



BYE-LAWS OF *my golf kaki*

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 These Golf Bye-Laws are made by the General Committee in pursuant to Article 9.10 of the Constitution of *my golf kaki* ("the Club").
- 1.2 The General Committee means the General Committee formed pursuant to Article 9 of the Constitution of the Club and any reference to General Committee in these Bye-Laws shall include its Sub-Committee, where necessary and applicable.
- 1.3 These Bye-Laws shall apply to all members of ***my golf kaki***. These Bye-Laws should be strictly adhered to and any violation is considered to be prejudicial to the interest of the Club for which action may be taken as provided for and in accordance with Bye-Laws.
- 1.4 The interpretation of the meaning and intent of these Bye-Laws by the General Committee or the Proprietor shall be final.
- 1.5 Terms and expressions used herein are as defined in the Constitution.
- 1.6 A copy of these Bye-Laws shall be given to every member.
- 1.7 Words importing the singular number shall include the plural and the masculine gender shall include the feminine or neuter and vice versa.

2 GOLF

- 2.1 The Rules of Golf as approved the R&A and the Handicapping System as approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA) together with the Bye-Laws contained in this section shall apply to all form of play of golf and to all golf games, competitions and tournaments organised by the Club unless otherwise laid down by the General Committee.

3 GOLF GAMES, COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENTS

- 3.1 The fees, dates, times, courses, terms and conditions and rules relating to and regulating any golf games, competition or tournament organised by the Club shall be determined by the Committee.
- 3.2 All members who participate in any golf game, competition or tournament organised by the Club shall:
 - (a) abide by and comply fully with the Bye-Laws or local rules of the club/course at which the golf game is played or at which the competition or tournament is held ("Participating Club") and
 - (b) promptly pay, in addition to any fee which the Club may charge for such golf game, competition or tournament, the green fees and other costs as determined by the Participating Club.
- 3.3 Eligibility for golf games, competitions and tournaments
 - 3.3.1 The Club shall determine eligibility for any golf game, competition or tournament it organises and may in connection therewith impose requirements on play such as age, gender, the possession of a current USGA handicap, a proficiency certificate issued by the Club or any other conditions set by the Committee.

3.4 Reservations/ Bookings/ Registration

- 3.4.1 When making a reservation/booking to play at a golf game, competition or tournament organised by the Club, members are to state their name, membership number and indicate the names of the other members in their group. If the names of the other members in the group are not indicated, the Committee reserves the right to include other members in the group without further reference to the members who made the reservation.
- 3.4.2 Before the start of a golf game, competition or tournament, every participant shall register in the manner determined by the Committee. Any participant failing to observe this rule shall automatically be disqualified and any green or other fees paid by such participant to the Club shall be forfeited.

3.5 Competitions/ Tournaments

- 3.5.1 Rules on stroke competitions and tournaments, match play, ballsweeps and scratch competitions shall be determined by the Committee.
- 3.5.2 If a member belongs to more than one club and has golf Handicap Index in more than one club, in any competition or tournament organised by the Club, he/ she shall play off the lowest handicap.

3.6 Cancellation of Competition/ Tournament

In competitions or tournaments extending over one day, the Committee may at any time on the first day declare play cancelled if it considers that the course is not playable or that insufficient light renders the proper playing of the game impossible. If, however, play is not declared cancelled on the first day, but the course is close on any subsequent day, the competition or tournament may be decided on the play that has already taken place.

3.7 Completion of Competition/ Tournament

In any 18-hole competition, if for any reason, the competition is cancelled after two-thirds of the competitors have completed their round of 18 holes the competition shall be deemed to have been completed.

3.8 In the event of a tie

- 3.8.1 In match play competitions, if a match finishes all square, that match shall continue in the same sequence as the first 18 holes until one side has gained a hole whereby the match shall have been won. In handicap play, stroke shall again apply as in the 18-hole round.
- 3.8.2 In stroke play competitions, in the event of a tie, the Club countback system shall follow that which is set out by in the recommendation made by the R&A.

3.9 Scores and score cards

- 3.9.1 In any competition or tournament organised by the Club, the scores shall be recorded and the scorecard countersigned by the participant's marker or fellow competitor.
- 3.9.2 In all competitions involving stroke play, players shall return their cards whether completed or not at the conclusion of play. Any player who fails to comply with these Bye-Laws may lose his/her eligibility to enter the next competition.

3.1A Concessions

Where any concessions are given, adequate proof of status required for such concession must be shown at the time of registration for the golf game, competition or tournament organised by the Club.

3.2A Indemnity

- 3.2A.1 Members shall hold the Club harmless and indemnify the Club from all losses, damages, costs and expense incurred or suffered by the Club and from all demands, claims and suits made on the Club arising out of or in connection with any act, omission, neglect, default, negligence of the member in the play of golf or while at the course or premises of a participating Club.
- 3.2A.2 Members who refuse to provide the Club with the aforesaid indemnity or such other indemnity as the Club shall determine will not be permitted to participate in any golf game, competition or tournament organised by the Club.

4 LIABILITY

The Club shall not be liable in anyway for any loss of or damage to property or any injury suffered or caused to members arising from or in connection with any golf game, competition or tournament organised by the Club.

5 CLUB HANDICAP SYSTEM

5.1 Club Handicap

The Club Handicap Index of players shall be based on the USGA Handicap System. Such Handicap Index shall be printed in a handicap register ("Handicap Register") at each monthly revision. Such Handicap Register will be made available online.

