

## AOTEAROA MAORI GOLF ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

### Constitution

#### INTRODUCTION

Over the past 75 years NZMGA has established a successful history of providing the opportunity for Maori of all ages and skill to participate in golf. The consolidation and adherence to the kaupapa of promoting and supporting Maori participation has underpinned the longevity of the organisation and the continued popularity of the national tournament.

To maintain the effectiveness of the organisation NZMGA has to be cognisant of and responsive to the evolving environment that guides and directs the provision of services to the membership.

Consequently it will need to realign its strategic direction and relevant documentation to do this, including the refreshing of the Constitution.

The Board provides the following suggested amendments to the constitution for your consideration and final decision making.

	<b>Current Clause</b> – <i>currently states</i>	<b>Proposed Amendments</b> – <i>as recommended by the Board</i>
<b>1. NAME</b>	The name of the Association shall be the <b><i>New Zealand Maori Golf Association Incorporated</i></b> , hereafter referred to as the 'Association' or 'NZMGA'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The name of the Association shall be the <b><i>Aotearoa Maori Golf Association Incorporated</i></b></li> <li><i>New Zealand Maori Golf Association Incorporated will be the Association's trading name</i></li> </ul>
<b>2. MISSION</b>	The mission of the Association shall be to foster and develop the game of golf amongst Maori and the wider community of Aotearoa NZ for all ages, regionally, nationally and internationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Foster develop and promote the growth of golf amongst Maori and wider community of Aotearoa NZ for all ages, regionally, nationally and internationally</i></li> </ul>
<b>3. OBJECTIVES</b>	The Association will achieve its mission by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being a responsible parent body to its affiliated members</li> <li>Organising and running a national Maori golf tournament each year for members of the Association in collaboration with the host affiliated member organisation</li> <li>Promoting our National Champions</li> </ul>	The Association will achieve its mission by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being a responsible parent body to its <i>Regional Maori Golf Associations</i> ( affiliated members)</li> <li><i>Intention of liaising with NZ Golf Incorporated Council</i></li> <li>Intention of liaising / networking etc. with affiliated members</li> <li><i>To continue to offer / provide youth components into the</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intention of liaising / networking etc. with affiliated members</li> <li>• Fostering and promoting junior golf initiatives within Aotearoa NZ</li> <li>• Supporting / embracing smaller golfing groups within Aotearoa NZ</li> </ul>	<p><i>core-business of the Association in order to enhance and sustain whanau</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To continue the holistic advancement of whanau – i.e. to embrace and grow a sense of confidence, well-being, self-esteem in whanau for the good of communities</i></li> <li>• <i>To complement other relevant initiatives that are being engaged in by whanau e.g.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Local school holiday programmes</i></li> <li>2. <i>Coaching clinics</i></li> <li>3. <i>Local, regional, national golfing related initiatives</i></li> <li>4. <i>Website placement of information of affiliated members' tournaments</i></li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>8. MEMBERSHIP</b>	The current clause included a specific cost for each category of membership except patron	<i>Removing the set amounts</i>
	The Ladies Committee is recognised as a separate membership group that have the power to nominate members to the Association Board	<i>That the Ladies Committee is deemed to be in recess</i>
<b>8.1 Special Membership</b>	<p>a) Life Members: Life membership shall be granted by resolution at any general meeting to any person who is considered to have rendered outstanding service to the Association over a number of years, and whose nomination has been received by the Secretary not less than three (3) months prior to the date fixed for holding the Annual General Meeting. Such nomination can only be made by a member of the Association, and must be endorsed by the Board.</p>	<p>a) Life Members: Life membership shall be granted by resolution at any general meeting to any person who is considered to have rendered outstanding service to the Association over a number of years, and whose nomination has been <i>delivered to the Secretary prior to the close of entries to the national tournament</i>. Such nomination can only be made by a member of the Association, and must be endorsed by the Board.</p>
<b>9. SUBSCRIPTION</b>	<p>a) Regional Maori Golf Association (including overseas associations)</p> <p>b) Full members</p> <p>c) Junior members</p> <p>d) Whanau members</p>	<p>The removal of clauses (a) to (d) and replace with the following statement:</p> <p><i>The Board will set the annual subscription fee for all categories of membership at the first full Board meeting immediately following the National tournament.</i></p>

