



Nelson Bay Golf Club

# LADY GOLFING MEMBERS CONDITIONS OF PLAY

NBGC Ladies Match Committee

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## COMPETITION START AND FINISH TIMES

Start Times – 7.15 am during daylight savings on a Tuesday otherwise 8:00 am unless otherwise stated.

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

The Golf Club Match Committee has ruled that one tee will be used for competitions except for our Monthly Medal competitions on Tuesdays where two tees will be used. These tees will be two 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 *Australian Countback Method (ACM)*.

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 18 holes shall be used and if still tied countback as per an 18 hole round.
3. In 9 hole events, the best result for the last 6 holes shall be used; if there is still a tie the last 3 holes, if a tie still persists then hole by hole from the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 daily handicap unless stated differently in conditions of play.

## HOLES IN ONES & EAGLES

A Hole in One and an Eagle will be recognised in all official club competitions including Match Play.

Hole in One and Eagle badges will be presented to successful players.

For a Hole in One a copy of the card or print out will be given to the General Manager. The club will provide an appropriate voucher, a certificate, and a trophy to mount the ball.

For an Eagle the club will provide an appropriate voucher.

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 Ladies 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 due to illness, injury, bad weather or of a situation of reasonable significance, it is the responsibility of the player or playing partners to notify the Golf Shop of the reason for withdrawal. It will be the decision of the Golf Shop to give an NCR Approved at the conclusion of the competition. If using the *MiScore* App notify the Golf Shop.

## COVID AND OTHER LEGALLY REQUIRED MANDATORY ISOLATION

If there is a legal requirement for a player to mandatory isolate during a multiple knockout round event e.g. single knock-out or 4BBB, the game may be deferred. This decision is at the discretion of the Match Committee.

## HANDICAP GRADES AND PRIZES

In all 18 hole competitions, Handicap Grades and the awarding of prizes, determined by the number of players, is at the discretion of the Golf Shop in discussion with the Match Committee.

1 grade will be 0 - 30 players,

2 grades will be 31 - 50 players, and

3 grades will be above 50 players.

In a Monthly Medal round there must be at least 2 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 not be included in the ball countdown.

### Awarding of Scratch Prizes

A ball will be awarded for the best scratch score in Grades A, B and C for each Monthly Medal irrespective of awarding other prizes to the same competitor.

### Nearest the Pins

There will be 2 NTP holes on Tuesdays and Thursdays with 2 balls awarded on each of the designated holes over the field.

## 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 Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the *Conditions of Play* should it be necessary. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee, whose decision will be final.

2. Competitions will be open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing, Junior, Life Members, Country, Flexi and Limited Day) who hold a current GA 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 online 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. Rule 5.3a, states that starting late but within five minutes of starting time, the penalty is –
  - Matchplay – loss of the 1<sup>st</sup> hole
  - Stroke – a two-stroke penalty
  - Stableford – a two-point deduction

If a player arrives more than five minutes late, they are disqualified from the competition. This relates to all forms of competition. Exceptional circumstances preventing the player from starting on time: The Match Committee has the responsibility for this decision.

6. Players are requested to report to the Golf 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. If you are in a group that notices a group falling behind, then "politely and respectfully" have a word to the group. If slow play continues or the group does not take kindly to the suggestion contact the Golf Shop. 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 Golf Shop in discussion with the Match Committee depending on the number of players on the day. All ties will be decided by the ACM.

NB: Please see separate conditions of play for 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 LADIES YEARLY EVENTS - CONDITIONS OF PLAY

### M & R EDGAR CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL (Club Championships)

1. Open to all financial full playing Lady Members (Full Playing, Junior, Life Members) who hold a current GA Handicap. Players must have played at least four rounds of competition at NBGC in the calendar year, prior to the Championships. Qualifying will be at the discretion of the Match Committee.
2. The GA 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 the entire Championships. 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 three rounds of 18 holes in A Grade and B Grade, with C Grade playing a Stableford event. All shots are to be counted (no double par).
4. The Championships will be played over three rounds as follows:
  - a. Round one on Christmas Bush
  - b. Round two on Brush Box
  - c. Final round on Gynea Lily
5. The Championships will be played in A, B, C Grade and divisions will be based on GA handicaps as follows:-
  - a. A Grade plus to 20.0
  - b. B Grade 20.1 to 29
  - c. C Grade 29.1 to 54or as determined by the match committee.

