

Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club

Constitution

1. Name

The name of the golf club is the 'Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club.

2. Principle objective of the Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club

The principal aim of the Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club is the promotion of golfing and social recreational activities amongst its members.

3. Rules for Existence

The Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club exist of a group of senior golfers that

- Accept and is bounded by the Rules of Golf and such amendments or additions thereto as may be adopted by the R&A St. Andrews and Golf RSA.
- Acknowledge the vital role played by Handicaps Network Africa in administering golf in South Africa and the Seniors will adhere to and apply the rules implemented by this governing body.
- We use Ruimsig Country Club as our primary golf course and as such we will abide to the rules made by RCC.
- The Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club also acts as an independent golfer's club with its own Constitution, rules, governing committee, and competition structure.

4. Members

Criteria to become a member

- Golfer older than 50 years old
- Affiliated with a golf club
- Ruimsig Seniors Golfers Club does not discriminate against any member/potential member based on race, gender, sexual orientation or religious believe.

5. Termination of Membership

The Ruimsig Seniors Management Committee may terminate the membership of a member with a majority vote if

- A member is found in breach of his/her obligations under the rules documented in this constitution.
- A members' behaviour becomes an embarrassment for Ruimsig Country Club, The Ruimsig Seniors Golfers Club and/or fellow Senior Golfers.
- A member's behaviour jeopardizes the existence of the Ruimsig Seniors Golfers Club.

- Prior to the termination of membership, the member must be given the opportunity to state his case or be heard.
- The decision taken by the management committee to terminate membership, will be final and cannot be appealed by the member.

6. Golf Committee

The Ruimsig Seniors Golfers Club will be managed by a Management Committee

- Annually at the AGM the members will elect up to 7 members to serve on the Management Committee.
- One elected member will act as the Chairperson, one as Treasurer/Secretary while the other members will assist with designated tasks (prepare scorecards, checking scorecards after the day's play, running competitions, etc.).
- Office bearers for the position of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will be determined/elected by the elected members of the golf committee.
- No Chairman may serve for more than 2 consecutive years.

7. Powers of the Golf Committee

Besides the daily/weekly management of the Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club within the boundaries of the Constitution, the management will have the right to

- With a majority vote amend the Constitution as and when required.
- Decide on a charity, organisation or individual to donate funds to
- Appoint from its members sub-committees to represent the Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club in any activity or legal dispute.
- Change the format and duration of any competitions organized by the committee.
- Approve new members joining the group.
- Terminate the membership of a member as determined in this Constitution.

8. Fees Payable

Current fee structure of the Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club

- The Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club does not determine the club membership fees payable by members to the golf club where he/she is a member.
- The Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club does not determine the green fees payable by members/non-members to Ruimsig Country Club.
- Fees payable to the Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club
 - An annual subscription fee of R50 is payable during November of each year.
 - Competition fees – R20.00
 - Ad hoc Competitions – as decided by the organising committee.

9. Basic rules applicable to all Competitions.

The following rules will be applicable to all Ruimsig Seniors Golfers Club Competitions.

- Please abide to the rules of Handicaps Network Africa
 - Open a round before start playing
 - Determine your course handicap (tees playing off as well as handicap index will determine your course handicap for the day).
 - Close your round by capturing the same score as on your scorecard on the handicap system.

- To simplify and for the sake of uniformity, the following rule will apply in all competitions:
 - In the event of a complete bomb out, the current net double bogey rule used for the Handicap System will apply.
 - Example
 - **Medal competition** (Par +2 + strokes on hole = maximum shots allowed per hole)
 - **Stableford competition** (Par +2 + strokes on hole = 0 points (0 points = maximum shots)
- Incorrect capturing of scores (both on the scorecard and on the scoring system), can lead to possible disqualification.
- The committee has the right to compare scores on the scorecard with that captured on the scoring system
- Count out criteria:
 - Tuesday = lowest handicap
 - Thursday = age.
 - In case there is still a tie, the best score on the 9 holes that include stroke 1, will determine the winner.
- Qualifying criteria for prizes
 - Only players entering the designated competition of the day can qualify to win any prizes.
 - Players can be disqualified from competitions for not paying the appropriate competition fees, completing scorecards incorrectly and/or capturing incorrect scores on the official handicap system.

10. Competitions

- **Tuesday and Thursday Competitions.**
 - Normal playing days are on a Tuesday and Thursday
 - If the club cannot accommodate us on a specific day (in case of a public holiday and/or golf days organised by RCC), they will notify us and try to accommodate us on alternative days
 - Members will be notified of such changes.
 - Booking arrangements are made on the Ruimsig Seniors Golf WhatsApp group.
 - Please contact RCC or any committee member to get added to the WhatsApp group.

- It is essential that all official bookings are done on the Whatsapp application.
- Weekly playing lists containing tee-off times and other detail will be posted on the Whatsapp group.
- The Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club will abide to the tee-off policy of RCC.
- Tee-off times for the Senior Golfers will be allocated/negotiated with RCC
- Every Tuesday and Thursday we have a club competition
 - Weekly competition format – vary between Individual, Betterball and Alliance Competitions.
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes are awarded (prize money per game amounts to R200 which is allocated to winners on a 50/30/20 basis).
 - In case of Alliance competitions, the prize money will increase to R400 and allocated on the same basis as previously mentioned.
 - Nearest to the pin prizes on all the Par 3 holes.
- **In addition to the Tuesday & Thursday competitions, we also run the additional competitions:**
 - **Shield Competition (February to June)**
 - Every first Thursday of the month
 - Based on Individual Stableford points.
 - Total of 3 best scores over period determines the winner.
 - Winners receive a Trophy
 - **Round Robin Competition (February to November)**
 - Players are divided into groups
 - Play each other in group on a Match play basis
 - Points earned: 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
 - Players within a group ending on the same number of points will play each other to determine a group winner.
 - Group winners will have play-offs to determine overall winner.
 - Runners up will have play-offs to determine the player coming 3rd.
 - **Better ball knockout competition (March till November)**
 - You choose your partner to play a on a Match play basis against another team.
 - The first draw will be done randomly, and you play until you are eliminated.
 - Winners receive a Trophy

- **Individual Knock-out competition (1 July to 15 November)**
 - The top 32 players in the Shield Competition qualify to play.
 - The competition is played on a Match play basis.

