

# RMGC Policies & Procedures

## **Policy #14: Suspended Membership on Medical Grounds**

### **A. General**

This Policy formalises the process for handling paid-up Full Members who have applied to the BOM for special treatment on compassionate grounds as a result of serious illness or injury in line with Rule 3.5 in the RMGC Constitution. It reinforces Policy #3 Section D covering Suspension on Medical Grounds. It does not cover members who have been suspended by the BOM on disciplinary grounds or those choosing not to renew their subscriptions on financial or other non-medical grounds.

This Policy defines how the Suspended Member's subscriptions are handled by the Club Secretariat and defines the basis on which the Suspended Member may continue using the Club's facilities. The status of his handicap as a result of suspension will be reviewed by the Handicap Committee on a case by case basis with reference to CONGU rules.

### **B. Credit for Subscription paid in advance**

If a request for suspension of membership is approved by the BOM, then the Suspended Member will be given a credit for each complete quarter's subscription paid in advance from date of suspension. This credit will be held by the Club Secretariat to be applied against his next subscription when fit to resume playing membership. If, after a limited period of no longer than 24 months, he is not able or chooses not to resume playing membership, then any credit is cancelled without refund and he is deemed to have resigned as a member of the RMGC unless his suspension is further extended in exceptional circumstances by the BOM.

If his membership has been suspended for at least 12 months, he may be required to release his locker if there is a waiting list. In this case he will be given a credit for each complete quarter's rental paid in advance from date of release.

### **C. Conversion to Social Membership**

The Suspended Member will be invited to apply for Social Membership during his suspension. If elected as such by the BOM, he must hold an up-to-date Membership Card which will identify him to catering staff as eligible for the Member's discount. He will have the rights of a Social Member as defined in Rule 2.9 of the RMGC Constitution.

If the Suspended Member does not take up Social Membership, his Membership Card will be cancelled (with any credit being refunded on request within 3 months from that date) and he will be treated as a Guest or Visitor during his suspension.

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