

**NEWCASTLE HUNTER DISTRICT LADIES GOLF  
ASSOCIATION INC.  
2023 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

The NHDLGA Match Committee (herewith referred to as “the Committee”) has the power to make all arrangements, to fix and / or alter starting times and / or vary these Standard Conditions and to decide any dispute or question arising as to the qualification of any entrant and may, in its absolute discretion at any time and without assigning any reason therefore, refuse any entrant, cancel, change or shorten the length of any competition without assigning any reason for its decision.

The Committee reserves the right to change the handicap limits or to alter the number of divisions in any event, or, in the case of insufficient entries, to cancel any event without assigning any reason for its decision.

A Competition Card has been handed in once the player has left the score card return area.

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 produce their Golf Link card (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 golf link 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.

**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 Match 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 unless stated in Special Conditions of Play.
- 4.2** Caddies may give advice to their player.

## **5. MOTORISED TRANSPORT**

**5.1** Motorised transport is permitted except if stated in any Tournament's Conditions of Play.

**5.2** The NHDLGA 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 or to ring a Rules Official, as a GPS or in a scoring capacity.

## **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** Other than by requests approved by the NHDLGA Committee, Perpetual Trophies must be returned by the player at the conclusion of all events.

**7.3** Perpetual trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the NHDLGA 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 NHDLGA 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 NHDLGA 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 NHDLGA 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 NHDLGA 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**

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.

## **15. PACE OF PLAY**

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. For example, Par 3 holes-11 minutes; Par 4 holes-13 minutes; Par 5 holes -15 minutes. This may vary if there are extreme weather conditions.

The first group is considered out of position if at any time during the round they are behind the cumulative time prescribed by the above example. Following groups are out of position if they have taken more than the allotted time to play and if on reaching the tee of a Par 3 the preceding group has left the tee of the next hole and on a par 4 hole the preceding group has cleared the green and when reaching the tee on a par 5 hole the preceding group has reached the green.

## **16. STROKE-AND-DISTANCE RELIEF; BALL LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS; PROVISIONAL BALL**

Rule 18 applies for all NHDLGA events regardless of whether the host venue club has implemented the Local Rule allowing an Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds.

## **17. DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY, RESUMPTION OF PLAY: Refer to Rule 5.7**

All practice areas are closed during suspension due to a dangerous situation until the Match Committee has declared them open. The following signals will be used:

- a) Immediate suspension: One prolonged note of siren.
- b) Normal suspension: Three consecutive note of siren, repeated.
- c) Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

## **18. ENTRANTS DATA BASE**

The personal data contained in an entry is permanently retained by Newcastle Hunter District Ladies Golf Association. This data may be utilised by NHDLGA . Upon receipt by NHDLGA of a written request a player may either have access to their details, or have details deleted from the data base.