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**TERM** **MEANS**

Championship Event Club Championship, Foursomes Championships

Club The Warburton Sporting and Golf Club Inc.

Committee The Committee of Management

Handicap World Handicap (Golflink)

Local Rules Permanent and/or temporary rules as determined by the Match Committee that modify the Rules of Golf.

Major Trophies These are determined by the Match Committee and include:

:

* Harry Martyr Matchplay
* Singer-Walker 4B Matchplay
* R.Leith Matchplay
* Geoff Reid Trophy
* Captains Trophy
* Presidents Trophy
* Charlie Jennings Cup – Medal of Medalists
* Peter Bartlett Trophy

Member A financial member of the Club

Membership Year From the 1st April to the 30th March of the following year

PDGA Peninsula District Golf Association

Playing Member All Membership Categories except Category S and Unfinancial Members

Rules of Golf Rules of Golf authorised by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews

**SECTION 2 – THE CLUB**

**2.1 Brief History of the Club**

1935 Formation of the Upper Yarra Golf Club with the support of the Mayer organisation

1949 Upper Yarra Golf Club joined the newly formed West Gippsland Golf Association

1951 UYGC renamed Warburton Golf Club

1952 Club became a foundation member of the Peninsular District Golf Association (PDGA)

1956 Club won “A” Pennant

1965 Plans made to develop 18 holes on present site

1968 Club won Barwon Cup

1969 Course sold to M and P Walker

1970 10 hole course opened by Victorian Golf Association President on 10th May

1970 Club won “B” Pennant

1971 P Bartlett elected President of PDGA

1971 Club won “C” Pennant

1972 Club took formal lease of course

1978 Club purchased course

1982 Club won Senior Pennant

1984 Club Ladies won Division 1 and 2 Pennants

1986 Incorporated as Sporting Club named Warburton Golf and Sporting Club Inc (WGSC)

1986 Club Ladies Division 1 won Hills and North vs South Pennants

1986 Club won Reserve Pennant

1987 Club won Barwon Cup

1988 Club won Caltex Country Teams Event

1992 Club won PDGA Mixed Foursome Championships

1993 Club won both “A” and “B” Pennants

1993 Clubhouse burned down – 28th October

1995 New Clubhouse opened

1996 Club Ladies won MPDWGA Division 3 Pennant

1997 Club won “B” Reserve Pennant

2000 B LeGassick made Life Member of PDGA

2002 Club won “B” Reserve and Junior Pennants

2003 Club won “B” Reserve and Junior Pennants

2004 Club won Junior Pennant

2008 Club won Masters Pennant

2009 Club won Reserve 2 Pennant

**2.2 Life Members**

1949 J.Mayer (Dec)

1962 H Martyr (Dec)

1970 P. Bartlett Snr (Dec)

1975 W. Bretargh (Dec)

1979 O. Singer (Dec)

1980 Mrs E. Eddy (Dec)

1983 R. Leith

J. Coulson (Dec)

1985 C. Jennings (Dec)

1987 A. Reidy Snr (dec)

F. Walker (Dec)

1989 Mrs N. Fleming (Dec)

1990 E. Greening (Dec)

1995 M. Inverarity (Dec)

2001 Mrs J. Leith (Dec)

2003 Ms S.Sayer

2005 G. Leith (Dec)

2014 R. Hanson

2017 P. Kennedy

2020 B.LeGassick

**SECTION 3 - AFFILIATED CLUBS**

**3.1 Reciprocal Clubs**

Bright Golf Club Mirboo North Golf Club

64 Talavera Road, Bright, VIC Gelvins Road, Mirboo North, VIC

03 5755 1773 03 5668 1515

50% Green Fee Full Reciprocal

Eildon Golf Club Tatura – Hilltop Golf Club

Dry Creek Road, Eildon, VIC 71 Gowrie Street, Tatura, VIC

03 5774 2044 03 5824 1689

Full Reciprocal Full Reciprocal

Korumburra Golf Club Warragul Counrty Club

Warragul-Korumburra Road, Korumburra, VIC 41 Sutton Road, Warragul, VIC

03 5655 1886 03 5623 2135

