



## **2014 T.L. WARREN AND W. GIBSON TROPHY CONDITIONS**

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## 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. In these Conditions, unless the context indicates otherwise:

“**Club**” means a club competing in either or both the Warren and Gibson Trophy events.

“**Contest**” means the competition between two Clubs consisting of Fourball Matches.

“**Golf NSW Match Committee**” means the Match Committee of Golf NSW established by the Directors of Golf NSW.

“**Host Club**” means the Club nominated in the Draw to host the Contest, whether at that Club or another venue.

“**Rules of Golf**” and “**Rules**” and “**Rule**” means the Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status and related Decisions published and approved by the R&A Rules Limited current at the time of the event.

## 2. THE COMMITTEE

2.1. The Warren and Gibson Trophy events are governed by the Golf NSW Match Committee.

2.2. The Match Committee of the Host Club(s) shall represent Golf NSW Match Committee and provide decisions on the Conditions of the Warren and Gibson Trophy or the Rules of Golf during play of preliminary rounds. Please see pages 60 and 61 of the R&A’s “Guidance for Running a Competition” which is copied in Appendix 1.

2.3. Any decision on Rules, required during play of the preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

2.4. No member of the Host Club who is playing or acting as a caddie or Team Manager shall make or take part in making such decision.

2.5. The playing of all finals will be under the control of the Golf NSW Match Committee representative(s) together with any nominee(s) of the Host Club as necessary.

2.6. Golf NSW Match Committee reserves the right to alter or vary these Conditions at any time.

**Note:** There is no right of appeal/protest against any decision by a Referee or Individual Member of the relevant Match Committee.

## 3. ENTRY

3.1. Conducted annually from early August until October, the Warren and Gibson Trophy Competitions are open to all Sydney metropolitan golf clubs who are members of Golf NSW.

3.2. Clubs will be requested to nominate that they wish to participate prior to the Warren and the Gibson Trophy Competitions. Clubs must participate in both events.

3.3. Inclusion in the Draw will confirm that the Club agrees with and will comply with the Conditions laid down by the Golf NSW Match Committee.

## 4. ADVICE

4.1. Permission to appoint a person as provided under the Note to ‘Rule 8 – Nomination of Teams’, is given. The appointed person is to be identified to the relevant Match Committee in charge of the venue prior to the commencement of the Contest. A nomination of a Team Manager on the Team nomination form is sufficient notice for this purpose.

4.2. This person must not be a participant in any Fourball Match. This person may give advice on the line of putt, but must keep off the putting greens. The penalty for a breach is a loss of hole.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 5.1. Players must be male amateur golfers, 18 years of age or above, on the first date of competition, who are current financial members of the Club they are to represent as at 1st May in the year of the competition and on the day of play and are in a category of membership which allows them to compete in their Club Championship.
- 5.2. A player may not play in the same event for more than one Club in any one season.
- 5.3. Any player who has his golf playing membership or handicap at the date of the Contest suspended by Golf NSW, any Club who is a member of Golf NSW or a District Golf Association is not eligible to participate in Warren or Gibson Trophy.
- 5.4. A player's GA handicap must not be lower than 19.5 (W.Gibson Trophy) or 12.5 (T.L. Warren Trophy) as at June 30 in the year of the competition. A player must have attained his official Golf Australia handicap prior to 1 February.
- 5.5. A player who reduces his handicap to less than the minimum after 30 June in the year of the competition may continue to participate in the competition for that year, **however** may not play in a match while his handicap is more than one (1) below this minimum.
- 5.6. A player's handicap is determined by the handicap record appearing on GolfLink on the Friday prior to the match. It is recommended that for players that may, due to a good recent score that has not appeared on GolfLink, breach condition 5.5 that a copy of the GolfLink handicap record on the Friday be made.
- 5.7. Any player with a Provisional Handicap as at 30 June, in the year of the competition, is not eligible. Any player whose handicap becomes Provisional throughout the competition is not eligible to compete while their Golf Australia Handicap has this status.
- 5.8. If it is considered that a player is in breach of the above handicap conditions it is up to the affected Club to lodge a protest. Protests for breach must be made to Golf NSW ([graeme.phillipson@golfnsw.org](mailto:graeme.phillipson@golfnsw.org)) as outlined in Condition 26.

