



## PAARL GOLF CLUB

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## PAARL GOLF CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

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### Preamble

These Rules and Regulations are designed to protect the club facilities and to promote the health, safety, welfare and enjoyment of the members, their families and guests and all persons using the club facilities. In the interest of making the club facilities a pleasurable experience for all persons and to protect the club facilities, the club management may in its sole discretion amend these Rules and Regulations from time to time.

### 1. General Club Rules

1.1 Members and their guests shall abide by all rules and regulations of the club as they may be amended from time to time.

1.2 The club facilities shall be opened on the days and during the hours as may be established by the club management. Areas of the club may be closed for scheduled maintenance and repairs as well as functions.

1.3 No alcoholic beverages will be sold or served to any person not permitted to purchase the same under governmental laws. Members and guests are not allowed to bring their own alcoholic beverages to the club.

1.4 Members should not request special personal services from employees of the club who are on duty or the personal use of the club's furnishing or equipment which are not ordinarily available for use by all members. Members may book the whole of or a portion of the clubhouse facilities after hours for recreational use but must first obtain permission from the contractor in charge of the venues and club management. Such bookings will be subject to an agreed upon and contractual binding fee.

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1.5 Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the club house.

1.6 All complaints, criticisms or suggestions of any kind relating to any operations of the club, or its employees must be in writing, signed and addressed to the Managing Director of the club.

1.7 Members and their guests may not abuse any of the club's employees, verbally or otherwise, including the use of loud, pretentious, or profane language. All service employees of the club are under supervision of the club's management and no member shall reprimand, or discipline any employee, nor shall a member request an employee to leave the club for any purpose whatsoever. An employee not rendering courteous and prompt service should be reported to the management of the club immediately.

1.8 Parking shall be allowed in such demarcated areas and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the club management from time to time.

1.9 Smoking will only be permitted in designated areas.

1.10 Violation of any of these rules or conduct in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the club will subject the person in violation to disciplinary action by the Captain's Committee forum in accordance with these rules and regulations.

## **2. Membership Cards**

2.1 A membership card shall be issued to the member upon payment of an annual subscription fee by the member. Membership cards must be presented upon request.

2.2 A membership card may not be used by any person other than the person to whom it is issued. Failure to comply with this rule may result in suspension or termination of membership privileges.

2.3 In the event of a lost membership card, the club must be notified immediately. The club will issue a new membership card to the member at the member's cost.



### **3. Mailing Addresses**

3.1 Each member shall be responsible for filing with the club, in writing, on a form provided by the club, his or her mailing address and any changes thereto, where the member wishes all notices and invoices of the club to be sent. A member shall be deemed to have received mailings from the club ten (10) days after they have been mailed to the address on file with the club. In the absence of an address on file with the club, any club mailing may, with the same effect described above, be addressed as the club management may think it is most likely to cause its prompt delivery.

3.2 The club management must be notified in writing of any changes of address.

### **4. Loss or Destruction of Property or Instances of Personal Injury**

4.1 Each member as a condition of membership and each guest as a condition of invitation to the club assumes sole responsibility for his or her own property. The club shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to any personal property used or stored on the club premises. Any such personal property which may have been left in or on the club's facilities for two (2) months or more without payment of storage thereon may be sold, with or without notice, or may be otherwise disposed of, and the proceeds, if any, may be retained by the club.

4.2 No member, member's guest, visitor, or Boschenmeer Golf Estate resident shall damage or remove from the club's premises or grounds any property or furniture belonging to the club without prior written authorization. The cost of rectifying such actions shall be charged to the responsible person.

4.3 Every member of the club shall be liable for any property damage and/or personal injury at the club, or at any activity or function operated, organized, arranged, or sponsored by the club, caused by a member, any guest, or any family member. The cost of such damages shall be charged to the responsible member.

4.4 Any member, family member, guest, or other person, who in any manner, makes use of or accepts the use of any apparatus, appliance, facility, privilege, or service whatsoever owned, leased or operated by the club, or who engages in any contest game, function, exercise,



competition, or other activity operated, organized, arranged, or sponsored by the club, either on or off the premises, shall do so at his or her own risk.

4.5. The member and his or her family members and guests shall hold the club, its employees, owners, management, and affiliates (collectively the “Indemnified Parties”) harmless from any or all loss, cost claim, injury, damage or liability sustained or incurred by him or her, resulting there from any acts of omission, whether due to negligence or otherwise by any of the Indemnified parties.

## **5. Children**

5.1 Children under the age of thirteen (13) years of age may not enter the clubhouse; play golf or practice on the driving range, without an adult member, unless approved in advance by Club Management.

