



BOARD POLICY

Leave of Absence (Approved March 2023)

Leave of Absence – Local, Interstate, Overseas

Leave of Absence is available to any member residing in Queensland who the Board considers has a satisfactory reason to take leave at the time of application, or who resides Interstate or Overseas.

Members in this category have no playing privileges other than those outlined below; however they continue to receive regular Club communications and may freely enjoy the clubhouse and practice facilities.

Subscription

Members residing in Queensland:	20% of Full member subscription	
Members residing Interstate/Overseas:	Year 1	20% of the Full member subscription
	Year 2	13.3% of the Full member subscription*
	Year 3 onwards	6.7% of the Full member subscription*

*If members on the Interstate/Overseas rate exceed 6 games per subscription year the annual rate returns to 20%

Application for Leave of Absence

Applications for Leave of Absence must be made in writing addressed to the CEO prior to the requested start date. The commencement of a Leave of Absence will be effective from the first day of the month. Where a request is made mid-month the category change will take effect from the following month. The Leave of Absence start date will not be backdated. Applicants must have been a member of Indooroopilly Golf Club for a minimum of 6 months before being eligible to request a Leave of Absence.

All members with less than 15 years' membership must take a minimum of six consecutive months' leave.

Members with 15+ years' membership must take a minimum of three consecutive months leave.

Members requesting a Leave of Absence on medical grounds must provide the Club with a medical certificate or letter from their doctor. A minimum of three consecutive months leave will apply where supporting medical documentation is provided, regardless of tenure.

Competition Play

Members on Leave of Absence may play as the guest of a member in competition, on payment of the member's guest green fee. Members on Leave, playing as the guest of a member in competition may not invite guests.

Social Play

Members on Leave of Absence may play social golf on payment of the member's guest green fee. They may invite up to three guests to play with them socially, paying the members' guest green fee for their guests.

Playing Frequency & Charges

A member on Leave of Absence may play on any course, in competition or socially, up to six (6) times in a subscription year, paying the member's guest green fee. After six (6) games course access and charges revert to those of a public access player.

Temporary Playing Rights

After completing the relevant minimum period members on Leave of Absence are entitled to purchase playing rights in blocks of 30 days for the **playing category they have transferred from**, for up to a total of 90 days in any one year. The member will pay the pro rata amount of the current annual subscription of their past playing category.

Return to a Playing category

Requests to transfer back to a playing category must be made in writing addressed to the CEO. Transfer back to any playing category is subject to playing vacancies and as such cannot be scheduled any earlier than one (1) month prior to the requested return date. Members on Leave of Absence will take priority over Provisional members or any new applicants on a waiting list for membership. Where there are no playing vacancies the member requesting to transfer from Leave of Absence will be placed on a waitlist.

Transfer back to a playing category is not subject to payment of an Entrance Fee, as long as the transfer is to the category for which the Entrance Fee has previously been paid. Transfers to any higher category require payment of the difference in Entrance Fee applicable at that time.

Members returning from a Leave of Absence for medical reasons will not be subject to any waiting list if there are no playing positions available when they are fit to return to their playing category, provided they are returning to the same category they were in prior to their Leave and have provided the required supporting documentation for their Leave.

Handicap

Members on Leave of Absence can maintain their handicap, with the new Golf Australia handicapping system, provided they were eligible for a Handicap in their previous playing category.

Other Conditions

Members on Leave of Absence:

- have no voting rights
- are not eligible for election to the Board
- are not eligible for reciprocal membership and playing rights
- are not eligible for Club Championships and Honour Board events