be entered into.

Green fees for tournament sponsor, will be complimentary from W.A.I.G.C.

A sponsor is entitled to win their own trophy.

New members without a handicap will need to hand in 3 cards, signed and witnessed in order to obtain an official handicap.

Handicaps

"A" Grade 0 - 14

"B" Grade 15 - 22

"C" Grade 23 - 36

A junior member is classified to be a junior, up to the age of 21 years.

All sponsors may display a banner on the day, upon obtaining approval from the golf club management.

Members playing as guests, and members own groupings, will be allowed only on designated tournaments.



## **RULES OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA ITALIAN GOLF CLUB (WAIGC)**

These rules are to be read in conjunction with the constitution of the WA ITALIAN CLUB Incorporated Interpretation

- (1) In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears:
  - (a) "Committee" means the Committee of Management of the Association.
  - (b) "Financial year" means the year ending 30th June.
  - (c) "General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with Rule 6.
  - (d) "Member" means a member of the Association.
  - (e) "Ordinary Member of the Committee" means a member of the Committee who is not an officer of the Association under Rule 10.
  - (f) "The Act" means The Associations Incorporation Act 1985.
  - (g) "The Regulations" means regulations under the Act.
- (2) In these rules, a reference to the secretary of an Association is a reference: -
  - (a) Where a person holds office under the Rules as secretary of the Association – to that person; and
  - (b) In any other case, to the public officer of the Association.

### **OBJECT**

The aim of promoting good will and enjoyment amongst all members not only those of Italian origins but of all nationalities, and see the members improve their golf and knowledge of the game.

### **ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

- (1) The entrance fee is \$150.00 plus Golf WA and Golf link affiliation costs or such other sum as shall be fixed by the committee from time to time.
- (2) The annual subscription is \$150.00 plus Golf WA and Golf link affiliation costs or such other sum as shall be fixed by the committee from time to time and is payable in advance on or before the 1st day of October in each year.

### **REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The secretary shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by members at the Office of the WA Italian Club Inc.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- (1) The association shall in accordance with the provisions of the Act convene an annual general meeting of its members which shall be held on or before the 30th day of September, in each year.
- (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such day as the committee determines.
- (3) The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- (4) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be: -
  - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting and to deal with a business arising from the Minutes;
  - (b) to receive from the committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year;



- (c) to elect officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee; and
- (d) to receive and if thought fit adopt the outgoing Committee's report and balance sheet and income and expenditure accounts from the preceding year.
- (e) notices of motion of which notice has been given in accordance with these rules.
- (f) general business.
- (g) the annual general meeting is in addition any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

- (1) The secretary of the Association shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, cause to be sent to each Member of the Association at their address or by email. The notice is to state the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business transacted at the meeting.
- (2) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting.
- (3) A member desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of that business in writing to the secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting after the receipt of the notice.

### **PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS**

- (1) 10% of members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the general meeting.
- (2) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting , a quorum is not present , the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall stand and adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and ( unless another place is specified by the Chairman at the same time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned ) at the same place and if at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour at the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting , the members present ( being not less than 3) shall be a quorum.

### **COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

- (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee of Management
- (2) The Committee: -
  - (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association; and
  - (b) may, subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association.
  - (c) subject to these rules, the regulation and the Act has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.
- (3) The Officers of the Association shall be : -
  - a President ;
  - a Vice President;
  - a Secretary / Treasurer;
  - a Captain;
  - a Vice Captain
- (4) Each officer of the association shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of their election but is eligible for re-election.
- (5) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-clause (1) , the committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the members appointed may



continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following date of their appointment.