5.2 Children under the age of 18 and/or without a valid driver licence will not be permitted to rent or drive a private golf cart on the golf course or any property of the golf club without written permission from Club Management.

5.3 Children under the age of 18 are not allowed on the golf course or clubhouse property after hours. Any child found to be in breach of this rule will be reported to club management and disciplinary action will be taken against the child and their parents.

5.2 Members/Parents are responsible for the conduct and safety of their children at all times.

## **6. Guest Privileges**

6.1 Guest privileges may be extended under the rules established by the club management from time to time. Although it is the intention of the club management to accommodate guests, the club management reserves the right to further limit the number of guests that accompany a member on any given day or times of the day. The club shall from time to time establish the rate of the daily guest fees, charges and the rules and regulations for use of the club facilities by guests. Guest privileges may be denied, withdrawn or revoked at any time for reasons considered sufficient by the club management, in its sole and absolute discretion.



6.2 The club management will determine its “peak season periods” annually. Limited guest play will apply during peak season.

## **7. Accompanied Guest**

7.1 The club management will permit accompanied guests of a member to play golf at a reduced rate that is determined by club management from time to time. Accompanied guests are allowed usage of the club facilities. A member is responsible for his/ her guest’s dress code and behaviour at all times.

## **8. Unaccompanied Guest**

8.1 The club management will permit unaccompanied guests of members to play golf at a reduced rate that is determined by club management from time to time. Unaccompanied guests will be allowed to use the club facilities.

## **9. General Golf Rules**

### **9.1 Rules of Golf**

The R&A rules of golf as accepted by the GolfRSA together with the Rules and Etiquette as adopted by the GolfRSA shall be the rules of the club.

### **9.2 Cutting in**

“Cutting-in” is not permitted at any time. All players must check in at the registration. Under no circumstances are members, including members who are residents in Boschenmeer Golf Estate, permitted to start play from their residences.

### **9.3 Practice on the golf course**

Practice is not allowed on the golf course. Practice is defined as:

- Players are not allowed to hit numerous golf shots on any specific part of the golf course.



- Any player that plays golf and has not checked in for their round at registration.

If a player plays as a one-ball, no more than 4 golf balls may be played on a hole. Any more than 4 golf balls played is deemed as practice. The same rule applies to a two/three-ball, not more than 4 balls are allowed to be in play on a hole. Pace-of-play must be always adhered to.

Any player found practicing on the golf course will be subjected to disciplinary action from the Captain's Committee.

#### 9.4 Speed of play

Speed of play will be strictly enforced. If a foursome or other group of players fails to keep their place on the golf course and falls behind the preceding group by more than one hole, the group must allow the following group to play through. The same applies when searching for a lost ball. Remember you only have three minutes to search for your ball.

If a player is repeatedly warned for slow play, the club management may take such action as it deems appropriate, including without limitation, restricting the person's use of the golf course during certain times of the day.

#### 9.5 The turn (Halfway)

After taking the mandatory fifteen (15) minute maximum halfway break, all players who stop after playing nine holes for any reason must occupy the next tee before the following players arrive at the tee or they shall lose their position on the golf course.

#### 9.6 Tournament play

All tournament play must be approved in advance by club management.



### 9.7 Bunker entry

Players must enter and leave bunkers at the nearest level point to the green and smooth sand over with a bunker rake upon leaving. Players should do their utmost to avoid stepping on the lip of any bunker. Leave rakes outside the bunkers.

### 9.8 Pitch marks

Repair your own and any other pitch marks left on the green.

### 9.9 Divots

Repair all divots with sand provided by the club.

### 9.10 Selling and collection of golf balls.

The selling of golf balls is not allowed on the course or golf club property at any time by caddies, members, their families, or residents. The Paarl Pro Shop is the only point of sale for golf balls; they may not be purchased directly from staff working on or around the golf course or any other third party. Golf balls may only be removed from the dams by contractors arranged by the Club Professional. No balls may be removed from the dams by private individuals.

### 9.11 Golf clubs

Each player must have his or her own set of golf clubs. Sharing of clubs out of one bag is not permitted.

### 9.12 Sandbags/bottles

The use of sandbags/bottles are compulsory for all players on the course. These must be visible to the course marshals and should not be carried inside the player's golf bag.



## 9.13 Dress code

### 9.13.1 Dress around the Clubhouse

While around the Clubhouse, members, their guests, and visitors must be neatly, presentably, and appropriately attired, even when their dress is casual.

Preferably, unless designed otherwise, shirts should be tucked in.

