

# **SUNSHINE COAST GOLF ZONE**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **NAME**

1. The Golfing Zone shall be known as The Sunshine Coast Golf Zone (SCGZ).

### **AIM OF THE ZONE:**

2. The Zone shall have as its aim, to provide a format of competition and pennant days on a regular basis in the Sunshine Coast, each calendar year, for the participation of its affiliated junior and senior male members.

3. The Sunshine Coast Golf Zone is one of the three Golfing Zones which is under the umbrella of the Sunshine Coast & South Burnett District Golf Association Inc for male golfers and will operate under the Constitution of this District Association for male golfers.

4. This Golfing Zone shall operate under the Constitution of the SC&SBDGA and the By-Laws as stated herewith.

5. The committee shall utilise both documents in the administration of golf in their area.

### **PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

6. Listed below are the eligible clubs within the SCGZ:

- a. Caloundra
- b. Cooroy
- c. Gympie Golf Club
- d. Headland
- e. Horton Park
- f. Hyatt Coolum
- g. Kabi
- h. Mount Coolum
- i. Nambour
- j. Noosa Springs
- k. Noosa Valley
- l. Peregian Springs
- m. Tewantin Noosa
- n. Tin Can Bay
- o. Twin Waters

7. The Management Committee of the SCGZ shall have the power to recommend to the SC&SBDGA for approval, those Golf Clubs that

may be added or deleted from the respective golfing zone where warranted. An appeal against this type of action by clubs, must be prepared in writing and lodged to the respective golfing zone within 7 days from notification of any such actions.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

8. To be eligible to be a member of SCGZ and to participate in the respective competitions for male golfers, a player must be a financial member of one or more of the eligible clubs listed at item 6.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

9. Members will not be required to pay an Annual Membership fee. The sole requirement for eligibility for membership shall be that your club must be an eligible club of the SCGZ and has paid the annual club levy approved by the delegates within the zone. The amount is set annually at the AGM as approved by the delegates.

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

10. The Management Committee (executive committee) of the Sunshine Coast Golf Zone shall comprise the following:

**President, Secretary /Treasurer, Men's Match Director,  
Junior Co-Ordinator,**

All of the above positions are to be elected by club delegates at the AGM each year, The Executive Committee may be granted an annual honorarium to offset all out of pocket expenses incurred during the year. The amount is to be decided and approved at the annual AGM of each year.

All executives associated with special events such as meetings, pennants, open days, special meetings & junior development days may be reimbursement for these out of pocket expenses as set & approved at the yearly AGM.

The member clubs (as listed in paragraph 6) shall have the right to be represented by two duly authorised male delegates authorised by the respective clubs. Their appointment shall be certified by their Club Secretary giving their names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to the Secretary of the SCGZ prior to the AGM.

The full committee of the SCZGA, shall comprise the management committee and the duly authorised delegates of the member clubs.

Each member of the management committee and the authorised delegates shall be entitled to one (1) vote on matters before the

committee. The President shall also be entitled to exercise a further (casting) vote, when necessary.

**A delegate (1) to the SC&SBDGA Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual AGM of the Zone.**

The management committee of the SCGZ are elected and authorised to perform their duties for the full year they are elected or authorised.

All Management Office bearers are elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the cessation of business at the following A.G.M. at which time, they shall retire from office but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.

Nominations for all management positions must be a financial member with playing rights of a club within the SCGZ or a retiring management office bearer, and nominations shall be made in writing signed by two financial members of a golf club within the SCGZ with the nominee's consent endorsed thereon, or attached thereto, and shall be delivered to the Secretary at least (7) clear days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. Any vacancy where no nominations have been received, may be filled from the floor of the AGM.

The election of management members of the committee shall be determined by secret ballot. They shall be voted for separately, and the nominee receiving the highest numbers of all votes cast shall be elected.

Once a delegate is elected to an executive position, they cease to be a delegate of a member club. That member club will then be required to authorise a replacement delegate to the SCGZ.

Should any vacancy occur on the management committee, the remaining members thereof will appoint a replacement officer. When a club delegate is appointed to fill such a vacancy, that members club is responsible to authorise a replacement.

Any member of the committee may resign from holding office thereof any time by giving notice in writing to the secretary, but such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice.

Any member of the committee may be removed from office at a general meeting of the zone where such member shall be given the opportunity to fully present his case. The question of removal shall be determined by the vote of the committee present at such a meeting.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

11. The AGM of the Zone shall be held in November of each year, no later than the twenty-ninth day of that month. The number of members to constitute a quorum at such meetings shall be 10 delegates or Zone representatives present (including management committee).

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

12. The management committee shall have the power to hold normal meetings at a time and place as decided by the majority on the committee. It is recommended to hold two normal meetings each year and at least two executive meetings per year.

