

THE IDEALS OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Mt Warren Park Golf Club prides itself on being a *friendly* club.

The enjoyment of golf depends a great deal on the co-operation, consideration and courtesy extended by fellow competitors. What is true of the game also applies to club membership. The spirit and image of a golf club is projected by the way fellow members show respect, courtesy and consideration for one another. This courtesy and consideration should extend to the standard of conduct on the course and in the Clubhouse.

The standards of a golf club may be judged by the behaviour and golfing etiquette of its members.

BEHAVIOUR

No member or visitor shall behave in a manner prejudicial to the welfare of the Club.

In no circumstances, shall a member abuse or rebuke the Pro Shop staff, Green staff or any servant or employee of the R.S.L. Club.

The Mount Warren Park Golf Club Inc. Constitution gives the Committee the authority to expel members or suspend a member from all privileges of membership of the Club.

COMPLAINTS

It is the duty of every member to report major infringements of the Club's Regulations or Etiquette to the Committee. All complaints shall be made in writing to the Committee.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Mount Warren Park Golf Club Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 6.00pm.

COMPETITION DAYS

Mt Warren Park Golf Competition Days are as follows:

Tuesday	Veterans
Wednesday	Lady Members
Wednesday	Male Members
Thursday	Veterans
Saturday	Male Members
Saturday	Lady Members

NB: The course may also be used for Corporate Days and competitions which are not listed in this Handbook

PRO SHOP HOURS

Pro Shop Hours: 6.30am to 5.30pm (Monday to Friday)
5.30am to 5.45pm (Saturday & Sunday)

PRACTICE ON THE COURSE

Members may play golf on the course on days that they are not competing but ***must report to the Pro Shop to notify them of their presence on the course and to ensure that their play will not interfere with any competition.***

Except when a player is going to compete in a match play competition they may not play any strokes on the course or test the surface of any putting green except for practise putting or chipping near their first tee on the day competition is to be played (Rule 7 of the "Rules of Golf").

Driving practice off tees, hitting practice balls on the course and hitting practice balls to any putting green is prohibited at all times as this causes unnecessary damage to the course.

The Driving Range, the Practice Putting Green and the old 17th putting green are available for players to practice.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The Match Committee is in charge of all play on the course and reserves the right to alter the program or method of play at any time. Members should look at the Notice Boards before starting play for they are deemed to be aware of all notices, Local Rules and Competition Conditions posted there.

All play is governed by the Rules of Golf, our Local Rules, sheets listing Conditions of Play posted on the Notice Board and the regulations set out in this Handbook.

A protest or dispute in connection with any competition or match should be made to the Match Committee immediately upon completion of play or as soon as possible thereafter. The Match Committee's decision in all competitions will be final.

In the event of ties in competitions, winners will be decided by countback.

INSURANCE

Golf Affiliation Fees form a part of your overall Membership and cover you for:

Players Liability Insurance incorporating \$20 million **Public Liability** and \$5 million **Professional Indemnity Cover** for all affiliated players, officials, volunteers and trialling participants in recognised development programmes.

Mount Warren Park Golf Club does not provide cover for **Personal Accident or Personal Equipment Insurance** including golf carts.

This cover is the responsibility of individual Members. All golfers play golf at their own risk.

NEW MEMBERS

All applications to join Mount Warren Park Golf Club Inc. must be accompanied by the relevant membership fee.

Upon submitting their completed application form and paying the relevant membership fee, new members shall be issued with this Members Handbook and shall make themselves aware of the rights and responsibilities of being a member of Mount Warren Park Golf Club Inc.

All members are entitled to play social or competition rounds without paying green fees (please note, a competition fee does apply when playing in competition rounds).

A new member is not entitled to competition prizes until their handicap is validated or he/she has a handicap allocated by the Mt Warren Park Golf Club Handicapper.

Provided new members have a current official AGU/LGU handicap they can play in Club Competitions.

Members who do not have a current handicap can join the field for most Club competitions and have a playing partner mark and sign a card to be submitted to the Handicapper to obtain an official handicap.

HANDICAPS

Handicaps enable players to compete in handicap events on even terms.
All members and visitors must have a current official handicap to compete in Club Competitions.

OBTAINING A NEW HANDICAP

A member is not entitled to competition prizes until their handicap is validated or he/she has had a handicap allocated by the Mt Warren Park Golf Club Handicapper. New members who have a current official handicap need to supply the Handicapper with:

- Their previous Golf Link PIN or
- Adequate documentation from their former club showing their exact handicap

Any members who wish to obtain a current official handicap need to submit cards, marked, dated and endorsed by a member of a Golf Club. Male members need to submit five completed cards (three of which must be from Mt Warren Park) and female members need to submit three completed cards (all of which must be from Mt Warren Park).

HANDICAP DIVISIONS – MEN/LADIES

A, B and C competition grades apply for all **Stroke** and **Stableford** events.

Four Ball events are generally played over 2 Divisions.

Grades and **Divisions** may vary from time to time and are set by the **Match Committee**.

