

## **By-Laws of the Nambour Veterans Golfers' Association**

(A Division of Nambour Golf Club Inc.)

**Revised October 2018**

### **(1) Name**

The name shall be the "Nambour Veterans Golfers' Association". Herein after called the "Association". It shall consist of at least thirty (30) members, who are financial members of the Nambour Golf Club.

### **(2) Objects and Powers**

- A. To conduct the affairs of the Association within the ambit of the Nambour Golf Club Laws of Incorporation and Club's By-Laws.
- B. To assist Veteran golfers in the Nambour Golf Club in matters relating to playing the game of golf.
- C. To stimulate interest amongst Veteran golfers by the arrangement of various competitions from time to time.
- D. To arrange sponsorships and the provision of trophies and to accept any gifts or trophies donated for Veteran golfers' events.
- E. To raise money by means approved by the Association.
- F. To affiliate with the Sunshine Coast District Veteran Golfers' Association, The Queensland Veteran Golfers' Union, and the Australian Veteran Golfers' Union.

### **(3) Meaning of Terms**

"Nambour Veteran Golfers' Association Management Committee" herein after called the "Committee" means the President, Captain, Secretary/Treasurer, and two (2) other members as may be elected or appointed from time to time.

### **(4) Membership**

The membership of the Association shall consist of financial members of the Nambour Golf Club with a Golf Australia handicap, who in the case of males, have attained the age of 55 years, and in the case of females, have attained the age of 50 years (proof of age to be produced on joining) and have paid the required membership fee.

Visiting members who fulfill age and handicap requirements may be granted visitor's membership. Visitor members do not have voting rights and have to pay green fees as required.

### **(5) Membership Fees**

Each member shall pay the appropriate membership fee as decided at the previous AGM, and such fee shall be paid in advance by the end of June each year. (Notices will be sent in conjunction with NGC membership renewal).

### **(6) Register of Members**

The Nambour Golf Club shall keep a register in which shall be entered the names and date of births of financial members. Information from this register shall be made available to affiliated associations.

### **(7) Membership of the Committee**

The Committee shall consist of the President, Captain, Secretary/Treasurer and two (2) other members. The election of the Committee shall take place at the Annual General

Meeting. At each Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election.

**(8) Vacancies on the Committee**

The Committee shall have the power at any time to appoint any member of the Association to fill any vacancy on the Committee.

**(9) Functions of the Committee**

The Committee shall have the general control and management of the Association.

**(10) Meetings of the Committee.**

The Committee shall meet as and when required. At every meeting of the Committee a simple majority of members then serving on the Committee shall constitute a quorum. A copy of these minutes is to be in the hands of the Nambour Golf Club's Secretary within two (2) weeks of the Committee Meeting.

**(11) Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held prior to the NGC Annual General Meeting. At the AGM and any other general meeting the members required to constitute a quorum shall be Eleven (11). Every member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, and in the case of an equality of votes, the President or Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep full and accurate minutes of every meeting including Committee Meetings. Minutes of all meetings will be available for inspection by any financial Association member.

**Business to be transacted at Annual General Meeting shall be:**

1. The receiving of the President's, Captain's and Financial reports.
2. The election of the Committee.
3. Notices of Motion.
4. General business.

**(12) Special General Meetings**

A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Committee or on the written request of not less than Eleven (11) financial members, and such request shall clearly state the reasons for calling such a Special General Meeting, and the nature and extent of business to be discussed.

**(13) Notice of Meetings**

The Secretary/Treasurer shall give not less than fourteen (14) days notice of any meeting including Special General Meetings, to all members of the Association. The manner in which such notice shall be given shall be decided by the Committee. Notice of any general meeting shall clearly state the nature and extent of business to be discussed thereat.

**(14) Alteration of the By Laws**

The By Laws numbered 1 to 17 may be amended by a resolution carried by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose provided a minimum of fourteen (14) days notice of such amendment has been given. This amendment must then be ratified by the Management Committee of the Club before it is accepted. Conditions of play (18) can be amended by the Committee.

**(15) Funds and accounts**

The funds of the Association shall be banked into the Nambour Golf Club general account or any account approved by the NGCs Management Committee. A separate ledger shall be maintained in the general account showing all transactions through the ledger on behalf of the Association. A fiscal report of the ledger shall be provided upon request to the Committee

Accounts shall be paid on notification to the management staff, by Association officers. All monies received shall be receipted and all accounts shall be paid. A full statement of affairs shall be available to the Association at the end of each financial year. Surplus funds are to be used for the Nambour Golf Club's benefit.

A minimum amount of \$1000 shall be maintained in the Association's ledger at all times. Nambour Golf Club Management may use monies raised by the Association after consultation and agreement with the Committee and any monies used must be shown as an Association asset with appropriate records maintained in the ledger. All surplus funds in excess of \$5,000.00 as at the end of each financial year are to be transferred to the NGCs account showing as a donation to course improvements.

**(16) Financial Year**

The financial year of the Association shall close on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of June.

**(17) Subsidies**

Host day bus trips and some of the cost of sausage sizzles may be subsidised from the Association's account, and also the 'after AGM' drinks and food, and Christmas party may be subsidised from the Association's account to no more than \$400 in total for these two (2) events.

