



Competition and Conduct

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Rules of Conduct and Competitions

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**GEORGES RIVER GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED NSW
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COMPETITION AND CONDUCT BY LAWS (2016)

1. INTERPRETATIONS

- i. 'The Club' means the Georges Rivers Golf Club Incorporated.
- ii. 'The Rules' means the rules of this club as laid down by The Club according to the Association Incorporation Regulation 2010, and accepted by the NSW Department of Fair Trading.
- iii. 'The Committee' means the member for the time being of The Committee of Management of The Club, in accordance with the rules
- iv. 'These rules' means the Rules of Competition and Conduct, as laid down by The Committee.
- v. 'The Course' means the Georges River Golf Course.
- vi. 'Month' means calendar month.
- vii. Words imputing the singular include the plural and vice versa and are not gender specific.

2. RULES OF THE GAME OF GOLF

- i. The rules of the Game of Golf as adopted from the time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews shall apply to all games played under the control of The Club, except when specially stated otherwise.
- ii. Failure to observe any such rules will render the offending player liable to disqualification from the competition of such match, or to any other such penalty as the Committee deems fit.

3. RULES OF THE COMPETITION AND CONDUCT

- i. The Committee shall have the power to make rules not inconsistent with the rules of 'R & A Rules of Golf', or the rules of the club, and to alter, amend or rescind the same as the occasion may require. All Rules of Competition and Conduct shall be updated during the year in this document, and shall be available for inspection by the members accordingly. These changes will be included in the next full publishing of this document.

- ii. Each member is asked to give close attention to:
 - a. The **RULES OF GOLF**
 - b. The **ETIQUETTE** of the game
 - c. The Local Rules
 - d. The regulations governing conditions of play.
- iii. All matches are played over 18 holes unless otherwise stated.
- iv. The lowest marker in any group playing on the course is responsible for the conduct and etiquette of the group. All members / visitors are responsible for their conduct and etiquette on and off the course. However, it will be up to the lowest handicapper to ensure that all members comply.
- v. Players must endeavor to complete each 18 holes within **4 Hours 30 Minutes**.
- vi. All play, whether in competition or not, must be from the tees of the day.
- vii. Should a player or a marker be in doubt of the Rule of Golf or a local rule applicable to a particular incident in the course of play, he/she must immediately, on returning to the Clubhouse report the facts to the Captain or Secretary or a member of the Match Committee for a ruling. The card should not be signed until this ruling has been given.
- viii. All players must carry and use a sand bucket.
- ix. Playing golf involves inherent risks, including the risk of being struck by a golf ball. The risk of being struck by a golf ball is significantly increased if players "call up" the following group on a par 3 hole. **Calling up on par 3 holes is not permitted on this course.**
Any player calling up a following group in breach of this policy does so at the player's own risk, and may not be covered by insurance.
- x. **Members must present themselves to the starter a minimum of 15 minutes prior to their start time.**

Penalty: The member may be asked to wait until the last member has hit off before starting his/her round.

4. MATCH COMMITTEE

- i. The Match Committee shall be comprised of no less than three members, and no more than five, duly elected by The Committee.
- ii. The duties of the Match Committee shall be:
 - a. To determine and circulate- in advance, the conditions under which a Competition is to be played and to deal with and adjudicate on all disputes arising from the conduct of all matches and competitions.
 - b. To control and manage all events, and to assume the overall responsibility for the routine matters concerning the event of the day. Decisions concerning interpretation of the Rules of Golf or unresolved contentious matters rest with the Match Committee.
 - c. To make and vary such temporary Local Rules as may from time to time be deemed necessary.
 - d. To select and arrange for Pennant, Association and inter club fixtures.
 - e. Select Team Managers for these representative teams...
 - f. To seek for nominations and then, based on the Team Managers recommendations, approve of players for these competitions.
 - g. The Match Committee shall make regular reports to the monthly meetings of these approvals.
 - h. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that should occur on the Match Committee.

