

3. Membership

This section deals with dues paying members. The policies and procedures are cognizant of the needs of all members and shareholders.

Individual categories are designed to offer a continuum of relevant membership for all ages, abilities and affordability in the enjoyment of the game of golf at Mount Brenton.

(Refer to Section 4 for dues relevant to each category and applicable payment schedules.)

Cross Reference: Articles, 16.3 April 6, 2009

3.1 Regular Membership

The following provisions apply to regular membership:

1. New members are required to purchase a share and pay an entry fee in effect at the time of joining;
2. Only a shareholder of the company may apply to be a regular member;
3. Only a shareholder of the company may be a regular member;
4. A spouse of a regular member may become a new regular member on purchase of a share and payment of an entry fee equivalent to 50% of the entry fee in effect at the time of joining,
 - a.) Spouse is defined as a significant other in a marriage, civil union, or common law relationship and is gender neutral,
 - b.) Proof of cohabitation may be required;
5. There are two sub-categories of Regular membership:
 - a.) Full regular - full access to the booking tee sheet at any time; dues 100% of baseline annual rate;
 - b.) Limited regular - booking privileges after 1 PM during the high season and unlimited privileges during the low season; may book tee times prior to 1 PM at the guest green fee rate; dues 66% of baseline annual rate;
6. Regular members have full use of the club facilities, Pro Shop discounts on in-stock products, power cart rental discounts, and reciprocal privileges at select Vancouver Island and lower mainland courses as published annually;
7. Regular members may book up to 3 guests per round.

3.2 Sustaining Membership

Policy: A Sustaining member is an inactive member of the Golf Course who has chosen to take a leave of absence.

The following provisions apply to Sustaining Membership:

1. Only a regular member may apply to become a sustaining member;
2. Only a shareholder of the Company may be a sustaining member;
3. Sustaining members will comprise two categories of Leaves of Absence;
 - a.) Medical LOA
 - b.) Non-medical LOA
4. Medical LOA is defined as a temporary circumstance of ill health, debility, infirmity, convalescence or compassionate care of a family member, which prevents the member from active participation in golf at Mount Brenton for a prolonged period of time;
5. Non-Medical LOA is defined as a temporary circumstance of work relocation, family circumstance and/or relocation of residence and prevents the member from active participation in golf at Mount Brenton for a significant period of time; (LOA will not be granted for extended holidays or 'snowbird' absences);
6. A regular member who has paid annual dues may apply to the Board through the administrative office for Sustaining status at any time during the year and if the period of sustaining membership begins,
 - a.) prior to June 30, the member will be given a credit pro-rata in respect of future annual dues, less the sustaining member fee for that year as specified in item 8,
 - b.) after July 1, the member will not be given a refund or credit, and will not pay the sustaining member fee for that year;
7. A Sustaining membership will have a maximum term of 2 years (in addition to the year of commencement) beginning on January 1 of the following year, and on annual application to the Board office prior to January 1 of the requested year;
8. Sustaining annual membership dues will be 20% of baseline dues established annually by the Board;
9. Sustaining members returning to active regular membership must pay the applicable prorated annual dues, less any credit and/or value of sustaining dues paid for the year of return to regular status;
10. In the event of a membership cap and waiting list, a member going to the sustaining category will create an opening on the active roster;
11. On return from sustaining to active status, in the event of a membership cap and wait list, the member will be placed in a priority position on the list (see 3.7.1);

12. Sustaining members will have full use of the club facilities except for access to the handicap computer, and will have full voting privileges;
13. Sustaining members will pay green fees either at the 18 or 9 hole 'guest' rate or lowest rate applicable to the tee time being booked, at the discretion of the Club Pro;
14. Sustaining members on Medical LOA who wish to assess their playing capability prior to returning to active status should consult with the Club Pro for assistance in determining the most appropriate booking, playing time and associated costs;
15. At the conclusion of two full years of sustaining status (in addition to the initial year), the membership will be terminated with no credit owing, other than return of the initial share cost, however an appeal (in writing) for an extension may be made to the Board under exigent circumstances;
16. A Sustaining member may terminate membership at any time however no refund or credit will be given in respect of any dues or entry fee paid, other than return of the share cost.

3.3 Legacy Membership (formerly Senior Membership)

Policy: Mount Brenton GC wishes to reward those senior members who through a combination of longevity and loyalty to the club have attained honoured status.

The following provisions apply to Legacy Membership:

1. Only a person who is 75 years of age or older and who has been a regular or sustaining member for 20 years or more, consecutive or otherwise, may apply to become a legacy member;
2. Eligibility will apply in the first full year following the 75th birthday and the 20th anniversary of membership;
3. Only a shareholder of the company may be a legacy member;
4. Booking privileges limited to after 1 PM during the high season and unlimited during the low season; may book prior to 1 PM at the applicable guest green fee rate during high season; may book up to 3 guests per round;
5. Legacy members have full use of the club facilities, Pro Shop discounts on in-stock products, power cart rental discounts and reciprocal privileges at select Vancouver Island and lower mainland courses published annually.
6. Dues 25% of baseline annual rate.

