NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB LADY MEMBERS

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – REVISED FEB 2023

Competition Start & Closing Times:-

Start Times – 7.30 am during daylight savings otherwise 8:00 am unless otherwise stated

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

The Committee has ruled that 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 on the day.

Countbacks:- in accordance with the Golf Australia 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.

2. In 27 hole events the last 9 holes shall be used; if there is still a tie the last 6 holes or if still tied the last 3 holes; if there is still a tie then the 18-hole card shall be used. If still tied count back as above.

3. In handicap events the relevant WGA 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 the course must be played:-

- as the ball lies, and
- tees and holes placed so that 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.

Holes in One & Eagles:-

A Hole in One & 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 on the Hole in One Board. The club will provide an appropriate voucher , a certificate and a trophy to mount the ball.
Please Note: An Eagle badge will not be given for a hole in one (just the Hole in One Badge).

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. There need to be 16 starters to form a competition – if there are less than this number it will become a ball 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. If the course becomes unplayable during the play of major events the event will be rescheduled where possible.

Due to the large number of cancellations when wet 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.

In the event of withdrawal after commencement of a round as a result of illness, injury, bad weather or of a situation of reasonable significance, it is the responsibility of the player or playing partner to notify the Committee the reason for withdrawal. It will be the decision of the Committee to give an NCR Approved at the conclusion of the competition.

COVID AND OTHER LEGALLY REQUIRED MANDATORY ISOLATION
If during an event that has multiple knockout rounds such as Single Knockout or 4BBB and when there is a legal requirement to mandatory isolate then that game may at the discretion of the Match Committee be deferred.

HANDICAP GRADES AND PRIZES

Handicap Grades are at the discretion of the Committee as will be the awarding of prizes which will relate to the number of players in each grade. This applies to both Tuesday and Thursday Competitions. There must be a minimum of 16 players for there to be a comp otherwise only balls will be awarded , 16 – 30 players for 1 Grade and 31-50 players 2 Grades and over 51 players for 3 Grades.

In a Monthly Medal round there must be 8 players in each grade for a medal to be awarded.

Balls will be awarded over the field in all Ladies' Competitions and major winners will be excluded from the ball countdown.

Awarding of Scratch Prizes

A ball will be awarded for the best scratch score in Grades 1 , 2 & 3. Grades for each Monthly Medal irrespective of awarding other prizes to the same competitor. The ball will be added to the Pro Shop account with the Monies being charged to the Ladies General Account.

Nearest the Pins

There will be 2 NTP holes on Tuesdays and Thursdays with 2 balls awarded over the field. Holes 8, 11 & 20 will be 2nd shot NTP.

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 Golf Club's Local Rules and By-Laws of the Nelson Bay Ladies Golf Committee.

WEEKLY CLUB COMPETITIONS – CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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 it desirable. All disputes will be settled by the match committee whose decision will be final.

2. Competitions will be Open to all lady members (Full Playing, Junior, Life Members, Country, Flexi and Limited Day) who hold a current GNSW Handicap.

3. Limited Day members participating on a Tuesday will pay visitors green fees. Please see NBGC administration for conditions relating to Country, Flexi and Limited Day memberships.

4. Players must enter on line or by calling the Pro Shop prior to an event that is programmed in the Fixtures. The Match Committee reserve the right to alter or change current programmed fixtures.

5. 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 is disqualification. However, it is a condition of the competition that in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7 if the player arrives at her starting point ready to play within five minutes after her starting time the penalty for failing to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification. The Match Committee has the responsibility for this decision.

6. Players are requested to report to the Pro Shop 15 minutes before the appointed time given in the draw and to be on the tee 5 minutes prior to their start time.

7. Pace of Play: Prompt pace of play is encouraged at NBGC under rule 5.6b and Ready Golf is expected in a safe and responsible way. Rule 5.6 may 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 may or may not be issued prior to penalties at the discretion of the match committee.

8. Mobile Phones: Mobile phones may be used when using the Miclub scoring App on silent. 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. The audible emission and/or unauthorized use of a mobile phone by a player or her caddie during play is a serious breach of etiquette.