### **Penalty**

- 5.9. The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a Contest is forfeit of the specific Fourball Match to the opposing Club.

## 6. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 6.1. All Contests and Fourball Matches will be played under the Rules of Golf, the Local Rules in operation at the Host Club and in accordance with these Conditions.
- 6.2. Conducted annually from August to October the Warren and Gibson Trophy competitions are open to all Sydney Metropolitan Golf Clubs who are members of Golf NSW.
- 6.3. The Warren and Gibson Trophy events are governed by the Match Committee of Golf NSW.
- 6.4. Warren and Gibson Trophy is a Contest between the two Clubs consisting of four (4) Fourball Matches, played over 18 holes of match play without the benefit of handicap.  
*Exception:* If a Fourball Match is square after 18 holes, the Fourball Match shall be declared halved, except in all finals where play shall continue until one side wins a hole. However, if the result in a final has been decided Individual Fourball Matches shall terminate without further play and declared square.
- 6.5. Depending on the number of nominations the competition is played over four, five or six preliminary rounds followed by a series of finals. The "round robin" preliminary round contests will be played as "Home and Away", wherever possible or any other method considered equitable by Golf NSW Match Committee having regard to the number of Clubs participating in the competition.
- 6.6. After the completion of the home and away preliminary rounds the Club that secures the greatest number of Contest points in each Division will be the Division winner. If two or more Clubs are tied on Contest points then the Countback Procedures outlined in Condition 15 will apply.
- 6.7. The Division winners will play in the elimination finals, semi finals and then a Final will determine the winner of the T.L. Warren Pennant and the W. Gibson Pennant.
- 6.8. The finals matches are played at neutral venues determined by Golf NSW Match Committee.

- 6.9. Where a penalty for a breach of a Condition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by Golf NSW Match Committee.
- 6.10. Fourball Matches must be played as one match per time slot, at a minimum of 9 minute intervals.
- 6.11. Fourball Matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the Host Club, but should be in normal Club Competition positions, where possible.

## **7. DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY**

- 7.1. Contests must be played on the dates and times fixed by Golf NSW, however,
- 7.2. (a) the Golf NSW Match Committee may alter the date of a preliminary round or final round at its sole and absolute discretion.  
(b) any proposed changes by a Host Club to the date or times shown in the Draw must have the prior approval of the Golf NSW Match Committee.
- 7.3. Any Club failing to play on the date and at the time fixed by Golf NSW will forfeit the Contest to the Club drawn against it by 3 ½ - 0.

### ***Dates of Play***

- 7.4. The dates for Warren and Gibson Trophy Events in 2014 will be set out when the Final Draw is published.
- 7.5. Contests will be played on Sundays unless prior permission has been granted by Golf NSW Match Committee to play on a Saturday. Clubs granted permission to play on Saturdays will be noted as such in the draw.

### ***Times of Play***

- 7.6. The Starting Times for each Contest shall be between 7.00am to 12 noon on Saturday or Sunday.
- 7.7. Starting times of games must be strictly adhered to. All games are to start at the published time.

## **8. WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB AFTER DRAW COMPLETED**

- 8.1. A Club may not withdraw, or fail to field a team, from the Warren or Gibson Trophy events after the draw has been compiled and circulated.
- 8.2. In the event that a Club does not participate for the entire season, all Contest Points and Fourball Match Points received in Contests against that Club will be disregarded. The Golf NSW Match Committee will determine the appropriate Countback Procedure should this situation arise.
- 8.3. Any Club that withdraws from the Warren or Gibson Trophy events after the final draw has been compiled and circulated will be penalised at the discretion of the Golf NSW Match Committee.