50% Green Fee 50% Green Fee

Woorayl Golf Club

Recreation Reserve, Leongatha, VIc

03 5662 4187

Full Reciprocal

**3.2 Golf Peninsula Clubs**

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| **Member Club** | **Phone** | **eMail** |
| Bay Views Sporting Club | (03) 5981 2833 | golf@bayviewsgolf.com.au |
| Berwick Montuna | (03) 9707 1887 | info@berwickmontuna.com.au |
| Cardinia-Beacon Hills | (03) 5945 9230 | info@beaconhillsgolf.com.au |
| Carrington Park | (03) 5988 2500 | carringtonpark@eagleridge.com.au |
| Cerberus | (03) 5983 6006 | cerberus@iprimus.com.au |
| Devilbend | (03) 5978 8470 | manager@devilbend.com.au |
| Flinders | (03) 5989 0583 | admin@flindersgolfclub.com.au |
| Moonah Links | (03) 5988 2000 | reception@moonahlinks.com.au |
| Mornington | (03) 5975 2784 | admin@morningtongolf.com.au |
| Mt Martha (Woman) | (03) 5974 4737 | mmgc@aapt.net.au |
| Portsea | (03) 5981 6155 | office@portseagolf.com.au |
| RACV Cape Schank | (03) 5950 8000 |  |
| Rosebud Country Club | (03) 5950 0800 | rcc.operations@rosebudcountryclub.com.au |
| Safety Beach | (03) 5981 0100 | admin@safetybeachcountryclub.com.au |
| St Andrews Beach | (03) 5988 5366 | bookings@standrewsbeachgolf.com.au |
| Sorrento | (03) 5984 2226 | club@sorrentogolf.com.au |
| The Dunes | (03) 5985 1334 | golf@thedunes.com.au |
| The National | (03) 5988 6666 | info@nationalgolf.com.au |
| Warburton | (03) 5966 2306 | warbygolf@bigpond.com |

**SECTION 4 - MEMBERSHIP**

**4.1 - Benefits of Membership**

- Free use of course at times stipulated at 4.6

- Reduced Green Fees for guests of Members

- Access to teaching Professional

- Regular Competitions (Wednesday, Saturdays and Thursday evenings in Summer)

- Reduced Cart Hire for Members

- Reduced Clubhouse Hire Charge for Members

- Members Discount for Golf equipment/clothes

- Members Discount for food/drinks

- Flexible payment arrangement

**4.2 - Commencement of Membership**

A person becomes a member of the club:

* **when** their membership application is approved by the Committee
* **and** they have paid the joining fee (if any is required)
* **and** they have paid their membership fees.

**4.3 - Handicap**

For new members without a handicap, their handicap is calculated once they have presented scorecards for three 18 hole rounds. These cards must be completed and signed by the member’s playing partner for each of those rounds, who must have a current handicap. Once an official handicap is allocated, the member is entered into the Golflink system.

**4.4 - Fee Payment**

Fees for a full Membership Year are payable on the 1st April each year, notwithstanding:

* they may be paid by instalments through the Membership Year where applicable; or
* that a member may cease to be a member during the Membership Year.

Fees can currently be paid in:

* one instalment on or before 1 April.

As well as the above option Cat A (not incl. CatA18-35), Cat B, and Cat D can also choose from the following options:

* two equal instalments on or before 1 April and 1 October,
* four equal instalments on or before 1 April, 1 July, 1 October and 1 December, or
* 9 instalments on or before 1 April to 1 December inclusive, with the first instalment being 2/10 of the annual fees and the remaining instalments each being 1/10 of the annual fees.

A $10 Admin Fee applies to all instalment payments, so no Admin Fee applies if payment is made in also chose from the following options one payment, while $20, $40 and $90 total fees apply to the other options.

