

QACCS

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION – as amended on 6 Feb 2019 (version 2)

1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be **QACCS**, hereinafter referred to as **QACCS** and signifying Quantity Surveyors, Architects, Consultants, Contractors & Suppliers.

2. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of **QACCS** shall be:

- 2.1 Through the medium of golf to encourage and promote business and fellowship amongst colleagues in the construction and allied industries
- 2.2 To operate as a non-profit organisation.
- 2.3 Established and maintain an efficient organization at National level for its affiliated regions.
- 2.4 To provide an opportunity for those engaged in construction and allied industries to meet one another on equal terms in order to make and/or cement new and/or old friendships and to enjoy together the relaxation and conviviality afforded by the game of golf.
- 2.5 To make donations and dispositions for charitable and/or needy and/or worthy causes.
- 2.6 To do anything that may be expedient, necessary or desirable to further the aims and objectives of **QACCS**, or which may be incidental thereto.

3. LEGAL ENTITY

QACCS is a legal entity with rights and obligations and which may institute and defend legal proceedings, represented by the National Committee.

4. POWERS OF QACCS

QACCS has the power to:

- 4.1 Own movable and non-movable property and to trade therewith in the interest of the **QACCS's** affiliated members.
- 4.2 Generate, invest and spend funds according to its procedures and directives.
- 4.3 Open and manage bank and savings accounts,
- 4.4 Resolve any disputes between affiliated members and/or regions in the way and according to the procedures deemed fit by **QACCS NATIONAL COMMITTEE**.
- 4.5 Determine and collect fees and tariffs from affiliated members and regions.
- 4.6 Take any measures to reach its goals and to fulfil its responsibilities.
- 4.7 Delegate its powers and responsibilities to its National committee.

5. STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The Annual General Meeting of QACCS

- 5.1.1 Affiliated regions will be represented by two vote-carrying delegates each at the Annual General Meeting of **QACCS**: the Captain and Vice-Captain of the region or their substitutes, who should be members of the management or senior members of the region.
- 5.1.2 The serving National Committee: Every member of the serving National Committee is a delegate with full voting rights to the Annual General meeting of **QACCS**.
- 5.1.3 Any member of an affiliated region of **QACCS** may attend the Annual General Meeting without voting rights.
- 5.1.4 The Annual General Meeting regulates the structures of **QACCS** and the National Committee manages the business of **QACCS**.
- 5.1.5 The Annual General Meeting takes place annually. The National Committee is responsible for organizing the date, time and place of the AGM.

5.2 **National Committee**

- 5.2.1 The National Committee should meet at least two times annually on a date, time and at a venue determined by the National Committee.
- 5.2.2 Nominations for the different positions of the National Committee, must be submitted to the President in writing three weeks before the Annual General Meeting and must be signed by the nominee and the nominator.
- 5.2.3 At each Annual General Meeting of **QACCS** there shall be elected from amongst the members in good standing, who were nominated, a President, Vice President, Jnr Vice President and a Treasurer as the members of the National Committee. The retiring President shall remain a member of the National Committee until the election of the following President.
- 5.2.4 The President, may only be elected for a maximum of two consecutive years. After one year in recess an ex-President can be nominated again for any position.
- 5.2.5 Should the President cease to hold office during his term of office, the Vice President or failing him, the Jnr Vice President, shall assume the duties of Acting President for the remainder of the term of office.
- 5.2.6 Should the Vice President cease to hold office during his term of office, or be appointed as acting President in terms of clause 5.2.5 above, the Jnr Vice President shall assume the duties of Acting Vice President for the remainder of the term of office. The position of Acting Jnr Vice President shall be filled by way of an appointment by the National Committee.
- 5.2.7 The National Committee shall have the powers as delegated to them in terms of clause 4.

5.3 **Regions of QACCS**

- 5.3.1 QACCS Regions consist of QACCS members and are affiliated to **QACCS**.
- 5.3.2 Regions manage their club according to their own constitution. These regional constitutions are the same for all Qaccs Regions and can only be amended at a **QACCS** AGM.
- 5.3.3 Each region determine their own membership fees.

5.3.4 Affiliation fees for a Region is calculated according to their membership and must be paid over to the treasurer of **QACCS** before the end of April of each year.

5.3.5 Regions appoint their own office-bearers.

5.4 **Founder Member**

The founder members of **QACCS** shall be those who started the organization in 1977.

5.5 **Honorary Life Membership**

5.5.1 **QACCS** may extend Honorary Life Membership to any person deemed worthy of the honour on a National basis by virtue of:

5.5.1.1 The high office they hold.

5.5.1.2 Service they have rendered to the game of golf.

5.5.1.3 Service they have rendered to **QACCS**.

5.5.2 The National Committee can invite a member to become Honorary Life Members in terms of the requirements set by the National Committee or approve nominations for Honorary Life Members in terms of these requirements.

