

TERMS OF COMPETITION RELATIVE TO ALL WGSA TOURNAMENTS

GOLF RULES

Tournaments shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited together with such local rules decided and approved by the Tournament Committee. All references in these Terms of Competition to rule numbers refer to the R&A Rules of Golf.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of WGSA shall be entitled to make the Rules and Regulations or By-Laws which govern tournaments. These may be reviewed from time to time. They shall make all arrangements and reserve the right to make any variation in the Terms of Competition and programme where deemed necessary, including starting times (see below), suspension of play (see below), cancellation of a round (see below).

Tournaments shall be governed by a Tournament Committee of at least three persons, namely the President, Vice-President and any other persons appointed by them who would add value in case of a dispute.

All disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final. Any dispute/protest must be lodged within 15 minutes of completion of the round; this information may be requested in writing.

ELIGIBILITY

Players must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female gender assigned. For avoidance of doubt, WGSA reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation at any time either prior to or after the Championship, if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. Any player in breach of this condition may be disqualified. Additional eligibility of each event is stipulated on the Entry Form.

Those players who are not-affiliated to WGSA (i.e. non-SA players) are required to submit handicap certification from their Federation or Home Club with their entry and at registration.

Entries will only be accepted from players in good financial standing at their Home Club. Should a player be suspended from her Home Club or Provincial Union, this matter must be reported to WGSA together with the reason for their suspension.

Note: Provincial Qualification

No member is eligible for selection to a Provincial team unless she has been or will have been, a Home Club member in that Province/Region for a minimum period of three months, immediately prior to the date on which the event commences. The member would still be eligible for her previous Union during the three-month eligibility period provided she remains a member of a Club in that Union. An exception to this qualification is when a player is furthering her education at an institution outside her home union and where her opportunities are improved by moving her home club to one within the province of study. During this period the player shall retain affiliation and continue to represent her original home union and must advise her previous home club and union. In addition to the aforementioned a player who has represented a province in either the 72 Hole or Inter-Provincial Tournaments may not play for a different province within 6 months of participating in either of these tournaments. If a provincial player wishes to move province, prior to making enquiries she must contact/inform WGSA and her Union in writing, with motivation as to the reasons for the intended move.

TIME OF STARTING

Players shall start at the time laid down by the Committee (Rule 5-3a). The Tournament Committee has the power to delay the time of starting, if they consider that circumstances render this necessary.

CADDIES

In tournaments where caddies are allowed the following restrictions apply:

Only Host Club caddies (or an Outside caddie who has received approval from the host club's Manager or Caddie Master) may be engaged. All caddies must abide by the Club's caddie rules and other rules posted on the WGSA

official notice board. In tournaments where Guest Caddies are allowed (parents/friends) they must be registered at the time of player registration, and a fee paid towards the Caddie Foundation. All Guest Caddies must wear a WGSA caddy bib/arm band if provided.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

- The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which she is helped by such a caddie.
- If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

Players may pull their own carts, carry their own bags or use battery operated caddie carts.

TRANSPORT

During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee.

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All players in the South African Mid-Amateur Championship will be allowed the use of a motorised cart for the duration of the tournament.

Golf Carts

Where the use of motorised Golf Carts is restricted to the Tournament Committee, Rules Officials, the Executive, Sponsor and Media, a notice to this effect must be on the Tournament Notice Board and the Pro Shop. If the tournament is being held on an Estate course, a request should be made to the Club that home owners restrict the use of their carts to the estate roads. The notice should also address the issue of spectators and golf carts.

The only exception that will be considered by the Tournament Committee is if a player is a registered affiliated member of SA Disabled Golf Association (SADGA) with a valid handicap as stipulated for this tournament and the course where the event is being held allows the use of motorised carts. Applicants must apply to have this condition waived by the Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee will decide which rules in the *Modifications of the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities* will apply to individual disabled players in tournaments.

Further restrictions applicable to specific tournament are detailed under the relevant events.

WEATHER DELAYS/SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION

The following signals are in force:

- Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren
- Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated
- Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated

In addition, Rule 5.7 in the Rules of Golf is applicable. When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, she is disqualified, unless the circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 5.7b. The signal for suspending play due to a dangerous situation will be a prolonged note of the siren.

CANCELLATION OF A ROUND

In the event of play being delayed or declared null and void for any round of a tournament, additional play will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. If in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, adverse weather

or any other occurrence beyond its control render the commencement or continuation of any stipulated round impractical, then, in stroke play tournaments, the result will be declared over the number of rounds completed by all players. Play will not be continued beyond the advertised final day of the event.

For Match Play events, should any round be suspended due to adverse weather or any other occurrence beyond the control of the Tournament Committee – such suspended rounds will be continued as soon as play can be recommenced in order to determine a winner of the round. The Tournament Committee may consider reducing a 36-hole format to 18 holes; if disruption occurs before the start of a match play event: reducing the number of participants qualifying for match play. Any such reduction however will be announced to the finalists prior to the start of the finals.

