
THE RINGERS CONSTITUTION



OCTOBER 26, 2023

1. Ringers Constitution

The purpose of the Ringers Constitution is to define the rules the yearly Ringers Tournament will abide by from this point forth. The purpose is to promote clarity, fairness as well as longevity within the Ringers organisation for years to come.

Once the Constitution is implemented only the Members can alter the Constitution by an anonymous vote by a majority of 60% or higher.

We the people of The Ringers Tour constitute the following into written law:

2. Ringers Members

The Ringers Members can be defined as the governing body of the Ringers organisation. The following people are currently all classified as Ringers Members and will be know from here forth as Members:

- i. Daniël van Zyl
- ii. Zander Bronn
- iii. Carl Brown
- iv. Fanie Schoeman
- v. Morné Mostert
- vi. Eduan Shuda
- vii. Dick Barnard
- viii. Louwrens van Schalkwyk
- ix. Martin de Lange
- x. Robert Pinkhard
- xi. George Michau
- xii. Dean van Vuren
- xiii. Reynard van der Nest
- xiv. Marco Fourie
- xv. Tiaan Grobbelaar
- xvi. Dian Koegelenberg

Rules pertaining to the Ringers Members:

- 2.1 Once you are a Member of the Ringers Seniors you are a Member in perpetuity.
- 2.2 To become a new Member the following will be considered:
 - 2.2.1 Only players that has played at least 5 tournaments can be eligible to become a Member.
 - 2.2.2 If you have played 5 (five) tournaments, you don't automatically qualify to become a Member.
 - 2.2.3 An existing Member must nominate you and a second Member must second the motion.
 - 2.2.4 Once the nomination has been successful an anonymous vote will be held by the existing Members. You have to receive 50% +1 vote.
- 2.3 New nominations will only be considered once a year at the Yearly Ringers Members meeting.

3. Yearly Tournaments Selections

Yearly Ringers Tournaments will be held and will be known from here forth as a Tournament. The order of preference of who may play in the next Tournament will be classified as follows:

- 3.1 Members have first option to play in the next Tournament regardless of playing in the previous Tournament.
- 3.2 If the Tournament still needs players after the above rules has been satisfied the floor will be open to previous players and new players that has yet to play in a Tournament.
 - 3.2.1 Each Member may nominate one person to play in the Tournament.
 - 3.2.2 All nominations will be compiled and an anonymous vote by the Members will determine which new players will join the Tournament.
- 3.3 In the event of a withdrawal rules 1 to 2 will be implemented to determine the replacement player for the Tournament.

4. Captains

The Tournament is officiated by two captains that will be picked by the Members at the Yearly Members Meeting. The Captains will be responsible for the following for the Tournament they are captaining:

- 4.1 Picking of golf courses to be played.
- 4.2 Picking of accommodation for the Players.
- 4.3 Picking of the two teams, namely Bucks and Fogeys.
- 4.4 Making of clothes and merchandise.
- 4.5 Organising dinner for players.
- 4.6 Facilitation of payments from players.

5 Ringer Commissioner

The Ringer Commissioner is responsible for the yearly Members meetings as well as facilitating all voting required by Members. He is the person responsible for making sure the Ringers Constitution is followed or altered correctly and that all processes pertaining to all aspects of the organisation is in place. He will also oversee all data from Tournaments are accurately captured. He will be the main contact with the Captains and his term will only last for a period of two years.

6 Yearly Members Meetings

Once a year during the yearly Tournament a yearly Members Meeting must be held. The meeting will take place in person. If you cannot attend the meeting, you must nominate one other member as a proxy for your nominations. The following will be discussed to gather nominations at the yearly meeting:

- 6.1 New Member nominations.
- 6.2 New Captain nominations.
- 6.3 New Commissioner nominations every 2 (two) years.