If paying membership fees by instalments, members are requested to set up direct debit payments through their financial institution.

**4.5 – New Members**

New members will be invited to play a round of golf with a member or members of the Match Committee within the first few days of their Membership.

**4.6 - Categories of Membership**

Summary of the eleven Categories of Membership and their respective rights are as follows:

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| **Category** | **Playing Rights and Competition Eligibility** |
| **A and ML**  Full | Has the right to play 7 days and is eligible for all trophies.  ML Members pay a once off Fee that entitles them to all Category A Membership rights for life. |
| **B**  Weekday | Has the right to play weekdays only and is eligible for weekday trophies only, except that the Committee may declare particular events open to Cat B Members. In such cases, Cat B members are eligible for trophies in these events. |
| **C**  Junior | Has the right to play 7 and is eligible for all trophies at the discretion of the Match Committee. |
| **D**  Corporate | Has the right to play 7 days and is eligible for all trophies. A Committee Special Condition applies to Corporate Member’s guests. |
| **E**  6 Month | Has the right play 7 days and is eligible for all trophies excluding Honour Board events) played for and completed within the relevant six months. |
| **F**  Restricted  (Handicap Only) | Has the right to play 7 days only on the payment of green fees for each round. Has the right to play in Club competitions on the additional payment of applicable competition fees but is ineligible for any honour board trophy, other trophy or monthly medals. |
| **G**  Introductory | Has the right to play all days except Sundays and Public Holidays and, once handicap requirements are satisfied, has all rights described at Category A. |
| **H**  Honorary | If appointed by virtue of being an employee of the Club, Has the right to play 7 days and is eligible for all trophies. |
| **L**  Life | Has the right to play 7 days and is eligible for all trophies. |
| **S** | Has no playing rights. |

**4.7 - Leave of absence**

A financial member of the club may apply in writing to the Secretary for leave of absence. The Committee decides whether to grant leave of absence and the terms and conditions (including the suspension of annual subscriptions in whole or in part) and the period of time applying to such leave of absence and the Secretary notifies the member.

A member granted leave of absence who wishes to resume active membership prior to the expiration of the approved period of leave of absence must notify the Secretary in writing. The Committee then determines whether to grant the request and, if so, what proportion of the annual subscription is payable.

**4.8 – Resignation of Members**

A member **who has paid all monies due and payable** for the full Membership Year may resign by giving one month’s notice in writing to the Secretary.

**4.9 - Members’ Liability for fees**

Membership fees for a full Membership Year are payable on the 1st April of that year, at rates determined at the club’s Annual General Meeting.

Short of resigning or being expelled, membership continues indefinitely and the member becomes liable to pay further fees as each Membership Year passes.

Cessation of membership during a given Membership Year **does not** extinguish the liability to pay fees for that year. A member who pays fees in full at the start of the Membership Year is not refunded fees if they cease to be a member later in that year and a member who pays their fees by instalments is still due to pay their remaining fees for that Membership Year if they cease to be a member.

**4.10 - Unfinancial Members**

A member is unfinancial if they have an amount overdue for one or more of joining fees, annual subscriptions, fines or levies. Membership rights are immediately suspended and such members are advised that unless all amounts are paid within 30 days membership will be terminated.

Suspension of membership rights means members cannot play in competitions at our Club or other Clubs (Golf Link registration will be suspended) and cannot play golf without paying Green Fees. They also lose the right to any Member discounts as well as all voting and related rights

A person whose membership has been terminated under this provision may subsequently re-apply for membership but will be required to pay any applicable Joining Fees.

**4.11 – Duties of Members**

It is the duty of every Member:

* to study and observe the Rules of Golf and the etiquette as prescribed in the Club’s rules and bylaws;
* to protect the Club’s property, in particular trees and ornamental shrubs, from damage;
* to carry a sand bucket and to use sand provided for the purpose of repairing divots:
* to repair pitch marks on the greens;
* to replace the flagstick correctly in the hole before leaving the green ensuring no damage is done to the hole;
* to ensure that, when removing the flagstick or placing it on the ground, no damage is done to the green;
* to play without delay and to observe the practice of “ready golf” and to avoid slow play ; and
* when hosting guests, to ensure they comply with the Club rules and bylaws.

