

**CHRISTMAS ISLAND GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED**  
**LOCAL RULES**

1) Instructions

- 1) To be read in conjunction with the Christmas Island Club Incorporated Constitution and the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews with such local rules as deemed necessary by the committee.

2) Effective Date

- 1) These rules are effective as of 06 / 12 / 2017 as determined by majority at annual general meeting.

3) Fees and Membership

- 1) Are due on the first day of January each year or at the start of each membership period and are payable within 14 days.
- 2) The fees and rights are outlined in table below:

Membership Category	Voting Rights	Green Fees Payable	Comp Fees	Club Competitions	Fee (per period)
Full (Annual)	Yes	No	Yes	Qualified to win	\$500.00
Full (Six Monthly)	Yes	No	Yes	Qualified to win	\$300.00
Full (Three Monthly)	Yes	No	Yes	Qualified to win	\$200.00
Midweek (Annual)	No	On weekends	Yes	Not qualified to win	\$375.00
Midweek (Six Monthly)	No	On Weekends	Yes	Not qualified to win	\$200.00
Midweek (Three Monthly)	No	On Weekends	Yes	Not qualified to win	\$150.00
Casual (Monthly)	No	On Weekends	Yes	If they hold Official Australian Handicap	\$100.00
Life	Yes	No	Yes	Qualified to win	\$0.00
Junior (Annual)	No	No	Yes	Determined by Club Captain	\$75.00
Junior My Golf	No	No	No	No	\$25.00

- 3) Junior Member shall be any person over the age of 12 and under the age of 18 years of age. Have the equivalent rights to play on the course as a full member. Use of the clubhouse is restricted by the application of the liquor licensing laws. General knowledge of the rules and etiquette of the game of golf including the capability of playing to a standard within the general range of the playing membership.
- 4) A Junior My Golf member shall be any person over the age of 5 and under the age of 15 who is enrolled in the Junior My Golf program.

#### 4) Application for Membership

- 1) All prospective members are required to fill out a membership form and submit the form to the Association. After the prescribed period of notice (14 days) the committee will review the application. Once accepted the committee will advise the new member in writing together with a set of the club rules and an account for membership subscriptions, which must be paid to the Treasurer within 14 days. Membership will not be recorded until subscriptions are paid in full.

#### 5) Pro-Rata Subscriptions

- 1) Are available only at the discretion of the committee.

#### 6) Unfinancial Members & Payment of Accounts.

- 1) Subscriptions are due on the 1st of January of each calendar year or as per nominated date in the application form. Payment must be made within 14 days of the due date.
- 2) A member may approach the Treasurer to make arrangements to payoff membership or debt, subject to committee approval. During any period that this is occurring that member must meet the commitments of the original agreement, or will immediately become unfinancial upon default.

- 3) An Unfinancial Member shall have no rights to the clubhouse, its facilities nor competition and is expected to pay green fees until the account is finalized and the member is financial again.
- 4) A member becomes financial again when all accounts are paid in full.
- 5) If a member is unfinancial for a period exceeding 6 months they must re-apply for membership.
- 6) A member will become unfinancial when;
  - a) Subscriptions are not paid within the prescribed period.
  - b) Accounts are not paid within the prescribed period.

#### 7) Children

- 1) Member's children over the age of 12 and under the age of 18 are allowed the use of the course and clubhouse subject to compliance with club rules and the rules and etiquette of golf.
- 2) Member's children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an Adult at all times while on course or in the clubhouse.
- 3) No person under the age of 18 may enter or use the bar area.

#### 8) Visitors and Non-Members

- 1) Visitors and non-members are most welcome to use the course and Clubhouse facilities in accordance with the restrictions of these rules.
- 2) Green fees and equipment hire must be paid for prior to commencement of play. To use the bar area, a visitor or non-member, must be accompanied by a member who is responsible for collecting any monies for expenses incurred.
- 3) Members who play with non-members or visitors are expected to ensure that all payments for green fees and equipment are made.