9. Prizes will be awarded as determined by the number of players in the field. Grades may also be determined by the Committee depending on the number of players on the day. All ties will be decided by the Golf Australia 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, WGNSW medal rounds) Reference to WGNSW Standard Conditions of Play will be made if deemed necessary.

NELSON BAY LADIES YEARLY EVENTS CONDITIONS OF PLAY

M & R EDGAR CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL (Club Championships)

1. Open to all full playing lady members who hold a current WGA Handicap.

2. The handicap the player is on at the commencement of the 1st round will determine the grade she plays in and will be the handicap used for entire championship. Any change in handicap will apply to the subsequent daily competitions only.

3. The format for the championships will be a 54-hole stroke event played over 3 rounds of 18 holes in 3 Grades.

4. Players must indicate their intention to play by completing a nomination form and submitting payment for all 3 rounds prior to the closing date.

5. 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.
6. Late entries will be accepted with regard to availability.

7. Ladies not playing in the championships may place their name on a draw sheet for the competition of the day (which will be in conjunction). These players will play off the alternate tee. Visitors may also play but can only win the event of the day.

8. The Match 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 Match Committee which reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times.

9. The first two rounds of the Championships will be a random draw by the Match Committee in 3 Grades. For final rounds players will be seeded relevant to their Scratch scores.

10. Prizes will be decided by the Match Committee. Daily prizes will be awarded to Nett over Scratch and Scratch takes precedence over Nett Prizes for the Championships only. (Meaning that the best Scratch score will be the winner, if the next Scratch score is also the best Nett score then that player will be deemed to win Nett and not runner up Scratch and so on)

11. Ties for Scratch in each grade will be decided by a 3 Holes playoff (holes to be decided by the Match Committee) then sudden death.

12. Nett ties will be decided by WGA count - back system.

13. Motorised transport is permitted.

14.The Match committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed necessary. All disputes will be settled by the match committee whose decision will be final.

FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Open to all lady members (Full Playing including Juniors and life members) who hold a current WGA Handicap.

2. The Championships will consist of 1 X 27 holes stroke round played as programmed in two Grades. The Grades will be decided by the Match Committee subject to the number of entries and handicaps. The handicap of the pair will be half of their combined handicap.

3. There may be an 18 hole Nett competition of the day in 2 Grades in conjunction with the 27 hole event.

4. A reverse seeded draw will be completed by the Captain/match Committee one week prior to the event.

5. Prizes will be decided by the Committee. Players are limited to one 27 Hole trophy. Scratch takes presence over Nett.

6. Ties for Scratch will be decided by a 3 Hole play-off (holes to be decided by the Match Committee) and then sudden death.
Nett ties will be decided by W.G.A. count back system. (last 9 holes, last 6 holes then last 3 holes and if still tied then 18 hole card will be used.)

7. The Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if necessary and the Match Committee's decision on any dispute shall be final.

8. Visitors may play and will only be eligible for the 18 hole competition of the day.

9. Carts are permitted

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

1. The Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed necessary.

2. Open to all Lady Members who hold a current GNSW handicap.

3. Current WGA handicap will apply in each round.

4. Aggregate of 3 x 18 holes of Stableford as programmed.

5. Ties will be decided by WGA count-back system.

6. There is one yearly prize awarded over the field.

CAPTAIN'S TROPHY

1. The Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed necessary.

2. Open to all lady members who hold a current WGA handicap

3. The event is a Stroke knockout event commencing on Opening Day with a 18 hole stroke qualifying round with the best 16 Nett scores over the field to qualify and the following rounds to be played as programmed.

4. Players must inform the Match Committee if not available to play the programmed preceding games within two days of being notified they have qualified for the event.

5. Forfeit must be given if unable to play in subsequent rounds.

6. Four Knock Out rounds to be played as programmed.

7. Current handicaps will apply in each round.

8. WGA 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 match committee).

9. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if necessary and the Match Committee's decision on any dispute shall be final.