**4.12 – Members Code of Conduct**

On joining the Club, each Member voluntarily submits to high standards of behavior and ethical conduct. Members are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsporting or that discredit the game of golf at the Warburton Golf and Sporting Club or at any other golf club.

The Committee of Management has the power to take disciplinary action against any Member who:

* within the precincts of the course or clubhouse engages in conduct detrimental to the game of golf;
* at any time physically abuses any official, opponent or other person within the precincts of the course or clubhouse;
* unreasonable uses abusive language, throws or breaks clubs, willfully damages the course in any way or behaves on the course in such manner as will bring discredit to the club or the game of golf;
* fails to comply with the Rules of Golf as amended by Local Rules in force or who fails to comply with any other rules, bylaws, directions or instructions as specified by the club;
* deliberately undertakes measures to manipulate their handicap
* commits a criminal offence against the Club or its Members, eg damage or theft of Club/Member property;
* refuses to comply with the club dress regulations; or
* fails to ensure that their guests observe the Club’s Code of Conduct.

**4.13 – Member’s Guests**

Members may introduce Guests to play golf at WGC. They can participate in competitions if they have a World Handicap.

Guests will pay a reduced Green Fee

Members must enter the names of their Guests, whether playing or non-playing, in the visitors book on arrival at the Clubhouse. The Visitors Book is available at the Golf Shop.

**4.14 – Dress Requirements**

The Club seeks to provide a relaxed and friendly environment for its Members, Guests and Green Fee players. To assist in this regard, the Committee has chosen not to enforce strict dress requirements but rather require neat casual wear.

However there are there are a couple of rules that need to be enforced. Firstly, acceptable footwear must be worn while on the course. The Committee considers thongs or workboots to be unacceptable.

Secondly, it is a requirement that spiked golf-shoes, headwear and sleeveless tee-shirts not be worn within the non-golf shop areas of the clubhouse.

**SECTION 5 – GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

**5.1 - Reporting to the Clubhouse**

Members, Guests and Green fee players are required to report to the Golf Shop on all occasions before playing on the course whether for competition or social golf.

**5.2 – Practice before Play**

The Club provides the following practice facilities:

* The practice fairway;
* The nets; and
* The practice putting green near the Clubhouse.

Members must not practice on the course before stroke play except in areas set aside for that purpose or as permitted under the Rules of Golf.

Note that the penalty for breach of the relevant Rule in this regard is disqualification.

**5.3 – Priority on the Course**

* The Captain and the President have the right to play through at all times in order to attend to their duties.
* Pairs have priority over threesomes and foursomes, who should invite the pair to play through as soon as practicable.
* Players involved in official competitions, have right of way over social groups.
* If a group is following a group that has fallen a full hole or more behind, the first-mentioned group is entitled to play through. A courteous approach should be adopted.

**5.4 – Avoiding Slow Play**

* The lowest handicap marker in each group is responsible for controlling the conduct of the group, including the avoidance of slow play.
* Each player must move briskly to their ball between shots and be prepared to play without delay when the group ahead is sufficiently clear.
* Except in match play, the first player to their ball should play first even if another player’s ball is further from the green.
* Players should take their buggies as near as possible to their ball, except at the green where they should be placed on the side of the green nearest to the next tee. Buggies must not be left in front of the green.
* While waiting on another player’s putt, the player should make the necessary preparations, such as removing glove, repairing pitch marks and preparing to align the putt. Players putting first on the green should repair pitch marks after putting.
* On completing a hole, players should leave the green promptly, (ie no practice putting or marking of cards), and move immediately to the next tee.
* Except in match play, the first player ready should tee off as soon as the group ahead is sufficiently clear. Cards can be marked with the scores from the previous hole while others are teeing off.
* When searching for a lost ball, call the group behind through immediately they are ready. In any event, spend no more than three minutes searching for a lost ball (Rule 27).
* If your group falls back from the group in front, try to immediately close the gap;
* If your group falls more than a hole behind the group ahead and you are delaying the field, you should immediately call the next group through.
* Groups in carts do not have rights to play through groups walking unless the gap in the field has opened up.
* In Par and Stableford rounds, pick up your ball when strokes are exhausted.

