



## **2013 ERIC APPERLY SHIELD CONDITIONS**

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### **Event Dates**

**21 July – 15 September 2013**

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## 1. DEFINITIONS

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

“**Club**” means a club competing in the Eric Apperly Shield.

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

“**Golf NSW Match Committee**” means the Mens 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**” 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 Eric Apperly Shield is governed by the Golf NSW Men’s Match Committee.

2.2. The Match Committee of the Host Club(s) shall represent the Golf NSW Match Committee and provide decisions on the Conditions of the Major Pennant 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(s) 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 Golf NSW Match Committee representative(s) together with any nominee(s) of the Host Club as necessary.

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

<p><b>Note:</b> There is no right of appeal/protest against any decision by a Rules Official or Individual Member of the relevant Match Committee.</p>
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## 3. ENTRY

3.1. Conducted annually from July to September, the Eric Apperly Shield competition is open to all Sydney Metropolitan Golf Clubs who are members of Golf NSW. This competition is also open to Country Golf Clubs who may qualify for the Finals through competing in their own or a neighbouring District Golf Association competition.

3.2. The Eric Apperly Shield is for male members of golf clubs who are under 24 years of age as at the date of the first round of the competition.

3.3. Clubs will be requested to nominate that they wish to participate prior to the Eric Apperly Shield Competition. Country DGA’s must also nominate that they wish to participate by January 31 and their qualifying rounds must be completed by the end of August, but may be played at anytime during the year.

3.4. Clubs are permitted to enter more than one team (maximum of two from any one Club). Two Clubs may enter a combined team should they not have the numbers to enter a team in their own right.

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

## 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 Individual Match. This person must not be a participant in any Individual Match. This person is permitted to provide advice on the line of putt (see note to Rule 8-2b).

## **5. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

- 5.1. Players must be under 24 years of age as at the date of the first round of competition.
- 5.2. Players must be male amateur golfers who are current financial members of the Club they are to represent as at 1 April, 2013 and on the date of play and are in a category of membership which allows them to compete in their Club Championship.
- 5.3. A player may play Eric Apperly Shield for one Club, and then in the same season play Major Pennant for a different Club, provided the player was a member of both Clubs as at 1 April, 2013. A player may play Eric Apperly Shield and Junior Pennant for the same Club in any one season.
- 5.4. A player may not play in the Eric Apperly Shield for more than one Club in any one season.
- 5.5. 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.

### ***Penalty – ineligible player***

- 5.6. The penalty for an ineligible player ~~(or reserve player)~~ competing in a Contest is forfeit of the specific Individual Match to the opposing Club. In addition, all subsequent Individual Matches whose team position is affected by the play of the ineligible player will be forfeited to the opposing Club. For example, should a team field an ineligible player at position No. 3, the Individual Matches at 3,4 and 5 and 6 will be forfeited to the opposing Club.

## **6. FORMAT OF PLAY**

- 6.1. All Contests and Individual 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. The Eric Apperly Shield is governed by the Golf NSW Match Committee.
- 6.3. Eric Apperly Shield is a Contest between the two Clubs consisting of six (6) Individual Matches played over 18 holes of match play without the benefit of handicap.  
*Exception:* If an Individual Match is square after 18 holes, the Individual Match shall be declared halved, except in all finals where play shall continue until one player wins a hole. However, if the result in a finals Contest has been decided Individual Matches shall terminate without further play and be declared square.
- 6.4. The Clubs participating in the Eric Apperly Shield are divided into Divisions with up to six (6) Clubs in each Division, with the final number depending on the final nominations.
- 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 preliminary round contests are generally played at Neutral Courses, however, may be played by 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 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 (if necessary), quarter-finals, semi finals and then a final will determine the winner of the Eric Apperly Shield.
- 6.8. The finals matches are played at neutral venues determined by the Golf NSW Match Committee.
- 6.9. Where a penalty for a breach of a Condition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by the Golf NSW Match Committee.
- 6.10. Individual Matches can be played as either one or two matches per time slot, with the exception of the Final which is played one match per timeslot. This decision is at the discretion of the Host Club and must be nominated at the time of entry.
- 6.11. Individual Matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the Host Club, but should be in Medal positions where possible.

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

- 7.1. Contests must be played on the dates and times fixed by Golf NSW Men's Match Committee, however,
- (a) The Golf NSW Men's 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 Men's Match Committee or its nominee.
- 7.2. Any Club failing to play on the date and at the time fixed by Golf NSW Match Committee will forfeit the Contest to the Club drawn against it by 6 - 0.

### *Dates of Play*

- 7.3. The dates for 2013 event will be set out when the Final Draw is published.
- 7.4. Contests will be played on Sundays unless prior permission has been granted by Golf NSW Men's 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*

- 7.5. The Starting Times for each Contest shall be between 7.00am to 12 noon on Saturday or Sunday.
- 7.6. 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 Eric Apperly Shield 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 Individual 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 Eric Apperly Shield after the final draw has been compiled and circulated may 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 the names of the players in playing order, plus the Reserve, at least ten (10) minutes before the nominated starting time. The Team Nomination Sheet must also name the Team Manager.
- 9.2. If a Club fails to provide the Team Nomination Sheet within ten (10) minutes the penalty shall be the loss of Individual Match No 6.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. If a Club has entered two teams, once a player has been nominated for one team (including as Reserve), he is not permitted to switch between teams during the season.

