

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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1. Players must be an affiliated Member of an RWGA affiliated Club to play in Closed Events.
2. The Match Committee shall make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the Conditions or Program should it deem it desirable, and reserves the right to change the handicap limit for events on any program if any entry exceeds that which can be accommodated on the course, or in the case of insufficient entries, to reduce the number of divisions or cancel the event.
3. All disputes shall be settled by the RWGA Match Committee, whose decision shall be final. Any member of the RWGA Match Committee competing in the Tournament, may assist the Match Committee, but is ineligible to represent the Match Committee with regard to any dispute or decision on the Rules of Golf within the division in which she is a competitor.
4. Handicaps to be current Golf Australia handicaps or handicaps certified by the body governing Women's Golf in the player's country of residence. Competitors are requested to bring their Golf Australia Handicap (GA GolfLink Handicap) to RWGA Tournaments as they may be disqualified if the evidence of correctness of handicap is not available. No entries will be accepted from players on club only handicaps.
5. Any player who enters on a correct Golf Australia (GA) handicap within the prescribed limits at close of entry and whose handicap increases beyond the specified limit will be permitted to compete on her current handicap.
6. Entries must be made on official RWGA entry forms.
7. Post entries are at the discretion of the RWGA Match Committee.
8. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the RWGA Match Committee, which reserves the right to refuse entry without giving reason for such refusal.
9. If a player is unable to play, once entries have closed, their entry fee may be transferred to a future RWGA event. In extenuating circumstances upon a written request to the RWGA Match Committee a refund may be considered.
10. Players shall start at the time laid down by the Committee. The penalty for a breach of Rule 5.3a is disqualification. Exceptions apply in line with R&A Rules of Golf.
11. The Match Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
12. Competitors are requested to report to the starter 20 minutes before the appointed time given in the draw.
13. Players may not engage professional golfers as caddies.
14. The Rules of Golf, the Local Rules of the clubs at which events are played and any supplementary Local Rules as determined by the RWGA Match Committee shall be the rules of play during the event.
15. It will be obligatory for all competitors to play with a golf ball which is named on the current R & A Approved List of Conforming Golf Balls.
16. A competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance her performance. Infringement of this condition may mean disqualification. List of drugs available on the ASDA Website (www.asda.gov.au)
17. **Consumption of Alcohol:** The consumption of alcohol by players and caddies on the course during a stipulated round is strictly prohibited. The penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.
18. **Practice:** Practice rounds, prior to RWGA events, are at the discretion of the host club. Permission must be sought from the host club.
19. **Pace of Play:** Rule 5.6a and 5.6b will be strictly 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. Penalties may be issued to individuals in such groups, who by their pace contribute to such delay.
20. RWGA accepts no liability or responsibility for loss, theft or damage to participant's equipment.
21. In the event of a player being suspended by an affiliated club or a District on a golf related matter the player shall not be eligible to enter or play in any RWGA event during the period of suspension. This by-law shall apply to prevent the player from entering or playing in any such event even if she nominates another club as her home club for handicap purposes.

22. Competitors must have read the clause, ***Players Play at Their Own Risk*** printed on entry forms. By submitting and paying entry fee players accept liability.
23. **Perpetual Trophies:** After presentation, recipients may take trophies to their table for photography purposes and return to custodian at the end of the night.
24. **Mobile Phones** must be turned off or in silent mode. If phone rings during competition disciplinary action may be taken in accordance with Section 1: *Etiquette of the Rules of Golf*. Mobile phone use accepted ONLY in an emergency situation.
25. **Fog Guidelines:** **1.** If fog is present at the allotted tee time and visibility is less than 150 meters, the Match Committee or its Representative will delay play until the fog lifts. **2.** In all RWGA Events, when fog comes in after play has begun, play must be discontinued by the players when visibility is reduced to less than 150 meters. Players should remain in place on the course until visibility improves or for a minimum of 15 minutes. If players choose to leave the golf course then extreme caution should be exercised while returning to the clubhouse.
26. These ***Standard Conditions of Play*** apply to all RWGA events and are to be read in conjunction with event conditions of play and CODE OF CONDUCT.
27. Golf NSW's *Code of Conduct* shall apply to all championships, major activities, events and competitions conducted by RWGA, in addition to other requirements of players as specified by tournament conditions, local rules and the by-laws of clubs hosting RWGA events.
28. On entering an RWGA event, a player agrees to comply with the normal standards of behaviour and conduct.
29. Players are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsportsmanlike and detrimental to the game of golf.
30. Violation of any of the following provisions is regarded as unacceptable conduct and may render a player subject to action as determined by the RWGA Match Committee:
- Any player who shall, during any RWGA Championship, approved tournament or activity, within the precincts of the course, clubhouse or in the vicinity of the host venue engage in conduct in such a manner as will bring discredit to RWGA or the game of golf;
 - Any player who shall use profane or abusive language, throw or break clubs, willfully damage the course in any way, criticize the course, competition, the sponsors or other officials connected with the competition;
 - Any player guilty of deliberately breaking the Rules of Golf;
 - Any player that refuses to comply with the host club's dress regulations.
31. **AWARDING of TROPHIES**
- Tied scores in Division One of a Major Event (Scratch score), the winner will be decided by a playoff over 2 holes as decided by the match committee. If still tied, sudden death playoff over the same 2 holes until a winner is declared.
 - Play-off holes to be determined and announced by Match Committee prior to tee off day one.
 - Tied Divisional winners and handicap events to be decided by countback system.