## **9. NOMINATION OF TEAMS TO OPPOSITION AND HOST CLUB**

- 9.1. The Captain or Manager of each Club shall advise the official representative of the Host Club (on the Team Nomination Sheet) the names of the players in playing order, including their handicap and GolfLink Number, at least ten (10) minutes before the nominated starting time. The Team Nomination Sheet must also name the Team Manager and be copied for the visiting team by the Host Club.
- 9.2. The playing position of each player shall be determined by the Captain or Manager of each Club (i.e. there is no requirement for players in the Team to play in the order of current GA handicaps).
- 9.3. If a Club fails to provide the Team Nomination Sheet within ten (10) minutes the penalty shall be the loss of Fourball Match No 4.
- 9.4. If a Club is unable to submit a full Team, the opposing Captain or Manager and the relevant Match Committee must be notified that the Team shall consist of a certain number of players who must play in descending order. The Team will forfeit last place, and any other places, not represented.
- 9.5. Reserve Matches (Position 4) are not played in the Finals Contests.

## **10. ABSENCE OF PLAYER(S)**

- 10.1. If after the names of Teams have been handed in a player fails to appear or is unfit or otherwise unable to play, there is no opportunity provided to substitute with another player.
- 10.2. A player will be considered absent, if he is not ready to start at the time that his Fourball Match is due to hit-off. An individual may commence the Fourball Match and be joined by his nominated partner between the play of two holes at a later stage in the Fourball Match.
- 10.3. A pair will be considered absent, if both players are not ready to start within 5 minutes of the time that their Fourball Match is due to hit-off

## **11. ORDER OF PLAY**

- 11.1. The honour on the tee shall be decided by the toss of a coin between representatives of the competing Clubs. The Club that wins the toss shall have the honour at the starting tee for all Fourball Matches in that Contest.
- 11.2. Teams will hit-off in order beginning with the No. 4 pair and concluding with the No.1 pair hitting off last.
- 11.3. Once play has commenced, the penalty for any player playing in an incorrect team position will be disqualification of the Fourball Match.

## **12. WINNER OF THE CONTEST**

- 12.1. The Club that secures the greater number of Fourball Match Points is the winner of the Contest. (Refer to "Contest Points and Fourball Match Points" below for further details).

## **13. CONTEST POINTS AND FOURBALL MATCH POINTS**

- 13.1. The following allocation of Contest Points and Fourball Match Points will apply for all preliminary rounds.

### ***Contest Points***

- 13.2. The Club that secures the greater number of Fourball Match Points is the winner of the Contest.
- 13.3. Contest Points are awarded for each Contest as follows:
  - (a) One (1) Contest Points are awarded to the winner of the Contest.
  - (b) Half (1/2) Contest Point is awarded to each Club for a drawn Contest.

### ***Fourball Match Points***

- 13.4. Fourball Match Points are awarded for each Fourball Match as follows:
  - (a) One (1) Fourball Match Point is awarded to the Club for each Fourball Match win at positions 1-3.
  - (b) One half (½) Fourball Match Point is awarded to each Club for each drawn Fourball Match at positions 1-3.
  - (c) One half (½) Fourball Match Point is awarded to the Club for each Fourball Match win at position 4.
  - (d) One quarter (1/4) Fourball Match Point is awarded to each Club for each drawn Fourball Match at position 4.
- 13.5. Refer to Condition 19 in the event of suspension of play.

## **14. DIVISION WINNERS**

- 14.1. At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds the Club which secures the greatest number of Contest Points will be the winner of its Division.
- 14.2. In the event of two or more Clubs having an equal number of Contest Points then the Countback Procedures outlined in Condition 15 will apply to determine the higher placed Club.

## **15. COUNTBACK PROCEDURES**

- 15.1. The following Countback Procedures apply in determining the order of placing for Divisions and the winner of the Division.
- 15.2. The leading Club in each Division will be the Club which has the greatest number of Contest Points.

- 15.3. In the event that two or more Clubs have an equal number of Contest Points, the higher placed Club will be the Club with more Fourball Match Points per Contest.
- 15.4. In the event that two or more Clubs have an equal number of Contest Points and an equal number of Fourball Match Points, the decision shall be reached by countback based on the overall result of the Contest(s) between the tied Clubs in the preliminary round(s).
- 15.5. In the event the Clubs did not play against each other during the preliminary rounds or the Clubs are unable to be separated, the places will be determined by lot.

