

**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY/ETIQUETTE**  
**S.W.R. MENS & LADIES GOLF CLUB**

**ELIGIBILITY (Men) – Golf Australia**      **(Ladies) – Golf Australia**

**HANDICAP GRADES**

<b>Men</b>	A-Grade 0 – 13	<b>Ladies</b>	Division 1. 0 – 22
	B-Grade 14 – 20		Division 2. 23 – 32
	C-Grade 21 – 36		Division 3. 33 – 45

Handicap grades on Thursday / Sundays may be determined by numbers. Members should read all notice boards, golf link handicap, local rules board, scorecards before starting play so that they are deemed aware of all notices, local rules, conditions of play & handicap changes.

**DRESS RULES**

PLEASE NOTE – UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE FOLLOWING BE ACCEPTED ON THE GOLF COURSE:

Singlets, shoes without socks, thongs, abbreviated football shorts, shirts without collars in competitions except for golf shirts, football socks, bare chested.

**SOFT SPIKES**

The S.W.R Golf Club has a policy of soft spikes & wide buggy tyres.

**DISTANCE – MEASURING DEVICES**

For all forms of play the following applies:- A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, any player using a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc) the same player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

**CARTS / BIKES**

Carts/bikes must not be driven/ridden or parked within ten metres of a green or five metres from a tee, and must adhere to any direction signs where in place.

Carts/bikes should be driven on cart paths where available.

No more than two persons are permitted to ride on a cart at one time.

**Our committee encourages cart-share**

The Match committee or greens staff reserves the right to limit the number of carts/bikes on the course.

At times due to weather conditions the head green keeper may decide that carts and bikes may not be allowed on the course.

**PRIZE VOUCHERS / BALL COMPETITIONS**

Prize vouchers must be used within three months of issue and **cannot** be redeemed for cash. Ball competition balls may be placed on a ball account with pro-shop or collected.

**ETIQUETTE**

The lowest marker in the group should see that all points of etiquette are observed, that the group keeps its place in the field, that each player repairs divots and plug/pitch marks on the greens and rake bunkers after play therein.

All players are asked to report to the starter and be ready to hit off 15 minutes before the time listed on the sheet, in case of cancellations. No player shall play until the players in front are out of range

Players **MUST** take sand buckets to fill in divots. The use of golf carts is a privilege not a right. They are to be driven responsibly.

You can avoid accusations of slow play by:

1. Having a ball and tee in hand on arrival at the tee and playing promptly.
2. Mark card while other players are hitting off.
3. Plan ahead where you leave your buggy so minimizing delay in reaching the next tee.
4. Players should be ready to play promptly – this includes putting when it is your turn.
5. Players searching for a ball for a time of at least 2 minutes should call the following waiting players through.

To know the rules and observe the etiquette of golf is not only a tribute to you, but also a tribute to the Club to which you belong. Your enjoyment and the enjoyment of others, is often seriously impaired by a selfish disregard, or lack of knowledge of one or both of these two most important principles. Under the Rules of Golf you are obliged to report any breaches of the rules you may observe, to the Match committee for their action

**PACE OF PLAY**

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group in front.

**Remember your position in the field is immediately behind the players in front, not immediately in front of the players behind.**

If players fail to keep their places in the field i.e. lose one clear hole behind those immediately preceding them they will be considered to be out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to issuing penalties. Players following such groups have the right to play through.

The players at fault must therefore:

1. Make up lost ground without delay, or
2. Call those following to go through. If they fail to do this the players following must indicate they intend to exercise their right to go through.

### **PRACTICE GREEN**

The practice green in front of the pro shop may be used for putting and chipping, if you leave pitch marks you must repair them. A limit of 6 metres around the green is allowed for chipping including the long drive tee, outside of the 6 metres will be deemed as practicing on the course.

### **MENS/LADIES COMPETITION**

The Match Committee is in charge of all play on the course and reserves the right to alter the programme or method of play at any time. All play is governed by the Rules of Golf and the regulations set out in this book.

A protest or dispute with any competition or match should be made in writing to the Match Committee to find a solution to the protest or dispute. This written complaint must be made at the completion of the round/match.

The Match Committee shall have the power to vary these conditions and to decide any dispute or question arising as to qualifications of any entrant and therefore may, in its absolute discretion at any time and without assigning any reason therefore, declare any entrant ineligible to compete.

The member 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's decision in all competitions is final.

### **FINISHING TIME**

Signed scorecards should be returned within 15 minutes after completion of play and entered in the computer via touch screen. Sanctions may apply if score is not entered into computer; the match committee decision will be final.

### **SUSPENSION OF PLAY**

Play will be suspended for the following reasons:

- \* Course deemed unplayable due to condition e.g.: *flooded greens etc.*
- \* Course deemed dangerous for play due to weather e.g.: *electrical storm.*

In periods of rain, play may be suspended when one or more greens become flooded making them unplayable. Not with standing that a hole being played may not be flooded, if play is suspended then all players on the course are to comply. The decision to suspend play and for what period of time will be made by the Match Committee or the Starter.

***The following signals are to be used:***

- **Discontinue Play Immediately:** One long blast of the siren (mark your ball immediately move back to the clubhouse or seek shelter on the course).
- **Resume Play:** One prolonged note of the siren, repeated. Players must resume play immediately.

### **CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT**

Should it not be possible for all players entered to complete a competition round due to the suspension of play for whatever reason, the competition of the day will be cancelled and a new competition may be added for those who completed their round. Major events will be rescheduled for a later date should this occur. A personal decision by a player or players not to finish an event due to inclement weather is not a cancellation of an event.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR AN OFFICIAL TROPHY**

The number of players required to start in the field for a Men's Saturday and Sunday competition to make an official trophy available shall be as follows;

4 Ball Events	20 players
Single Events	10 players
Grade Events	10 players in each grade

### **COUNTBACKS**

With the exception of Major Event Stroke winners, the Australian Countback System shall be used to decide ties in normal competition.