<p><b>12. POWERS OF THE BOARD</b></p>	<p>The Board shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control and manage all the affairs of the Association</li> <li>• Exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those functions that are required to be exercised by a general meeting of the members of the Association</li> <li>• Have the power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the Board to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association</li> <li>• Have the power to reprimand, suspend or penalise any member of the Association for misconduct</li> <li>• To purchase or acquire for the Association any real or personal property or any rights or privileges which the Association shall decide to purchase or acquire and to give and to execute mortgages over properties purchased or acquired for the balance purchase monies upon such terms or conditions as the Board thinks fit</li> <li>• To borrow and raise money upon mortgage of the real or personal property of the Association or any part or parts thereof or upon debentures or mortgage debentures charging the whole or part of the assets of the Association and to execute mortgages to secure such debentures or mortgage debentures or to borrow money from bankers or other persons with or without security.</li> </ul>	<p>The addition of the following bullet point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Set all policies to achieve the objectives of the Association</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>13. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD</b></p>	<p>13.1 All current financial members of the Association shall be eligible to be nominated for the following offices at any Annual General Meeting or at any other time decided on by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaumatua</li> <li>• Patron</li> <li>• President <i>elected</i></li> <li>• Two (2) Vice Presidents (1 lady?) <i>elected</i></li> <li>• 4 Board members <i>elected</i></li> </ul>	<p>13.1 All current financial members of the Association shall be eligible to be nominated for the following offices at any Annual General Meeting or at any other time decided on by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two (2) Pakeke (one (1) Kuia / one (1) koroua) <i>appointed</i></li> <li>• President <i>elected</i></li> <li>• Two (2) Vice Presidents <i>elected</i></li> <li>• Four (4) Board members <i>elected</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 reps from Ladies Sub-Association <i>elected</i></li> <li>• Secretary <i>appointed</i></li> <li>• Treasurer <i>appointed</i></li> <li>• Tournament Director (role usually fulfilled by the current General Manager, unless other personnel seconded into the role) <i>appointed.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two (2) female representatives <i>elected</i></li> <li>• Secretary <i>appointed</i></li> <li>• Treasurer <i>appointed</i></li> <li>• Tournament Director (role usually fulfilled by the current General Manager, unless other personnel seconded into the role) <i>appointed.</i></li> </ul>
<b>13.2 Term of Office</b>	<p>Each office bearer, other than the General Manager, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for personal reason or misconduct. Each office bearer is eligible for re-election at the expiry of his/her term of office, other than when removed for misconduct. The position of Kaumatua will be appointed by the Board for a period of 2 years unless otherwise removed from office for person reasons or misconduct.</p> <p>General Manager / Secretary / Treasurer</p> <p>The offices of General Manager, Secretary, Treasurer shall be appointed as and if required by the Board at the Annual General Meeting. Each appointee shall be eligible for re-appointment.</p>	<p>One third of the Board shall retire by rotation at the expiry of his/her term of office on a “first in first out” basis.</p> <p>Each office bearer is eligible for re-election at the expiry of his/her term of office, other than when removed for misconduct.</p> <p>The Pakeke position will be appointed by the Board for a period of three (3) years unless otherwise removed from office for personal reasons or misconduct.</p> <p>General Manager / Secretary / Treasurer</p> <p>The offices of General Manager, Secretary, Treasurer shall be appointed as and if required by the Board at the Annual General Meeting. Each appointee shall be eligible for re-appointment.</p>
<b>13.3 Voting Rights</b>	<i>There is currently no clause 13.3 in the constitution</i>	<p>The addition of the following sub-clause:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>All office bearers including general manager, secretary and treasurer who do not receive financial remuneration will have full voting rights at all Board meetings.</i></li> </ul>
<b>14. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS</b>	<p>a) Nominations of candidates for election as office bearers of the Board should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made in writing, signed by 2 registered members of the Board and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate</li> <li>• Delivered to the Secretary not less than 24 hours prior to the date fixed for holding the Annual General Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>a) Nominations for candidates for election as office bearers of the Board shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made in writing, signed by two (2) registered members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate, and delivered to the Secretary prior to the close of entries to the National tournament.</li> <li>• If sufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies</li> </ul>