## **16. ELIMINATION FINAL, QUARTER, SEMI FINALS AND FINAL**

- 16.1. For Player Eligibility refer Condition 5.
- 16.2. There will be no seeding of Division Winners to determine the opponents in the finals, as opponents will be determined by lot.
- 16.3. If required, opponents in the Elimination Final will be determined using the Countback procedures in Condition 15 to determine the lowest 'seeded' Division Winners.
- 16.4. In the Elimination Final and Subsequent Finals, the Contest is between Fourball Matches No. 1, 2 and 3. The No. 4 pair does not play in the Finals Contests.
- 16.5. The winner of each Semi Final will play against each other and the winner will be presented with the Pennant Flag at the completion of play.

## **17. PRACTICE**

- 17.1. Visiting or home teams may practice on the course on the day of the match prior to the nominated starting time, **only by invitation of the Host Club**. This does not preclude use of the practice areas. By arrangement with the Host Club, the Team may practice on a day prior to the day of the Contest. Team Managers are requested to emphasise this rule to members of the Team.
- 17.2. Following the commencement of their Fourball Matches, players may practise in accordance with Rule 7-2. However players should note that penalties may still be applied in accordance with Rule 6-7 to any player who unduly delays play by such actions.

## **18. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

- 18.1. During Pennant Competitions (irrespective of any Local Rule that may or may not be in effect at the Host Club), a player may obtain distance information by using a device in accordance with the Specimen Local Rule on page 136 of the Rules of Golf.
- 18.2. The use of a mobile phone is prohibited by Condition 22. However, a Mobile Phone may be used as a Distance Measuring Device **if it conforms to this Condition** AND the 'Phone communication' facility of the Mobile Phone is turned off.

## **19. SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY (SEE APPENDIX 3)**

- 19.1. **Every effort should be made to play the Contest on the scheduled day and time.** If it is necessary to delay the commencement of play or suspend play because of weather conditions, play should not be suspended for the day until such time as it would not be possible for the last match to be concluded on that day. The decision on this matter rests with the responsible designated Match Committee of the Host Club(s) for Preliminary Rounds and with the Golf NSW Match Committee member(s) during any Finals.
- 19.2. Course conditions, remaining time available and of course player safety should all be taken into account when considering whether to continue, suspend or cancel play for the day.
- 19.3. If resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the matter will be referred to the Golf NSW Match Committee that will determine the action to be taken. The Golf NSW Match Committee may find an alternate date with play recommencing in accordance with the Rules of Golf (i.e. 33-2d and 6.8b).

- 19.4 If the Contest did not start refer to Condition 19.5.
- 19.5 If it is not possible for a Contest to resume as per Condition 19.3 or if the Contest did not start, the result of the Contest and allocation of Contest Points and Fourball Match Points shall be awarded as follows:
- (a) If a Club has secured sufficient Fourball Match Points to win the Contest then the following points will be awarded:
    - i. one Contest Points for the winner of the Contest
    - ii. for completed matches - Fourball Match Points to the winner of the respective match
    - iii. for incomplete matches - Fourball Match Points will be divided between the Clubs
  - (b) If a Club has not secured sufficient Fourball Match Points to win the Contest then the following points will be awarded:
    - i. 1/2 Contest Point to each Club
    - ii. for completed matches - Fourball Match Points to the winner of the respective match
    - iii. for incomplete matches - Fourball Match Points will be divided between the Clubs
  - (c) The Golf NSW Match Committee reserves the right to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete one or more Contests in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

### **Finals**

- 19.6 For Finals not started or where resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the Golf NSW Match Committee will determine the action to be taken.

## **20. TRANSPORTATION**

- 20.1. There is no restriction on the use of Motorised Transport.
- 20.2. Golf NSW Match Committee accepts no responsibility for the availability of transportation at venue Clubs, or as to whether or not permission is granted to use transportation.
- 20.3. The Golf NSW Match Committee also authorises caddies to use transportation provided that, during the stipulated round:
- (a) The player does not accept advice from any other person travelling with the caddie.
  - (b) The driver of the motorised transport is deemed to be carrying the players clubs (see Decision 6-4/2.5)

## **21. PACE OF PLAY (SEE APPENDIX 2)**

## **22. MOBILE PHONES**

- 22.1. If a Mobile Phone has a Distance Measuring Device it may be used in line with Condition 18, however the 'Phone communication' facility of the Mobile Phone should be turned off. The Opponent should be informed if the communication facility on the Phone is to be used.
- 22.2. The Penalty for a breach of this Condition is:
- (a) Accidental ringing of phone – warning for 1<sup>st</sup> offence. For a second offence – suspension of player for next Contest.
  - (b) Deliberate act causing distraction – suspension of player for next Contest and deduction of a Fourball Match Point from the Team's accumulated season total.

