

PAMBULA-MERIMBULA GOLF CLUB

CLUB COMPETITION RULES 2012

1. MATCH COMMITTEE

Definition

The Golf Services Committee means the Match Committee appointed by the Board of Management and will comprise representatives from the Men's Match Committee, Ladies Match Committee and the Club Professional.

A member of the Match Committee present during the playing of any event may exercise all the functions of the Match Committee in relation to the event and shall constitute the "Committee" within the Rules of Golf for the purpose of conducting the event.

The Match Committee has control of competition play at all times and reserves the right to alter the programme and method of play at any time.

2. TIME SHEETS

The placement of a competitors name via Internet, computer touch screen or hardcopy on the time sheets will be deemed to be officially recognised as "the time laid down by the Committee."

The Match Committee reserves the right to alter any time sheets.

3. OFFICIAL STARTER

Official Starter for all competition events will be the Club Professional and at times he may be assisted by additional starters.

Generally, competition play will commence from two (2) tees. Players failing to report to the starter 10 minutes prior to hit off times may be required to go to the end of the field, provided time permits.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR EVENTS

Apart from the Club fixture events, conditions will be advised on publication of the programme for "Open Tournaments" such as Sapphire Coast Week of Golf, Ace of Clubs, Ladies Open, etc.

Men

For Club Championships, Foursomes, Mixed Foursomes Championships and Match Play events, the conditions will be advised on calling for nominations. Club Medals, donated trophies, annual trophies for Stroke, Stableford and Par, Captain's Trophy and President's Cup may be won not only by Life Members, financial Full Members, Senior Members, Intermediate Members, Country Members, Junior and Cadet Members but also Restricted Golfing Members and Recreation Golfing Members with a current club handicap who pay green fees as determined by the Board, under the Rules laid down from time to time for these competitions.

Ladies

Club Championships, Foursomes, Match Play, Club Medals, donated trophies and special events such as President's Salver, Captain's Cup etc. may be won only by Life Member, financial Full Members, Senior Members, Intermediate Members, Country Members, Junior /Cadet Members, but also Restricted Golfing Members and Recreation Golfing Members with a current club handicap who pay green fees as determined by the Board, under the Rules laid down from time to time for these competitions.

All Players

All other trophies may be won by visitors with evidence of a current A.G.U. / W.G.A. handicap and paying current Green Fee and Competition Fees.

5. **HANDICAPS**

Daily handicaps will be used for all events unless otherwise stated.

Maximum handicaps will be as follows:

Men * Male Members/ Visitors with current AGU Handicap 36.

Ladies * Lady Members/ Visitors with current WGA.Handicap 45

All Players

All players other than home club players are required to record their details via touch screen including full name home club golf link number and current handicap and if a visiting Country Member, they must produce their membership card, otherwise full green fees will be charged.

The Committee in Charge of a competition may require a player to play off the figure their new handicap will be, even if their handicap is yet to be officially adjusted. Committee is able to amend net scores after a competition has closed in order to account for delayed processing of previous handicap-altering scores.

Handicap Grades

Men Generally will be:

“A”	0 – 13
“B”	14 – 18
“C”	19 – 24
“D”	25 – 36

Ladies Generally will be:

Division 1	0 – 20
Division 2	21 – 25
Division 3	26 – 30
Division 4	31 – 45

These grades are determined by numbers of entries for each event and may be varied as required.

All players

In Four Ball events, the field will be ungraded.

6. **ENTRY FEE**

Will be \$12.00 (including GST) per player per 18 hole event. This entry fee may be varied when “Special” events are programmed.

7. **TIES**

Men

In all handicap events other than the Monthly Medals the winner will be decided using the A.G.U. Countback system.

Ladies

In all handicap events other than the Monthly Medals,, the winner will be decided using the W.G.A. Countback system.

8. **MONTHLY MEDAL ROUNDS**

Men

In the event of a tie in Monthly Medal, the players will play off at the next Monthly Medal round or a date nominated by the Match Committee. In November 2012 all medal winners will compete for the Medal of Medallist’s Trophy. In Stroke events only, best scratch will win a voucher.

Ladies

In the event of a tie, the players will play off at the next Stroke round or a date nominated by the Ladies Captain/Match Committee. In November 2012 all medal

winners will compete for the Medal of Medallist's Trophy. A best scratch voucher will be awarded for each grade.

