



GOLF AUSTRALIA RULES, AMATEUR STATUS, HANDICAPPING & COURSE RATING COMMITTEE – Terms of Reference (updated May 2006)

- (a) Golf Australia is the governing body in Australia for the following; Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status, Handicapping, and Course Rating. The Rules, Amateur Status, Handicapping, & Course Rating Committee shall hold and execute Golf Australia's authority in these areas, however it shall be the responsibility of the Board to approve recommendations of the Committee. Member States shall act at all times in accordance with the decisions and policies determined by Golf Australia. Decisions and policies ratified by Golf Australia shall apply to all golfers in Australia. All golf competitions held throughout Australia shall be conducted in accordance with the decisions and policies of Golf Australia.
- (b) Members of this Committee through until the second Annual General Meeting of Golf Australia shall be as follows:
- Chairman – John Buckley (Golf Australia Board Member)
 - Joan Coles (SA)
 - Frank Gal (NSW)
 - Jenny Hoff (Vic)
 - John Hopkins (WA)
 - Andrew Langford-Jones (Australasian PGA Tour)
 - Val Oswald (Vic)
 - Barry Shepherd (Qld)
- (c) The activities of this Committee shall include the following:
- (i) National Course Rating & Handicapping Systems
- Review from time to time the women's and men's systems, and amend where considered appropriate.
 - Ensure Member States are advised in a timely fashion of any changes to these systems.
 - Consider alternative systems.
 - Ensure the Secretariat responds to queries from Member States, clubs, and individuals in a manner consistent with these systems.
- (ii) Rules of Golf
- Respond to any queries referred to it either by Member States or the Secretariat in a manner consistent with the current versions of the Rules of Golf as adopted by R&A Rules Limited and The R&A's Decisions on the Rules of Golf. Any query referred to this Committee may be referred by it to The R&A.
 - Recommend to The R&A any proposed amendments to the Rules of Golf or the Decisions on the Rules of Golf that it considers appropriate.
 - Ensure Member States are advised in a timely fashion of any changes to the Rules of Golf or the Decisions on the Rules of Golf.
 - Ensure the Rules of Golf are applied in Australia in a manner consistent with any current decision of The R&A.
 - Ensure the Secretariat responds to queries from Member States, clubs, and individuals in a manner consistent with any current decision of The R&A.

- (iii) Rules of Amateur Status
 - Respond to any queries referred to it either by Member States or the Secretariat in a manner consistent with the current versions of the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited and The R&A's Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status. Any query referred to this Committee may be referred by it to The R&A.
 - Recommend to The R&A any proposed amendments to the Rules of Amateur Status or the Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status that it considers appropriate.
 - Ensure Member States are advised in a timely fashion of any changes to the Rules of Amateur Status or the Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status.
 - Ensure the Rules of Amateur Status are applied in Australia in a manner consistent with any current decision of The R&A.
 - Ensure the Secretariat responds to queries from Member States, clubs, and individuals in a manner consistent with any current decision of The R&A.
- (iv) General
 - From time to time determine policies (for example encompassing education and training programs) and make decisions as it deems appropriate within the areas detailed by clause (a).