7 Tournaments Format

The yearly Tournament formats will be defined as below with alterations only applicable with a change of the constitution. The tournament can be held with 16, 20 or 24 players and will be decided by the Captains of each year.

- 7.1 **Day 1 Format:** Full American Scramble Matchplay
Handicap: Average of the two players
Tea Shots: Minimum of 5 (five) tea shots per player

- 7.2 **Day 2 Format:** Better Ball Stableford Matchplay with Scramble Drive (excluding PAR 3's)
Handicap: Course Handicap
Tea Shots: Minimum of 4 (four) tea shots per player

- 7.3 **Day 3 Format:** Singles Stableford Matchplay
Handicap: Course Handicap
Tea Shots: NA

- 7.4 With a field of 16 players a total of 16 points is available and a team will need 8.5 points for a win.

- 7.5 With a field of 20 players a total of 20 points is available and a team will need 10.5 points for a win.

- 7.6 With a field of 24 players a total of 24 points is available and a team will need 12.5 points for a win.

- 7.7 In the case of a draw after the 3 days of play a shoot-out will determine the winners of the tour. The shoot-out format will take place as follows:
 - 7.7.1 The Captains will choose a PAR 3 as the play-off hole.
 - 7.7.1.1 If a play-off hole can't be mutually determined, a Rock-Paper-Scissors will be played between the Captains to determine the play-off hole.

 - 7.7.2 The Bucks Captain will always start the play-off with a Fogeys Captain to follow. Thereafter the teams will alternate between teams until all players have played their tee shot.

 - 7.7.3 Each ball to land on the green of the play-off hole will count 1 (one) point for the respective team's play-off points.

 - 7.7.4 The team with the most points after all players has played their tee shot will determine the winner of the Tournament.

 - 7.7.5 In the event that the points are still level at this stage a sudden death shoot-out will take place with the Captains determining their teams line-up for the sudden death shoot-out.

7.7.6 If the whole team has played the sudden death shoot-out without any winners, the sudden death shoot-out will start again with the same line-up as initially determined by the captains until a winner has been determined.

7.7.7 In the case where a PAR 3 shoot-out can't be played due to course restrictions the two Captains will decide on the method of the play-off at their sole discretion.

8 Player Handicaps

Each player must have an official handicap from the HNA or any other international handicap institute. If a player does not have an official handicap the opposing captain will determine their handicap, but it can't be higher than a 15 handicap. It is strongly advised that each player should have an official handicap.

9 Tournament Regulations

At each Tournament a set of Regulations are predetermined and will be administered by the Captains of the respective Tournament after each day of play at the daily Fines Meeting and will be known as the Fines Master during the Fines Meeting. The tournament Regulations are set out below:

- 9.1 Any person who 4-putts during the day.
- 9.2 Any shots not reaching the Ladies Tee.
- 9.3 Losers of the Pink Ball.
 - 9.3.1 Each 4-ball receives a pink ball at the start of each day of play. The four ball rotates the pink ball between the four players alternating between the two teams.
 - 9.3.2 As a pink ball is expensive this will lead to harsher fines should this regulation be broken.
- 9.4 **Bin Laden:** more than one shot in a bunker or a shot from one bunker to the other.
- 9.5 **Fellowship of the Ring:** everyone that make four or more rings per day. The person with the greatest number of rings will be classified as the Lord of the Rings and will receive additional fines.
- 9.6 **Dog License:** losing by 7&6 or more leads to your opponent tying his belt around your neck whilst you are on all fours barking like a dog and sipping a shot of Vodka from a saucer in the clubhouse.
- 9.7 **Noddy of the Day:** each day a Noddy will be announced by the Captains for his exceptional behaviour on the tour. His punishment will be determined by the Captains.
- 9.8 Any other regulations as defined by the Captains for a specific Tournament.

This document is signed by all current Members and will legally bind all Members to the The Ringers Constitution. Any new Members will need to fill in and sign Addendum A of this Constitution.

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Addendum A – New Members

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