- Clean, soft spike golf shoes may be worn in the Clubhouse.
- Hats may not be worn in the Clubhouse.

The following are not considered acceptable for wear in the Lounge and Bar:

- Track suits
- Sports training kit

### 9.13.2 Dress on the golf course

With the emphasis on neatness as befits the game of golf:

- Appropriate golf apparel should be worn.
- Shorts should be on or around knee length.
- Shorts and trousers should preferably be belted.
- Preferably, unless designed otherwise, shirts must be tucked in

For men and ladies there should not be an excessive number of pockets on clothing.

- Golf shoes must be worn (PGC is a soft spike only golf course)
- Golfers on the course may not wear track suits, jeans, running or rugby shorts, tee shirts, or shoes or sandals on the course.





### 9.13.3 Dress on the practice facilities

- Appropriate golf apparel should be worn; however, a more relaxed approach may be taken and, providing the overall effect is neat and tidy, during practice smart denim jeans and plain T-shirts (without logos) may be worn.
- Sun tops and garments with low necklines or bare midriff are not permitted.
- Bush type shorts and cargo, drawstring or elasticised pants are not permitted.

The club management reserves the right to decide upon the appropriateness of a dress and will not hesitate to exercise this right; extremes of dresses will not be accepted.

Improperly dressed golfers shall be asked to change before playing. If you are in doubt concerning your attire, please check with the golf operations before starting play.

### 9.14 Alcohol on course

No alcohol is permitted on the course unless prior legal and other obligations and arrangements have been met by and with club management.

### 9.15 Discontinued play

The “Discontinued Play” Policy entails that if less than twelve (12) holes have been played a credit for nine (9) holes will be passed to the applicable parties at the discretion of the management. This applies to green fees and cart fees. The Golf Manager and the Course Superintendent will decide when the golf course becomes unplayable.

Note: Even in the absence of sirens players are the sole judges to suspend play when lightning strikes are visible. If rain was the cause of the course being closed, no carts will be allowed thereafter till the course has dried up sufficiently.



### 9.17 Hours of Play

The club management shall announce the hours of play and pro shop hours and will be maximized for the benefit of members. The club management, in conjunction with the greenkeeper, shall determine when the golf course is fit to play and when carts may be used.

### 9.18 Golfing Start Times

9.18.1 All players must have a starting time reserved through registration. The staff shall assign the starting time depending on availability.

9.18.2 Starting times may be made by phone or in person during club hours or 24 hours per day through email, via the PGC webpage or Golfscape.

9.18.3 The golf course will normally utilize ten (10) minute tee-time intervals.

9.18.4 The Golf Operations Manager must set up the starting times.

9.18.5 Players who fail to cancel their starting time on a timely basis that being more than twenty-four (24) hours in advance, will be charged the applicable rates for the unused rounds as determined by the cancellation policy of the Paarl Golf Club.

### 9.19 Registration

9.19.1 All members and guests must report and check-in at registration before beginning play and all members shall present their membership cards at registration upon request.

9.19.2 Failure to check in and register ten minutes prior to a reserved starting time may result in assignment of another starting time or cancellation, at the discretion of the manager on duty.

### 9.20 Driving range

9.20.1 The range area is available to members and their guests and visiting golfers.



9.20.2 The range area is open during normal operating hours as posted on the notice board. It may be closed for general maintenance at the operators' discretion.

9.20.3 Range balls are for use on the practice range and may not be used on the golf course.

9.20.4 Balls must be hit from designated areas. No hitting permitted through the rough and sides of the warmup area.

9.20.5 Whilst a more relaxed dress code applies to the practice range, an effort should be made to wear proper golf attire when warming up or practicing.

9.20.6 Lessons by unauthorized professionals are prohibited.

## 9.21 General Golf Cart Rules

9.21.1 Hired Golf carts shall not be used by a member or guest on the golf course without prior assignment and registration at the registration desk.

9.21.2 Parking of golf carts is allowed in designated areas only.

9.21.3 Golf carts may only be used on the golf course when the course is open and golf carts restriction signs must be adhered to without exception.

9.21.4 Each operator of a golf cart must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid motor vehicle driver's license. *No exceptions – unless approved by management and a waiver has been signed by die parent/guardian*

9.21.5 Only two persons and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart.

9.21.6 Pull carts are permitted for members and their guests.

9.21.7 Obey all golf cart traffic signs.

9.21.8 Always use cart paths where provided.



9.21.9 Be careful to avoid soft areas of the fairways, especially after rains. Use the semi-rough areas whenever possible. No cart is allowed into the veld or Fynbos rough areas of the course at any time.

