

NOMADS

GOLF CLUB

(NZ)

INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION

AND

BYLAWS

NOMADS GOLF CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. **NAME**
The name of the Club shall be the NOMADS GOLF CLUB (N.Z) INCORPORATED (hereinafter referred to as The Club).
2. **HEADQUARTERS**
The headquarters of the Club shall be at such place as may be decided by the Management Committee from time to time
3. **UNIFORM, COLOURS AND INSIGNIA**
The Club uniform shall consist of a navy blue jacket, club tie and playing shirt. Insignia to be the ball and golf club of the South African Nomads to recognise the commonality of our aims and objectives.
4. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**
The aims and objectives of The Club shall be:
 - 4.1 To encourage and promote, foster and support the game of golf and in particular to provide such service as may be used for the benefit of golf in greater Auckland.
 - 4.2 To generate funds which may be distributed in the furtherance of 4.1 and to such charitable causes as the members of the Club may deem proper.
 - 4.3 To promote fellowship amongst members, their spouses and partners
 - 4.4.1 To work in harmony with all Golf Associations and Golf Clubs within the Auckland Area..
 - 4.4.2 To be affiliated to a Nomads National Association if and when such body is created..
 - 4.5 To do anything that may be expedient, necessary or desirable to further the aims and objects of the Club or which may be incidental thereto, including the appointment or removal of honorary or paid officials of the Club.
 - 4.6 To seek reciprocity with other international golfing societies having similar aims and objectives. e.g. Nomads of South Africa.
 - 4.7 To promote a high standard of dress and conduct both on the course and in the clubhouses of host clubs.
5. **MEMBERSHIP**
Membership, which is by invitation and will be limited for logistical reasons to 150, will initially comprise those persons who, in the opinion of the steering committee will contribute to the objectives in Clause 4 above and who agree to abide by the Club rules. Subsequent applications or nominations for membership shall be subject to approval by the Management Committee. The signatories to the application for incorporation shall be known as Founder Members.
6. **LEGAL STATUS**
The Club is a non-profit organisation registered as an Incorporated Society in terms of the Incorporated Societies Act.
7. **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**
 - 7.1 Full members : The 150 adult members paying a full subscription and taking a full part in the playing and charitable activities of the Club. The title of Founder Member is a honorific only and carries no special privileges.

- 7.2 Associate Members : Former members who for physical or financial reasons are unable to make a full contribution but in the opinion of the executive will still be an asset to the Club.
- 7.3 Life Members : Members who, for meritorious service have, on the unanimous recommendation of the Executive, been elected by a 75% vote of the members present at an Annual General Meeting.
- 7.4 Honorary Members : Sponsors representatives and office holders of selected golfing bodies for as long as they hold the relevant positions in those organisations.

8. ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Shall be as set by the Annual general Meeting.

9. RESIGNATION AND DEFAULT OF MEMBERS

- 11.1 Any member wishing to resign his membership shall do so in writing addressed to the Secretary. Such resignation shall be effective from the date of the letter. No member resigning shall be entitled to any refund of entrance fee or subscription paid in advance.
- 11.2 A member more than one month in arrears with his subscription shall be sent a registered letter to the address registered with the Secretary drawing attention to this fact. If after a lapse of two weeks such subscription remains unpaid, the member shall be deemed to have resigned.

10. THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The Financial Year of the Club shall end on 30th September each year.

11. OFFICERS

The officers of the club shall comprise a President, Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer, plus five committee members. The President, Club-Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire and be eligible for re-election. The two longest serving committee members shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election. In the event of equality of service the committee members to retire shall be decided by lot.

12. MANAGEMENT.

The day to day management of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee which consists of the officers minus the President. The Club Captain, and in his absence the Vice-Captain is Chairman of the Executive Committee. The committee shall meet as often as the Chairman deems necessary. The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees from within or without the Management Committee for specific purposes. At Management Committee meetings 6 members present shall constitute a quorum.

13. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

- 13.1 These Rules shall not be added to, amended or rescinded, except at a General Meeting and no alteration shall be made unless it receives the approval of not less than two thirds of those present and eligible to vote.
- 13.2 Notice of any proposal to amend, add or rescind any of these Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be made in writing to and be in the hands of the Secretary not less than 30 days before the date of the Annual Meeting.

- 13.3 A Special General Meeting may be called for this or any other purpose by the Executive Committee or by a petition signed by a minimum of 15 members.

14. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 14.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held with two months of the end of the financial year.
- 14.2 A Special General Meeting shall be held as decided by the Executive Committee or within 30 days of the receipt of a duly completed petition.
- 14.3 At all general meetings 20 members present and eligible to vote shall form a quorum.
- 14.4 In the event of a quorum not being present within 30 minutes of the appointed time for a general meeting then the meeting shall be adjourned to a date certain and a further notice of meeting forward to members. If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the time for the adjourned meeting the members present shall constitute a quorum.

15. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- 15.1 Notices of General Meetings must be posted to give 14 days clear notice of the meeting.

