

# **Proposed amendments to Constitution**

**February 2025**

## **1) Clause 15 - Financial Affairs of the Club**

### **Clause 15.1.1**

#### **Current:**

Capital Account being the fund to which the surplus or deficit each year is transferred. All entrance fees received, and interest earned from investments must be credited to the Capital Account.

#### **Proposed:**

Capital Reserves being the fund to which the surplus or deficit each year is transferred. Entrance fees received are not treated as income but are credited directly to a special purpose Capital Fund.

### **Clause 15.1.2**

#### **Current:**

Sinking Fund being an account backed by investment accounts created out of annual available cash surpluses and specific fund-raising initiatives. The sinking fund is an account created out of a percentage of annual available cash surpluses. This fund is created to finance special golf course projects e.g. machinery, irrigation.

#### **Proposed:**

Where a surplus occurs in a financial year that is more than operational requirements, the Governing Body will authorise a transfer of funds to the Investment Account that is under the control of the Trustees

### **Clause 15.1.3**

#### **Current:**

special purpose funds being funds backed by investment accounts created out of transfers from the Club's bank accounts. These funds are created for special projects.

#### **Proposed:**

Special purpose Capital Funds, backed by investment accounts created out of transfers from the Club's bank accounts. These funds are created for special

projects. The Capital Funds will be controlled by the Governing Body, and tight financial control will be exercised; see Clause 15.3

#### Clause 15.1.4

##### Current:

the Capital Funds will be controlled by the Governing Body, and tight financial control of same will be exercised; see Clause 15.3

##### Proposed:

Removal

#### Clause 15.2

##### Current:

Operating surpluses of the Club at the end of each financial year will be paid into the Capital Fund so that the Capital Fund will not be eroded by the passage of time;

##### Proposed:

Removal

#### Clause 15.3

##### Current:

Selected Investment Accounts are under the control of the Trustees. Income from these Investment Accounts is to be reinvested in the Investment Accounts unless the Trustees deem that the income may be used for another purpose and release that income, following application by the Governing Body for use for a specific purpose, in a specific year.

##### Proposed:

Income from the Investment Accounts is to be reinvested in the Investment Account. An application to withdraw funds from the Investment Account may be made by the Governing Body to the Trustees. If this is approved, every effort should be made to repay the funds to the Investment Account within 3 years or such period as the Trustees may agree

## **2) Addendum 2 – Code of Conduct**

### Clause 5 - Club Golf Competitions

##### Current:

The rules of the R&A Rules Limited shall apply, subject to such local rules as the Golf Manager may decide. On days when the course has been reserved for official club competitions, members who have reserved tee-off times are obliged to participate in the competition. (WoHS). The Golf Captain / Golf Manager has the right to decide on the handicap limit for all club competitions.

Proposed:

The rules of the R&A Rules Limited shall apply, subject to such local rules as the Golf Manager may decide. On days when the course has been reserved for official club competitions, members who have reserved tee-off times are obliged to participate in the competition. The Handicap Indexes used for club competitions shall be as per the Handicap Index indicated on the HNA System on the day of the competition and in line with the World Handicapping System (WoHS). The Golf Captain / Golf Manager has the right to decide on the handicap limit for all club competitions.

Clause 7 - Participation in Club Competitions

Current:

Only members holding official SAGA golf handicaps may participate in club competitions. The Golf Captain / Golf Manager has the discretion to determine the handicap of a person competing in a club competition who is not handicapped at the Club. Members who have visiting family or guests (with official club handicaps) may request permission from the Golf Manager to allow such persons to participate with them in a club competition. Junior members may also request permission to participate in club competitions. The Golf Manager's decision shall be final.

Proposed:

Only members holding an official handicap index (per the WoHS) may participate in club competitions. The Golf Captain / Golf Manager has the discretion to determine the handicap of a person competing in a club competition who is not handicapped at the Club.

Members who have visiting family or guests (with an official handicap index) may request permission from the Golf Manager to allow such persons to participate with them in a club competition. Visiting players who are handicapped at clubs outside of South Africa may request to play, and their handicap will be decided upon by the Golf Manager under the WoHS. Junior members may participate in club competitions at the discretion of and permission of the Golf Manager, whose decision shall be final.

## Clause 15 - Scorecards and Score Capturing

### Current:

To facilitate the calculation of competition results, members are expected to hand in scorecards as soon as they have completed their rounds. Failure to hand in a scorecard within 15 minutes after the last four-ball has completed the round may, at the discretion of the Golf Manager, result in disqualification. Members are expected to fill in the card correctly, including scores and signatures of the players and markers, and any omission will result in disqualification of the players concerned.

### Proposed:

To facilitate the efficient calculation of competition results, members are expected to hand in scorecards as soon as they have completed their rounds. Failure to hand in a scorecard within 15 minutes after the last four-ball has completed their round may, at the discretion of the Golf Manager, result in disqualification. Members are expected to fill in their competition cards correctly, including score totals and signatures of the players and markers. and any omission could result in the disqualification of the players concerned.

Members must capture their adjusted gross scores for all rounds opened on the HNA System, within 24 hours of opening their round. Failure to do so may result in measures being taken by the Handicaps Committee in line with Item 16.

## Clause 16 - Handicapping Policy of Clovelly Country Club

### Current:

Clovelly Country Club's Handicapping Policy refers to the current World Handicap System's (WHS) "Rules of Handicapping". The tenets of the WHS focus on three main objectives:

- To encourage as many golfers as possible to obtain and maintain a handicap
- To enable golfers of differing abilities, genders, and nationalities to transport their handicap to any course globally and compete on a fair basis
- To indicate with sufficient accuracy the score a golfer is reasonably capable of achieving on any course around the world, playing under normal conditions.

Furthermore, Clovelly will be guided by current recommendations from GolfRSA regarding handicapping, contained in the GolfRSA Handicap Guidelines, GolfRSA Transgressions and Proposed Sanctions Manual and GolfRSA Objection and Appeal Procedures.

Proposed:

Clovelly Country Club's Handicapping Policy refers to the current World Handicap System's (WHS) "Rules of Handicapping". The tenets of the WHS focus on the following objectives:

- 16.1 To encourage as many golfers as possible to obtain and maintain a handicap
- 16.2 To enable golfers of differing abilities, genders, and nationalities to transport their handicap to any course globally and compete on a fair basis
- 16.3 To indicate with sufficient accuracy the score a golfer may reasonably achieve on any course worldwide, playing under normal conditions.
- 16.4 Furthermore, Clovelly will be guided by GolfRSA's current recommendations regarding handicapping, which are contained in the GolfRSA Handicap Guidelines, GolfRSA Transgressions and Proposed Sanctions Manual, and GolfRSA Objection and Appeal Procedures.