9.21.10 Never drive a cart through a hazard.

9.21.11 Operation of a golf cart is at the risk of the operator. Cost of repair to a golf cart which is damaged by the member, or a family member of a member shall be charged to the member or in the case of a guest to the sponsoring member. Each member shall be held fully responsible for any and all damages, including damages to the golf cart, that are caused by the misuse of the golf cart by the member, his or her family members or guests, and shall reimburse the club and/or third-party operator for any and all damages the club/third party operator may sustain because of misuse.

9.21.12 Each member accepts and assumes all responsibility for liability connected to the operation of the golf cart. The member also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from all damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the member's, his or her family members' or guest' use and operation of the golf cart.

9.21.13 Violation of golf cart rules may result in the loss of golf cart privileges and/or playing privileges.

## 9.22 Private Golf Cart Rules

9.22.1 Private golf carts are permitted for members subject to the rules and regulations established by the club from time to time. A fee may be charged.

9.22.3 All golf carts must conform to the club's specifications.

9.22.4 All golf cart owners agree to comply with the rules and regulations established by the club management as they may be amended from time to time.

9.22.6 Members using a private golf cart will be held fully responsible for all damages caused by the misuse of the golf cart by the member, his or her family or guest, and the member shall



reimburse the club for all damages the club may sustain because of misuse, including without limitation, damage to other golf carts and any property of the club.

9.22.7 In the event a golf cart operator is involved in an accident resulting in injury, death or property damage, the operator must immediately notify the Boschenmeer Homeowners Association's Security Department, and the Paarl Golf Club through the club management and the appropriate law enforcement agency.

9.22.8 Private golf carts are only permitted to be used on or in the club's golf course property. Any abuse of this privilege may result in the member, homeowner and/or guest being temporarily or permanently banned from using the Paarl Golf Course and its facilities.

9.22.9 Members using a private golf cart are required to ensure that their private carts are restricted to licensed drivers eighteen years and older who will operate the cart in a safe, prudent manner and accordance with all rules and regulations of the Club. Club Management reserves the right to request a driver's licence from any person using a private golf cart on the Paarl Golf Course or its facilities. Club management reserves the right to deny use of a private cart by any non-qualified driver.

9.22.10 Use of private golf carts by members, homeowners, or guests of either, on the golf course, for recreational purposes, is at the sole discretion of golf course management. Should a member, homeowner, or guest of either wish to use a private cart in a recreational capacity on the golf course, permission to do so should first be acquired from golf course management.

9.22.11 Golf carts may only be used during day light hours.

9.22.12 Residents using private golf carts should clearly mark the carts on side indicating their house number. Members not residing on the estate using private carts must mark their carts with their membership number.

9.22.13 These rules and regulations might be expanded or amended, from time to time, at the sole discretion of the club management.



9.22.14 Violation of these rules and regulations may result in the revocation of private golf cart privileges.

### 9.23 Leased Golf Cart Rules

9.23.1 Golf cart leaseholders, when playing together, or with a non-cart leaseholder, must abide by the rules of one golf cart for every two players.

9.23.2 All golf cart leaseholders shall be required to sign a release of liability agreeing to hold the club harmless because of any loss or damage relating to the operation of the golf cart.

9.23.3 In the event a golf cart operator is involved in an accident resulting in death, injury or property damage, the operator must immediately notify the Paarl Golf Club through club management and the appropriate law enforcement agency.

9.23.4 Golf carts may only be used during day light hours.

### 9.24 Handicaps

9.24.1 Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the handicap committee in accordance with the Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) system.

9.24.2 All members and their accompanied guests with a Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) approved handicap may participate in club tournaments. All handicaps submitted may be reviewed by the handicap committee.

9.24.3 Members wishing to participate in club tournaments are responsible for turning in all their scores within 24 hours after their round was completed. Any member failing to turn in any score shall have a round opened on their behalf by golf club staff. If not rectified within the allotted time allowed by Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) rules, a penalty will automatically apply.

9.24.4 The golf operations manager on duty shall determine if there are any violations by the members in turning in their scores. This shall be done in terms of the Handicap Rules Manual.



## 9.25 Caddies

Caddy fees will be published on the notice boards and can change from time to time. No caddies from outside will be allowed at Paarl Golf Club unless a golf day has booked and requested to have a certain number of caddies for playing guests then the golf director will arrange security for these caddies.

## 9.26 Course Marshall

The Course Marshall has been employed to see to the flow of the field. He/she is the spokesperson of the club management and has a set of tasks that must be performed. As representative, he/she has the right to implement the rules pertaining to slow play. It is a breach of these rules to verbally abuse the Course Marshall. Players could be removed from the course if they do not adhere to marshalling instructions.