- (6) Subject to the Act, the Committee shall consist of: -
- (a) the officers of the Association; and
  - (b) a minimum 2 ordinary members (and no more than 6) – each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association in each year.
- (7) Each ordinary member of the Committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of their election but is eligible for re – election.
- (8) At each annual general meeting, 5 members of the committee who shall have been in office for the period of 2 years shall retire, but subject thereto, shall be eligible for re-election if they so choose to nominate (for the first year, the 6 non office bearing committee members shall retire).
- (9) In the event of a causal vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of their appointment.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY**

- (1) Nominations of the candidates for election as officers of the association or as ordinary members of the Committee:-
- (a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
  - (b) shall be delivered to the secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidate nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.
- (6) A nomination of a candidate for election under the clause is not valid if that candidate has been nominated for another office for election at the same time.

For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or of any of an ordinary member of the committee becomes vacant if the officer or member: -

- (a) ceases to be a member of the Association ;
- (b) becomes ineligible to hold office pursuant to the provisions of the Act ; or
- (c) resigns their office by notice in writing given to the secretary

### **PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE**

- (1) The committee shall meet at least 3 times in each year at such a place and at such times as the committee may determine.
- (2) Special meeting of the committee may be convened by the President or by any 6 of the members of the Committee.
- (3) Any 6 members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.
- (4) No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to



the same place and at the same hour of say day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting in which case it lapses.

### **SECRETARY / TREASURER**

- (1) The secretary/ treasurer of the Association shall keep minutes at the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each committee meeting in books provided got that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings.
- (2) The secretary/ treasurer of the Association: -
  - (a) shall collect and receive all moneys due to the Association and make all payments authorized by the Association; and
  - (b) shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the association with full details of all receipts and expenditures connected with the activities of the Association.
  - (c) The accounts and books referred to in sub-clause (b) shall be available for inspection by all members.



## ETIQUETTE OF THE GAME OF GOLF

Members are asked to pay particular attention to the following paragraphs - observance of them will add to the pleasure on the course for all concerned.

- (1) No one should move, talk or stand close to, or directly behind the ball or the hole, when a player is addressing the ball or playing a stroke.
- (2) The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees his ball.
- (3) No player shall play until the players in front are out of range.
- (4) In the interest of all, players should play without delay.
- (5) A player who has incurred a penalty should notify the fact to their opponent or marker as soon as possible.
- (6) Players searching for a ball are allowed five (5) minutes to locate ball, then the player must play the ball under penalty of one stroke as near as possible at the spot where the ball was last played (Rule 27-1c Rules of Golf ).
- (7) Before leaving the bunker, holes and foot marks made by the player must be smoothed and the rake returned to position found.
- (8) Restore divots, repair ball marks and damage of spikes on the green, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced is replaced at once and pressed down on any fairways.
- (9) In order to keep the game moving at an enjoyable tempo for all, it is imperatives that at the completion of playing the hole, the player who has the honour at the next tee must immediately walk to that tee, leaving the replacing of the flagstick to one of the other members of the four, and the marking of his score until after the shot is played. By far the greatest amount of time lost on a round of golf is between the green and the tee.
- (10) It is the duty and responsibility of the lowest handicapped player in the group to see their fellow competitors replace all divots, smooth out all footmarks in bunkers and observes the etiquette and rules of the game.



## **SLOW PLAY**

Pace of play is a contentious issue amongst club members and whilst the lowest handicapper is considered the Captain of the group, it is everyone's duty to maintain pace of play. Below are a few helpful tips about maintaining pace of play and could assist you in completing your round within the stipulated timeframe:

### **Ready Golf**

- Be ready on the first tee and proceed to hit off as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Proceed to your ball and be ready to play when it is clear to do so.
- Do not be afraid to play out of turn if it is safe to do so.
- Leave bags/buggies at exit points from greens.
- Line up and prepare to putt while others are putting.
- If three of you are on the green waiting for one of your group to rake a bunker, start putting.
- Putt out wherever possible.
- Walk quickly to your ball but don't rush your shot – two poor shots take longer than one good shot.
- Pick up when you run out of strokes in Par and Stableford events and if you cannot better your partners score in 4BBB rounds.
- Mark your card after you have hit off from the next tee or whilst others are hitting off, not while others are waiting for you to play.
- Do not worry about the honour on the tee – play ready golf.
- Let shorter hitters tee off first.
- If you feel your ball may be lost or has gone out of bounds, hit a provisional ball.
- If a ball is lost, play your ball first before going to help – it may be found by others before you get there.
- If you fall behind, get the first person to putt out to move to the next tee before others have finished.