9. MIXED EVENTS

Mixed Foursomes Championships– best scratch score will be recognized.

10. TROPHIES

Collection

Any trophies or Club vouchers won in Club competitions and not accepted at time of presentation will be lodged at the Club Administration Office and will be available for collection during office hours.

Unpresented trophies / vouchers from the Men's Wednesday Professionals' competition will be available for collection from the Pro Shop.

If trophies / vouchers are not collected within one (1) month of presentation, they will be forfeited and revert to the Club.

Donated Trophies – Medal Rounds

Will be awarded for the best eligible Nett score.

Note: Sponsors trophies are not awarded on Ladies Medal Days.

Birdie Hole

Men

The Birdie Hole for the day will be displayed in the Information Centre. This applies to Club Fixture events for Saturday Competitions only. (Single events only)

Ladies

The Birdie Hole for the day will be displayed on the notice board in the Ladies locker room. This applies to Club Fixture events for Tuesday and Thursday only. (Single events only)

Eagles

Men

All Saturday singles events as per the Fixture Book and Club Championships only to count. Exceptions to this will be advised.

Ladies

All 18 hole singles events only to qualify

Nearest the Pins

All Nearest the Pin claims must be on the putting surface, the 27th hole for the Ladies is measured on the second shot. Measurements must be made using the flagstick provided or metal tape measure.

Hole-in-One

Eligibility in all fixture competitions only. Sponsors Trophy and ball mounted trophy will be awarded to members and visitors possessing a current A.G.A. or W.G.A. handicap.

11. CARDS

Cards must be entered via touch screen and cards returned to the recorder within 10 minutes of the completion of play. All disputes are to be resolved prior to handing in the cards involved.

12. DRESS

Players attention is directed to the Competition Dress Rules displayed throughout the Club.

13. JUNIOR / CADET MEMBERS

In all Club events without approval from the Committee or Professional, no more than two (2) juniors or one (1) Cadet permitted in any group of four players.

14. SLOW PLAY

The low handicapper is responsible for his/her group, but any penalty will be incurred by all players in the group. Players who fall behind those in front during a competition round and fail to make up the lost ground will incur, after the necessary warning, the appropriate penalties.

Any group failing to maintain their position in the field MUST call the following group through at the first appropriate opportunity.

Penalties

Will be in accordance with Rule 6 – 7 undue delay – slow play

15. AUTO LOCOMOTION

Auto locomotion is permitted subject to course conditions for all players and in compliance with the Club's registration policy for Carts and Bikes. This condition is for all events unless specifically stated otherwise in the terms and conditions of the event.

16. GOLF CARTS

The following regulations regarding golf cart usage apply at all times:-

- 1 Carts are not to be driven by anyone under 18 years, unless authority has been given by the Club Professional.
- 2 Two (2) persons only in each cart.
- 3 Carts are not to be driven within five (5) metres of all greens, tees, bunkers and dams unless on an established pathway.
- 4 Keep to pathways where provided.
- 5 Do not leave cart in front of greens when putting out

Improper use of carts will result in the occupant's disqualification from competition.

17. MOBILE PHONES

The audible emission and/or unauthorised use (including or sending messages) of a mobile phone by a player or his/her caddie on a golf course and during playing is a serious breach of etiquette and is prohibited.

Penalty: One warning and then disqualification.

In Match play the warning may be given by the opponent who may then make a claim in the event of subsequent use.

However, players or caddies who have a medical or other serious reason to have a mobile phone switched on, must obtain permission from the starter for the phone to be turned on in mute mode and used in such emergency.

18. SUSPENSION OR ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

Discontinue play for dangerous situations (i.e. immediate suspension)

One prolonged note of siren

Discontinue play for non-dangerous situation:

Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated

Resume play

Two short notes of siren, repeated

19. METAL SPIKES

Use of metal spikes on golf shoes is not permitted. Offenders must leave the course and for Club events the competitor's card will be disqualified.

20 **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measure distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play(eg. gradient, windspeed, temperature etc.),the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such function is actually used.

21. **DISPUTES**

Disputes must be referred to the Match Committee as indicated in the Rules of Golf and the decision of the Committee shall be final.

Bruce Morley
Club Captain
01/01/12

Kath Chenery
Ladies Captain