<p><b>Note:</b> The relevant Match Committee should refer to Decision 33-7/8 "Meaning of Serious Breach of Etiquette" of the R&amp;A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2012-2015 for further guidance in determining whether any penalty of disqualification should be applied under 22.2 (b) above.</p>
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## **23. DRUG TESTING**

- 23.1. 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. 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).
- 23.2. The penalty for use of banned substance(s) will be at the discretion of Golf NSW Match Committee.

## **24. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL**

- 24.1. The consumption of alcohol by players, caddies and team managers on the course during their Contest is strictly prohibited.
- 24.2. The penalty for a breach of this Condition is:
- (a) Breach by Player or Caddie - Suspension of Player from next Contest and a deduction of a Fourball Match Point from the Team's accumulated season total.
  - (b) Breach by Team Manager - Suspension of Team Manager from next Contest and a deduction of a Fourball Match Point from the Team's accumulated season total.

**Note:** The relevant Match Committee should refer to Decision 33-7/8 "Meaning of Serious Breach of Etiquette" in the R&A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2012-2015 for further guidance in determining whether any penalty of disqualification should be applied under 24.2 (b) above.

## **25. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 25.1. The current Golf NSW Code of Conduct applies to all players participating in Warren and Gibson Trophy events.
- 25.2. Breaches of Golf NSW's Code of Conduct reported during the Warren and Gibson Trophy events shall be subject to action by Golf NSW Match Committee under its disciplinary procedures contained in the Code of Conduct. Golf NSW Code of Conduct and disciplinary process is available from Golf NSW website at [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org)

## **26. PROTESTS**

- 26.1. Within two (2) days after each match, the protesting Club must notify Golf NSW Match Committee **in writing** of any protest or matter which is considered in breach of the Conditions. Such written notification will be deemed to be a protest and must be made by the Club Captain or his authorised representative.
- 26.2. The Club lodging the protest MUST also provide a copy of the protest to the Host Club where the Contest was played and to the opposing Team's Club Captain on the same day it is lodged with Golf NSW Match Committee.
- 26.3. Golf NSW Match Committee may contact the Club(s) concerned seeking a statement of facts to be supplied by a fixed date. The matter will then be considered and dealt with by Golf NSW Match Committee at its discretion. Golf NSW Match Committee may take further evidence as required.
- 26.4. A decision given by Golf NSW Match Committee or its appointed delegate(s) on any protest by any competing Club will be considered final and binding on all competing Clubs.

## **27. BY-LAWS, CLUB RULES AND DRESS REGULATIONS**

- 27.1. The By-laws, Club rules and dress regulations of the Host Club shall apply.
- 27.2. It is the responsibility of visiting Team Managers and/or Captain to ensure their players, caddies and officials adhere to this Condition.
- 27.3. To ensure this Condition is complied with, clubs must advise their players, caddies and supporters accordingly (i.e. Spikes, dress regulations, wide wheel buggies, smoking restrictions).
- 27.4. Host club officials constituting the Match Committee of the day should not permit any player attired in a manner which breaches the Club dress regulations to commence play.

- 27.5. Any player not meeting Host Club dress regulations will be considered absent, and the fourball match awarded to the opposition in accordance with the Absence of Players conditions.

## **28. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### ***Results and Ladders***

- 28.1. All Pennant results, ladders and feature articles on the Warren and Gibson Trophy events can be found on Golf NSW Website at [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org)
- 28.2. Host Clubs are requested to enter their results immediately following the completion of play on the Golf NSW Results system, and to keep a copy of the results sheets for the remainder of the season should the results online be disputed.