5. COMPLAINTS, SUGGESTIONS & POINTS OF CONTENTION

- i. All complaints, suggestions and points of contention must be directed in writing to the Secretary or any other Committee person, who shall bring the matter before The Committee at its next meeting.
- ii. Complaints must not be made directly to a member of the Committee whilst they are preparing to play or during play in their competition or an employee of the course. Unless it refers to a rule of golf, wherein it requires an immediate decision.

6. LOCAL RULES

- i. Existing Local Rules are listed on the Notice Board, outside the Proshop and on the web site.
- ii. Temporary Local Rules deemed as necessary on occasion will be as displayed on the Notice Board, outside the Proshop and on the web site.
- iii. Measuring devices: For all play at this course, a player may obtain distance might affect his play (e.g., gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

- iv. **A ball resting in a bare patch, other than on the green, is to be played as it lies UNLESS**
- the bare patch is on the fairway or closely mown portion
 - the ball is at rest on man made introduced material ie blue metal, brick or tile
 - the ball is at rest in an indented defined tyre mark
- The ball may then be lifted and dropped no nearer the hole within 1 club length of the nearest point of relief.
- v. A structure spanning a drain, culvert or watercourse, is an immovable obstruction. Relief may be taken as per Rule 24-2 b. There is no penalty. If a ball is in a water hazard (including a lateral water hazard), the player may not take relief from interference by an immovable obstruction. The player must play the ball as it lies or proceed under Rule 26-1.
- vi. All garden areas, irrespective of whether they are bordered or not, are IN PLAY. ie, if a ball comes to rest in an area containing garden and or wood chip the ball is to be played as it lies. No free relief will be given. If the ball is unplayable then proceed as per the options outlined in Rule 28, under penalty of one stroke.

7. DRESS

The following are **NOT** acceptable items of dress during Club Competitions rounds:

- T-shirts, singlets or tank tops.
- Football, board, stubbies, work or sporting type shorts.
- Tops displaying large offensive motifs or distasteful advertising.
- Shirts without collars.
- Shirts worn outside pants (shirts must be tucked in).
- Track suit pants, tops or any type of gymnasium attire.
- Metal spiked shoes, high top boots, thongs, work boots, ripple-soled shoes, sandals, hard or high heeled shoes or bare feet.
- Exposed socks that are not **predominantly white**.
- Football socks
- General appearance must be clean, neat and tidy at all times.
- **Other attire may be allowed on special occasions for novelty events, at the discretion of the committee.**

8. MATCH BOOKINGS

- i. Booking sheets for Saturday events are generally available 1 (one) to 4 (four) weeks before the event to which they apply, Wednesday and public holidays 1 week.

The Committee holds a monthly tee time sign-up for members on a scheduled basis. The schedule can be found on the Members blog of the website. The Monday Night Sign-up generally covers four weeks, which is spread across two draws held on the one night (ie. First Draw: Weeks 1 and 2; Second Draw: Weeks 3 and 4).

Upon member registration and allocation of a number, the numbers are randomly drawn and members are invited to indicate their preferred tee time.

After the draw, the four weeks of tee time sign-up sheets (and the remaining tee times) will be available the next Saturday morning for members to fill in the gaps

- ii. A single member can make a booking for a maximum of 4 players in any one event.
- iii. G.R.G.C. full members have rights over all other membership types for all Championships and qualifying events. **Visitors CANNOT book until the Friday afternoon prior to Saturday's game. Bookings made contrary to this rule may be cancelled without notice.**
- iv. Groups of more than four players are not permitted on the course except as approved by the Course Management and/or the Committee and Match Committee
- v. Players who cannot meet their allocated tee times are expected to advise the Club at least one (1) hour prior to their booked time. Offenders will incur a penalty of the daily match fee and will not be able to play until that fee has been paid. A member who books in other members is responsible to ensure that those members are informed of their allocated time. If this is not done, and the remaining nominated members do not attend there designated tee time, then that member may only be able to place his/her name in ballot for four weeks.

