



# WESTERN DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION INC.

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## STANDARD EVENT CONDITIONS

THIS DOCUMENT OUTLINES THE CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ALL WDGA EVENTS

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## Introduction

This document outlines the Standard Conditions for Western District Golf Association Events, Heat Policy and Codes of Behaviour.

Where there is any inconsistency between these Standard Conditions for WDGA events and those set out on an event entry form, the conditions of the event entry form will prevail.

A copy of the Standard Conditions for WDGA events and Golf Australia Codes of Behaviour are also available from the WDGA website at [www.westerndistrictgolf.com.au](http://www.westerndistrictgolf.com.au)

Within these Standard Conditions, unless the context indicates otherwise:

Committee means;

- Either the WDGA Men's and/or Women's Match Committee that is responsible for the event.
- Recognised Golf Club means a golf club affiliated with Western District Golf Association.
- Rules of Golf means the current Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status (2016 – 2020) published and approved by R&A Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association (effective 1 January 2019).

## PART A – Administration and Entry Conditions

### 1. Committee

- 1.1 The members of the Committee present may exercise all functions in relation to the event and constitute the Committee within the meaning of the Rules of Golf for the purpose of the conduct of the event.
- 1.2 In the absence of the full Committee, such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Committee. The Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of the event.
- 1.3 In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the Committee may shorten the competition, appoint another day or days for completion of, or transfer play to another course, postpone or cancel.
- 1.4 Protests must be made to the Committee not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of each round.
- 1.5 The decision of the Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Tournament.

### 2. Entries & Eligibility

- 2.1 Unless otherwise stated, entries will be restricted to amateurs, who are members of clubs affiliated with WDGA.
- 2.2 ALL event Major/Perpetual Trophies can only be won by a member of an WDGA affiliated club. Daily prizes in these events will be open to all event participants.
- 2.3 Entrants are only eligible to be awarded one major trophy per event unless otherwise stated on the entry form.
- 2.4 The Committee shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
- 2.5 Entrance fees must be paid at the time of entry or as stated on the entry form.
- 2.6 Any entrant may withdraw and have their entry fee refunded providing notification is received within seven days prior to the commencement of the event.

**Exception:** Entry fees may be refunded after this date under exceptional circumstances and approved by the Committee.



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- 2.7 In the event of a player being suspended by an affiliated club, a District Golf Association or any related body on a golf related matter, the player is not eligible to enter or play in any WDGA event during the period of suspension. This Condition applies even if the player nominates another club as the player's home club for handicap purposes.
- 2.8 All entrants in Junior Events, must be 17 or under on the day of the event.

### 3. Draw

The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times when determining the draw for an event.

### 4. Practice Rounds Prior to the Event

No practice on the course on the day of event.

Practice rounds, prior to WDGA events, are at the discretion of the Host Club. Permission must be sought from the General Manager or an official club representative of the Host Club.

### 5. By-Laws, Rules and Dress Regulations

The By-laws, rules and dress regulations of the Host Club shall apply.

### 6. Working with Children Check

All persons 18 years and over actively involved in any WDGA Junior Event must have a Working with Children Check registered with the WDGA.

Active involvement includes, organisers, volunteer assistants, rules officials, caddies, etc.

**Exception:** Parents of children competing in the event are not required to provide a Working with Children Check.

### 7. Cancellation

Players who are unable to compete for any reason, should cancel by contacting the Tournament organiser on the phone number or email listed on the Entry Form, WDGA Website or Draw for the event. This advice should be communicated as soon as possible. Refer to 2.6 regarding the WDGA refund policy.

## PART B - Conditions of Competition

### 1. Rules of Golf

All WDGA competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, together with such local rules as are in force on the course over which the competition rounds are being played. If any dispute arises on any point, it shall be decided by the relevant Committee whose decision shall be final.

In addition, all players are required to adhere to Golf Australia's Code of Behaviour for the duration of the Event. It should be noted that players will be subject to disqualification for a breach of etiquette in accordance with Rules of Golf 1.2.

