

## **MEMBERSHIP RULES OF THE PIRONGIA GOLF CLUB (INCORPORATED)**

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Any person who has an interest in playing or supporting golf is entitled to apply to be a member.
- b) Intending members will be required to complete an application form which includes an obligation to abide by the rules of the Club and submit this to the Secretary or Treasurer.
- c) Applications for membership shall be considered by the Committee which has the right to accept or decline the application. Should the application be declined the applicant has the right to know the reason for non acceptance.
- d) Only financial members will be able to participate in the management of the Club but non financial persons may be co-opted by the Committee if required.
- e) The playing year shall be 1 March to 28 February. Annual subscriptions should be paid before a date to be set by the Committee otherwise members may forfeit their membership rights.
- f) The annual subscription for each category of membership for the ensuing year shall be fixed by resolution at each Annual General meeting of the Club.
- g) Members shall forthwith notify the person in control of the membership register in person or in writing of any change in their address.

### **4. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Any person shall cease to be a member of the Club if such member resigns in writing or is expelled in accordance with clause 5.
- b) Any member may retire from membership upon giving to the Secretary notice in writing accordingly provided that at the date of such notice all subscriptions or other money owing by such member have been paid.
- c) Any member whose subscription shall be in arrears for the space of twelve months shall cease forthwith to be a member of the Club but the Committee may in its discretion reinstate such membership upon payment of all arrears.

### **5. SUSPENSION/EXPULSION**

The Committee may by resolution passed by a majority of 75% of its members present at a Meeting expel from membership or suspend for any period or reprimand any members who wilfully infringe any of these rules, therefore rendering them in the opinion of the Committee unfit to be members of the Club, e.g. acting in such a way as to bring

the Club into disrepute. Before expelling any such members the Committee shall call upon them for a written explanation of their conduct and shall hear what they may wish to urge in their defence.

The members shall be informed in writing of the decision of the meeting.

**6. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP**

**a) Full Membership**

Full members are entitled to all playing rights and clubhouse and course privileges according to these rules.

Full student members are defined as those receiving primary, college or tertiary education, and are under 18 years of age. Such members are entitled to subscription concessions to be defined by the Committee.

Other subscription concessions for full membership may be granted at the discretion of the Committee in special circumstances.

**b) Limited Membership**

Limited members and Student Limited members are entitled to playing privileges at Pirongia - and, if permitted, at other courses - except that they are not qualified to play in competitions or tournaments and are not entitled to an official New Zealand Golf Association handicap.

**c) Nine hole Membership**

Nine hole members are subject to rules as defined by Women's Golf NZ.

**d) Life Membership**

Life members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership without payment of any subscription. A member may be elected as a Life Member on the formal recommendation of the Committee to any General Meeting and the passing of a resolution by a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote at such meeting.

**e) Social Membership**

Social members shall have the right to use clubhouse facilities and walk the course.

**f) Summer Membership**

Summer membership shall be valid from November to February inclusive and be open to players desiring Full or Limited membership rights.

At the discretion of the Committee, Limited and Student Limited members may be entitled to an unofficial handicap in order to play in Twilight golf tournaments at Pirongia only. Subscriptions for categories of summer membership shall be set by the Committee prior to the summer season.

**g) Other Membership**

The Committee may at its discretion introduce other classes of membership and set subscriptions as circumstances may require.