#### 9) Pets

- 1) Dogs or other pets are not allowed on the course or in the clubhouse or surrounds at any time. The committee may waiver this rule under special circumstances and provisions.

#### 10) Dress Standards.

- 1) At all times members and green fee players are expected to wear appropriate golfing attire.
- 2) During competitions the guidelines recommended are;
  - a) Men - collared shirt, tailored slacks or shorts and appropriate footwear.
  - b) Ladies - acceptable golfing fashion.

#### 11) Social Inclusion and Courtesy in the Club House

- 1) The Christmas Island Golf Club is made up of members from a variety of ethnic, religious and social backgrounds, which adds to the unique character of our club. It is expected that members will treat each other with courtesy, tolerance and respect at all times.

#### 12) Etiquette and courtesy on the course

- 1) Safety - Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like which may be moved by the stroke or swing.
- 2) Green staff and maintenance staff have right of way on the golf course and players must not hit up on them.
- 3) Consideration of other players.
  - a) The player who has the honor should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees his ball.
  - b) No player should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
  - c) In the interests of all, a player should play without delay.
  - d) No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
  - e) Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind to pass as soon as it becomes evident that the ball will not easily be found.

They should not continue play until the players behind have passed and are out of range.

- f) When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

4) Avoiding Slow Play

- a) If a group falls more than a clear fairway behind the group in front and is being pressed by the group behind, then they are obliged to let the group through.
- b) Keep an eye on your ball, or ask your partner to do it for you, mark its position on or off the fairway, and walk directly to your ball (if it does not interfere with your playing partners).
- c) If you are not sure if you've gone out of bounds hit a provisional ball.
- d) When you get to your ball, work out what you're going to do with it while your partners are playing theirs.
- e) If it is your turn to play and you are not ready, and your playing partner obviously is, ask them to play first.
- f) Move steadily and consistently.

### 13) Care of the Course

- 1) Bunkers - before leaving a bunker a player should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by him.
- 2) Divots, Ball marks & Spikes - Through the green, a player is to ensure that any turf cut or displaced by them is replaced at once and pressed down and that any damage to the putting green made by a ball is carefully repaired. Damage to the putting green caused by golf shoe spikes should be repaired on completion of the hole.
- 3) Damage to Greens - Players should ensure that, when putting down bags or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they or the player damage the hole by standing close to it, in handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.

### 14) Green Fees

- 1) Green fees are set by the committee. Payment is strictly cash and should be placed into the honour box or handed to the Club Captain prior to commencement of play.

### 15) Schedule of Fees

- 1) The schedule of fees as determined by the committee is outlined below:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Visitor Green Fees 9 Holes	\$15
Visitor Green Fees 18 Holes	\$15
Social Competition Fees 9 Hole Event	\$5
Social Competition Fees 18 Hole Event	\$10
Exclusive use of Clubhouse	\$250
Use of Clubhouse for charity/special event (at discretion of Committee)	\$150
Exclusive use of Course for 9 or 18 hole event	\$500
Buggy Bay (for members only – annual)	\$50
Special Events (as determined by Committee)	On application

16) Use of Course and Clubhouse Facilities

- 1) Approval must be sought from the committee in order to have sole access to the course or clubhouse facilities.

17) Designated Course Closed

- 1) The course is closed to all persons except competitors at the following times:

Wednesday	2.30pm onwards	Ladies Social golf
Friday	2.00pm onwards	Men's Social golf
Saturday	12.00pm onwards	Competition day
Sunday	Various times	Competition day

- 2) A course-closed sign will be placed at the entrance to the course on these days.
- 3) On the above days the course is closed to all members and non-members who are not taking part in the competition and no other play will take place until the completion of the competition.

18) Social Golf

- 1) A co-ordinator for each of these days is appointed by the committee and is responsible to the committee for clubhouse use and cleanliness, use of course, conditions of play, and financial transactions.
- 2) The committee must approve any change in co-ordinator.

19) Priority on the Course

- 1) Players starting a match should choose a tee not being approached by any other players on the course. Players on the course have right of way.
- 2) If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole from the players in front, it should allow the match following to pass.