3.4 Intermediate Membership

The following provisions apply to Intermediate membership:

1. Eligible from age 19 to 39, (proof DOB required);
2. One year contractual obligation from time of joining;
3. No entry or share fee, no voting privileges;
4. Full booking privileges and up to 3 guest bookings per round;
5. Intermediate Members have full use of the club facilities, Pro Shop discounts on in-stock products, power cart rental discounts and reciprocal privileges at Vancouver Island and lower mainland courses published annually;
6. Intermediate Members receive 10 % off entry fee for each year of membership when transitioning to Regular Membership;
7. Dues 75% of baseline annual dues.

3.5 Student Membership

The following provisions apply to Student Membership:

1. Student Members must be age 19 plus;
2. Student Members must be enrolled in a recognized full time post secondary program and provide proof of same;
3. One year contractual obligation from time of joining;
4. No entry or share fee; no voting privileges;
5. Full booking privileges and up to 3 guest bookings per round;
6. Student Members have full use of club facilities, Pro Shop discounts on in-stock products, Power cart rental discounts and reciprocal privileges at select Vancouver Island courses;
7. Student members receive 10% off entry fee for each year of membership (cumulative with Intermediate Membership) when transitioning to Regular Membership;
8. Dues 20% of baseline annual dues.

3.5 Junior Membership

The following provisions apply to Junior Membership:

1. Junior members must be between the ages of 10 and 18;
2. Junior members must complete (or provide proof of) an introductory course administered by the Club pro, equivalent to Level 2 of the Future Links Program;
3. Beginning golfers should be encouraged to take further training under the auspices of the Professional staff and/or participate in training programs set up by the club;
4. One year contractual obligation from time of joining;
5. No entry or share fee; no voting privileges;
6. Full booking privileges and up to 3 guest bookings per round;
7. Junior Members have full use of club facilities, Pro Shop discounts on in-stock products, and reciprocal privileges at select Vancouver Island courses;
8. Junior members receive 10% off entry fee for each year of membership (cumulative with Student and Intermediate membership) when transitioning to regular membership;
9. Junior members may participate in the RCGA handicap system and have access to the club handicap computer; they may participate in sanctioned Club, Golf BC and RCGA tournaments representing Mount Brenton GC;
10. Dues 20% of baseline annual dues.

3.6 Juniors -in-waiting

Policy: The Club encourages the play of children in fostering the advancement and enjoyment of the game of golf at Mount Brenton.

1. The Board endorses a Junior training program through volunteer efforts of members, the Club Captain and the Club's Professional staff;
2. Juniors under the age of 10 must have an orientation session with the Club Pro equivalent to Level 2 of the Future Links program and must be accompanied by an adult on the golf course at all times;
3. Juniors under the age of 10 may play for free after 2 PM when accompanied by an adult;

4. Juniors over the age of 10 are encouraged to join the club and take advantage of the facilities, training programs, discounts and amenities offered.

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3.7 Membership and Waiting lists

Policy: The Board may from time to time cap the total membership list or any constituent member category at a number deemed in the best interests of the club.

The following provisions apply to membership caps and waiting lists:

1. In the event of a cap, a waiting list will be established through the Board office and any new member applicant may register on the wait list;
2. A non-refundable deposit of \$300 must accompany the application for new membership and will be applied to the first year of dues once accepted;
3. When eligible for membership, the applicant will be notified by telephone and email, and will have 10 days to complete their application, payment of entry fee, share and dues;
4. Should an applicant decline or fail to complete the application within 10 days, their name will go to the bottom of the list;
5. Waiting list resignations will forfeit their deposit.

3.7.1 Priority of Membership and List placement

Applications for Membership and/or placement on the waiting list will be dealt with by the Board in the order they are received with the exception of the following:

1. A Qualified Transferee, within the meaning of that term as it is used in the Articles of Mount Brenton Golf Course Ltd., who is approved and who applies for membership within five years of the issuance of a Class "B" Common share, either may not be required to be placed upon the Golf Club Members Waiting List or may be placed on the Golf Club Members Waiting List in a priority position to any person then on the Golf Club Members Waiting List who is not a shareholder of the Company, all as determined by Article 27.1(8)(d) of the Articles of the Company;
2. A Sustaining Member transitioning to Regular or Legacy Membership will not normally be placed on a waiting list unless unusual circumstances exist, in which case they will move into a priority position to any person then on the list; No deposit will be required;
3. A current member in the Junior, Student or Intermediate category transitioning to the next higher category of membership will not normally be placed on a waiting list, unless unusual circumstance exist, in which case they will move into a priority position to any person then on the list with the exception of provisions 1. and 2. above; No deposit will be required;

4. All new member applications will be placed on the list in the order they are received with the exception of provisions 1, 2 and 3.