9. HANDICAPS

- i. Regardless of the category of membership all members will play to their Golflink handicap.
- ii. Failure to return cards may result in a change of handicap or suspension.
All cards must be returned for all competitions.
- iii. The committee may from time to time approve the alteration of a member's handicap if, in its absolute discretion and having regard to all of the circumstances, including the member's results in any form of Competition, it considers that the change is warranted under the handicap system that The Club follows. Refer to Section 8 Golf Australia Handicap System.
- iv. The member shall have no right to make any representation to the Match Committee or The Committee in relation to any proposed alteration to the member's handicap unless they request to do so, in writing, to the Committee.
- v. Members are required to play five (5) competition games during the membership year at Georges River Golf Course in the Saturday or Wednesday competitions to maintain their handicap.

MEN

The maximum handicap for Men shall be 36.4.

Grading for Men:

A Grade – Handicap up to 12

B Grade – Handicap 13 to 19

C Grade – Handicap 20 to 36

LADIES

The maximum handicap for Ladies shall be 45.4.

Grading for Ladies is:

A Grade – Handicap up to 32

B Grade – Handicap 33 to 45

10 HANDICAPS FOR USE IN VARIOUS EVENTS

Where handicaps are used in events, they shall be applied as follows:

- i. Stroke – Full Handicap
- ii. Par - Full Handicap
- iii. Stableford - Full Handicap
- iv. Match Play – Full difference between stroke handicap
- v. Foursomes – Half total Handicap
- vi. American Foursomes – Half total Handicap
- vii. Canadian – Half total Handicap
- viii. Ambrose (4 Person) – One eighth combined Handicap
- ix. Bisque – Full Handicap taken as declared to the marker on completion of the hole
- x. Novelty Events – As determined by the Match Committee on the day of the event.

11. MARKING AND RETURNING OF CARDS

- i. A card issued by the starter or other authorized person must be obtained before playing in any Competition. No other card shall be recognized.
- ii. It is the player's sole responsibility to ensure that his/her correct handicap is recorded on his/her scorecard.
- iii. Cards must be signed by the marker and counter-signed by the player. For team events where a singles event is also held, you are required to put on a team card ALL HANDICAPS beside the players names and score the correct score in strokes for each player and have ALL players sign the card. The marker should sign the card as marker.
- iv. Cards must be returned to the Pro Shop and/or entered into the computer and then placed in the Competition box immediately following the completion of the round.

- v. All cards must be returned for handicapping purposes. Failure to do so may result in a handicap adjustment in terms of Rule 9 iii.

12. MOTORISED CARTS AND MOTORCYCLES

- i. Two bags and two people only are permitted on each cart.
- ii. Players must not stand on the rear bag area of the cart.
- iii. Carts are not permitted within 5 meters of greens or tees, unless on a pathway.
- iv. Players using motorized carts and motorcycles must maintain their place in the field and have no special priority in the field.
- v. All rubbish must be removed from the carts at the completion of the game.
- vi. Restrictions on the use of carts (Inclement weather, ground conditions) may be made at any time.
- vii. The use of a privately-owned cart or motorized conveyance on the course is a privilege not a right, and is granted at the absolute discretion of the Course Management. Players abusing this privilege may be asked to leave the course at any time and in future forfeit the use of said vehicles.

13. ETIQUETTE

- i. Players should at all times show consideration to all others using the course. Although the following points are not rules as such they are an important part of the game.
 - Don't play until the group in front is out of the way.
 - Shout a warning if your ball may strike someone.
 - Don't move, talk or stand close to a player making a stroke, or in the line of the putt.
 - Don't step on another player's line of putt.
- ii. All players are encouraged to make good any damage caused by other players on fairways, greens and in bunkers.
- iii. Upon reaching the green, leave bags, carts or buggies alongside or behind the green, never in front.
- iv. Spectators and Caddies are not permitted on the course except were authorized by the Captain.
- v. Repair **any** divot holes and pitch marks.