## **MATCH COMMITTEE:**

13. At the AGM of the Zone, a Match Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

The duties of the Match Committee shall be to oversee the correct conduct of each and every competition conducted by the Zone and to meet and rule on matters of dispute or contention as may arise from time to time, or as called upon by the President or Executive Committee to so rule.

The match committee is responsible for ensuring the playing calendar for the year is in place and forwarded to all clubs by the first week of December of each year. The pennant season calendar for weekend pennants are to be presented each year to the AGM.

## **FINANCES:**

14. The Zone shall have one bank account, however a levy is to be placed on all Eligible Golf Clubs within the Zone each year as approved at the yearly AGM.

The levy amounts approved, are to be invoiced to clubs by the 1<sup>st</sup> January of each each and payable in full, by the 31<sup>st</sup> January of the same year.

This levy is to be reviewed annually and any increases, must be voted on at the annual AGM and must be approved by a majority of those present before implementation.

The Zone (SCGZ) will recommend on an annual basis, the competition fees to be set for the ensuring year, for all zone open day events at their annual AGM.

The financial year for the Zone shall be from the 1st November to the 31<sup>st</sup> October of each year.

A yearly financial statement is to be presented to the annual AGM and after approval, a copy is to be forwarded to the SC&SBDGA by the 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year.

The signatories to the bank account shall total 3 which will be the President, Secretary/Treasurer and Match Director ( or other signatories as required) with any two to sign.

All executive members of the SCGZ are to be the holder of a current “Blue Card” in accordance with current government legislation.

### **DUTIES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

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**President:** Is responsible to run the zones golfing business for all mens golfing needs within the zones. Is also to ensure that all other positions on the committee are being performed in an acceptable manner.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Handle all correspondence, prepare flyers, conditions of play, take accurate minutes of meetings and prepare minutes for signing by the President. Preparing all associated paperwork for meetings and annual general meetings, to ensure all delegates have been authorised by their respective clubs and that notification of duly authorised representatives have been received by the secretary on an annual basis at or prior to each AGM, and other duties as required by a secretary.

In the treasurers role, manage a set of books/computer records that accurately show all income and expenditure accounts and perform a bank reconciliation to the accounting records on a quarterly basis. Handle all accounts, manage sponsorships and budgets, monitor the collection and the payment of the required levies to the zone, prepare a financial statement for all meetings and an end of the year financial statement to the Zone and the SC&SBDGA.

**Match Director:** Will be responsible for the preparation and management of the years playing calendar, terms and conditions of play for each event and pennant games, chair and elect match committees on event days, responsible for selection of representative players and teams to represent the zone in certain events, attend pennant matches and finals as a zone representative.

The Match Committee shall provide a set of playing conditions for competitions and pennant events, separately, which shall be reviewed annually to adjust to changing circumstances. Such Playing

Conditions shall specify the conditions to apply in the various competitions in each playing year and shall provide clear guidelines for delegates and players alike, giving cognizance to the range of criteria suitable to each particular situation and supplied to all clubs.

In relation to Pennant Eligibility, the eligibility and other required conditions shall be forwarded to all clubs on a yearly basis to clarify all such events. The playing conditions for other events must be reviewed on an annual basis and a copy is to be provided to all clubs within the zone and to the delegates of such clubs.

**Junior Co-ordinator:** In conjunction with the President & Captain of the zone, be responsible for the running of junior programmes and coaching clinics and the selection of juniors for the annual coaching programs in place.

Assist clubs to hold junior open days, to work with club co-ordinators to promote junior golf within the zone, ensuring a uniform junior handicapping system is in place and used by all clubs within the zone.

Annually, to recommend / nominate the standout juniors within the zone for inclusion in the SC&SBDGA Annual Junior Coaching Program.

To ensure the zone junior coaching programs are run in an efficient manner.

To select two (2) other club junior convenors to help/assist in the running of all junior programs within the zone if required or considered necessary.

All junior convenors are to hold a current blue card issued by the state government.

Responsible for preparing an annual junior budget for presentation to both the SC&SBDGA and SCGZ.

#### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

16. The Committee shall have the power to approve Honorary Life Membership status to those members who have, in the opinion of the Management Committee, given long and meritorious service to the betterment of the game for Golfers within the Sunshine Coast Zone.

#### **CHANGES TO BY-LAWS:**

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(a) When necessary, changes to the By-Laws can be at any meeting of the executive committee.

(b) No changes to the By-Laws may be approved unless a consent of the majority present are in favour.

(c) Any such changes to the By-Laws approved by the executive committee must then be forwarded to the SC&SBDGA for record purposes.

**OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS:**

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The SC&SBDGA Administration Requirements for each golfing zone under it's umbrella is attached and is to be used in conjunction with this document, together with the copy of the Constitution of the SC&SBDGA.

**Dated November 2011**