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3.8 Booking Privileges and Tee times

Policy: All members will have advanced, priority booking privileges for tee times as specified in the terms of their membership category.

The following provisions apply to booking privileges:

1. All members have advanced booking privileges 4 days in advance of their play date;
2. The booking period will begin at such time as the Pro Shop opens and will vary according to seasonal hours of operation;
3. Bookings may be made in person, by telephone or on-line using the Chronogolf booking widget or such booking system as may be employed by the Pro Shop;
4. Bookings are on a first-come-first served basis and no advantage may be garnered by one booking method over others;
5. No member may book more than one tee time within a 4 hour period, or be booked by another member into more than one tee time within a 4 hour period;
6. Non-member green fee players may book 3.5 days in advance of their play date, generally at noon or such time as determined by the Pro Shop;
7. At the discretion of the Club Pro, in consultation with the Board, some tee times may be blocked for green fee players in the interest of golf promotion for the benefit of the club;
8. At the discretion of the Club Pro, in consultation with the Board, advanced bookings may be made for small groups of golf tourists or 'Play and Stay' packages with local hotels.

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Note: The contents of Section 3 take precedence over any other Policies or Procedures contained within these Guidelines which contradict or pre-date the above, pending further revisions.

4. Annual Dues and Membership fees

Policy: The Board of Directors will annually update the required fees for entry fee and baseline dues in late fall. The Share cost for Mount Brenton Golf Course Ltd is set at \$100. Dues are paid on an annual basis and form a one year contract of membership with Mount Brenton Golf Course Ltd.

The following provisions apply to annual dues and membership fees:

1. New Regular members are obligated to purchase a Share (refundable) of \$100 and pay an Entry fee (non-refundable) established by the Board from time to time and published on the Mount Brenton website. The spouse of a new or existing Regular, Sustaining or Legacy Member will receive a 50% discount on the Entry Fee.
2. Intermediate, Student and Junior Members are not required to pay a Share or Entry fee.
3. Membership renewal date for Regular, Sustaining and Legacy Members is January 1.
4. The renewal date for Intermediate, Student and Junior members is the anniversary date of joining MBGC.
5. New regular members joining part way through the year will have annual dues pro-rated at a daily rate.
6. The schedule of annual dues relative to the baseline established annually is as follows;
 - a. Regular (full) members - 100%
 - b. Regular (limited) members - 66%
 - c. Sustaining - 20%
 - d. Legacy - 25%
 - e. Intermediate - 75%
 - f. Student - 20%
 - g. Junior - 20%

4.1 Payment Options; Late payment and Default

1. Payment of dues (and other fees as applicable) may be made in full for the annual or pro-rated amount by cheque or e-transfer at time of joining or on the renewal date of membership;
2. Alternatively payment may be made in equal monthly bank auto-debit arranged through the Board office; this is a legally binding contract for a 12 month period or lesser period for pro-rated members;
3. No administrative fees will be charged for monthly payment plan;
4. Late payment of annual dues or failure to complete auto-debit before January 1 will result in a penalty of 2% of total dues, per month, compounding monthly until such time as payment is made; After 30 days from renewal date a registered letter will be sent advising members that all member privileges will be cancelled and membership may be revoked if no response within 15 days;
5. Monthly payments in arrears will result in cancellation of member privileges, punitive penalties as above, potential bank charges and other measures as may be adopted by the Board of Directors;
6. When a membership is revoked or terminated, no refund of dues are payable.

4.2 Cart Shed Storage, Trail Fees and other supplementary charges

Policy: Supplementary charges are applied to individual members, are not part of annual dues and are not subsidized by general membership dues.

The following provisions apply:

1. Member carts may be stored in the Mount Brenton Cart Shed under the terms of the MB Cart Storage Agreement at a rate established by the Board in late fall;
2. Annual rental rate is all-inclusive and includes storage, hydro, trail fees and security/insurance costs;
3. Payment must be made at time of annual dues renewal or initial contract on a pro-rated basis, under the terms list in 4.1;
4. Default of payment may result in removal and impound of the member cart from the Shed;

5. Trail fees (member carts not stored), club storage and locker fees may be charged on an annual basis.

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4.3 Green Fee and Cart Rental Rates

Policy: The Board of Directors in consultation with the Club Professional will establish green fee rates and cart rental rates on an annual basis in keeping with industry standards and competitive rates to other Island golf courses.

The following provisions apply:

1. Green fees will be published at the rack rate specific to the season of the year;
2. Green fees may be discounted for early bird and twilight tee times as determined by the Club Pro on a seasonal basis;
3. Course maintenance rates may be instituted at specific times of year in consultation with the Club Pro and Course Superintendent;
4. A discounted guest and/or reciprocal green fee rate may be instituted at the discretion of the Club Pro in consultation with other Island or lower mainland courses;
5. Power cart rental rates may be discounted and/or offered in a punch card system for members at the discretion of the Club Pro.

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