## 9.27 Scorecards

Participants in club competitions are required, as a condition of entry, to complete the scorecard correctly. (Name, Surname, Club number, Handicap Index and Course Handicap). Should any information not be on the card, the player can be disqualified.

## 9.28 Club competitions

9.28.1 Club championship will be held annually as prescribed by the governing provincial bodies under condition of final approval by the Captains Committee. The draw will be seeded, per handicaps in the respective divisions. The tournament will include an A, B and C division. If there is a tie for the Championship a playoff will take place as determined by the rules of the event. For other places, the count-out rule of the Club will apply.

9.28.2 Monthly Sponsored Competitions are restricted to members and their guests only.

9.28.3 Monthly Medal is also restricted to members and their guests. The divisions are as stipulated by the Captain's Committee.



9.28.4 Club Knockout singles and doubles knockout are restricted to members only. The rules and conditions will be stipulated on the entry form.

9.28.5 Club Championships: will be played once a year and in accordance the R&A rules of golf. Only fully paid handicapped members in good standing with the Club will be permitted to enter for Club Championships. The Captain's Committee will publish the divisions and rules on the entry forms. Membership categories allowed to participate in Club Championships are:

1. Full Members
2. Senior Members
3. Millennial Members
4. Junior Members
5. Student Members
6. Scholar Members

9.28.6 Boland Golf Union League: Only fully paid handicapped members of the Club can enter to participate in the Boland Golf Union league season annually. Entries must be done timeously, and players will be selected based on the league rules as prescribed by the Captain's Committee. Any breach of the league rules will result in non-selection. Membership categories allowed to participate in Leagues are:

1. Full Members
2. Senior Members
3. Millennial Members
4. Junior Members
5. Student Members
6. Scholar Members

#### 9.29 Count out rules

Below are the PGC Terms of Competition which will be used to determine the way in which ties are decided.

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If players are tied after 18 holes, the winner and other finishing positions is determined by matching scorecards. The order for determining the winner by matching scorecards is:

1. The score for the last 9 holes,
2. last 6 scores,
3. last 3 scores,
4. last hole

If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes and final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn.

If this process does not result in a winner, the winner and other positions will be decided from lowest to highest handicap index.

#### Medal

If players are tied after 18 holes, the winner and other finishing positions is determined by lowest to highest handicap index. If there is still a tie the winner is determined by matching scorecards using the below order:

1. The score for the last 9 holes,
2. last 6 scores,
3. last 3 scores,
4. last hole

If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes and final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn.

#### Match Play

If a match is tied after 18 holes, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner, starting from the first hole played in the match.

At PGC the last 9 is determined by the course you play.

Old Course (1-18) – last nine is 10-18

Winelands (10-27) – last nine is 19-27

Boschenmeer (19-9) – last nine is 19-27



### 9.30 Golf Course Etiquette

All members will have the responsibility of ensuring that their actions promote an atmosphere that allows for the enjoyment of the golfing facilities at the Paarl Golf Club for all golfers.

The below suggestions may assist members in the further enjoyment of their golf at Paarl Golf Club.

9.30.1 Play ready golf. Anticipate the club or clubs you might need and go directly to your ball. Always be near your ball to play promptly when it is your turn. If a player is delayed in making his shot, such a player should indicate to another player to play; this should not be deemed as playing out of turn. Always exercise common sense and safe practices when playing ready golf.

9.30.2 The time required to “hole out” on and around the greens is a chief cause for slow play. Study the clear line of your putt while others are doing the same. Be ready to putt when it is your turn.

9.30.3 When approaching the green, park your golf cart on the cart path on the best direct line to the next tee. This can save significant time. Never leave the golf cart at the front of the green where you must go back and get it while following players wait for you to clear the hole.

9.30.4 When play of a hole is completed, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee without delay. Do the scoring for the completed hole while the others in your group are playing from the next tee.

9.30.5 If you are not holding your place on the course, allow the players behind you to play through. Do the same if you stop for a lost ball.

### 9.31 Cell Phones

In accepting that cell phones are very much part of modern life, players are requested to ensure that their use does not cause a disturbance to other players and that they do not allow their phone calls to interrupt the flow of play.



### 9.32 Pedestrians, dogs, bicycles, off road vehicles etc.

These are not permitted on the course or cart paths during golf playing hours as specified on the notice boards on the course.

### 9.33 Private property

Under no circumstances may any member or visitor enter any private property (from the golf course) to collect golf balls. Any breach of this rule shall result in disciplinary action.