DRUG FREE SPORT

Anti-Doping constitutes a range of activities aimed at eliminating doping in sport, as well as protecting clean athletes and the integrity and values of sport. There are 11 Anti-Doping Rule Violations of which Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is one. All Competitors are subject to the provisions of the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport's Anti-Doping (SAIDS) Rules. Details of the SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the SAIDS website (www.drugfreesport.org.za). Competitors can do a medication check on the SAIDS website at the following link <https://drugfreesport.org.za/online-medication-check/> and should bear in mind that this list does not include Supplements. Information on Supplements is available at the following link: <https://drugfreesport.org.za/supplements-and-their-risks/>.

Competitors who have illnesses or conditions that require them to take particular medications or undergo procedures may have to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). If the medication or method a competitor requires to treat an illness or condition falls under the Prohibited List, a TUE may give that athlete the authorisation to use the required medicine or method. Only certain categories of Competitors need to apply for a TUE in advance. Competitors should check the SAIDS website at the following link <https://drugfreesport.org.za/who-needs-to-apply-for-a-tue/> which level of Competitors need to apply for a TUE in advance from SAIDS. Competitors who are taking medication and are in doubt as to their clinical status, should seek advice from WGSA no later than 30 days before the start of the Championships.

Drug-Testing may be authorised at any event under the jurisdiction of WGSA/GolfRSA.

POPIA

By entering the tournament, competitors are consenting to GolfRSA/WGSA collecting and storing certain personal information about them (the minimum needed to conduct the administration of this event). Please be assured that GolfRSA/WGSA is fully compliant with the Protection of Personal Information Act ("POPIA") regarding how we collect personal information from competitors, why we collect it, what it is used for and how it is stored. This personal information may be used to provide competitors further details of the event they are entering and may be stored by GolfRSA/WGSA for purposes of further such events. Competitors personal information shall not be shared with any third party whatsoever, save for a GolfRSA approved scoring or handicap service provider to this event, who shall also be fully POPIA compliant.

MEDIA

WGSA/GolfRSA and the sponsors of events may arrange publicity before, during and after the Tournament in the press, by live and recorded radio, television and by filming. The competitors' assent to references to them and pictures of them at practice and in play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by WGSA/GolfRSA and their Sponsors.

ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS

Each team may name one Advice Giver whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice giver to the Committee before any player begins her round. The Advice Giver must not point out a line of play or walk on the putting green when the ball of the team player

lies on the putting green. Advice givers will be permitted to ride on carts unless they are a player on the team and therefore the Terms of Competition Point : Transportation shall apply.

Model Local Rules H-5 - Rule 10.2 is modified in this way: 'Where two players from the same team are playing together in the same group, those players may not ask for advice and receive advice from each other during the round.'

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this local rule.

If the breach occurs between the playing of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

Advisors and/or Managers will be permitted to ride on carts. Should this privilege be abused by giving unauthorized lifts, the Committee may withdraw this concession from the Union for a specified number of WGSA Tournaments. Off-duty Presidents may ride on the Advisor's cart.

Note: A coach has no status during a tournament i.e. they have the same status as spectators.

SCORE INFORMATION – LIVE SCORING

Players must provide score information to Tournament Officials during the course of play.

ETIQUETTE

The audible emission or unauthorized use of a mobile telephone or electronic equipment on the golf course or during play is a serious breach of etiquette and will attract a warning and possible disqualification (See Rule 1.2b of the Rules of Golf). Player's attention is drawn to the WGSA Code of Conduct which is in effect during all tournaments. This will be displayed on the Notice Board during events.

It is the responsibility of players to know and comply with the dress regulations stipulated by the Host Club in the Club House and on the golf course and practice area.

SCORING AND RESULTS

In Stroke Play: A competitor is considered to have returned her score card when she has left the designated scoring area. The results are deemed to be officially announced and the competition closed at the commencement of the prize giving ceremony.

In Match Play: The results of a match is considered to be officially announced:

- In all rounds except the final: when a player has teed off for the following round of the event
- In the final: at the commencement of the prize-giving ceremony.

RULES OF HANDICAPPING (WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM): HANDICAP ALLOWANCE (Rule 6.2a)

For National and Provincial championships/tournaments that are played in divisions, Rules 6.2a shall not apply. ie. Handicap Allowance shall not determine the nett results. Course Handicap (CH) shall be used for nett results.

SPECTATOR RULES

Spectators must keep off tees, fairways and greens at all times and are not to interfere with any player or give rulings. The audible emission of cell phones is not acceptable and cell phones should be switched off. The use of golf cars by spectators is not permitted. Failure to adhere to such requests could lead to the spectators being asked to leave the golf course. See Liability Clause below which includes spectators.

LIABILITY

WGSA/Golfrsa and its management will not be held liable or responsible for any damages, loss, including personal loss and/or other forms of loss, harm or injury sustained as stipulated below:

- Physical and/or emotional injuries suffered by any person, including a player or spectator, sustained by own negligence, or otherwise.
- Emotional injuries sustained due to any loss, including death, suffered as a result of any of the above injuries sustained personally or by a spectator.
- Damages suffered to any property of a player or spectator.

COVID-19 TOURNAMENT RISK MITIGATION

A Championship Tournament Risk Mitigation Plan shall be prepared by the Organising Committee in accordance with SA Government Regulations/Directions, the GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines, GolfRSA Tournament Risk Mitigation Plan and the Host Venue Risk Mitigation Plan.

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