5.2 Procedure to Obtain a Handicap Index

5.2.1 Beginner or Member with no previous recognized handicap

- 5.2.1.1 A member, who is a beginner or with no previous recognized handicap, wishing to obtain a Handicap Index must first pass a Proficiency Certificate (PC) Test as well as attend and pass a

workshop on Rules of Golf and etiquette, in accordance with provisions and standards set down by the Handicap Committee.

- 5.2.1.2 He may then apply for a Courtesy Round after he has submitted five 18-hole scores or ten 9-hole scores to the Handicap Committee. The scores submitted must be from golf courses that meet the USGA Handicap System requirements, ie, the course must have a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating and must be at least 1,350m long for 9 holes or at least 2,700m for 18 holes.
- 5.2.1.3 The Club shall arrange for the Courtesy Round to be carried out at a golf course and it shall be conducted by a member of the Handicap Committee or representatives authorized by the Handicap Committee. The Member shall pay a Courtesy Round fee and the appropriate green and buggy fees.

5.3 New Member with USGA Handicap Index

- 5.3.1 A new member who holds a USGA Handicap Index and has available for transfer, his full scoring records, ie, previous records of scores including dates, courses played Course and Slope Ratings and Handicap Differentials, will have his Handicap Index generated at the next revision date.
- 5.3.2 If his full scoring records are not available, the member may be assigned a Handicap Index by the Handicap Committee based on documentary evidence provided and after a Courtesy Round. The assigned Handicap Index will be identified with the remark "Committee Assigned Handicap".
- 5.3.3 The member's assigned Handicap Index will be replaced with an earned Handicap Index after he has submitted five 18-hole scores or ten 9-hole scores.

5.4 New Member with handicap from a recognized handicap body

5.4.1 A new member with a handicap from a recognized handicap body such as the Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU), European Golf Association (EGA), Japanese Golf Association (JGA) or the Australian Golf Union (AGU), may be assigned a Handicap Index based on documentary evidence provided and after a Courtesy Round with a member of the Handicap Committee. The assigned Handicap Index will be identified with the remark "Committee Assigned Handicap".

5.4.2 The member's assigned Handicap Index will be replaced by the earned Handicap Index after the submission of five 18-hole scores or ten 9-hole scores.

5.5 Handicap Revisions

5.5.1 The Club follows the revision date stipulated by SGA for all Handicap Index revisions. This is carried out on the first working day of each month.

5.5.2 The Handicap Committee has the ultimate authority to revise and adjust the Handicap Index of members under any circumstances that it feels necessary to do so pursuant to the provisions stipulated in the USGA Handicap System. A Handicap Index adjusted by the Handicap Committee becomes effective when the Handicap Committee makes the decision and takes effect at the next handicap revision date. A member may appeal and if his appeal is upheld, the Handicap Committee may change his Handicap Index after the appeal.

5.6 Posting of Scores

5.6.1 A member should submit a score immediately after the round or as soon as practical. The following information should be provided:

- (a) Member's name and identity card or Club membership number;
- (b) Date;
- (c) Course Name;

- (d) USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating of course played;
- (e) Teeing Ground played, eg. Black, Blue, White, etc; and
- (f) Adjusted gross score.

5.6.2 If 7 to 12 holes are played, a member must post a 9-hole score. If 13 or more holes are played, a member must post an 18-hole score.

5.7 Penalty Scores

If a member fails to submit an acceptable score thirteen days after completion of the round, a penalty score equal to the lowest Handicap Differential in the member's scoring record will be posted by the Handicap Committee on the fourteenth day.

5.8 Handicap Index Withdrawal

5.8.1 The Handicap Committee has the authority to withdraw a Handicap Index of a member who repeatedly fails to submit all acceptable scores or does not otherwise observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System.

5.9 Inactive List

5.9.1 A member who has not posted a score for 6 months will be moved to the Inactive List. They will be identified with the remark "Inactive". Members who are in the Inactive List will not generally be eligible to participate in any tournaments. However, the Committee may allow them to play with a lower Course Handicap than they would be entitled to if they were in the Active List.

5.9.2 A member who is in the Inactive List needs to submit one 18-hole score to be moved back to the Active List.

5.1A Members Who Have Lost Their Amateur Status

- 5.1A.1 A member who has lost his amateur status after accepting an improper prize will continue to hold his Handicap Index. His status will be identified with the remark "Lost Amateur Status".
- 5.1A.2 He will not be eligible to participate in any tournament sanctioned by the Singapore Golf Association, except the Club's closed competition, subject to the Committee's approval. He may use his Handicap Index for the Club's closed competition. He must continue to submit his scores whenever he plays social golf and will be subject to penalty scores if he does not.
- 5.1A.3 The maintenance of the Member's Handicap Index will facilitate his re-entry into the ranks of amateur golfers after he has served his penalty period of 1-2 years depending on the value of the improper prize.

5.2A Club Handicap Card

- 5.2A.1 Any member shall be entitled, on request, to be issued with a Handicap Index Card.

6. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 6.1 Any member found violating or not adhering to any of these Bye-Laws (hereinafter called "the Offender") may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for disciplinary action.
- 6.2 The General Committee, on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee, may
 - (a) give a warning in writing to the Offender not to repeat the violation;
 - (b) suspend the Offender's membership privileges for such period as it may deem fit; or

- (c) consider terminating the Offender's membership if the offence is, in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee, of a serious nature.

- 6.3 If the Offender refuses or fails to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on the date and time and the at the venue specified at the notice served on him, the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to make such finding and conclusion in the absence of the Offender and such finding and conclusion shall be binding on the Offender.
- 6.4 The General Committee shall have the power and right to publish the act of the Offender and the outcome of its inquiry and decision through the Club's magazine, website and notice boards or such other available communication channels of the Club.