5.5.3 Honorary Life Members:

5.5.3.1 Will receive all **QACCS** publications.

5.5.3.2 May wear **QACCS** insignia.

5.5.3.3 May enter any **QACCS** competition.

5.5.3.4 Shall not pay membership fees at his region or affiliation fees at **QACCS**

5.5.4 Honorary life Members of **QACCS** shall not be required to meet the participation obligation of regional members.

6. **QUORUM**

The quorum for any General Meeting of **QACCS** shall be more than 50% of the vote-carrying members who may attend the AGM in terms of clause 5.1.2 and 5.1.3. The Quorum at a National Committee meeting shall be 3 (three). The Captains of the different regions can also be invited to a National Committee meeting. At all National meetings the President shall act as Chairman and in his absence the Vice President or Jnr-Vice President shall take the chair.

7. MINUTES

Minutes of all meetings of the National Committee and Annual General Meetings shall be recorded and shall be confirmed at the next ensuing meeting of the body concerned.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

QACCS shall hold a Special General Meeting if so requested by the Captains of at least two Regions to deal with specific business in respect of which the meeting has been called for.

9. VOTING

At all meetings of **QACCS**, voting shall take place by secret ballot, in which event the Treasurer and one Member of the meeting elected by a majority of Members present, shall act as scrutineers, provided, however, that voting may take place by a show of hands, if so desired by majority of Members present.

10. DISCIPLINE:

Should any Affiliated Member, in the opinion of the National Committee, commit any wilful breach of the Constitution, rules, regulations or by-laws of the organization, or be guilty of improper, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or unseemly conduct or of which is prejudicial to the interest of **QACCS**, whether within the activities of the organization or outside them, the National Committee shall have the power, (only if the Region where the specific person is a member has not already taken disciplinary steps against him):

10.1 To expel such Affiliated Member

10.1.1 To deprive such Affiliated Member of all or any rights and advantages of his membership during such time or period as the National Committee in its discretion may deem fit.

10.1.2 To call upon such Affiliated Member in writing through the President to resign and if he fails to resign within SEVEN (7) days of the date of such request to expel such Member.

10.2 To reprimand such Affiliated Member. Provided, however, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, no Affiliated Member shall be expelled unless and until the National Committee shall have given him an opportunity to appear before it at such time and place as it in its discretion may deem fit to explain his conduct. At any such hearing the National Committee shall determine the procedure to be adopted, but the National Committee shall have the power to cross examine any witness and shall have the power to tender the evidence of

any Affiliated Member or any person he may deem fit, and in addition the following shall apply:

- 10.2.1 For the purpose of considering the expulsion of an Affiliated Member, a quorum in excess of 75% of the National Committee shall be present. At least three-quarters of the votes of those present at such a meeting must be in favour of the decision.
- 10.2.2 It shall not be incumbent upon the National Committee to state its reasons for such expulsion, and no Affiliated Member shall have cause for action for alleged wrongful expulsion.

11. QACCS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

QACCS will organize at least one Tournament in a year which will involve all Regions. **QACCS** can delegate this organizing rights to any Region as they may think fit.

At such a Tournament the following rules of play will apply:

- 11.1 Arrange its own format of play recognised by SAGA.
- 11.2 All games will be played at the optimum speed with due consideration for other players.
- 11.3 It is the duty of all participants in any Nationals Tournament to appraise themselves of such local rules as may be in force at the Club at which the game is played.
- 11.4 The National Committee will set specific rules from time to time in terms of the golf and the competitions at such Tournaments.
- 11.5 In all other respects "The rules of Golf" must be observed.
- 11.6 The count-out procedure shall be as follows:-
 - 11.6.1 First count-out is taken on the best gross at holes 10 to 18 on the card.
 - 11.6.2 If this procedure results in a tie, the second count-out is taken on the gross score at all short holes on the card.
 - 11.6.3 If this procedure results in a tie, the third count out is taken on the gross scored at the odd holes through the card.
 - 11.6.4 If this procedure still results in a tie, the contestants should be invited to toss for advantage.

12. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES

In case of doubt as to the meaning of any of the rules of **QACCS**, the interpretation of the National Committee shall be binding upon all Members.

13. CASUS OMISSUS

In the event of any "casus omissus" in the Constitution, the National Committee shall rule as they consider best and proper.

14. AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Any amendments to the Constitution can only be resolved at the **QACCS** AGM after at least three weeks' notice has been given of such amendments.

15. DISSOLVEMENT

Only a properly constituted Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting may decide, with a two thirds majority, to dissolve **QACCS** and to hand over the assets to an organization with similar goals to those of **QACCS**.