	<p>at which the election is to take place.</p> <p>b) If sufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Board the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>c) If insufficient further nominations are received for any vacant positions remaining on the Board these shall be deemed to be casual vacancies.</p> <p>d) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.</p> <p>e) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.</p> <p>f) The ballot for the election of office bearers shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such a proper manner as the Board may direct.</p> <p>g) All nominees must be present at the Annual General Meeting, excepting where valid reasons for absence have been received by the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final and communicated to the Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p>on the Board the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the Annual General Meeting.</p>
<p><b>15. SUB-COMMITTEES</b></p>	<p>The Board shall appoint such sub-committees from time to time and as they deem fit to properly carry out the business of the Association.</p>	<p>The addition of the following clause:</p> <p><i>The Board shall second two (2) regional representatives from time to time and at least one (1) year prior to the year they will host the national tournament.</i></p>
<p><b>19. QUORUM</b></p>	<p><i>There is currently no clause defining quorum for Board meetings in the constitution</i></p>	<p>The addition of the following clause:</p> <p><b>19.1 Meetings of the Association</b>  <i>A quorum will be made up of not less than 5% of financial members in attendance at the meeting. No business of the Association shall be transacted without a quorum. If after half an hour from the time scheduled for a meeting to commence a quorum is</i></p>

		<p><i>not present the meeting stands adjourned.</i></p> <p>19.2 <i>Meetings of the Board</i>  <i>The majority of Board members from time to time shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board.</i></p>
<p><b>20. CENSURE AND REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS (OFFICERS)</b></p>	<p><i>There is currently no clause defining Censure and Removal of Board Meetings in the constitution</i></p>	<p>The addition of the following clause:</p> <p><b>Board members not to bring into disrepute:</b>  No officer shall act in a manner which brings or is likely to bring the Association into disrepute whether that is in a public arena, with the beneficiaries, management or employees of the Association or within the Board itself.</p> <p><b>Board members may be censured:</b>  Any officer that acts in a manner that brings or is likely to bring into disrepute the Association may, be a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 75% of the other Board members, be formally censured by the Board.</p> <p><b>Consequences of censure:</b>  The censure of an officer in accordance with this clause may, together with reasons, be reported to the members of NZMGA at the next Annual General Meeting of the NZMGA following censure.</p> <p>In the event that an officer is censured on a second occasion during the officer's current term of office, that officer may also be suspended from duties as an officer for a period of up to two months if so resolved by a majority of not less than 75% of the other officers, or removed as an officer under clause (f).</p> <p><b>Cessation of office of board member:</b>  Any person shall cease to be a board member if he or she:</p> <p>a) Resigns by giving notice in writing to the Association  or</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Fails without leave of absence, or reasonable excuse, to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, or at least three meetings of the Board in a 12 month period or</li> <li>c) Becomes of unsound mind, becomes a person in respect of whose affairs an Order under the Protection of Personal Property Rights Act 1988 is made or otherwise becomes unfit or unable to act as a Board member or</li> <li>d) Is or becomes a bankrupt who has not obtained a final order of discharge, or whose order of discharge has been suspended for a term not yet expired, or is subject to a condition not yet fulfilled or</li> <li>e) Is or has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty as defined in Section 2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961 or, an offence under Section 373(4) of the Companies Act 1993, or an offence punishable by imprisonment of a term of three (3) years or longer or</li> <li>f) In the opinion of 75% majority of the other Board members, the continuation of the Board member in office is not in the best interests of the Association and the balance of the Board members pass a 75% majority resolution to that effect or</li> <li>g) Dies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>26. ASSOCIATION COLOURS</b></p>	<p>The NZMGA colours shall be Black, red, white, yellow and blue.</p>	<p>The amendment to the following clause:</p> <p><i>The colours of the Association will from time to time be determined by the Board.</i></p>