No consolidated funds are to be used for any subsidy (other than listed below) without the prior approval of the Management Committee of the Club. An account will be in the Club's balance sheet showing an up to date balance of the current excess profits from the above raffles. This account must always be in credit.

**Current approved subsidies are:**

- Away host day travel
- Host day costs
- A.G.M. Drinks / Food
- Christmas break-up food and drinks
- Christmas in July food

**(18) Conditions of Play for Competitions**

The following conditions of play are to be read in conjunction with the General Conditions of Play that apply to all members of Nambour Golf Club.

**Eligibility**

Male members who have attained 55 years of age and female members who have attained 50 years of age are eligible to become members of the Association upon payment of an annual fee. Membership will be acknowledged with the issuing of a Sunshine Coast District Veteran Golfers Association Membership Card.

Such membership enables the members to participate in:

- Weekly events as per the Nambour fixture book.
- Host days that are held in the Sunshine Coast District.
- Veterans' Championships, both State and National.

### **Host Days**

Nomination forms for Host Days within Sunshine Coast District will be placed on the Association's notice board. Members who nominate to play are responsible for notifying the host club if they are unable to fulfill their commitment to play in any such nominated event. Home host day shotgun starts will be 8.00am filling the front 9 first and then proceeding from the 10<sup>th</sup> tee. Tin Can Bay's day can commence at 8.30am.

### **Weekly games**

Home games are open to a member of an affiliated golf club with an approved AGU handicap. At the time of writing, these occur each Friday as per the Nambour fixture book.

Monthly Mug competitions

Division 1 – handicaps +4-22.

Division 2 – handicaps 23-36

### **Protests and Disputes**

Protests and disputes are to be made in writing within 15 minutes of completing the round and handed to the Match Committee of the day before presentation of trophies.

### **Weekly Prizes (All prizes subjected to field size)**

Stroke Play – best net

Division 1 and 2; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – voucher

Stableford - best net

Division 1 and 2; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – voucher

Monthly Mug

In the event of the Mug winner not receiving a winners or runners up voucher a \$30

Voucher will be provided from the Association's subsidy account.

NTP – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 3 balls

2<sup>nd</sup> shot 9<sup>th</sup> 6 pack

Best front 9 – 2 balls

Best back 9 – 2 balls

Hole in Ones- As per main clubs conditions

Eagles - par 4– 4 balls. Not on holes with temporary greens or tees

Ball run-downs will be determined by the number of players competing on each competition day. (Approx ¼ of field)

### **Veterans' Championships**

1. The event is a stroke event over 4 rounds.
2. Members must play in 3 out of the 4 rounds as nominated in the yearly fixture book with the 4<sup>th</sup> round being a compulsory round.
3. Grades will be determined by the 1<sup>st</sup> round handicap. Each round will be played off current handicap. Maximum handicap for the Championships is 36.
4. Division 1 handicaps +4 – 22
5. Division 2 handicaps 23-36

6. In the event of a tie after round four in the gross and nett events, a count back on the last round will decide the winner.
7. A player cannot win two (2) championships. The gross events are honor board titles and are the main prize. All winners to receive Vets engraved shirt & \$35 voucher or \$75 voucher and no shirt. Runners-up to receive Vets engraved shirt and \$10 Voucher or \$50 voucher and no shirt.
8. Events are winner and runner up in gross and nett events of both divisions
9. Motorized carts are able to be used by members participating in the event.
10. Championship rules can be changed by the Committee.

### **Allen Horsfall Shield**

This shield is presented annually at the Christmas break-up. The winner is determined by the Veteran player who has had the best six (6) scores of stableford over the year (Jan-Nov).

### **Veteran Golfer of the Year Award**

#### Concept/Rules of Play

In 2018 the Committee introduced a competition whereby Nambour Veterans earn points when playing in or unsuccessfully nominating for home, away and District championship games. Also place getters get points if they run first, second, third and fourth. All players play in the same division with stableford scores deciding the place getters.

In the event of a tie in stableford points, no count back is applied i.e. both Vets are awarded the relevant points. All grievances are referred to the Association's President or Captain.

Points are awarded to all Nambour players even though they might not win or place in the competition being run on the day. The intention is to run this solely on Nambour host, away and District Championship games. The player with the highest number of points at the end of the year (i.e. after the last home or away game) is the winner.

The Committee wanted to do something in memory of Artie Higson but the broader plan was for this competition to be in memory of all Nambour Golf Club's past Veterans who are no longer with us in a physical presence.

#### Points

Playing in an away game	3 points
Playing in a home game	5 points
Best Nambour player	10 points
2nd Nambour player	6 points
3rd Nambour player	4 points

4th Nambour player

2 points

It was the Committee's hope that this initiative would encourage Nambour Veteran Golfers to travel and play in home and away golf days as set down in the District calendar of events for the year.

Presentations at the Veterans Xmas Golf Day are-

Allen Horsfall Shield and a voucher for \$100.00 donated by Joan Grace.

Golfer of the year- Embroided Shirt

Second - voucher \$30.00

Third - voucher \$20.00