

**NEWCASTLE HUNTER DISTRICT LADIES GOLF
ASSOCIATION INC.
2026 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

To host a NHDLGA event the club must be affiliated with the NHDLGA. To participate in a District event, a player must be a financial member (in any playing category) of any District-affiliated club unless otherwise specified in the Tournament Conditions of Play.

1. HANDICAP:

- 1.1** To be eligible to enter any NHDLGA event, a player must be of amateur status and have a current Golf Australia (or equivalent overseas) handicap.
- 1.2** Competitors must be able to confirm their Golf Australia membership number (or equivalent) on request.
- 1.3** Daily competition results will be entered into Golf Link at the conclusion of the competition.
- 1.4** The handicap on which a player commences play in a tournament shall be the Daily handicap as determined by their Golf Australia handicap and the course being played. The Golf Australia handicap shall be the handicap as shown on the GA connect online platform at 6pm the day prior to an event or first round of an event, and the Daily handicap shall remain the same for the tournament including the daily 18 hole events. **Maximum daily handicaps may apply for events.**

2. DISPUTES:

- 2.1** Any member of the Committee competing in a tournament may assist the Committee on the day.
- 2.2** All disputes shall be settled by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

3. PLAYER SUSPENSION:

- 3.1** In the event of a player being suspended by an affiliated club or the District on a golf related matter, the player shall not be eligible to enter or play in any NHDLGA event during the period of suspension.
- 3.2** This Condition applies even if the player nominates another club as the player's home club for handicap purposes.

4. CADDIES:

- 4.1** Caddies are allowed as per R&A Rule 10.3, unless stated in Special Conditions of Play.
- 4.2** Caddies may give advice to their player **only**.

5. MOTORISED TRANSPORT:

- 5.1** Motorised transport is permitted except if stated in any Tournament's Conditions of Play.
- 5.2** The Committee does not take any responsibility for the availability of carts at any course.
- 5.3** Booking of carts is the responsibility of individual players.

6. MOBILE PHONES:

Mobile phones must either be switched on in mute mode or turned off. The audible emission and/or unauthorised use of a mobile phone (including texting) by a player or her caddy on a golf course and during play of a stipulated round, is distracting, inconsiderate and is prohibited. The penalty for a breach of this Condition is:

- 6.1** Accidental ringing of phone or texting: a warning for first offence.

6.2 A second offence is considered a Serious Breach of Etiquette, and the player will incur the General Penalty (2 penalty strokes) for this & all future offences during a Stipulated Round.
Note: Mobile phones may be used in an emergency, lookup golf rules online or to ring a Rules Official.

7. PERPETUAL TROPHIES:

- 7.1** Perpetual trophy winners must sign a statement stating: "I am taking delivery of this trophy; and I hereby agree to return it in the same good order in which I received it. If damaged whilst holding same, I undertake to pay for any repairs necessary."
7.2 Perpetual Trophies must be returned by the player to the Committee at least 4 months prior to the next Annual Event.
7.3 Perpetual trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee according to entries.

8. TROPHY LIMIT:

- 8.1** Players are eligible to win only one (1) major individual trophy over any 27 or 36 hole event unless otherwise stated in the Special Conditions of Play.
8.2 Daily winners may win only one (1) major individual trophy per day unless otherwise stated in Special Conditions of Play.
8.3 Scratch takes precedence over Nett trophies, (unless otherwise stated in the Special Conditions for any event.)
8.4 All trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

9. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY:

- 9.1** As with any sporting event, there is a risk that the participant may suffer personal injury as a result of participating in any NHDLGA event.
9.2 In paying the entry fee into any NHDLGA event the player must agree that, in consideration of being permitted to participate in the event, she will not hold the Committee liable for any personal injury, howsoever caused, whether due to any act of negligence, breach of duty, default or omission on the part of NHDLGA or its servants, agents or otherwise.

10. ENTRY FEES REFUND:

Once entries have closed, no refund will be made except upon production of a medical certificate accompanied by a written request to the Committee.

11. TIES:

Unless otherwise stipulated in Special conditions of Play, competitions that result in a tie will be decided by the method of count back recommended by Golf Australia.

12. THEFT:

The Committee accepts no liability or responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to participants' equipment.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT:

Golf NSW's Code of Conduct shall apply to all championships, major activities, events, and competitions conducted by NHDLGA, in addition to other requirements of players as specified by tournament conditions, local rules and the by-laws of clubs hosting NHDLGA events.

14. LIGHTNING, DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY, RESUMPTION OF PLAY:

Players must use common sense when golfing in weather conditions which may be conducive to lightning strikes. It is the player's responsibility to take cover and/or leave the golf course to prevent injury during lightning strikes.

The application of Refer to Rule 5.7 in regards to stopping and resuming play, will be under the determination of the Host Club.

Where a Club does not possess an inclement weather warning or detection system, players are advised that they play at their own risk.

NHDLGA is not responsible for injuries or damage resulting from inclement weather.

15. UNREASONABLE DELAY OF PLAY, PACE OF PLAY: The Host Club will monitor pace of play for a District event. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it and the time schedule relevant to the particular hole.

Refer to R&A Rule 5.6 in regards to time limits for strokes and penalty provisions that may apply to players should they be deemed to exceed reasonable time limits.

16. ENTRANTS DATA BASE: The data contained in an entry is retained by the NHDLGA.

The NHDLGA Match Committee (referred to as "the Committee") has the power to make all arrangements, to fix and / or alter starting times and vary the Standard Conditions, decide any dispute or question arising, refuse any entrant and cancel/change or shorten the length of any competition.

The Committee can change the handicap limits, alter the number of divisions in any event, or to cancel any event.

A Player cannot adjust or change her score once their Competition Card (or MiScore entry) has been submitted.