- vi. Don't drop clubs on the putting green or lean on your putter.
- vii. Replace the flagstick carefully
- viii. Players are asked to exercise discretion in the number of practice swings taken.
- ix. Players should enter and leave by the lowest part of the bunkers.
- x. Players should carefully rake all marks made in a bunker and leave the rake inside, at the edge of the bunker, parallel with the line of play, head of rake towards the green.
- xi. Players should co-operate courteously with the ground staff as they perform their duties.
- xii. A player losing his / her ball may immediately call the following players through, and then 5 minutes only is allowed to look for his / her ball. **Penalty:** A slow play warning may be issued to **all** in the group.
- xiii. Players are required to pick up immediately if they have failed to score in Stableford and Par events.
- xiv. When the result of the hole has been determined, players should immediately leave the putting green. Mark you card at the next tee.
- xv. **Slow play** -It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. The low handicapper in the group is responsible to maintain the groups position behind the group in front. If a written complaint is received the group in question may receive a warning. If there is a 2nd complaint a penalty may be imposed at the discretion of the Match Committee.
- xvi. Unless otherwise directed by the Committee, priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play.
- xvii. Any group playing a whole round is entitled to pass a group playing a shorter round. The term 'group' includes a single player.

In case of a serious breach of etiquette, the committee has the authority to disqualify a player under Rule 33-7 of the Rules of Golf.

Rule 33-7 of the Rules of Golf States:

“Disqualification Penalty; Committee Discretion”

A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional individual cases be waived, modified or imposed if the Committee considers such action warranted. Any

penalty less than disqualification must not be waived or modified. If a Committee considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, it may impose a penalty of disqualification under this rule. Should a breach be brought to the attention of the Committee, they reserve the right to impose a penalty in terms of this Rule.

14. GENERAL COMPETITION PLAY

- i. Competition fees must be paid prior to play commencing. Non-Payment will result in disqualification or disciplinary action against the player or team.

- iii. **In all matches there must be a minimum of 3 players per group to be eligible for any team and / or individual competition result.**

TEES

- a. Play at all times must commence from the first tee, unless otherwise directed by the starter.
- b. All play, whether in competition or not, must be from the tees of the day as directed by the starter.
- c. Black Markers - All Club Championship, Medal rounds, Interclub Competitions, e.g. Pennants events
- d. Blue Markers – General competition events e.g., Stableford, Par and Teams events
- e. Red – Ladies Only
- f. White – Social Players and Ladies long course

DISTANCE MARKERS

All Distance markers in the centre of the fairways are from the centre of the green.

- 100 Meters
- 150 Meters
- 200 Meters

COURSE MARKERS

Course Markers are:

- Out of Bounds – White Pegs with black tops, boundary fences.
- Water Hazards – Yellow Pegs.
- Lateral Hazards – Red Pegs.
- Ground Under Repair (GUR) - White broken or unbroken lines, or white pegs.
- **ALL** green keeper or ground staff work is also considered GUR.

ACCIDENTS

If any accident occurs on the course it must be reported to the Pro Shop.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES

The Committee has the right to alter and make variations to the rules for competitions. The decision of the Committee shall be final, and shall be advised to the membership –

via the Notice Board and/or competition cards- prior to the commencement of the event concerned.

15. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

i. The following general rules apply to Championship Events:

- a. During The Club Championship event, players will remain on the same handicap under which they qualified.
- b. All play will be from the tees of the day. Black Plates for men, Red Plates for Ladies
- c. Members are required to place a 'Q' on the scorecard of any qualifying round for any Championship event that requires qualification. By placing a "Q" on their card, the member is confirming that, should they qualify for the championship event, they will be available and committed to play in each and every round. Should that member – after being allocated a position in that competition- be unable to attend their first round commitment they should inform the Pro Shop staff or the Match Committee as soon as possible so that a replacement can be arranged.
- d. If, having placed a "Q" on their card, it is the member's responsibility to determine if they have qualified for the event and subsequently any tee time that may have been allocated to them.
- e. If a member fails to honor their commitment and does not play in the subsequent rounds of the championship event, they will be ineligible to qualify for any future championship events for the following year.
- f. A player must have completed a minimum of 10 Competition handicapped games registered on Golfink, as a full member, to be eligible for any championship event. The 10 handicap games included in this requirement must be played at Georges River Golf Course in the 12 months prior to the event commencing.
- g. Where separate scratch and nett sections of a Championship event are held, the same players may win both events.
- h. All games are to be played at the allocated tee times unless otherwise approved by the match committee.

Failure to do so will be automatic disqualification and cited to explain why times were not met.

ii. Club Championships

- a. The Club Championships are contested over four rounds of stroke play. Scratch and Net Winners are decided in the 3 Men's Grades and a separate Ladies event. There is also a single Mens Seniors Scratch and single Mens Seniors Net winner for all participating male members aged 60 years and above.
- b. The top eight scratch players in A grade are seeded from the 1st round and notified of their tee times. Players are to check with pro shop each week to

confirm starting times. Failure to play in the seeded groups will result in disqualification from the Championship Event.

- c. The top eight scratch players in B and C grades of the men's grades and the top four scratch players from the Ladies are seeded after the 2nd round. Failure to play in the seeded groups will result in disqualification from the Championship Event. Players are to check with pro shop each week to confirm starting times.

iii. **Method of Deciding Ties**

- a. Scratch - In the event of a tie a playoff will take place over 18 holes on the following weekend or as arranged between all parties (Club, Course and Players).
- b. Handicap – In the event of a tie normal count back rules apply.

iv. **Monthly Medal**

- a. Stroke event held on the first Saturday of every month where possible.
- b. The lowest nett score in each grade of this event will win the Medal for that month.
- c. In the event of a tie those players will 'playoff' in the subsequent Monthly Medal with the lowest nett score winning the former Monthly Medal.
- d. Each individual Monthly Medal winner is qualified* to participate in the **Gold Medal event**.

v. **Gold Medal**

- a. Each individual Monthly Medal winner is eligible to participate in the Gold Medal event held in the same calendar year. With the exception being December Monthly Medal winners who are eligible for the subsequent Gold Medal event held the following year.
- b. The lowest nett score in each grade will win the Gold Medal.
- c. In the event of a tie those players will 'playoff' in the subsequent Monthly Medal with the lowest nett score winning the Gold Medal.

vi. **Match Play Championships**

- a. Men's Match Play Championships will be contested by the top eight scratch qualifiers in each grade from the best total scores over the last two rounds of the club championship. All players will play off a scratch handicap.
- b. Ladies Match Play Championships will be contested by the top eight Net qualifiers from the **best total scores over the last two rounds of the club championship**. If insufficient players for eight qualifiers the number of qualifiers will drop back to four qualifiers.
- c. The draw will be set, with the opponents in each of the matched to be determined by the finishing order in the stroke Championships, i.e. 1st vs.

8th, 2nd vs. 7th, 3rd vs. 6th & 4th vs. 5th.

- d. The winners of each round of the Match play proceed to the next round.
- e. Method of deciding ties- a match that is all square after 18 holes must proceed to the 19th hole and beyond until a result is known.
- f. Handicaps, if applicable, apply as per start of the match and are maintained until the completion of the tournament

vii. Cock/Chick of the Walk

- a. Qualifying is a single Stableford event.
- b. The top 16 Male players with the best scores on the day will qualify for the Cock of the Walk. The top 8 Ladies qualify for the Chick of The Walk.
- c. In the event of ties, normal count back rules apply.
- d. The qualifiers will play Match Play, with the draw for the pairs being displayed on the Notice Board. The winners of each round of the Match Play proceed to the next round. Losers are eliminated.
- e. Players will use their current handicap on the day of the match (no higher than qualifying but maybe lower).
- f. Method of deciding ties- a match that is all square after 18 holes must proceed to the 19th hole and beyond until a result is known. Handicaps, if applicable, apply as per start of match.

