

**ROTTNEST ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB INC**

**By-Laws**

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1. **Terms Used**

In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears —

- 1.1. **Act** means the Associations Incorporation Act 2015;
- 1.2. **Rules** means those rules of the Club, as in force for the time being, approved at a general meeting of members and registered in accordance with the Act.
- 1.3. **Club** means the incorporated Association to which these rules apply;
- 1.4. **By-Laws** means these by-Laws of the Club, as in force for the time being, approved at a general meeting of members and recorded in accordance with the Rules, and the Act.

2. **By-Laws**

- 2.1. The Club may alter or rescind these by-Laws, or make rules additional to these rules, in accordance with the procedure set out in the Rules.
- 2.2. These By-Laws rules bind every member and the Club to the same extent as if every member and the Club had signed and sealed these by-Laws and agreed to be bound by all their provisions.
- 2.3. Notice in writing of a proposed By-Laws amendment, duly signed by mover and seconder, must be forwarded to the Club Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to a General Meeting of the Club.
- 2.4. A majority of seventy five percent (75%) of the financial members present at such meeting is required to pass the resolution to alter the By-Laws of the Club.

3. **Restrictions on the power to Borrow:**

- 3.1. Notwithstanding the Powers of the Incorporated Club to borrow, raise or secure the payment of money or to secure the repayment or performance of any debt, liability, contract or guarantee incurred or to be entered into by the Club, provided always no borrowing in excess of \$10,000 shall be permitted unless approval is first given by members present in person and entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

4. **Payment of Moneys on behalf of the Club**

- 4.1. Any payment made on behalf of the Club must be authorized by two members of the Management Committee in writing, or by email.

5. **Associate Members**

The Rules provide for a class of members grouped as “Associate Members”.

- 5.1. These members do not have voting rights at General Meetings

## 5.2. Classes of Associate members include;

### 5.2.1. Junior Member

- (a) A junior member may be any person, male or female, under the age of 18 years who is duly elected as a junior member in accordance with clauses 9.1 and 9.2 of the RULES OF ASSOCIATION.;
- (b) A junior member shall in all other respects conform to and be bound by the Rules and By-Laws of the Club for the time being in force.
- (c) A junior member may be elected, co-opted or appointed to fill an official position on a committee or sub-committee provided however that no Junior Member shall hold the office of Captain, Vice Captain or Chairperson of any such committee, nor be eligible for election to the Management Committee of the Club.

### 5.2.2. Social Member

- (d) A social member may be any person, male or female, including persons under the age of 18 years who is duly elected as a social member in accordance with clauses 9.1 and 9.2 of the RULES OF ASSOCIATION.;
- (e) A social member shall not be entitled to hold office or vote at any poll of the Club, but shall in all other respects conform to and be bound by this Constitution and Rules and any By-Laws of the Club for the time being in force.
- (f) Except for not having playing rights on the golf course, a social member is able to utilise the club's facilities, including use of the bowling green.

### 5.2.3. Honorary Member

- (g) Honorary membership may only be approved by majority vote in any meeting of the Management Committee and the period of such membership will be limited to twelve (12) months.
- (h) The Management Committee shall annually inspect records of honorary membership and, in its sole discretion, extend or let lapse honorary membership/s in accord with the conditions herein.
- (i) A life member of any affiliated Rottnest Island sporting club will be accorded an honorary membership to the Club for the duration that such affiliation exists.
- (j) An honorary member shall not be entitled to a vote or be present at any meeting of the members of the Club nor have any right, title or interest in or any property of the Club.
- (k) Except for the aforesaid, honorary members shall be afforded all the privileges enjoyed by ordinary members.
- (l) An honorary member shall not be required to pay a subscription.

## 6. **Election of Associate Members**

- 6.1. Excepting for Honorary Members, Application for Membership is in accordance with the Rules.
- 6.2. Honorary membership may only be conferred and approved by majority vote in any meeting of the Management Committee and the period of such membership will be limited to twelve (12) months.
- 6.3. The Management Committee shall annually inspect records of honorary membership and, in its sole discretion, extend or let lapse honorary membership/s in accord with the conditions herein.

## 7. **Club Patron**

In General:

*A Patron is defined as: ...one who encourages or helps a person, a cause, or a work, a furtherer and a promoter; a person who protects, supports, or countenances, a defender, an advocate or a person of distinction under whom a person [or club] places himself / itself ...Therefore the role of the Club Patron can be summed up as – No. 1 supporter, part promoter who can be called upon at any time for advice or guidance and someone who the members of the club hold the utmost respect for as an individual!*

*Club Patrons are individuals who provide long term support and / or sponsorship to the Club over an extended period of time and at times may not have ever been a member of the club.*

*The role of a Club Patron is part promoter of the club and its members and part supporter of the clubs activities and ongoing success.*

*The honour of being awarded the status of a Club patron is also in recognition of the respect that the Club has for the individual.*

Insofar as the By-Laws relate:

- 7.1. The Members of the Club may at a General Meeting of the Club elect a Patron of the Club who shall be entitled to participate in any general meeting but shall not be entitled to vote or otherwise participate in the business of the Club unless they are a current member of the Club under another category of membership.
- 7.2. Nominations for the Patron are to be dealt with in the same manner as for Members of the Management Committee outlined in the Rules.