6. Players must indicate their intention to play by registering through MiTournament and submitting payment for the first two rounds prior to the closing date. Participants will be given the option to continue onto a third round.
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 depending on availability.
9. Ladies not playing in the Championships may register in the competition of the day (which will be held in conjunction). These players will play off the alternate tee. Visitors may also play but can only win the event of the day.
10. 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.
11. The first two rounds of the Championships will be a random draw by the Match Committee in 3 grades. For the final round players will be seeded relevant to their Scratch scores and aggregate Stableford scores for C Grade.
12. Players need to be aware of the possibility of a play-off on the final day or as decided by the match committee, regardless of what time they finish their round. Any player who is not present and ready to play at the commencement of a play-off will forfeit her place and will be placed accordingly.
13. All players are reminded of the pace of play requirements set out by the R&A in Rule 5.6b.
14. 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).
15. Ties for Scratch in each grade will be decided by a 3 Hole playoff (holes to be decided by the Match Committee) then sudden death.
16. Nett ties will be decided by the Australian Countback Method (ACM).
17. Winners of the 3 divisions of the Club Championships will qualify to play in the District Champion of Champions play offs.
18. Motorised transport is permitted.

19. The Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or vary the *Conditions of Play* should it be deemed necessary. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if required.
20. All players will be bound by these conditions, the current Local Rules and the Temporary Local Rules.

#### FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing including Juniors and Life Members) who hold a current GA Handicap. Players must have played at least four rounds of competition at NBGC in the current calendar year. Eligibility to participate will be at the discretion of the Match Committee.
2. The Championships will consist of 1 x 27 hole 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. Entry will be via app or kiosk, and no seeded draw will be implemented.
5. Players are limited to one 27 Hole trophy. Scratch takes precedence 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.
7. Nett ties will be decided by ACM. (Last 9 holes, last 6 holes then last 3 holes and if still tied then 18 hole card will be used.)
8. Visitors may play and will only be eligible for the 18 hole competition of the day.
9. Carts are permitted.
10. The Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or vary the *Conditions of Play* should it be deemed necessary. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if required.

## PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing including Juniors and Life Members) who hold a current GA Handicap.
2. Current GA handicap will apply in each round.
3. Aggregate of 3 x 18 holes of Stableford as programmed.
4. Ties will be decided by ACM.
5. There is one yearly prize awarded over the field.
6. The Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or vary the *Conditions of Play* should it be deemed necessary. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if required.

## CAPTAIN'S TROPHY

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing including Juniors and Life Members) who hold a current GA Handicap.
2. The event is a Stroke knockout event commencing on Opening Day with an 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. All shots are to be counted (no double par).
3. Players must inform the Match Committee if not available to play the programmed subsequent games within two days of being notified that they have qualified for the event.
4. Forfeit must be given if unable to play in subsequent rounds.
5. Four Knock Out rounds to be played as programmed.
6. Current daily handicaps will apply in each round.
7. ACM system will apply in the first 3 rounds. A play-off is to be arranged in the event of a final round tie (holes to be decided by the Match Committee).
8. The Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or vary the *Conditions of Play* should it be deemed necessary. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if required.

## HANDICAP TROPHY

1. Open to all Lady Golfing Members (financial Full Playing, Juniors, Life Members, Flexi Members and Limited Day Members) who hold a current GA Handicap and play in our Tuesday or Thursday Competitions.
2. This is determined by the best handicap reduction over one or two grades throughout the season which shall be decided by the Ladies Captain.

## PATRONESS TROPHY

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing including Juniors and Life Members) who hold a current GA 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. Daily handicap on the day will be used.
4. In the event of a tie winners and runners up will be decided by the ACM.
5. The Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or vary the *Conditions of Play* should it be deemed necessary. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if required.

## NSW WOMEN'S MEDAL COMPETITION (GolfNSW)

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing including Juniors and Life Members) who hold a current GA Handicap and have paid their GNSW Medal Fees
2. The NSW Women's Medal is a competition conducted over six (6) stroke play rounds at club level. It is played in three divisions and held between January and September.
3. 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

*GNSW Medal Competition Rules and Conditions of Play* apply to this event (see GNSW website)

4. The winner of the Medal in each division at club level is the player returning the lowest net aggregate of three (3) scores at the end of the six rounds.
5. All club level qualifiers will be eligible to compete in their respective District & Metropolitan Gold (Div 1), Silver (Div 2), Bronze (Div 3) Medal Final Playoffs.
6. The winners of the 15 District Final Playoffs (in each division) and the top three (3) women in each division from the Metropolitan Final Playoff qualify to play in the Women's Medal State Final.

#### CLUB MONTHLY MEDAL COMPETITIONS

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing including Juniors and Life Members) who hold a current GA Handicap.
2. The format will be 6 x 18 holes Stroke rounds played in 3 grades on GNSW 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 ACM.
5. All monthly medal Nett score winners will be eligible to play in the Medal of Medals (Patron's Trophy) play off.
6. There will be 3 x NTPs providing 2 balls per grade.
7. The Handicaps will align with *Golf NSW Medal Standards* 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

#### MEDAL OF MEDALS (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 across 3 grades on the date as programmed to determine who will be the Club Medal of Medals 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 shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or vary the *Conditions of Play* should it be deemed necessary. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if required.