viii. Foursomes

- a. Combined handicap of the day divided by two will decide playing division.
- b. Played over two rounds one week apart with the same partner. Partners are to be arranged by mutual consent.
- c. Players alternate tees over the two rounds, i.e. Player1 hits off the odd tees in week 1, and the even tees in week 2.
- d. Scratch and Net winners are decided in 2 Men's divisions and separate Ladies event.
- e. In the event of a tie in the Scratch event, a playoff is held over 18 holes.
- f. In the event of a tie in the Nett event normal count back rules apply.
- g. Division 1 – Both players must be on a combined handicap no higher than 0-36.
- h. Division 2 – Both players must be on a combined handicap of 37-72.

ix. Mixed Foursomes

- a. Played over two rounds one week apart, with the same partner. Partners are to be arranged by mutual consent.
- b. Players alternate tees over the two rounds, i.e. Player1 hits off the odd tees in week 1, and the even tees in week 2.
- c. In the event of a tie in the Scratch event, a playoff is held over 18 holes
- d. In the event of a tie in the Nett event, normal count back rules apply.

~~xix.~~ xix. Georges River Bowl

- a. Qualifying is via one Stableford event as advised on the fixture list.
- b. The top 16 pairs with the highest scores on the day will qualify. Should there be equal scores normal count back rules will apply.
- c. The qualifiers will play a Medley Match play event, with the draw for the pairs being published on the Notice Board. The winners of each round proceed to

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the next round. Losers are eliminated.

- d. Players will use their current handicap on the day of the match (no higher than qualifying but may be lower).
- e. Method of Deciding ties – A match that is all square after 18 holes must proceed to the 19th hole and beyond until a result is known. Handicaps, if applicable, apply as per start of match.

16. REPRESENTATIVE EVENTS

Georges River Golf Club competes in a number of representative events each year, and all players are encouraged to participate. Players wishing to be considered are advised to submit their details as an expression of interest on the nomination form provided. Selection trials maybe required for some events, so players should take their availability for those events into consideration. Qualification to play in a representative team is five (5) competition games in last twelve months. If there are insufficient nominations, then the **Match Committee (MC)** has the option of selecting players to represent the Club in the team. **If this is to apply the MC should be told prior to approaching the player/s.**

The appointed Team Manager duties include:

- Team selection for each match,
- Lodging of paperwork,
- Result notification,
- Liaising with opponents with respect to confirming course, date and times.

i. Major Pennants (A Grade)

- Played in February-March of each year.
- Format is single player Match play.
- All matches are played off scratch.
- Six rounds are played on a home and away basis, with the winners of each division progressing to the final rounds.

ii. Warren Trophy (Handicap 11.0 – 16.9)

- To qualify, players must have a handicap not lower than 11.0 as at the 30th June in the year of the competition.
- Generally played in October-November of each year.
- Format is two ball Match play.
- All matches are played off scratch.
- Six rounds are played on a home and away basis, with the winners of each division progressing to the final rounds.

iii. Gibson Shield (17.0 and above)

- To qualify, players must have a handicap not lower than 17.0 as at the 30th June in the year of the competition.
- Generally played in October-November of each year.
- Format is two ball Match play.
- All matches are played off scratch.