## 20) Practice on the course

- 1) The 4th fairway is the designated practice range. Teed balls may be hit from the front of the tee and from the practice tee. Iron shots must be hit from the fairway in front of these areas.
- 2) A teed ball may be hit from any of the tees.
- 3) Hitting multiple balls on the course proper is prohibited
- 4) The play of one ball against another during a practice round is acceptable.
- 5) Chipping from the Clubhouse lawn is prohibited.
- 6) No practice from blue markers is allowed.

## 21) Competitions - Starting procedure and Draw

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, competition will begin at 1:00pm.
- 2) Unless otherwise stated competitors intending to play must register their intention to play by completing a card and submitting it to the match committee by 12:30pm. Late cards will not be accepted.
- 3) If a player has a reason to believe they will be late, the match committee must be notified. If there is room in the field, latecomers may be added to the field.
- 4) If a member submits another members card and that member does not arrive competition fees will be forfeited.
- 5) Several methods may be used to select playing partners.
  - a) Seeded draw by match committee
  - b) Random draw
  - c) Select your own partners
  - d) The decision to use a particular method is dependent on the type of competition and will be decided by the Match committee.



## 22) Eligibility to Win

- 1) A player must be a Full Member to win major events within the club.
- 2) A player who is a casual Member can win any other Club competition event if they hold an Official Australian Handicap.
- 3) There are events during the year which are stipulated as Open or Invitation days that are open for all to win. The match committee will provide handicaps for those days.

## 23) Tee Markers

- 1) The Club Captain and the Course manager will set tee markers for official events and mid-week play.
- 2) Blue markers are for designated competition days only.

## 24) Out of Bounds Markers

- 1) Are stakes, marked trees or rock walls coloured red/white and are the responsibility of the Course manager in consultation with the Match committee.

## 25) Ground Under Repair

- 1) Are areas stated on the back of the card, notices on the match committee's notice board or staked areas using GUR markers.

## 26) Water Hazard Markers

- 1) Are stakes, marked trees or rock walls coloured yellow and are the responsibility of the Course manager in consultation with the Match committee.

## 27) Disqualification in Event

- 1) Any player disqualified in an event is ineligible to win any awards on that day. This includes holes in one, eagles or novelty awards.

28) Discontinued round or Round called off.

- 1) According to the rules of golf, any player may discontinue play if there is a fear of being struck by lightning. At other times, only the Match committee shall call off a round.

29) Course Record

- 1) Will only be recognised when the blue markers are in their medal positions.
- 2) The golfing calendar nominates these dates and it is the responsibility of the Club Captain to ensure the markers are in the correct position.

30) Hole in One

- 1) Is recognised in any competition sanctioned by the committee. It can be won by anyone. The committee provides a trophy and a dozen golf balls and the players name is engraved on the Hole in One board.

31) Eagles

- 1) Only available in 18 hole events, 6 golf balls are awarded to players.

32) Novelties

- 1) The Match committee or Social golf co-ordinator may set a number of different novelties. The markers placed in the position for the particular novelty must be marked with a marker and registered with the name of the player, immediately after playing their stroke.

33) Advertising at Clubhouse or on Course

- 1) Any advertising (political, social, fundraising etc) must have the approval of the committee.

#### 34) Bar Hours

1) Official Bar hours are:

Mon – Thurs	10am - 12pm
Fri – Sat	10am - 2am
Sun & Public holidays	10am -10pm
ANZAC day	12pm -10pm
Good Friday	Closed

#### 35) Buggy Room

- 1) Bays are available in the buggy room to members at a cost set by the committee. Priority for allocation is given to those members with bays from the previous year.
- 2) Only one buggy and set of clubs per bay is permitted.
- 3) When a member vacates their bay, it reverts back to the pool and is allocated to the member at the top of the waiting list.

#### 36) Disciplinary Action

- 1) Any breach of these rules may invoke disciplinary action by the committee.

#### 37) Alterations to Club Rules

- 1) The committee may alter club rules at any time during its term. No rule can be changed if it contravenes the constitution or requires a change to the constitution.