



## **2010 Australian Women's Interstate Teams Matches – CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

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### **1. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Board" means the Board of Golf Australia.
- (b) The expression "Member State" means the state golfing association recognised as a Member of Golf Australia in accordance with the Golf Australia Constitution.
- (c) "The Committee" means the Committee in charge of the Tournament constituted under the provisions of Clause 12 hereof.
- (d) "State" means a State of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- (e) "Year" means calendar year.
- (f) "Permanent place of residence" means the person's residential address in Australia.
- (g) "Contest" means the competition between two teams representing a member State (ie. Queensland v Victoria)
- (h) "Match" means the individual competition between two players

### **2. GENERAL**

- 2.1 A Tournament for Interstate Teams Matches will be held once a year in accordance with the conditions contained in this document. The Tournament will be decided by match play and will take the form of a series of contests between Teams representing Member States. Each team competes against every other Team in the Tournament once only.
- 2.2 As far as possible, the Tournament will be held in rotation between Member States. A roster may be compiled, however it may vary from time to time.
- 2.3 In special circumstances more than one course may be used. If unforeseen circumstances arise at the time of the Tournament, the Committee may approve the use of an additional or alternative course.

### **3. FORMAT OF PLAY**

- 3.1 A Member State will be represented by a team of six (6) players as qualified in this document. Six players (6) will be selected for foursomes and five (5) selected for singles matches in each contest. A Member State will notify the Committee in writing of the names of such six (6) players by the date appointed by the Committee.
- 3.2 The draw will be determined in accordance with the established procedure by Golf Australia.
- 3.3 The tournament will be scheduled to be played over five consecutive days, with each day consisting of a contest comprising three foursomes matches and five singles matches.
- 3.4 The stipulated round is eighteen holes unless otherwise decided by the Committee to meet special circumstances. The sequence in which holes are to be played will be determined by the Committee for each contest. In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes, a halved result will be recorded.
- 3.5 However, in the event of a substantial delay in play or envisaged substantial delay, as determined by the Committee, the following procedures shall take effect:
  - a) The foursomes matches of the current and/or subsequent contests be abandoned or re-scheduled so as to enable all singles contests to be completed. For example:
    - i) if no play is possible on day 1, then round 1 singles and round 2 singles are played on day 2. Rounds 1 and 2 foursomes are abandoned.

- ii) if the foursomes matches have been sufficiently interrupted, or have not commenced by such a time, so that the singles matches will not be completed that day, those foursome matches be abandoned.
  - iii) if a weather forecast indicates a substantial loss of play, the singles matches may be played first, followed by the foursomes matches if weather ultimately permits.
- b) Single matches that are not completed by the end of the day's play will be completed when play resumes. Uncompleted foursomes matches (when played after the singles) may be resumed at the Committee's discretion.
  - c) If the foursomes matches have been abandoned, the result of the contest shall be determined by the singles matches.
  - d) During play of individual matches, should play be suspended and not subsequently resumed, any match result may stand and all incomplete matches may be declared halved (see R&A guidelines in *Guidance on Running a Competition*).
  - e) All five singles games must be completed in each of the three contests for that round to count, except in round 5 where an unfinished game may be discontinued if its result will not affect the overall series winner.

#### 4. STARTING TIMES

- 4.1 On any day of the Tournament during which two series of contests between Teams of Member States are to be played, the Committee will ensure that the first contest (or contests if more than one starting tee is used) in the first series is commenced at a time that will permit all players participating to be allowed at least half an hour as a lunch respite before being required to engage in the afternoon series of contests.
- 4.2 After the time appointed for commencement of a contest all players will be ready in turn to commence play of their individual match. Each match will commence at their allotted start time.
- 4.3 If the player arrives at their starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after their starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played.

