



WARREN
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

COMPETITION RULES FOR WGCC CLUB EVENTS **TERMS OF COMPETITION**

The following **Terms Of Competition**, together with any additional or amendments as set by the Committee appointed by Warren Golf & Country Club will apply to all club competitions.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 All Club Competitions shall be played according to the following Terms of Competition. The Competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd and the Local Rules of WGCC.
- 1.2 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that he/she has read and complied with these Terms of Competition.
- 1.3 Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of Local Rule or Term of Competition is:
Match Play – Lose of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes;

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Member with an official WHS Handicap Index will be eligible to participate in club competitions.
- 2.2 The Handicap Index range for the club competitions shall be fixed by the Golf Committee.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of the players to declare a correct handicap index in all competitions. Members to check and declare their handicap index upon registrations. No alterations may be made on the scorecard after it has been returned to the Golf Office after the round.
- 2.4 Members playing in the Club Competition must be an amateur in accordance with the R&A's rules of Amateur status.
- 2.5 The Golf Committee reserves the right to change the handicap index range of each division, depending on the number of participants, after the closing date.
- 2.6 A player whose Handicap Index has Excessive Penalty Scores (EPS) will not be eligible to participate. A player who breaches any eligibility criteria will be disqualified.

3. ENTRY FEE

- 3.1 The entry fee of all club competitions shall be fixed by the Golf Committee. The entry fee shall be forfeited in case of any competitor who fails to give the Club sufficient notice for any cancellation after the closing date. This also applies to 'No Show' on the day of competition.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 All competitors are advised to register and verify their handicaps at least 20 minutes before their starting time.

5. TIME OF STARTING

5.1 All Competitors are advised to report to the Starter 10 minutes before their starting time. Players shall start at the time and in the order indicated in the draw. Only the Committee or TD reserves the right to change the draws and alter the starting times.

5.2 If the player arrives at his starting point ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of first hole in Match Play or two strokes at the first hole in Stroke Play. Penalty for lateness beyond 5 minutes is disqualification.

5.3 The Official Time is defined by the clock located at the 1st & 10th tee where a player is scheduled to begin the stipulated round.

6. DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINT

6.1 Any dispute or doubtful points on the Rules shall be referred to the TD as soon as possible or in stroke play the competitor (having notified his marker) may select to play two balls in accordance with Rule 20.1c and obtain a ruling at the conclusion of the round prior to signing and the return of the score card.

7. PACE OF PLAY

7.1 Rule 5.6 (Slow Play, Undue Delay)

The WGCC Pace of Play Guideline is in effect at all Club Competitions. The attention of all competitors is drawn to Rule 5.6 regarding slow play and undue delay. The Committee will not hesitate to impose penalty under this rule.

7.2 If a decision is taken to time the group, **each player** in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee or committee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are 'out of position' and are being timed. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- On a par 3 hole;
- Second shot on par 4's and par 5's;
- Third shot on par 5's; and
- From on or near the putting green of the hole being played.

7.3 The timing will be taken when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

7.4 On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean, and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

7.5 Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

7.6 Note: In some circumstances, an individual player or a few within a group may be timed instead of the entire group.

7.7 Penalty for breach of Competition

- Strokeplay
 - First breach: Verbal Warning
 - Second breach: One-stroke penalty
 - Third breach: General Penalty in addition to the penalty for second breach
 - Fourth breach: Disqualification

- Matchplay
 - First breach – Verbal Warning
 - Second breach – Loss of Hole (To apply to the hole where the final timing is taken)
 - Third breach – Loss of Hole (To apply to the hole where the final timing is taken)
 - For subsequent breach - Disqualification

8. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION (RULE 5.7b)

8.1 In the event of weather conditions preventing any competitors from completing a round, **Rule 5.7b** will apply. The signal for a suspension of play for a dangerous situation and signal for resumption of play shall be based on the Club's Siren system.

9. INCLEMENT WEATHER

9.1 In the event of inclement weather (or any other causes) resulted in less than 50% completed flights based on total playing field, the competition will be deemed abandon and the scores for the round will be voided and be treated as social play scores.

10. SCORECARDS

10.1 Before starting the competition round, each player **must** exchange his/her scorecard with another player (i.e. marker) and be the marker for player that he/she exchanged the scorecard with.

10.2 Players **must** submit their scorecards regardless if the competition round is completed or not.

Penalty for the above local rule (10.1 and 10.2) if breached Disqualification.

10.2 Players are to enter their gross score clearly on the scorecard. The Player is responsible to check and ensure that their scores are correct, signed and be signed by their marker. Any doubtful points should be settled with the Committee / TD before returning the scorecard. If he/she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he/she shall be disqualified. If he/she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand. No alteration may be made on a scorecard after the player has returned it to the Golfing Office.

10.3 A player is deemed to have returned his score card once he has returned it to the golfing office.

11. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE (DMD)

11.1 During a competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance **only**. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a DMD

(smartphone or PDA) that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3, for which the penalty is **Disqualification**.

12. LIST OF CONFIRMING DRIVER HEADS (RULE 4.1)

Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by The R&A. This list is regularly updated and is found at Randa.org.

Exception – Pre-1999 Driver Heads: A driver with a clubhead that was made before 1999 is exempt from this Local Rule.

Penalty For Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a driver that is not on the List of Conforming Driver Heads.

13. LIST OF CONFIRMING GOLF BALLS (RULE 4.2)

Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by The R&A. This list is regularly updated and is found at Randa.org.

Penalty for Making a Stroke at a Ball Not on Current List in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

14. DECISION OF TIES (STROKEPLAY)

14.1 In the event of a tie or ties, the WGCC count back system over the 2nd nine will be based on the following order:

- Last 9 holes;
- Last 6 holes;
- Last 3 holes;
- Last 1 hole;
- Hole-by-hole in the reverse order.

15. HOLE-IN-ONE

15.1 In the event of inclement weather (or any other causes) that the competition is abandon, players will not be eligible to claim the Hole-In-One or Pot-of-Gold (POG) prize.

16. DISCLAIMER AND APPOINTMENT OF TOURNAMNET DIRECTOR (TD)

16.1 The Club reserve the right to revise the Terms of Competition as and when deemed necessary.

16.2 The Club reserve full discretion in preparing the competition draw list that deem best fit for the event. The timing of flights do not follow chronological registration of participation by members.

16.3 The Club shall appoint a Tournament Director (TD) to oversee the event and approve the outcome of the tournament.

16.4 Any doubtful points on rule, appeals or disputes related to competition shall be refereed to the appointed Tournament Director (TD) whose decisions shall be final. No disputes on score shall be entertained after the results have been announced.