VISITORS

All visitors **must** have a current official handicap to compete in any golf competition at Mt Warren Park Golf Club and should produce evidence of their membership of a recognized golf club and their current handicap at their home club before teeing off.

Visitors will not be entitled to competitions prizes until their handicap is validated. Visitors are not eligible to win Honour Board events, Monthly Medals, the President's Trophy, the Captain's Trophy or accumulative prizes (e.g. Pro Pin).

ETIQUETTE

- No one 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.
- No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
- In the interest of all, players should play without delay, if, to assist in speeding up play, it is necessary to hit out of order please do so with the approval of your playing partners. A slow group should allow a faster group to pass through where and when it is appropriate.
- A player may search for his/her ball for 5 minutes but should allow waiting players to play through if it is your turn to play and your ball has not been found. They should signal to the players following them and should not continue their play until those players have passed and are out of range.
- Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully smooth out the sand and replace the rake therein.
- Through the green, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by he/she is replaced at once and pressed down, and that, after players have holed out, any damage to the putting green made by the ball is carefully repaired.
- All players should carry and use a bucket of sand to fill divots made by themselves and other players.
- Players should ensure that no damage is done to the putting green, and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to the hole or in handling the flagstick. Bags and buggies should not be brought onto a putting. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.
- When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green and proceed to the next tee.
- Players' scores should be recorded on scorecards whilst waiting on the next tee.
- Sharing of clubs is prohibited, except where permitted under the Rules of Golf.
- Priority on course – Two ball matches should have precedence over and entitled to pass any three ball or four ball match. A single player has no standing on the course.
- Green staff have right of way at all times.

MOTORISED BUGGIES

Motorised buggies are not permitted within **six (6) metres** of greens or bunkers at any time.

Motorised buggies are not permitted on teeing areas.

It is the owner's or hirer's responsibility to ensure that he/she or any other driver of their buggy uses the buggy in a responsible way.

Persons must be **18 years of age and hold a current driver's licence** to be permitted to drive a motorised buggy on the course whether they are hiring a cart from the Pro Shop or it is their own personal buggy.

PLAYING GROUPS

The Rules of Golf state that there will be **no more than 4 players** per group (Competition or Social Play) at any time **unless authorised** by the Pro Shop staff.

CAPTAIN OF THE GROUP

A senior golfer with the lowest handicap is regarded as the Captain of each group and shall ensure all points of etiquette are observed, the match keeps its place in the field (**judged by the distance of the group in front rather than the group behind**), Pace of play guidelines are posted on notice board and should be abided by at all times **no exceptions**. Each player in the group carries a sand bucket for repairing divots and repairs divots and plug marks on greens.

RETURN OF CARDS

The Handicap System is based on the assumption that every player will endeavour to make the best score he/she can at each hole in every round he/she plays and will report every eligible round for handicapping purposes, regardless of where the round was played.

For Single Stroke and Single Stableford events, players are required to enter their scores in the Computer located in the RSL before handing their completed card to the Committee.

Players are required to ensure that all cards are completed and handed in no later than 15 minutes after completion of their round or face disqualification under Rule 6-6b.

The player should settle any doubtful points with the Match Committee before he/she hands the card in.

Under Rule 6 of the "Rules of Golf", all competition cards that have been handed in must have the:

1. **Player's Name** – If the player's name is not printed on the card when the player receives his/her card then the player's name must be written legibly on the card
2. **Player's Current Handicap**
3. **Player's Golf Link Number**
4. **Player's Gross Score for each hole**
5. **Signatures of the Marker and the Player**

The accurate calculation and recording of the players total Gross and Nett scores should also be done.

SECURITY

Members and visitors are responsible for the safety of their property on or about the course. This includes clubs and other property left with the Club Professional.

Persons finding property should hand it into the Pro Shop or to a member of the Committee.

TIMESHEETS

- Timesheets for the Male Members' Saturday competitions are available the previous Saturday in the Handicap Room for bookings. Time sheets for Lady Members' Wednesday and Saturday competitions are available 2 weeks prior to the event in the handicap room.
- Time sheet bookings may be made by members in person only or by telephone through the Pro Shop after this time.
- No member shall book in more than one four, or book in members without their knowledge or consent.
- No member shall change any other member's time of play on the time sheet unless authorised by such member and shall, prior to making such alteration, notify the Pro Shop.
- Members who have nominated for an event and subsequently find they are unable to play, must notify the Pro Shop as early as possible – failure to do this may result in Committee action.

COUNTBACK SYSTEM

In a handicap competition which ends in a tie, any countback should allow the correct proportion of the player's handicap (fractions to count).

- For 18 hole events, the best score for the last 9 holes shall be used, if there is still a tie the last 6 holes or if still tied, the last 3 holes. If a tie still persists, then hole by hole in reverse order from the 18th hole.
- In 27, 36, 54 and 72 hole events, the last 18 holes shall be used to determine winners in the event of a tie and if still tied, countback as described above.
- For a nine hole event, the best score for the last 6 holes shall be used, if there is still a tie, the last 3 holes, if a tie persists then hole by hole from the 9th hole.