HANDICAP MANAGERS TROPHY

1. Open to all lady members who hold a current WGA handicap and play in our Tuesday or Thursday Competitions.

2. The best handicap reduction over all Grades throughout the season– to be decided by the Handicap Manager.

3. In the event of a tie – the first player to reduce her handicap will be the winner.

PATRONESS TROPHY

1. Open to all lady members who hold a current WGA Handicap.

2. The aggregate of three rounds of 18 holes consisting of one round of Stableford, one round of Stroke and one round of Par as programmed.

3. Current handicap on the day will be used.

4. In the event of a tie winners and runners up will be decided by the GNSW count back system.

WGNSW MEDAL COMPETITION

1. Open to all lady members who hold a current WGA Handicap

2. In 2023 the Handicaps will align with Golf NSW Medal Conditions with GA handicaps at first round:

- A GRADE PLUS TO 20.0
- B GRADE 20.1 TO 29.0
- C GRADE 29.1 TO 54

3. WGNSW Medal Competition Rules and Condition apply to this event (see elsewhere on notice board)

MONTHLY MEDAL COMPETITIONS

1. Open to all lady members who hold a current WGA handicap

2. The format will be 6 x 18 holes Stroke rounds played in 3 Grades on WGNSW Medal rounds as programmed.

3. Members participating in the Medal Competition must have paid their Medal Fee prior to the commencement of their first round and before the fourth round.

4. The best Nett score in each grade will be used to decide the winner and using the WGA Countback system.

5. In 2023 the Handicaps will align with Golf NSW Medal Conditions with GA handicaps at first round:

- A GRADE PLUS TO 20.0
- B GRADE 20.1 TO 29.0
- C GRADE 29.1 TO 54

YEARLY MEDAL (PATRON'S TROPHY)

1. Open to all club monthly medal winners for the current year.

2. The format will be 1 round of 18 holes Stroke played in 3 Grades on the date as programmed to determine who will be the Club Medal of Medal Winner.

3. The eligible competitors will not play in the same group as each other.

4. The best Nett score across the field will be used to decide the winner.

5. In the event of a tie there will be a 3 hole play-off on the day (holes to be decided by the Match Committee) then sudden death.

6. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if necessary and the Match Committee's decision on any dispute shall be final.

4BBB KNOCK OUT

1. Open to all lady members who hold a current WGA handicap.

2. The format will consist of an 18 holes Handicap 4BBB Qualifying round followed by Match Play in 3 Grades with 8 pairs to qualify in each grade.

3. Players must put a "Q" on their hard card and inform the Match Committee if not available to play the programmed preceding games within two days of being notified as qualifying for the event.

4. Grades to be decided by the committee subject to qualifiers.

5. Matches to be played under WGA Match play rules with full handicap difference given.

6. All matches must be played on the set date unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances. In this case the Match Committee will liaise with the players to decide on a date.

7. The final must be played as programmed and the extra round day will be used if required.

8. The player's handicaps at the commencement of each match shall apply

9. In the event of a tie for any qualifying position in each grade the WGA count-back system will apply.

10.The Match Committee reserves the right to alter or vary the conditions or Program should it deem it necessary. All disputes shall be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.

SINGLES KNOCK OUT

1. Open to all lady members who hold a current WGA handicap.

2. The format will consist of an 18 holes Handicap Qualifying stroke round followed by Match Play in 3 Grades with eight players to qualify in each grade.

3. Players must inform the Match Committee if not available to play the programmed preceding games within two days of being notified of qualifying for the event.

4. Grades to be decided by the match committee subject to qualifiers

5. Matches to be played under GNSW Match play rules with full handicap difference given.

6. The rounds are to be played as programmed. In the event of a serious event precluding the player from playing the player or family must contact the Captain or Vice-Captain. An alternative date may be negotiated.

7. The final must be played as programmed and the extra round day will be used if required.

8. The Match Committee reserves the right to alter or vary the conditions or Program should it deem it necessary. All disputes shall be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.