### ***Equipment***

- 28.3. It is recommended that Team Managers check with host Clubs prior to the Contest and enquire whether a condition requiring buggies to be equipped with wide wheels or a restriction relating to metal spikes in golf shoes applies.

### ***Sponsor's Logos***

- 28.4. A Sponsor's Logo is acceptable provided it appears only once on each piece of the player's clothing. The logo must not exceed a perimeter measurement of 220 mm (this does not include the Club logo)

### ***Reciprocal Arrangements for Club Members***

- 28.5. Clubs in each Division/Section are requested to invite some members of the Host Club in their Division/Section to play on their course on the day of the Warren and Gibson Trophy and, if possible, compete in Club competition. Clubs are particularly asked to assist one another if possible in order to overcome congestion experienced on the days inter-club competition is hosted.

## **29. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

When hosting a pennant competition, Clubs should program the member's competition on the day to be a Par or Stableford event to promote minimal round times.

### ***Buffer Zones***

Unless considered appropriate by the Host Club, no buffer zone is required for the Warren and Gibson Trophy events.

### ***Course presentation***

It is expected that each Club involved in the Warren and Gibson Trophy will present its course in a condition of the high standard that the Pennant deserves.

The course set-up should be no harder than that used for normal club competition.

The Golf Australia guidelines regarding hole positions should be strongly adhered to for all Warren and Gibson Trophy contests, particularly on days of inclement weather. The guidelines provide the following advice:

- The hole should be positioned at least four metres from any edge of the green. If a bunker is close to the edge, or if the ground slopes away from the edge, the distance should be greater.
- An area of two or three feet around the hole should be as level as possible. Effort should be made to ensure holes are not positioned within three metres of a very severe slope or ridge or of a recently cut hole.
- Consider the condition of nearby turf, especially taking care to avoid old plug holes.
- Ensure there is a balanced selection of holes for the entire course with respect to left, right, central, front and back positions.

### ***Match Committee***

It is the responsibility of the Host Club to see that at least one or preferably two members of their Committee (constituting the Match Committee for the day unless otherwise stated) are available during play, to ensure that the Conditions are adhered to, and to adjudicate on any queries that may be raised. A participant (player, caddie or manager) cannot be a member of this Match Committee.

The Match Committee is responsible for:

- Ensuring that matches commence on time and remain on time
- Monitoring pace of play (and issuing penalties as required)
- Adjudicating on any Rule of Golf or these Conditions, where delegated to do so.

The Match Committee should ensure that they have a copy of these Conditions with them.

Any decision on Rules required during play of preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club, and any decision so given will be final.

Should a Club wish for Golf NSW State Accredited Rules Officials to assist with Rulings on the day, please contact Rod Clark ([rod.clark@golfnsw.org](mailto:rod.clark@golfnsw.org)) who can assist in sourcing assistance.

### ***Results***

It is the responsibility of the Host Club to:

- Notify AAP (ph: 9322 8000) of the results.
- File the result sheet and update the results on the Golf NSW Pennant Results System immediately after the completion of all Contests.

### ***Practice rounds***

The availability of Practice Rounds for visiting Clubs prior to a Contest and the setting of any associated green fees are at the discretion of the Host Club.

### ***Entertainment***

All visiting competitors should be honorary members of the Host Club for the day.

Any entertainment during the playing of matches is to be kept to a minimum, and such entertainment is to be agreed upon by negotiation of the Clubs in each Section prior to the day of play. It is strongly suggested the Club Captain or General Manager contact the other Clubs (Teams) in their Division and agree on the level of entertainment prior to each season.

### ***Hosting of Finals***

Clubs participating in the Warren or Gibson Trophy events are required to provide their course, when requested by Golf NSW Match Committee, for semi finals, or finals matches.

For semi finals matches, food and beverage on the day is to be discussed by the participating clubs and the host club and the cost is to be borne by the participating clubs. For the Final, Golf NSW will arrange savouries and drinks for the Presentation.