16. VOTING AT MEETINGS

- 16.1 At each Annual and Special General Meeting each Full and Life Member shall have one vote and the President as Chairman shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.
- 16.2 At Management Committee meetings each member shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.
- 16.2 Except for elections which shall be by ballot voting at all meetings shall be by a show of hands except that any voting member present may demand a ballot.

17. ACCOUNTS

The Honorary Treasurer shall keep a true and proper account of all the income and expenditure of the Club. He shall present a balance sheet and income and expenditure account duly audited by a practising professional Accountant for the preceding financial year to the Annual General Meeting. Copies of such accounts shall be made available to all members of the Club. Funds received by the Club shall be banked in the name of the Club and the Club account shall be operated upon by two signatories out of 3 appointed by the Executive Committee.

18. INABILITY OF CAPTAIN OR VICE-CAPTAIN TO ACT

- 18.1.1 In the event of the Captain being temporarily unable to act as such the Vice-Captain shall assume the duties of Captain in his stead during such temporary period.
- 18.1.2 In the event of the Captain being permanently unable to act as such, the Vice-Captain shall automatically become the Captain for the unexpired portion of the former Captain's period of office.
- 18.1.3 In the event of the circumstances arising as embodied in Clause 18.1.2 above, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Member to act as Acting Vice-Captain for the unexpired portion of the former Vice-Captain's period of office.
- 18.1.4 In the event of any committee positions or the office of Secretary-Treasurer becoming vacant the committee may appoint some-one to fill the position until the next Annual General Meeting.

19 CLUB DAYS

- 19.1 The Club shall hold a golf competition at least 12 times each year to be played monthly if possible.
- 19.2 The Club shall conclude all its annual competitions on or before its Annual Gold Cup Meeting which shall be held during either the month of November or December.
- 19.3 The Club may from time to time arrange Special Days to foster goodwill amongst golfers or for any charitable purpose.
- 19.4 At any Club Day no member participating shall play off a handicap higher than his Club Handicap.
- 19.5 The handicapper shall, subject to the terms of 20.4 above, be entitled to exercise his discretion in allocating a handicap to a participant in any Club competition.

20. DISCIPLINE

- 20.1 Should any member, in the opinion of the Club Executive Committee, commit any wilful breach of the Constitution, rules, regulations or by-laws of the Club, or be guilty of improper, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or unseemly conduct or of conduct which is prejudicial to the interests of the Club, the Committee shall have the power :
 - 20.1.1 To expel such member; or
 - 20.1.2 To suspend such member during such time or period as such Committee in its absolute discretion may deem fit and advisable; or
 - 20.1.3 To call upon such member in writing through the Secretary to resign and if he fails to resign within 7 (SEVEN) days of the date of such request to expel such member; or
 - 20.1.4 To reprimand such member.
- 20.2 Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, no member shall be expelled or suspended unless and until the Committee shall have given him an opportunity to appear before it at such time and place as it in its discretion may deem fit, to explain his or her conduct. At any such hearing the Committee shall determine the procedure to be adopted, but such Committee shall have the power to summon any member or any person to appear before it to give evidence for or against such member and any such member shall have the power to cross-examine any such witness and shall have the power to tender the evidence of any member or any other person he may deem fit, and in addition the following shall apply:
 - 20.2.1 For the purpose of considering the expulsion or suspension of a member, a quorum of 5 members of the Committee shall be present. At least four of the votes of those present at such meeting must be in favour of the decision to expel.
 - 20.2.2 It shall not be incumbent upon such Committee to state its reasons for such expulsion, and no members shall have cause for action for alleged wrongful expulsion.
 - 20.2.3 It shall be obligatory for the Club to notify any other reciprocal Clubs of any membership which they have been compelled to terminate or of the resignation of a member in circumstances set out above.

22. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES

In case of doubt as to the meaning of any of the rules of the Club the matter shall be referred to arbitration.

23. COMMON SEAL

The Club shall have a common seal which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary. Every document to which the seal of the Club shall be required shall be sealed pursuant to a resolution of the Management Committee to that effect in the presence of the Secretary and at least two officers who shall attest the same.

24. POWERS

The Club shall have the power to do all lawful acts and things as are conducive to the attainment of its objects, or any of them and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following powers shall be included in the Club's powers :

- 24.1 To raise money by subscription, levies or otherwise.
- 24.2 To enter into any contracts, agreements or arrangements with any person, firm, syndicate, corporation or company the club may deem conducive to the Club's objectives or any or either of them.
- 24.3 To invest, lend and deal with moneys of the Club, not immediately required for carrying out its objectives upon securities and in such manner as shall from time to time be agreed upon.
- 24.4 To make, amend or rescind by-laws or regulations not inconsistent with these Rules.
- 24.5 To borrow or raise money by way of bank overdraft, with or without security.

25. WINDING-UP

- 23.1 In the event of the winding up of the Club the net proceeds of such winding-up shall be awarded to a charity to be nominated by a majority of the members.
- 23.2 No resolution to wind-up shall be passed unless notice of the proposal has been given to Members a minimum period of 3 calendar months prior to the date of the meeting to consider such resolution.