- **Pensioner's race (1 February to 31 Oct)**
 - Players accumulate points over the year for every Thursday game played and the person with the most points is the winner.
 - Points are allocated as follows:
 - 1st 100 points, 2nd 75 points, 3rd 60 points, 4th 50 points, 5th 40 points, 6th 30 points, 7th 20 points, 8th 15 points, 9th 10 points & 10th 5 points.
 - Points allocated per player are adjusted according to type of competition
 - Individual = 100%
 - Betterball = 50%
 - Alliance = 25%

- **Most games played during year.**
 - Most games played during year (Tuesday & Thursday).
 - Prize = Sleeve of golf balls.

- **Eclectic Competition (Tuesday's only)**
 - There are 2 competitions during the year – normally February till June and again from July till November.
 - Every first Tuesday of the month is set aside for the eclectic competition.
 - The competition will be run on a medal basis and the winners will be determined by the sum of the lowest net score of each hole at the end of the competition.
 - In the event of a complete black-out, a player will be permitted a maximum score of nett double bogey (Par on hole + 2 + strokes on hole = Maximum score).
 - An entry fee of R30 per player per competition is payable.
 - This money will be pooled and distributed to the top 5 as follows: 1st 30%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 20%, 4th 15% and 5th 10%.

- **Criteria applicable to additional competitions.**
 - Count out criteria for additional competitions = age.
 - Prize money for the additional competitions (except the Eclectic competition) will depend on the financial position of the club.
 - (Currently, the committee decided on the following: 1st R200.00, 2nd R100.00 and 3rd R 50.00)

11. Functions

- **All functions.**
 - Please note that all functions are regulated by State of emergency/disaster restrictions applicable at the time of the function
- **Weekly prize giving**
 - Normally as soon as possible after all the players have completed their rounds, the score cards are handed in and verified.
 - Prizes are kept for players that cannot attend prize giving.
- **Eclectic competition**
 - A function will be held to announce the winners of the February to June Eclectic Competition.
 - July to November Competition – prize giving at year-end function.
 - Format of the function will be determined by the Management Committee.
- **Ad hoc functions**
 - As and when determined by the Management Committee.
- **Year-end lunch**
 - Will be held at the end of the year (end November beginning of December).
 - Number of games played during the year will determine the cost for a specific player.
 - As special circumstances can influence the number of games played during a year, the committee will apply an 80/20 principle (Top 80% will pay no costs while the bottom 20% will pay 50% of actual costs if attending the function).
 - Tuesdays as well as Thursdays will be used to determine the number of games a member played.
 - Members are welcome to bring wives/partners to the lunch (wives/partners pay 100% of cost).

12. Financial statements and Statistics

- The Committee member responsible for the financial statements will produce monthly financials (Statement of income statement and statement of financial position).
- These financials will be circulated to committee members for perusal monthly.
- The financials will also be made at the year-end function to all members.
- The committee member will also maintain weekly statistics of all games/rounds played, number of players, winners, scores obtained etc.

13. Charity /Fund Raiser

The Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club will produce newsletters on a

- The committee can decide to donate funds to a charity, organization or individual of their choice.
- The financial position of the Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club will determine
 - The amount of such a donation
 - If the club has the financials means to being able to make a donation.
- The committee can decide to host a fund raiser golf day to raise and donate funds to an organisation suggested by the committee or their members.
- The decision of the Committee will be final to select a charity the Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club are going to support.

14. Newsletter

The Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club will produce newsletters on a

- Weekly basis - reporting on all related golf activities (forthcoming competitions and events, winners, results of competitions, etc.)
- Monthly basis – reporting on relevant Committee feedback and ad hoc competition results
- The platform of choice to distribute the newsletters will be the Ruimsig Seniors What's App group.

15. Disputes

The Committee will deal with all disputes such as the interpretation of the rules and any other issues.

- At least 3 members will form a dispute committee, chaired by the Chairperson.
- The hearing will take place in terms of rules applicable to the Ruimsig Senior Golfers Club Constitution.
- Members guilty of repeated infringements such as disobeying RA-, RCC- or Senior's club rules can be disqualified from competitions and/or expelled from playing golf with the seniors.
- See Par 5 & 7 of this constitution.

16. Meetings with RCC Management

The Chairperson plus a committee member will represent the seniors at the annual RCC AGM and ad hoc meetings as requested.

17. Incentive Schemes

- The committee will initiate incentive schemes from time-to-time encouraging members to recruit new members for the senior's club.
- Format of incentive scheme will be determined by the Seniors Golf Committee.

18. Golf Ethics/Rules

Ruimsig Senior Golfers club members should always strive to

- Be a true golfing gentleman/woman.
- Treat fellow Seniors, RCC players and RCC staff members professionally, with dignity and respect.

Ruimsig Seniors Golf Committee – 2022

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