No one wants their weekly round of golf to be a race to the 18th however being proactive and undertaking some, if not all, of the above will lead to a much more enjoyable round for the majority of the players in the field.

Remember, the best position for your group to be in the field is immediately behind the group in front.



## **DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

### **DRESS CODE:**

IT IS A REGULATION OF THE CLUB THAT ALL MEMBERS WEAR THE CLUB SHIRT/JUMPER ETC. IN ANY W.A.I.G.C. TOURNAMENT, WHETHER IT BE A SUNDAY TOURNAMENT OR A MIDWEEK TOURNAMENT.

ANY MEMBER WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE DRESS CODE REGULATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FROM THE CAPTAIN:  
THE MEMBER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY WITH THE W.A.I.G.C. ON THE DAY.  
(BUY ONE OR GO HOME)

- (1) All members and their visitors are required to present themselves neatly and suitably attired, both on the course and in the clubhouse and surrounds.
- (2) Spiked shoes shall not be worn in any part of the clubhouse other than the locker rooms, access to which, when wearing spikes, must be through the locker room porches.
- (3) Male - Players are expected to be suitably dressed for Golf in a collared or turtleneck shirt, tucked inside, tailored slacks or shorts that are worn with a belt. When shorts are worn, plain white socks must also be worn in appropriate manner. (Short socks are permitted, no logos)  
Track suits, jeans, happy pants, boxer shorts, ripple/ribbed soled sport shoes, basketball boots and thongs are not permitted on the courses or in the clubhouse.
- (4) Hats, Caps or Visors may be worn, cap peak must face the front.
- (5) Female - Track and leisure suits, sun tops, short sport skirts, jeans, ripple and ribbed-soled sports shoes, basketball sports boots and thongs are not permitted on the courses or in the clubhouse. Tailored shorts and slacks are permissible.

**A MEMBER INVITING A GUEST MUST ENSURE HIS/HER GUEST IS MADE AWARE OF THE ABOVE DRESS RULES.**

\*AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CAPTAIN ON THE DAY



## **GUEST PLAYER POLICY**

W.A.I.G.C welcomes guest players to share fellowship and comradery with friends they may have with current members at the club.

It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure guests meet the Club's Dress Rules and Regulations, both on the Course and in the Clubhouse.

Conditions apply:

- Members may introduce up to three guests, at any one time, to the Club for the purpose of playing golf.
- Guests players may only play up to 3 games per calendar year
- Guest players will pay full tournament fees (excepting where they are a member of the club played on the day, where a nominal fee of only \$20 will apply)
- Guests players cannot win the tournament or be eligible for any prizes
- Guest players without a GolfLink registration cannot mark cards for players participating in the tournament
- Dress code: all guests may apply to the W.A.I.G.C dress code, with the exception of wearing the club shirt/ jumpers at tournaments.



## THE WAIGC PERPETUAL TROPHY CHAMPIONSHIP

**Trophy awarded to the player achieving the most championship points in a golfing year**

### Rules

- Player must be a financial member or both WAIC and WAIGC.
- Perpetual Cup to present to winner at annual end of year dinner.
- Perpetual cup to remain displayed in sports bar at WAIC.
- Every player completing a round and handing in a score card will receive 4 points. (Including all winners)
- 500 points will be allocated to the top 15 finishes in the following order:

### Scoring

Attendance	4
1st	105
2nd	74
3rd	54
4th	42
5th	36
6th	32
7th	28
8th	24
9th	21
10th	19
11th	17
12th	15
13th	13
14th	11
15th	9

When more than 1 player ties for a position, the points are divided equally. Countbacks will not be in play eg. 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> all score 36 stableford points, the points awarded for those places will be divided by the three players ie.  $105 + 74 + 54 = 233 \div 3 = 78$  points each.

Winners of monthly prizes will be determined by countback when points are equal for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.