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**CONDITIONS FOR
RCGC TOURNAMENTS AND COMPETITIONS**

THESE CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL TOURNAMENTS AND COMPETITIONS CONDUCTED BY RCGC. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONDITIONS PERTAIN TO INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

- 1) **RULES.** Play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf and Local Rules of Royal Canberra Golf Club (the Club or RCGC).
- 2) **GOLF BALLS.** Players must use a ball that is named in the current R & A Conforming Golf Balls list.
- 3) **THE MATCH COMMITTEE.** The members of the Match Committee present during the playing of an event may exercise all functions of the Match Committee in relation to the event and shall constitute the Committee within the meaning of the Rules of Golf for the purpose of the conduct of the event. The Match Committee has the power to vary these conditions and to resolve any dispute or question.
- 4) **SUSPENDED PLAYERS.** A player suspended by an affiliated club, a club affiliated with a District Golf Association, or a District Golf Association on a golf related matter shall not be eligible to enter or play in any RCGC event.
- 5) **ENTRY TO TOURNAMENTS.** Entry will be by entry form only, submitted with the entrance fee, the amount of which will be determined by the Match Committee. In the event that there are more entries for a particular event than can be accommodated, priority will be determined by the Match Committee.
- 6) **STARTING TIMES.** The Match Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times.
- 7) **DRAW FOR PLAY.** A draw for each day's play will be published and players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Committee. Rule 6-3a provides that "the player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee". The penalty for a breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However, it is a condition of RCGC events that, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, if the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failing to start on time is two strokes at the first hole, or loss of the first hole in match play, instead of disqualification.
- 8) **WITHDRAWAL.** Once a draw is compiled, no refund of entry fee will be made except upon production of a medical certificate.
- 9) **CANCELLATIONS.** Players in the draw who are unable to compete for any reason, should cancel by contacting the RCGC golf shop during business hours.
- 10) **PRACTICE.** During practice or during the playing of an event, a player shall not place on the course, or cause to be placed on the course, any artificial marker or
- 11) other device designed to indicate course measurements. A player in breach of this condition shall be disqualified.
- 12) **PACE OF PLAY.** Rule 6-7 will be enforced with respect to pace of play. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group in front. 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.

- 13) SUSPENSION OF PLAY: These signals will apply:
- a) Suspend Play – three short consecutive notes of the siren, repeated;
 - b) Resume Play – one prolonged note of the siren, repeated.
- 14) LOCOMOTION: Players will not generally be permitted to ride in, or on, any form of automotive locomotion, during a stipulated round. An exception will be made in the case of a player affected by a disability, which makes it necessary for the player to use automotive locomotion. It will be necessary for the player seeking this exception to produce:
- a) a certificate or letter from a medical practitioner specifying:
 - i) the disability by which the player is affected; and
 - ii) the medical practitioner's opinion that owing to the disability the player requires the use of automotive locomotion in order to participate in the competition; or
 - b) in the case of a permanent disability, a letter from the Secretary of the player's club, confirming that the player does not participate in any games of golf at that club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion; or
 - c) in the case of a temporary disability, a letter from the Secretary of the player's club confirming that the player does not presently participate in any games of golf at the club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion and nominating the period for which permission to use automotive locomotion is granted.
- 15) AVAILABILITY OF MOTORISED CARTS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 13, above, the Club gives no assurance that motorised carts will be available on any particular occasion. Privately-owned carts are not permitted to be driven at the Club, unless specifically approved by the Club. Such approval is rarely given.
- 16) BY-LAWS, RULES AND DRESS REGULATIONS: The By-laws, rules and dress regulations of RCGC shall apply. The penalty for non-compliance is ineligibility to start or disqualification.
- 17) MOBILE PHONES: The use of a mobile or portable phone by a competitor or his caddie, whilst on the golf course, during an event is prohibited. The penalty for a first breach of this condition is two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. For any subsequent breach the penalty is disqualification. If the competitor or his caddie is in the possession of a mobile or portable phone it ***must*** be turned off. If the phone rings it will be deemed to be in use and the penalties outlined above will apply.
- 18) DRUG TESTING: All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Drug Agency for banned substances as laid down in the Golf Australia Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this condition, or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.
- 19) PRACTICE: Practice rounds, prior to events, are at the discretion of the Club. Permission must be sought from the RCGC Golf Shop.
- 20) DISQUALIFIED PLAYERS: Players disqualified during initial rounds of a tournament may continue to compete and shall be eligible for subsequent daily prizes.
- 21) PROTESTS: Protests must be made to the Match Committee within fifteen (15) minutes of completion of the player's round and confirmed in writing as soon as practical thereafter.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) The NSW Golf Association's Code of Conduct shall apply throughout all RCGC competitions, in addition to other requirements of players as specified by tournament conditions, local rules and the by-laws of the Club.
- 2) Players are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsportsmanlike and detrimental to the game of golf.
- 3) By entering an RCGC competition, a player agrees to comply with the normal standards of behaviour and conduct. Any of the following actions is regarded as unacceptable conduct and may render a player subject to action as determined by the Board of Directors or Match Committee of the Club:
 - a) undertaking activity, within the precincts of the RCGC course, clubhouse or in the vicinity of RCGC which would bring discredit to RCGC or the game of golf;
 - b) using profane or abusive language, throwing or breaking clubs, wilfully damaging the course in any way;
 - c) criticising the course, the competition, the sponsors or officials connected with the competition;
 - d) deliberately breaking the Rules of Golf;
 - e) refusing to comply with the RCGC dress regulations.