#### 5. ORDER OF PLAY

- 5.1 On each day of the Tournament at least thirty minutes before the times appointed for (i) the foursomes (ii) the singles, the Manager of a team will (i) give the Committee or its representative a list of the pairings and their order of play for the foursomes matches and later (ii) a list of the players and their order of play for the singles matches. The order of play will not be altered after the 30-minute cut-off has elapsed, however the Committee may vary such period of thirty minutes if it so determines.
- 5.2 Teams will play in reverse order - that is to say in the foursomes number 3 team to hit off first, and in the singles number 5 player to hit off first, with the honour as per the draw.
- 5.3 A player who had been nominated to play in a particular contest may, whilst that contest is in progress and after their own match has been decided, act as caddie for another member of their Team playing in the same contest.

#### 6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 A player shall be eligible to play in the Tournament if they are qualified as follows:
  - (a) That they are a female amateur player, and a member of a Golf Club affiliated with Golf Australia. In determining whether or not a player is an amateur the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited will apply.
  - (b) That they are an Australian citizen.
- 6.2 A Player will be eligible to play in the Tournament for a Member State subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) That their permanent place of residence in Australia is at a place within the Member State except where they are a member of a Club which is not situated in the Member State within which it is affiliated and they have nominated that Club as their home Club.

- (b) That where a player is a member of a club with dual Member State affiliation, the player is permitted to elect which Member State for which they wish to be available for representation, irrespective of their State of residence. Once such election is made in writing to both Member States and is approved by the Board, the player must continue to be available only to the Member State so elected unless special permission is obtained from the Board.
  - (c) That where a player changes their permanent place of residence from within one State to a place within another State, for a period of 12 months, they will only be eligible to compete for their former Member State.
  - (d) After the expiration of 12 months following the date of their actual taking up residence within such latter state, the player may elect to compete for their new state of residence, or continue to play for their former Member State. Should a player elect to play for their new Member State, they must give notice in writing to the Board, at least two months prior to the date of commencement of the Tournament. The Board will only approve one change of representation, except in exceptional individual cases.
- (2) Within fourteen days of the receipt of a player's decision made under the provisions of paragraph 6.2(c), the Board will advise such player and both Member States concerned in writing of its approval or disapproval of such election. The decision of the Board will be final and binding on the player and Member States concerned.

The onus of proof to the satisfaction of the Board that they are entitled to make an election as aforesaid, will rest solely upon the player concerned.

## **7. SUBSTITUTIONS**

- 7.1 Should a nominated player be rendered incapable of playing by reason of accident, illness or other reasonable cause, substitution may be made for such player subject to the approval of the Committee.
- 7.2 When a substitution takes place after the official opening ceremony, the substitute player cannot play in any singles match unless the team has less than the minimum number of original members available to play.
- 7.3 When a substitution takes place after the list of players and their order of play has been submitted to the Committee, the substituted player will play in the position of the original player.

## **8. DETERMINING THE WINNER**

At the conclusion of the Tournament the winner will be decided as follows:

- (i) The team of the Member State having gained the greatest number of contest points will be the winner if there be only one such Team. In the event of a tied contest both teams will be allocated half a contest.
- (ii) If the respective Teams of more than one Member State stand equal in the number of contest points gained the tie will be decided between them in favour of the Team whose total number of individual match points gained throughout the Tournament, minus any penalty deductions, is greatest.
- (iii) If the respective Teams of more than one Member State stand equal in the number of contest points gained and in the aggregate number of individual match points gained throughout the Tournament, minus any penalty deductions, such Teams will be declared by the Committee to be joint winners.

## **9. RULES OF PLAY**

The Rules of Golf as adopted by R&A Rules Limited will apply together with such Local Rules as laid down by the Committee.

## **10. GOLF BALLS**

- 10.1 It will be obligatory for all players to play with a ball that is named in the current R&A Conforming Balls Lists. Penalty: Disqualification
- 10.2 Additionally, throughout a stipulated round, the balls a player plays must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry in the current List of Conforming Golf Balls. Penalty: At the conclusion of the hole at which a breach is discovered, the state of the match must be adjusted by deducting 1 hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round: 2 holes. (NB If a player discovers they have used a ball in breach of this condition, they must abandon that ball before playing from the next teeing ground and complete the round using a proper ball; otherwise, the player is disqualified. If discovery is made during the play of

a hole and the player elects to substitute a proper ball before completing that hole, the player must place a proper ball on the spot where the ball used in breach of this condition lay.)

