

**NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB LADY MEMBERS
CONDITIONS OF PLAY – SEASON 2017**

Competition Start & Closing Times:-

Start Times – 7:57 am unless otherwise stated

Finish Times – 30 minutes after last group leave the final hole of play

Countbacks: - *in accordance with the GNSW Method of Countback*

1. For 18 hole events the best score for the last **9 holes on the card** shall be used; if there is still a tie the **last 6 holes** or if still tied the **last 3 holes**. If a tie still persists then hole by hole from the 18th. This method of count back applies to Stableford and Par.
2. In 27, 36, 54 or 72 hole events the last 18 hole card shall be used. If still tied count back as above.
3. In handicap events the relevant GNSW playing handicap or fraction shall be applied i.e. for 18 hole event use ½ of the handicap for the last 9 holes; if there is still a tie use 1/3rd of the handicap for the last 6 holes; if there is still a tie use 1/6th of the handicap of the last 3 holes; if there is still a tie use 1/18th of the handicap for hole by hole from the 18th hole.

Course Record:-

The score must be in a stroke competition and must be played:-

- ✓ as the ball lies
- ✓ tees and holes placed so the course playing distance is substantially the same as the length at which it was rated

Handicaps:-

All club single and team events to be played off **FULL** handicap unless stated differently in conditions of play.

The player's handicap will be on the card issued from the Pro Shop and this should reflect the handicap record on Golf Link. If for some reason the player believes her handicap has altered she should ask the Pro Shop to check on Golf Link and record the updated handicap.

Holes in One & Eagles:-

A Hole in One & an Eagle will be recognised in all **official club competitions** including match play. Hole in One/Eagle badges will be presented to successful players. For a Hole in One a copy of the card will be given to the General Manager for recording. The club will provide an appropriate voucher, a certificate and a trophy to mount the ball. The Ladies Committee will provide a hole in one badge.

Please Note: For a Hole in One the player will not receive an Eagle Badge (just Hole in One Badge)

Competition Conditions & Wet Weather:-

A competition will be held unless the course is **declared unplayable** and closed or if there are insufficient starters to form a competition.

The Captain in consultation with the Match Committee has the right to reprogram major events. Any player who enters the competition does so knowing that the competition will be abandoned if the course becomes unplayable or if there are insufficient starters to form a competition. During the play of a major event if the course is declared unplayable and closed by the green staff (or appropriate authority) the event will be rescheduled where possible.

Due to the large number of cancellations when wet weather conditions prevail players in the latter half of the draw who wish to play **must** report to the starter **half an hour before their scheduled hit off time**.

Withdrawal after commencement of a round as a result of illness, injury, emergency, bad weather or of a situation of reasonable significance. It is **the responsibility of the player or playing partner** to notify the Captain, Vice-Captain or Handicapper of their non-completion of the event. A decision to give NCR Approved will be made by the Captain or delegate at the conclusion of the competition.

Handicap Divisions and Prizes:-

The handicap limit for divisions will be at the discretion of the Match Committee as will the awarding of prizes which will relate to the number of players in each division.

The Committee has declared that for any competition on a Tuesday or Thursday there must be **30 or more players for there to be declared more than one division.**

In a club monthly medal round there must be **12 starters** in a division for the medal to be awarded. The Committee has declared that for all events held on a:-

1. **Tuesday** When **36** or more players start and a minimum of **20** players finish then the divisions will apply:-

Division One – Plus to 22
Division Two – 23 to 32
Division Three – 33 to 45

Prizes at the discretion of the Committee with reference to number of players. Balls to be awarded over-the-field.

2. **Thursday** When **30** or more players start and a minimum of **12** players finish then the divisions will be:-

Division One – Plus to 32
Division Two – 33 to 45

Prizes at the discretion of the Committee with reference to number of players. Balls to be awarded over-the-field.

Awarding of Scratch Prizes:

1. A scratch prize will be awarded over the field commencing at the opening of the season on each Tuesday medal stroke event until the end of the season.
2. A ball will be awarded for best scratch score in Divisions 1, 2 & 3 on all programmed monthly medal days.

Nearest the Pins:-

The Committee has declared that there will be Three Nearest the Pin balls awarded on a Tuesday on 2 holes Divisions 1,2 and 3) and Two Nearest the Pin balls awarded on a Thursday (Division 1 and 2) on 1 hole.