**5.5 – Courtesy to other Players**

* No one should move, talk, stand close to or directly behind the player when that player is preparing for or making a stroke. Additionally, no one should stand directly behind the hole when a player is preparing for a putt or making the putting stroke.
* Green fee paying players should be treated with the same courtesies as if they were Playing Members.

**5.6 – Course Safety**

The Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985 (Vic) requires the employer to maintain a safe working environment. The Warburton Golf and Sporting Club Inc has adopted safe working practices. To help prevent injury to staff from golf balls, the following procedures are to be followed:

* Players must NOT hit to the green until such time as the group ahead has completed putting and have left the green.
* When playing from fairways and rough players must:
  + be confident they will not reach the group in front before playing their shot and
  + wait for an approaching vehicle or mower to pass behind or out of range before playing their shot. (However, the operator may call on golfers to play their shots, in which case the player is relieved of this requirement).
* In general, when ground staff are within range, players must receive acknowledgement from the ground staff before playing their shot.

**Failure to comply with these procedures may result in disciplinary action by the Club or prosecution under the above-mentioned Act.**

**SECTION 6 - COMPETITIONS**

**6.1 – Competition Conditions**

**6.1.1 – Rules to Apply**

* Play is governed by the Rules of Golf as modified by local or temporary local rules from time to time.
* It is important for all competitors to read the Local Rules and information relating to the competition before the start of play.
* Local Rules and information regarding conditions of play are posted on the Members’ Notice Board in the Clubhouse and at the shed near the practice green.
* Members are not permitted to play in match play and stroke play events at the same time.
* For the Club Championships the Match Committee may arrange the draw of leaders after each round for each Grade

**6.1.2 – Handicaps**

* Handicaps are determined using the World Handicap System. Daily handicaps are posted on the Clubhouse noticeboard and these must be used in any competition on that day.
* Handicap grades will be determined by the Match Committee and may be varied from time to time.
* The player has the responsibility of playing off their correct Handicap otherwise penalties under Rule 63.3b will apply.
* Guests without a handicap may be allocated a temporary handicap at the discretion of the Match Committee.
* Handicaps shall be applied in completion as follows:
  + *Stroke, Stableford or Par* – Full stroke handicap;
  + *Matchplay* – lowest marker plays off scratch and concedes shots according to the matchplay index on the card, based on difference between handicaps as follows:
    - Men – handicap is the difference between full stroke handicaps;
    - Ladies – handicap is the difference between full stroke handicaps
  + *Foursomes* – half of the aggregate stroke handicaps if playing 18 holes or three quarters if playing 27 holes;
  + *Ambrose* – one quarter of the aggregate stroke handicaps for 2 players, one sixth for 3 players and one eighth for 4 players; and
  + *Eclectic* – half the handicap at the close of competition

**6.1.3 – Eligibility of Non-Members to Play in Competitions**

Members of other formal golf clubs or non-Members who hold an official World Handicap are eligible to play in all Club competitions, on payment of necessary Green and Competition Fees.