- Six rounds are played on a home and away basis, with the winners of each division progressing to the final rounds.

iv. Metropolitan Mixed Pennants

- Generally played in January-February of each year.
- Format is two ball Match play.
- All Matches are a modified handicap system where the lowest marker in the match plays off scratch, and all handicaps in the group are then adjusted down accordingly.
- Six rounds are played on a home and away basis, with the winners of each division progressing to the final rounds.

v. Masters Pennants

- To qualify, players must be 50 years of age on, or before, the first day of competition.
- Generally played in May - June of each year.
- Format is two ball Match play.
- All matches are played off scratch.
- Six rounds are played on a home and away basis, with the winners of each division progressing to the final rounds.

vi. KENO

- Players to be eligible to play in this competition must have met the qualifications mentioned at the beginning of this section. The same as would apply for the club championships.
- Date of this competition to be decided by both the committee and the course management at time most suitable to both parties.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

i. Personal Property and Insurance

- a. The Golf Course will not be liable for any loss or injury to the property or person of any member or visitor to the club's premises or course.
- b. Golf Clubs should not be left unattended outside the Pro Shop or Car Park.
- c. Members should report any incident involving damage or theft.

ii. Control of Cars

- a. Areas designated Reserved are to be occupied by authorized persons only.
- b. Vehicles shall not be driven in excess of 5kph as required to prevent inconvenience or accidents to others.
- c. Disabled parking is for members who have and display a disable sticker.

iii. Advertising

No pamphlet, advertisement or notice of any kind shall be exhibited within the precincts without the permission of the management and the Committee (Both are required).

iv. **Raffles**

No canvassing for donations, raffles or subscriptions is allowed unless approved by Club Management and the Committee (Both are required).

v. **9 Hole Break**

Extended breaks during the round are prohibited. A maximum of 5 minutes is allowed after 9 holes to purchase refreshments if necessary. Your place in the field cannot be altered; **Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the day's event or Championship round.**

18. MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are NOT to be used during competitions. If a phone is to be used as a GPS device, it should be switched to silent and **must not be used as a communication device.** If phones have to be used, please wait until the end of each nine holes and use phone away from teeing and putting areas. The concourse area in front of the pro shop would be acceptable.

THE PENALTY FOR THE RING OR USE OF A MOBILE PHONE ON THE COURSE IN A COMPETITION ROUND IS DISQUALIFICATION

19. VISITORS

i. VISITING COMPETITION PLAYERS

- i. Visiting competition players from clubs which support GA handicap maintenance will not be eligible to win our competitions nor prizes unless they have played 5 games recorded on Golf Link at their home club, in the last twelve months.

The score of a player who does not comply will be entered into Golf Link for handicapping purposes.

This policy does not apply to members of Reciprocal Clubs or Interstate and Overseas players or players that HAVE completed 5 handicap games at their home club.

~~ii.i.~~ A member introducing a visitor shall be responsible for the conduct of the visitor.

~~iii.ii.~~ For the purposes of competition, a visitor must be a member of a club affiliated with Golf NSW or similar interstate or overseas Association with the controlling authority.

~~iv.iii.~~ Visitors can play on Medal days but cannot win the Monthly Medal. Please refer to Rule 8

~~v.iv.~~ Visitors **cannot play** in Championship Rounds.

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20. AMBROSE EVENTS

- i. 4 Player Ambrose - Minimum 3 tee shots per player
- ii. 3 Player Ambrose - Minimum 4 tee shots per player
- iii. 2 Player Ambrose - Minimum 6 tee shots per player
- iv. The selected ball on the fairway can be marked and placed, team balls can be placed within one club length of the selected ball, no nearer the hole.
- v. The selected ball in the rough or hazard must be played as it lies, team balls must be dropped within one club length of the selected ball in the rough or hazard, no nearer the hole.
- vi. The selected ball on the green can be marked and placed, team balls can be placed within one putter head length, no nearer the hole.
- vii. Handicaps
 - a) 4 Player Ambrose - one eighth combined handicap
 - b) 3 Player Ambrose - one sixth combined handicap
 - c) 2 Player Ambrose - one half combined handicap

21. WEATHER WARNINGS

Any time there is lightning activity there is a significant risk of being struck by lightning on a golf course. It is your responsibility to check weather forecasts and to ensure your own safety with regard to lightning before you use the golf course. It is a condition of entry to this course that you acknowledge that you do not rely on the Course Management or any member of the Committee to ensure your safety from lightning.