#### 11. DRIVING CLUBS

Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition. (The list may be viewed via [www.golfaustralia.org.au](http://www.golfaustralia.org.au))

\*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION:

Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

\*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their opponent in match play or their marker or fellow competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified.

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

#### 12. CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY COMMITTEE

12.1 The Championship Play Committee will consist of the Chair of the Golf Australia Championships Committee, Golf Australia's Director – Championships, and Manager – Championships, together with one member appointed by the Governing Authority of the Host State. (NB Team Captains may not act on the Championship Play Committee – a Committee member may be involved in a decision even though they are not present at the venue club).

12.2 The Championship Play Committee will have sole management and control of the championship, with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions. In the absence of a full Championship Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any decision so given will be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Play Committee.

12.3 On a breach of any of the conditions, the Championship Play Committee may impose such penalty as it thinks fit.

#### 13. TEAM MANAGER

13.1 Each Member State will appoint a Manager of its Team who may or may not be one of such Team. The Manager will be responsible for the conduct of their team and will also be responsible for making all necessary communications with the Committee.

13.2 In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, the Team Manager (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under the Rule) may give advice to members of their Team.

#### 14. PRACTICE

The Committee, in conjunction with the host Member State and host club (or clubs), will design practice arrangements, and publish such arrangements prior to the commencement of the tournament. These arrangements will be strictly adhered to, and may only be varied by the Committee. The penalty for a breach of this condition will be the deduction of ½ an individual match point from the team's total number of individual match points gained for the entire tournament (NB in the instance of multiple breaches, the total penalty will be ½ an individual match point, except where a breach occurs after a team has already been advised by the Committee that it is in breach of this condition - in such a case, the additional breach will be treated as a fresh case and the above noted penalty procedure will be reapplied). These penalties may be either waived or modified in exceptional circumstances.

#### 15. DRUG POLICY

All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, will be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. A list of the prohibited substances will be available at registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 1800 020 506, or from [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au)

#### 16. HEAD WEAR

Head wear may feature the emblem of the team, and the small name or logos of either or both the sponsor and the manufacturer (NB the sponsor's or manufacturer's name or logo must not appear more than once and must not exceed a perimeter measurement of 220mm). Players may only wear head wear authorised by their team Manager. Head wear should feature a state logo. *Penalty:* First infringement will incur a warning. Any subsequent infringement during the series, or refusal to comply with the first warning, will incur loss of match.

**17. MOTORISED TRANSPORT**

Players must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match must be adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which the breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: 2 holes. Procedure when breach is discovered: Use of an unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

Any player or caddie seeking authorisation to use a golf cart due to a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 should contact Golf Australia to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests and required information must be submitted to Golf Australia simultaneously and together with the entry form (or within 2 days of the on-line entry being receipted). Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a permanent disability under the Act will not be granted. In the event of a change in a medical condition after submitting the entry form but before the commencement of the event, written submission of all documentation must be received by Golf Australia no later than 7 days prior to the first day of the event. Golf Australia will consider any such request in accordance with these conditions and its rules, regulations and policies.

**18. MOBILE PHONES**

Players must have mobile phones turned off at all times whilst on the golf course during competition play.

**19. TELEVISION AND MEDIA**

All rights for televising live, television recordings or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to Golf Australia and may only be made under licence.

**20. CODE OF CONDUCT**

All entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

**21. GOLF AUSTRALIA HARD CARD**

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in operation throughout the Australian Women's Interstate Teams Matches.

Note i: Distance Measuring Devices are NOT permitted. Penalty in accordance with Rule 14-3.

Note ii: The new condition relating to Club Face Grooves will not be in effect until 2014.