**6.1.4 – Championship and Major Trophy Events – Eligibility of Players in their 1st Year of Membership**

* To compete in a Championship Event or Major Trophy any Member, having been a Member for less that 12 months, must have been a financial member for 90 days prior to commencement of the event and must have submitted at least 5 cards (other than Handicap cards) from competitions held at the Club within 90 days prior to commencement of the event;
* To compete for major trophies other than Championship Events (major trophies will be determined by the Match Committee) any member having been a member for less that 12 months must have been a financial member for 60 days prior to commencement of the event and must have submitted at least 3 cards (other than handicap cards) from competitions at the Club within 60 days prior to commencement of the event

**6.1.5 – Booking, Registration and Commencement of Play**

* Starting time information for each competition is administered by the Golf Shop. Members are encouraged to indicate their intention to play in a competition and to have a start time allocated well in advance, although the starter will do his/her best to accommodate “walk up” entrants.
* Before commencing their round, players in all competitions must have paid their competition fees and have had their names and current WORLD Handicap entered on the daily competition sheet provided for the purpose.
* For Matchplay knockout events, the entry of player’s names and Handicaps,(as described in previous point) is not required.
* If a hole in one completion is being run in conjunction with the golf competition, players will need to have registered for this at the golf shop prior to commencement of the round.
* All competitors are due on the tee ten minutes before their booked time. Should any competitor not be on time, the starter has the authority to instruct them to go to the end of the field.
* Competition times may change at the discretion of the Match Committee. Members are advised to check at the Golf Shop for details of current times.

**6.1.6 – Score Cards and Markers**

* A score card must contain the competitor’s name, entry number (from entry sheet) and, in handicap competitions, their Handicap. Such a card shall be deemed to be issued by the Committee for the purpose of Rule 33-5
* The player has the responsibility of playing off their correct Handicap otherwise penalties under Rule 6-2 will apply.
* A marker must be a member of a golf club recognized by the Victorian Golf Association. He/she may be a fellow competitor.
* The Match Committee has no option but to disqualify incorrect cards. Check carefully for correct Handicap, signature and strokes before handing in your card.
* Cards are to be submitted to the Match Committee immediately on completion of the round. If there is a protest or dispute to be resolved, this must be drawn to the Match Committee’s attention when submitting the card.

**6.1.7 – Protests**

* Any protest in connection with any match or competition shall be made in writing to the Match Committee immediately upon completion of such match or competition. Such protests shall be dealt with as early as possible by the Match Committee, whose decision shall be final. In the absence of a full Match Committee, such members thereof as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Match Committee.
* Match play rounds must be played on or before the scheduled date. Difficulty in arranging any match must be referred to the Match Committee immediately the problem is apparent. Should a player be scheduled to play in two major events on the one day, the Match Committee may reschedule one event at its discretion.

**6.1.8 – Tied Scores**

* In the event of a tie in championship events, a sudden death play-off will be played over holes 1, 2 and 3 until a result is achieved.
* In all other events, unless the match Committee has previously ruled that a play-off is to be used, ties will be broken using a countback as follows:
  + In comparing scores in handicap events, the relevant handicaps or fractions thereof (see Handicaps at para 6.1.?) shall be used.
  + In 72, 54,36 and 27 hole events, the last 18 holes shall be used. If scores are still tied, the 18 hole event countback method shall be used.
  + In 18 hole events, the best score over the last 9 holes shall be used. If still tied, then the last 6 holes shall be used. If still tied, the last 3 holes will be used after which, hole by hole commencing from the 18th hole.
  + In 9 hole events, the best score over the last 6 holes shall be used. If still tied, the last three holes and then hole by hole from the last hole.

**6.1.9 – Hole in One**

* To be officially recognized as a hole in one, the Member must have been playing in an official Club competition and must have struck the ball from within the teeing ground as designated by the tee markers for the day.

**SECTION 7 – MISCELLANEOUS**

**7.1 – Complaints**

Members shall not complain to, direct or reprimand any employee or contractor of the Club, (including Greens, Clubhouse or Golf Shop staff). Any complaints shall be made in writing and submitted to the Committee.

Complaints about green fee paying players should be written in the Golf Shop complaints book on the day.

Complaints about other Members should be made in writing and submitted to the Committee.

**END OF DOCUMENT**