#### NHDLGA DISTRICT MEDAL

1. Open to all Lady Golfing Members who have paid their NHDLGA medal fee (this fee is included in the monthly medal fee) for the current year.
2. The District Medal Competition is a Stroke/Nett event in Divisions 1 & 2 & Stableford in Division 3, to be held between 1st March and 31st October.
3. Winners of their Club District Medal qualify to play in the District Medal Playoff held in conjunction with the NHDLGA Champion of Champions Tournament and the Golf NSW Medal of Medals each year.
4. Clubs may host three Divisional Medals if there is a minimum of 4 entries in each division.
5. Divisions are:
  - (a) Division 1 Medal – GA Handicap Plus – 20.0
  - (b) Division 2 Medal – GA Handicap 20.1 – 29.0
  - (c) Division 3 Medal – GA Handicap 29.1 – 54.0
6. If entries do not allow for 3 Divisions, two District Medals are awarded. If there are not enough entries for two divisions, only one District Medal is awarded.
7. Winners of the NHDLGA District Medal competition may compete for the NHDLGA Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal.
  - a. Division 1 winners compete for the District Gold Medal.
  - b. Division 2 winners compete for the District Silver Medal.
  - c. Division 3 winners compete for the District Bronze Medal.
8. At the District Medal Playoff, players will compete for the Medal that their current GA handicap qualifies them for. This may be in a different Division than the one they qualified for at Club level.
9. Ties will be decided according to the ACM.
10. A player that has qualified for both the District Medal playoff & for the Champion of Champions in any division, will be playing stroke on this day. Players that have only qualified to play in the Division 3 District Medal Playoff will be playing Stableford.

## GOODWILL PLATE

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing, Junior, Life Members, Country, Flexi and Limited Day) who hold a current GA Handicap
2. The Women's Goodwill Plate is a special annual competition to raise funds for donation to a Charity recommended by the Board of Golf NSW.
3. The format is 18-hole stroke handicap.
4. Played under the same COP as the monthly medal.
5. The State Winner will be determined by the number of strokes (if any) the net result is under the SR of the course on the day of play.
6. Entry fee is \$2 per player.
7. The rules could be subject to change according to the organisers.

## NSW BOWL

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing, Junior, Life Members, Country, Flexi and Limited Day) who hold a current GA Handicap
2. It is a 4BBB Stableford event for mid-week and weekend players.
3. Entry fee is \$5 per player.
4. The Overall Winners (statewide) each year will be rewarded with a place in the next Women's NSW Open Pro-Am.
5. The rules could be subject to change according to the organisers.

## 4BBB KNOCK OUT

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing including Juniors and Life Members) who hold a current GA Handicap.
2. The format will consist of an 18 hole 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 (or if using MiScore request "Q" on Golf Shop Timesheet when paying). The Match Committee must be informed if players are unavailable to play the programmed subsequent games within two days of being notified as qualifying for the event.
4. In the event of a tie for any qualifying position in each grade the ACM will apply.
5. Grades to be decided by the Match Committee subject to qualifiers.
6. Matches will be played under GNSW Match Play Rules with full daily handicap differences given.

7. All matches must be played on the set date unless there are extenuating circumstances. In this case the Match Committee will liaise with the players to decide on an alternate date.
8. The final must be played as programmed and the extra round day will be used if required.
9. The players' daily handicaps at the commencement of each match shall apply.
10. The Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or vary the *Conditions of Play* should it be deemed necessary. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if required.
11. Winners of the Knockout will qualify to play in the Country Cup 4BBB Stableford team representing NHDLGA against HRDGA.

#### SINGLES KNOCK OUT

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing including Juniors and Life Members) who hold a current GA Handicap.
2. The format will consist of an 18 hole Handicap Qualifying stroke round followed by Match Play in 3 grades with 8 players to qualify in each grade.
3. Players must inform the Match Committee if unavailable to play the programmed subsequent 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 daily handicap difference given.
6. All matches must be played on the set date unless there are extenuating circumstances. In this case the Match Committee will liaise with the players to decide on an alternate date.
7. The final must be played as programmed and the extra round day will be used if required.
8. The Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or vary the *Conditions of Play* should it be deemed necessary. All disputes will be settled by the Match Committee whose decision will be final. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary or change the program if required.

## THE KENO AMBROSE

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing, Junior, Life Members, Country, Flexi and Limited Day) who hold a current GA Handicap.
2. Two-person Ambrose event.
3. The leading pairs at each Club Qualifying event will advance to Stage 2. If a leading pair is unavailable for Stage 2, the next placed pair may replace them.
4. There will be Twelve (12) Regional Finals that will be managed by Golf NSW and will be held in NSW Metropolitan and Regional areas.
5. The leading pair from each Regional Final will advance to the State Final, Stage 3.
6. The rules could be subject to change according to the organisers.

## ECLECTIC

1. Open to all Lady Members (financial Full Playing, Junior, Life Members, Country, Flexi and Limited Day) who hold a current GA Handicap.
2. The purpose of the eclectic competition is to identify the Member with the lowest score over 18 holes made up from the Member's best score on each hole in regular Individual competitions across the competition year.