Rules Governing Play:-

All rounds shall be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association as well as the Nelson Bay Club's Local Rules and By-Laws.

Alternative Starting Places:-

Two tees will be used for our competitions on Tuesdays. These tees will be 2 of the following three tees – 1st / 10th / 19th tees depending on the course that is being played.

WEEKLY CLUB COMPETITIONS
CONDITIONS OF PLAY (see extra conditions for yearly events)

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play or events should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the match committee whose decision will be final.
2. Competitions will be open to all lady members who hold a current Australian Women's handicap or a current handicap certified by the body governing Women's Golf in the player's country of residence. Open to all lady members (Full Playing, Flexi and Limited Day) who hold a current GNSW Handicap. Limited Day members participating on Tuesdays will pay visitors green fees.
3. **Entry for Tuesdays** will be through a draw sheet in the Clubhouse. Players must enter by adding their name to the appropriate draw sheet a week prior to the event. After the draw or timesheet has been entered players should not change their position unless they have consulted the Captain.
4. **On GNSW Medal days late entries will only be accepted via the Pro shop or Captain. Please check that you play in the correct division. Division 1 (Tee 1) followed by Division 3 and Division 2 (Tee 2).**
5. **Entry for Thursdays** will be through the kiosk or Internet. Players may enter their names for the event on the kiosks/internet.
6. The format for the event will be as appearing in the current fixtures book. The Match Committee reserves the right to make any changes to the current fixtures book as deemed necessary; however players will be fully informed of such changes.
7. Players shall start at the time laid down by the Committee however the Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times. The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3A, (if the player arrives ready to play within **5 minutes after her starting time**) is loss of the first hole in match play or **two strokes** at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification. Committee to decide.
8. Players are requested to report to the **Pro Shop 15 minutes before the appointed time** given in the draw, and be on the **Tee 10 minutes before their start time.**
9. The Rules of Golf and the Nelson Bay Golf Club local rules shall be the rules of play for all club competitions.
10. **Pace of Play:** Rule 6-7 will be enforced – each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group **preceding it. Any group with a clear hole in front of it will be considered out of position.** Penalties may be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings will be issued prior to penalties.
11. **Mobile Phones:** the audible emission and/or unauthorized use (including checking and sending messages) of a mobile phone by a player or her caddie during play are a serious breach of etiquette. Penalty: One warning then disqualification. However players or caddies who have a medical or other serious reason to have a mobile phone switched on may do so provided they obtain permission from their playing partners.
12. Prizes will be awarded as determined by the number of players in the field and the decision made by the committee.
13. Motorised carts are permitted in all Nelson Bay Club Competitions.
14. All ties will be decided by the GNSW method of count back.

NB: Please see separate conditions of play for all the various events held during the year (Club Championships, various yearly events, GNSW medal rounds)

Reference to GNSW Standard Conditions of Play will be made if deemed necessary

**NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB LADIES YEARLY EVENTS
CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
M & R EDGAR CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL**

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the match committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all lady members (**Full playing**) who hold a current GNSW Handicap.
3. The daily handicap the player is on at the commencement of the **1st round will determine her division** and will be the handicap used for the nett event of the championships.
4. Any change in handicap will apply to the daily competition only.
5. The format for the championships will be a 72 hole stroke event played over 4 rounds of 18 holes.
6. Players must indicate their intention to play by **submitting payment prior to the start of the event**. This fee will cover the green fees for 4 weeks.
7. Refunds will **only** be given upon submission to the Match Committee **in writing** of any extenuating circumstances. The Match Committee will carefully consider all such requests.
8. **Late entries** will be accepted with regard to availability.
9. The Committee will compile the Draw one week prior to the event and make times available to all players. Players shall start at the time laid down by the Committee.
10. The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times. The penalty for breach of rule 6-3a is if the player arrives at her starting point ready to play within five minutes after her starting time, then a two stroke penalty at the first hole will apply, instead of disqualification.
11. For the first round of the Championships the draw will be seeded according to handicap in 3 divisions. For the **next two rounds the draw will be semi seeded** relevant to the scores of the previous weeks. For the **final round the seeding will be based on the top 12 scratch scores in each division**. Best eight scores will play last in the field in each division.
12. Provided there are **12 starters in a division**, prizes will be awarded to the winner and the runner up in the Scratch event in each division and the winner and runner up in the Nett event in each division. A player may win only one prize and Scratch takes precedence over Nett. In the event of less than 12 starters in a division prizes will be decided by the Committee.
13. Play off **ONLY** required for Winners in Scratch in each division and will be decided by a 3 Holes playoff on the day (*holes to be decided by the Committee*) then sudden death.
14. **Nett ties** will be decided by GNSW count - back system.
15. Motorised transport is permitted.
16. Visitors may play at the end of their relevant division but will only be eligible for the event of the day. **NB** Players wishing to play in the **stroke competition of the day only** will be allocated times following the players who are competing in the championships.

FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all lady members (**Full Playing**) who hold a current GNSW Handicap.
3. The Championships will consist of 1 X 27 holes stroke foursomes round played as programmed in two Divisions. The Divisions will be decided by the Committee subject to the number of entries and handicaps. (**Half combined handicap**).
4. There will be an 18 hole nett competition of the day in two divisions **in conjunction with the 27 hole championship**. Ties in the event of the day will be as GNSW countback.
5. The Committee will compile the Draw one week prior to the event commencing and make times available to all players. Seeding and order of play will be at the discretion of the Match Committee.
6. Late entries in the championship will play at the end of the field.
7. Half the 18 hole handicap will be used for the 9 hole card.
8. **Prizes** will be decided by the Committee. Players are limited to one 27 Hole Trophy. Scratch takes precedence over Nett.
9. Ties for Scratch will be decided by a 3 hole play-off on the day 19, 20 & 18 & then sudden death (18). **Play off ONLY required for Winners in Scratch**. Scratch runner up decided on last 9 played (from 18 hole card), GNSW countback system applies. **Nett ties decided by GNSW count back system**.
10. **Visitors** may play at the end of the field however they will only be eligible for the competition of the day.

SINGLES KNOCK OUT

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all lady members (**full playing**) who hold a current GNSW Handicap
3. The format will consist of an 18 holes Handicap Qualifying stroke round followed by Match Play in 3 divisions with 8 to qualify in each division. Divisions will be in line with GNSW guidelines.
4. To be eligible players **must** place a "Q" on their card **before** submitting it to the committee.
5. The daily handicap the player is on at the commencement of the **1st round will determine her division**.
6. The player's daily handicaps at the commencement of each match will be used with **full handicap difference to apply**.
7. In the event of a tie for any qualifying position in each division the GNSW count-back system will apply.
8. For the Match Play Rounds the Committee will decide on dates and times.
9. Matches to be played under GNSW Match play rules. Sudden death after 18 holes (using the same course and handicaps).
10. Motorised carts and caddies are allowed. Carts must be driven only by the player or the caddie.
11. The rounds are to be played on or before, as programmed. In the event of a serious illness, accident or death of immediate family **the player must contact the Captain or Vice-Captain**. An alternate date may be negotiated and must be played before the next scheduled round.
12. The final round **must** be played as programmed and the extra round day will be used if required.

4BBB KNOCK OUT

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all lady members (**full playing**) who hold a current GNSW Handicap.
3. The format will consist of an 18 holes Handicap 4BBB Qualifying round followed by Match Play in 3 divisions with 8 pairs to qualify in each division.
4. To be eligible players **must** place a **Q** on their card **before** submitting it to the Committee.
5. Divisions to be decided by the Committee subject to qualifiers.
6. Players must enter by adding their names to the draw sheet. The Committee will compile the qualifying draw one week prior to the event.
7. In the event of a tie for any qualifying position in each division the GNSW count-back system will apply.
8. Matches to be played under GNSW match play rules full **handicap difference to apply.** The player's current daily handicap at the commencement of each match shall apply.
9. The rounds are to be played on or before, as programmed. In the event of a serious illness, accident or death of immediate family the player must contact the Captain or Vice-captain. An alternate date may be negotiated and must be played before the next scheduled round.
10. Motorised carts are allowed.
11. The final **must** be played as programmed and the extra round day will be used if required. Sudden death after 18 holes (using the same course and handicap differences)

CAPTAIN'S TROPHY

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all lady members (**full playing**) who hold a current GNSW Handicap
3. **Players must put a "Q" on their card** if they wish to qualify.
4. The event is a Stroke knockout to consist of 1 x 18 Holes Stroke Qualifying round with the best 16 Nett scores over the field to qualify.
5. The following four knockout rounds to be played as programmed.
6. Forfeit must be given if unable to play in subsequent rounds.
7. Conditions of play will be as stated for weekly club competitions.
8. Current daily handicaps will apply in each round.
9. GNSW count-back system will apply in the first 3 rounds. A play-off to be arranged in the event of a final round tie (*holes to be decided by the committee*).