## **APPENDIX 1 – REFEREES**

When referees are watching play through having been assigned to a particular place on the course, their duties are different from those of a referee assigned to accompany a match. In match play, the players in a particular match are there to protect their own interests. A referee who is not assigned to accompany a match has no authority to intervene in a match other than in relation to Rule 1-3 (Agreement to Waive Rules), 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play) or 33-7

(Disqualification Penalty; Committee Discretion). The referee's presence on the course is solely to assist players in the event of a claim – see Rule 2-5. His handling of the situation will depend on whether the Committee has granted individual members unlimited authority to represent the Committee and make final decisions. This is an issue that the Committee should clarify in advance. However, deferring a decision should be resorted to only in exceptional circumstances since it is a principle of match play that each side is entitled to know the state of the match at all times.

## **APPENDIX 2 - PACE OF PLAY (FOURBALL MATCHES)**

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it and maintain the time requirement specified on the Pace of Play Time Chart issued to players at the course. If a time chart is not issued, the following time schedule for the completion of each hole applies:

Par 3 Holes	13 minutes
Par 4 Holes	15 minutes
Par 5 Holes	17 minutes

In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather/playing conditions), the Match Committee has the authority to extend this time requirement.

The first match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the cumulative time prescribed by the above time schedule. Any following match will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

### **Pace of Play Penalties – Match Play**

An out of position match may be monitored and timed. Anytime a match is being monitored and timed they will be notified of such timing by a Match Committee representative or a Rules Official.

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a match being timed who takes more than the allotted time (see below) to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- 1<sup>st</sup> breach – warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> breach – loss of hole
- 3<sup>rd</sup> breach – 2<sup>nd</sup> warning
- 4<sup>th</sup> breach – disqualification

### **Timing**

When a match is being monitored and timed each player is expected to play any stroke within **40 seconds** after timing of the player's stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments from his 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.

Repeated infringements of the pace of play guidelines in the 2013 season will be referred to Golf NSW Match Committee for further consideration and may see a player subject to further action including suspension from further representation of his Club for the season.

**NOTE 1:** The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who unduly delays play between shots.

**NOTE 2:** If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round in the event that the match requires additional monitoring.

### **APPENDIX 3 – COURSE CONDITIONS**

As per Clause 19 it is imperative matches be completed and a result obtained on the day. The following are guidelines in deciding if the course is playable.

- Provided a minimum of 9 holes are available for play, in accordance with the Rules of Golf, then play should proceed. The matches are still to be played over 18 holes, however a hole or holes can be played more than once.
- It is acceptable that a composite course be used.
- Preferred lies can be in place, even through the green.
- Bunkers can be out of play, refer to R&A Decision on the Rules of Golf 33- 8/7 on page 525



## 2014 WARREN & GIBSON TROPHY RESULT SHEET

- a. Please complete this form with all relevant information, and ensure it is signed by the Captains of both teams.
- b. Please advise results to AAP by phoning 9322 8000.

<b>Date:</b>		<b>Actual starting time:</b>	
<b>Venue:</b>			
<b>WARREN</b> or <b>GIBSON</b> <i>(please circle)</i>			

Club		
Pair	Player <small>(First Name / Last Name)</small>	Win/Res
<b>1</b>		
	<i>GLink No:</i>	
<b>2</b>		
	<i>GLink No:</i>	
<b>3</b>		
	<i>GLink No:</i>	
<b>4</b>		
	<i>GLink No:</i>	

**VS**

Club		
Pair	Player <small>(First Name / Last Name)</small>	Win/Res
<b>1</b>		
	<i>GLink No:</i>	
<b>2</b>		
	<i>GLink No:</i>	
<b>3</b>		
	<i>GLink No:</i>	
<b>4</b>		
	<i>GLink No:</i>	

<b>TOTAL</b>	
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	<b>Golf Club defeated</b>		<b>Golf Club</b>		<b>matches to</b>	
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Signature of Team Captain:

Signature of Team Captain:

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## 2014 WARREN & GIBSON TROPHY TEAM NOMINATION SHEET

Club	
Venue	
Opponent	
Date of Play	

Team Order	Player 1	GolfLink Number and Handicap	Player 2	GolfLink Number and Handicap
Pair 1.				
Pair 2.				
Pair 3.				
Pair 4.				

Team Manager: \_\_\_\_\_