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RULES OF PLAY

- 1. Every Nomads round shall be Stableford scored without handicap and the Nomads handicap shall be added to the aggregate to produce the score for the day. In the Bob Charles knockout the Team score is the sum of the two individual scores.
- 2. Except as specified in Rule 3 the rules of play shall be those of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and any local rules of the host club.
- 3. Once a player has commenced putting on a green he shall continue until he has completed play of the hole. See 4.
- 4. A player shall pick up once he has scored 2 over par on any hole.
- 5. Players shall play without delay. An extensive search for a ball made be made only by the player or his caddie.
- 6. The playing year shall run from 1st December of one year until 30th November of the next, except that the Gold Cup, which is played for on the December playing day, is competed for by the qualifiers from the previous year. The Gold Cup and prizes for the previous year's competitions will be presented on Gold Cup day but in all other respects this will be a normal monthly playing day - the first of the new playing year.

Dress

7. The club playing uniform shall be worn on the course at all Nomads playing days.
8. At all prize-giving and after match functions all members shall wear the official uniform of Nomads blazer, slacks, tie and light coloured business shirt, plus name and designation badges. During the daylight saving period jackets and ties may be removed but must be donned when addressing the membership or receiving prizes.

Handicapping.

- 9.1 **Allocation of Handicap.** Golfers with an official club handicap index will have their course handicap adjusted for their first Nomads game as follows : - Handicaps up to 6 - minus 2, 7 to 12 - minus 3, 13 to 24 - minus 4. Non-club golfers will be allocated an initial handicap using the Callaway handicapping system. In this situation **only**, the player will play out each hole to a maximum of 3 over par. In any case the maximum handicap will be 24. For subsequent rounds see 9.2
- 9.2 **Adjustment of Nomads Handicap.** For every two points above a total score of 32 points the Nomads handicap shall be reduced by one and for every two points under 28 it shall be increased by one, with a maximum outward movement of two for any one round and four in any six month period. The range of 28-32 points shall be adjusted according to the course rating on the day, e.g. Par = 72, Course rating = 70, Neutral range = 30-34 points. The handicapper may make adjustments at his discretion.
- 9.3 **The playing handicap** for all events (including Bob Charles Knockout) shall be the lower of Nomads handicap or current club handicap, except that Nomads handicap cannot be lower than the club handicap by more than the reductions outlined in 9.1 above.. Adjustments are made to the playing handicap. Members should ascertain current handicaps before any Bob Charles matches and should return scores from those matches for handicapping purposes.

Competitions.

10. **Eligibility** - players must be in good standing - i.e. financial
- 10.1 **Qualification** - members are not eligible for any of the ongoing competitions or to qualify for Gold Cup Day until they have returned three Nomads cards (including any rounds played as a guest or prospect.)
- 10.2 **Ties** - For all events other than Bob Charles Knockout matches, ties shall be decided by lot. If a Bob Charles match is all square after 18 holes, the match shall be continued until one side wins a hole. The difference between the aggregate handicaps of each side shall be determined and the side with the greater aggregate shall receive an extra point or points at each hole where the hole rating is equal or less than the differential.

Playing Records

11. The handicapper will maintain full records of all rounds played, players handicaps, Gold Cup qualifiers and progress of ongoing competitions.

Events and Formats

12. **Monthly Playing Days.**
Teams event – aggregate stableford – if a group consists of only three players the average of the field shall be counted as the 4th player.
Single Stableford - Number and Value of prizes determined by field size.
Nearest the pin on two designated holes
Crying towel - lowest single stableford by a Nomad.

3. **Bob Charles Knockout.**

Combined pairs matchplay event. No pre-qualifying - choose own partner. Substitutions are not permitted once a side has played one match but one player may represent a side using, in addition to his own handicap, the handicap of the absent player. The field is drawn by lot. Matches are to be played within the dates set down by the Match Committee and published with the draw. Dispensations will not be given past the next Nomads playing day following the date set down for completion of a round. The side first named in each match is responsible for initiating contact with opponents and arranging time and venue. If players can not agree on a time or venue, or on whether one side alone is responsible non-completion of a match within the specified time-frame, the match Committee will make a determination.

14. **President's Trophy** - Best 6 monthly playing day Stableford scores over the playing year.

15. **Captains' Trophy** - Best 4 out of 5 scores of first 6 playing days (one day is Charity Day in Ambrose format).

16. **Vice-Captain's Trophy** - Best 4 out of 6 scores of last 6 playing days.

17. **Gold Cup** - Best stableford score achieved by one of the qualifiers on Gold Cup Day.

The qualifiers are :

The Single Stableford winner and runner up on each monthly day from the previous playing year - if not previously qualified.

The winners and runners-up of the Bob Charles Knockout competition.

The winner and runner-up of the President's Trophy

The winner of the Captain's trophy.

The winner of the Vice-Captain's Trophy.

Participants in the Gold Cup may not win the Single Stableford prize for the day but may qualify for the next Gold Cup Day.

Control of Competitions.

18. The Match Committee is the Committee in Charge of all Nomads competitions and their decision on any matter affecting such competitions shall be final.