### 2. Draw & Time of Starting

Where applicable a draw may be posted on the WDGA website.

### 3. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6b)

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', they shall be deemed to have had a bad time.



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The time allowed will be determined by the Committee and will be available prior to play. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:**

1st bad time: Player will be warned by the official and told that if they have a further bad time they will be penalised.

<b>Stroke Play</b>	<b>Match Play</b>
2nd bad time: One-stroke penalty	Loss of Hole
3rd bad time: Additional two-stroke penalty	Final Warning
4th bad time: Disqualification	Disqualification

### **When Timing Commences:**

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Reasonable time spent by the first player to play in determining their yardage will not count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace their ball, repair ball marks and remove loose impediments on their 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.

### **4. Mobile Phones**

The use of a mobile phone or portable phone by a competitor or his caddie, whilst on the golf course during an event is distracting and inconsiderate. If the competitor or caddie is in the possession of a mobile or portable phone it should be turned off or on silent. If the phone rings this is deemed to be in use and the committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player in accordance with the concluding paragraph of section 1, Etiquette of the Rules of Golf.

### **Exceptions:**

- (i) Players/caddies are permitted to make phone calls from the course to the clubhouse or to event officials for rules/emergency assistance.
- (ii) Committee members playing in the event may make and receive phone calls during their round in relation to the running of the event.

### **5. Distance Measuring Devices**

Rule of Golf 4.3, specifies use of equipment which is allowed and/or prohibited. Clubs shall have a local rule displayed regarding the use of measuring devices. for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used. WDGA has adopted the following as a standard event condition for all Events including Pennant in relation to Distance Measuring Devices:

Players may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during an event, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (eg, gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of rule 4.3



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### 6. Caddies

The use of professional or trainee professional golfers as caddies is not permitted in any WDGA event. Penalty: Disqualification.

### 7. Returning of Score Card & Hole Indexing

A player must return their scorecard as soon as possible after completion of the round and the score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the designated recording area.

### 8. Results of the Competition - Competition Closed

Match Play (other than pennant): The result of a match is deemed officially announced when it has been officially recorded by the Committee.

Stroke Play: The competition is closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

### 9. Ties

The following events are decided by Sudden Death playoff;

ALL Championships.

All other WDGA Events are decided by the recommended GA Countback system.

### 10. Extreme Weather

There are several circumstances that can be considered extreme weather including Heat, Wind, Rain, Lightning, Course Playability.

**Committee Source:** Bureau of Meteorology Website - [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

#### 10.1 Heat

Events will be cancelled by the Committee if the forecast temperature at 5pm the day prior to the event for the town/suburb in which it is to be staged exceeds the maximum temperature of 35 degrees.

#### 10.2 Weather Warnings

Events will be cancelled by the Committee if there is an active State-wide Extreme Weather Alert at 5pm the day prior to the event.

#### 10.3 Lightning

If there is any sign of lightning in the area, play will be suspended immediately until such time as it is determined safe to resume play.

#### 10.4 Course Playability

The above weather conditions along with excessive wind and driving rain/ hail, submerged greens, sodden fairways, fog, threat of broken branches or general player safety can render the course unplayable. If the Committee in consultation with the host club deems the course to be unplayable, play will be suspended immediately until such time as it is considered safe to resume play. If play is unable to resume, the event will be cancelled.

### 11. Consumption of Alcohol

Consumption of alcohol is not permitted by players or caddies during the WDGA Events.



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### **12. Database of Competitor's Details**

The personal information you provide in the relevant event entry forms is collected and recorded by the WDGA.

Personal information will not be shared by any third party and will only be used to promote WDGA events and events run by WDGA affiliated Golf Clubs.

### **13. Motorised Transport**

Motorised Transport is permitted in all WDGA events conducted by the WDGA.

- (i) Cart usage during any WDGA event would still require any individual to comply with any club requirement and/or cart availability.

WDGA accepts no responsibility for the availability of motorised transport at host clubs, or as to whether or not permission is granted to use motorised transport.

Reference: SWDGA Standard Event Conditions 2018.