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the match committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all lady members (**full playing**) who hold a current GNSW Handicap
3. Aggregate of 3 x 18 hole rounds of Stableford as programmed.
4. Current daily handicap will apply in each round.
5. Ties will be decided by GNSW count-back system.
6. There is one yearly prize awarded over the field.

PATRONESS TROPHY

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all lady members (**full playing**) who hold a current GNSW Handicap
3. The aggregate of three rounds of 18 holes consisting of one round each of Stableford, Stroke and Par as programmed.
4. To be eligible all rounds must be played and current daily handicaps to be used
5. In the event of a tie after the three rounds have been completed then the winners and runners up will be decided by the GNSW count-back system on the final 18 holes.

GNSW MEDAL COMPETITION

January 2015

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all lady members (**full playing**) who hold a current GNSW Handicap.
3. **Members participating in the medal competition must have paid their medal fee prior to the commencement of the round.**
4. The best three rounds of six as programmed in three divisions based on player's GA handicap at the first round played.

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| 1. Division One: | Plus to 20.0 |
| 2. Division Two: | 20.1 to 29.0 |
| 3. Division Three: | 29.1 to 45.4 |

GNSW Medal Competition Rules and Conditions apply to this event

CLUB MONTHLY MEDAL COMPETITIONS

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all lady members (**full playing**) who hold a current GNSW Handicap.
3. **Members participating in the medal competition must have paid their medal fee prior to the commencement of the round.**
4. The format will be 8 x 18 holes Stroke rounds played in 3 divisions. Six to be held in conjunction with GNSW Medal rounds plus the two club medal rounds.
5. For the medal to be awarded there must be 12 starters in a division.
6. The best nett score in each division will be used to decide the winner.
7. In the **event of a tie a playoff on the next Medal Round** will be held. If a player is unable to play on the specified date she will forfeit the medal. If there is a tie on the final Medal round then (as recommended by Golf Australia) by the GNSW countback system or as the Committees elects.
8. Divisions will be based on daily handicaps:

Division One:	Plus to 22
Division Two:	23 to 32
Division Three:	33 to 45

YEARLY MEDAL (PATRON'S TROPHY)

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed desirable. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.
2. Open to all club monthly medal winners for the current year.
3. The format will be 1 round of 18 holes Stroke played in 3 divisions on the date as programmed.
4. The eligible competitors will not play in the same group as each other.
5. The **best nett score** across the field will be used to decide the winner.
6. In the event of a tie there will be a 3 hole playoff on the day (holes to be decided by the Committee) then sudden death.

HANDICAP MANAGERS TROPHY

1. Open to all lady members (Full Playing, Flexi and Limited Day) who hold a current GNSW handicap and play in the Ladies Tuesday and Thursday competitions.
2. The best handicap reduction over the season in two divisions – to be decided by the Handicap Manager and Assistant Handicap Manager.
3. In the event of a tie – the first player to reduce her handicap will be the winner.
If this reduction occurs on the same day then joint winners will be declared.

BIRDIE COMPETITIONS

One division over the field during the season on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

GOBLER COMPETITIONS

One division over the field during season on Tuesdays and Thursdays – winner announced at Christmas Lunch. In the event of a tie a 'gobble off' will be held. This will be the closest of three attempts.

ECLECTIC COMPETITIONS

There will be three divisions on Tuesdays, two divisions on Thursdays. Player's handicap on the final day will determine the division.

YEARLY PUTTING COMPETITION

Over the field – aggregate of 3 best putting rounds from GNSW Medal rounds.

NON-TROPHY WINNER

Held on the Tuesday of the week of "Close of Eclectic" competitions. The player with the best nett score over field and who has not been a winner on a Tuesday or a Thursday or has not won any prize in a major competition (Gala Day, Classic etc.).

