**Riversdale Beach Golf Club Covid-19 Vaccination Policy**

10 December 2021

Background.

Having consulted with members, staff and contractors, and considering the health and welfare of all, the Committee has concluded that overwhelming support exists for the implementation of a Covid-19 Vaccination Policy. As a consequence, the Committee has proposed to adopt a bye-law under rule 17 of the Club’s Constitution as follows;

1. This bye-law shall take effect and become binding on all members 14 days after notice has been given by email to all members, unless within that time, written notice of objections signed by 30 Playing members is received by the Club, in which case such notice shall be deemed to be a requisition for the purpose of convening a special general meeting of members pursuant to Rule 13.4.
2. Absent such notice of objection, the bye-law shall take effect on 26 December 2021 (the Commencement date).
3. From the Commencement date, **only fully vaccinated people (not including children under the age of 12), may access the club, including the course, tennis courts and clubhouse.**
4. It is intended that this policy shall be temporary, kept under review and may be modified or repealed as circumstances require. While this policy will be of a temporary nature, it will remain in force until revoked.
5. Financial members who choose not to comply with the policy will have two options:
* Suspend membership until this temporary policy ends, or
* Resign membership by giving notice in writing to the Club, and they will then receive a pro rata subscription refund

At the point this policy is revoked, the suspended memberships will be welcomed back, retired members may re-join without nomination or the payment of an entry fee but they will be required to pay their subscription for the balance of the financial year, and all will then be once again able to enjoy the full range of benefits of membership.

Policy Implementation:

Initially, at least until a promised DotGolf tool is made available to record members’ vaccination status but possibly on an ongoing basis, from 26 December our staff will be required to sight and when possible use a Verifier App to scan the Covid Vaccination Certificate (CVC) of all entrants to the club. Anyone unable to show their CVC will be declined entry.

To conclude, I reiterate that our key objective in developing a Covid-19 vaccination policy is to do everything we can to safeguard the health and safety of our staff, our members, and our many visitors and to allow the club to operate as normally as possible. I ask that all members and guests assist our staff in a positive manner in their task to implement this policy, which of course we hope will prove to be very short term.

We look forward to seeing you all back here and enjoying our facilities.

Karen Barbour

Club Captain