



WARATAH GOLF CLUB LIMITED

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CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Introduction

This Code of Conduct applies to Waratah Members and Associated Members golfers for all golf play by the Club in addition to any other requirements as set out in competition conditions, local rules or by-laws of clubs rules.

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

1.1 Preamble

Each Player in a Competition must adhere to commonly-accepted standards of golfing Etiquette and sportsmanship.

In order to ensure a proper standard of behaviour at all times a Player who commits an offence under this Code is liable to face disciplinary proceedings.

1.2 Definitions and Interpretation

In this Code, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Accused Player" means the Player accused of an offence under this Code;

"Code" means this Code of Conduct;

"Club" means the Waratah Gold Club;

"Match Committee" means the Committee appointed by the members/directors;

"Competition" means a Championship, Event, and Competition, practice session or major activity conducted or sanctioned by the Waratah Golf Club;

"Conduct Officers" mean three officials of the Club appointed at any time to consider, hear and determine a Report during a Competition;

"Disciplinary Tribunal" means the Disciplinary Tribunal comprising at least three members appointed by the Club to consider, hear and determine a Report referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal under this Code;

"Executive" means the Board of Directors of the Club as constituted from time to time;

"Investigative Officer" means a person appointed to administer a Report;

"Player" means a Player or participant in a Competition;

"Report" means any oral or written statement by any person of an alleged offence by a Player under this Code.

"Vilifies" includes vilification on the grounds of race, sex, disability, homosexuality, AIDS/HIV status, transgender status.

An act is deemed to occur "during a Competition" if it occurs:

- (a) When travelling to or from a Competition;
- (b) On any day during which the Competition is conducted; or
- (c) At Golf Club, Pro Shop or any premises as owned or operated by the Club.

2. Category A Offences

2.1 A Player is guilty of a Category A offence under this Code if the Player:

- (a) Physically attacks or abuses, in any way, another Player, an official or person during a Competition;
- (b) Verbally threatens another Player, an official or person during a Competition;
- (c) Vilifies another Player, an official or person during a Competition;
- (d) Deliberately damages the facilities, including the course and the clubhouse, of the Competition golf course or accommodation premises as arranged by the Club;
- (e) Wrongfully removes or damages property belonging to another Player, an official or the Competition golf club;
- (f) Deliberately breaks a Rule or the Rules of Golf;

- (g) Deliberately returns a false score card;
- (h) During a Competition, deliberately seeks to manipulate the Player's Australian Handicap;
- (i) behaves in a manner detrimental to the good name and reputation of the Club;
- or
- (j) Brings the game of golf into disrepute.

3. Category B Offences

3.1 A Player is guilty of a Category B offence under this Code if the Player:

- (a) Throws or deliberately or in anger breaks golf equipment (including golf balls) during a Competition;
- (b) Uses abusive or profane language towards another Player, an official or person during a Competition;
- (c) utters audible obscenities during a Competition;
- (f) Behaves in a manner detrimental to the performance of other Players.

4. Category C Offences

4.1 A Player is guilty of a Category C offence if the Player:

- (a) In relation to a Competition, publicly criticises:
 - (i) The Competition golf course;
 - (ii) The Competition itself;
 - (iii) The sponsors of the Competition; or
 - (iv) Any official supervising or organising the Competition during a Competition;
- (b) Fails or refuses to co-operate with, or obstructs, any investigation by the Investigating Officer of the Player's conduct or the conduct of another Player;
- (c) Fails or refuses to co-operate with, or obstructs, a hearing by the Conduct Officers or the Disciplinary Tribunal;
- (d) Fails to comply with the Rules of Golf (including Section I - Etiquette) as amended by Local Rules in force at any Competition, or fails to comply with any other rules, by-laws, directions or instructions, including dress regulations, as specified by the Club or the Championship Committee for that Competition or any other duly authorised official;
- (e) Continually fails to play without undue delay;
- (f) Commits an act to deliberately disqualify the Player from a Competition or, during the course of a round picks up the Player's own ball without playing out a hole;
- (g) Misses a tee time or withdraws from a Competition before the completion of that Competition without providing good reason in writing for so doing, members are expected to be ready for tee off at least 15 minutes prior to start time,

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

5. Refer to Waratah Golf Clubs Constitution Laws

6. Penalties

7. In the Event that a Player is found guilty of a **Category A offence**, any of the following penalties may be imposed:

- (a) Disqualify the Player from the Competition;
- (b) A severe reprimand;
- (c) An order that the Player attend appropriate counseling sessions as specified by the Club;
- (d) a recommendation to the Player's home club that the Player's membership be suspended for a set period of time;
- (e) Withdrawal of the Player's Australian Handicap;
- (f) Suspension of the Player's Australian Handicap;
- (g) In the case of an offence under clauses 2.1(d) or (e) of this Code, an order that the Player should pay compensation to the Player, Official, Club or place of accommodation who suffered loss as a result of the Accused Player's conduct; or
- (h) Such other penalty as determined from time to time.

8. In the Event that a Player is found guilty of a **Category B offence**, any of the following penalties may be imposed:

- (a) Disqualify the Player from the Competition;
- (b) A severe reprimand;
- (c) An order that the Player attend appropriate counseling sessions as specified by the Club;
- (d) a recommendation to the Player's home club that the Player's membership be suspended for a set period of time;
- (f) Withdrawal of the Player's Australian Handicap;
- (g) Suspension of the Player's Australian Handicap; or
- (h) Such other penalty as determined from time to time.

9. In the Event that a Player is found guilty of a **Category C offence**, any of the following penalties may be imposed:

- (a) A severe reprimand;
- (b) An order that the Player attend appropriate counseling sessions as specified by the Club; or
- (c) Suspension of the Player's Australian Handicap;
- (d) Such other penalty as determined from to time.