## **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, the Individual Match affected will be forfeited.
- 10.2. A player will be considered absent, if he is not ready to start at the time that his Individual Match is due to hit-off. Rule 6.3 applies

## **11. ORDER OF PLAY**

- 11.1. The playing position of each player shall be in order of ability (approximate handicap order), with no. 1 player being considered the strongest player and the no. 6 the weakest.
- 11.2. 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 Individual Matches in that Contest.
- 11.3. If Individual Matches are played in fours. Teams will hit-off in order beginning with No. 6 and the No.5 players, followed by the No. 4 players and the No. 3 players and concluding with the No. 2 and No.1 players hitting off last.  
If Individual Matches are played in twos, teams will hit-off in order with No. 6 players hitting off first, then the No. 5 players, etc

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

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

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

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

### ***Contest Points***

- 13.2. The Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest.
- 13.3. Contest Points are awarded for each Contest as follows:

- (a) Two (2) Contest Points are awarded to the winner of the Contest.
- (b) One (1) Contest Point is awarded to each Club for a drawn Contest.

### ***Individual Match Points***

- 13.4. Individual Match Points are awarded for each Individual Match as follows:
  - (a) One (1) Individual Match Point is awarded to the Club for each Individual Match win.
  - (b) One half (½) Individual Match Point is awarded to each Club for each drawn Individual Match.
- 13.5. Refer 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 places on the pennant table
- 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 Individual 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 Individual Match Points as outlined in 13.3 and 13.4 above, 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. FINALS**

- 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 The winner of each Semi Final will play against each other and the winner will be presented with the Eric Apperly Shield Pennant at the completion of play.
- 16.5 The winning teams from Country Districts will play in a Country play-off at a time determined by Golf NSW Match Committee, with the winning team qualifying for the Quarter Finals.
- 16.6 If an Individual Match is square after 18 holes, play shall continue until one player wins a hole. However, if the contest result has been decided Individual Matches shall terminate without further play and be declared square.
- 16.7 Following the completion of all Individual Matches, if the result is 3 Individual Matches each, then the No.1 players will be required to play a sudden death play-off on holes determined by the Match Committee of the day to determine the result.

## **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 Individual 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 that measures distance only. However, if during an Individual Match, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the **penalty is disqualification**, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.
- 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 (ALSO 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 must 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. Where possible, the Host Club should confer with a Golf NSW Match Committee member. The decision rests with the Golf NSW Match Committee member(s) or their nominees 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. Refer to Appendix 3 for guidelines.
- 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 Individual Match Points shall be awarded as follows:
- (a) If a Club has secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Contest then the following points will be awarded:
    - i. two Contest Points for the winner of the Contest
    - ii. for completed matches - Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective match
    - iii. for incomplete matches - Individual Match Points will be divided between the Clubs
  - (b) If a Club has not secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Contest then the following points will be awarded:
    - i. one Contest Point to each Club
    - ii. for completed matches - Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective match
    - iii. for incomplete matches - Individual 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**

1. 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. Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Golf NSW Match Committee or based upon the provision outlined in condition 20.2.
- 20.2. The following must be produced to gain exemption:
- (a) a certificate or letter from a Medical Practitioner specifying that in the medical practitioner's opinion that the disability necessitates the player requiring the use of automotive locomotion in order to participate in the Eric Apperly Shield;
  - (b) in the case of a permanent disability a letter from the Secretary of the Club, confirming that the player does not participate in any games of golf at that Club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion; or
  - (c) in the case of a temporary disability a letter from the Secretary of the Club confirming that the player does not presently participate in any games of golf at the Club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion and nominating the period for which permission to use automotive locomotion is granted.
- 20.3. The 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.
- 20.4. The Golf NSW Match Committee authorises caddies to use transportation provided that, during the stipulated round:
- (a) The player does not accept a ride at any time, unless authorised as in condition 20.1.
  - (b) The player does not accept advice from any other person travelling with the caddie.
  - (c) The driver of the motorised transport is deemed to be carrying the players clubs (see Decision 6-4/2.5)
- 20.5. **Penalty for breach of this Condition:** See penalty statement in current Rules of Golf for breach of Transportation Condition.

## 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 this 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 an Individual 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 2012-15 for further guidance in determining whether any penalty of disqualification should be applied under 22.2 (b) above.

## 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 **during a match or on the course during their Contest** is strictly prohibited. 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 an Individual 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 an Individual 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 2012-15 for further guidance in determining whether any penalty of disqualification should be applied under 24 (b) above.

## **25. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 25.1. The current Golf NSW Code of Conduct applies to all players participating in Eric Apperly Shield.
- 25.2. Breaches of Golf NSW's Code of Conduct reported during Eric Apperly Shield shall be subject to action by Golf NSW Match Committee under its disciplinary procedures contained in the Code of Conduct. The 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 (ie by c.o.b. two days after the Contest was to be held), 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 the Golf NSW Match Committee at its discretion. The Golf NSW Match Committee may take further evidence as required.
- 26.4. A decision given by the 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 Individual 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 Eric Apperly Shield can be found on Golf NSW Website at [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org)

### ***Equipment***

- 28.2. 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***

- 28.3. 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***

- 28.4. 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 Eric Apperly Shield 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, the preferred time is early Sunday morning. If there is member or social play ahead of the Contest, Clubs should program the member's competition on the day to be a Par or Stableford event to promote minimal round times.

#### ***Buffer Zones***

For play in fours there will be no requirement for a buffer zone. For play in two's Clubs are required to provide a 30 minute buffer zone. Clubs are requested to ensure that Contests hit off on time and are not held up by the groups in front and thus an extended buffer zone may be employed to ensure that this occurs, depending upon the type of event being played in front of the Contests.

Penalty: As determined by the Golf NSW Men's Match Committee.

#### ***Course presentation***

It is expected that each Club involved in the Eric Apperly Shield will present its course in a condition of the high standard that the Eric Apperly Shield deserves.

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

The Golf Australia guidelines regarding hole positions should be strongly adhered to for all Eric Apperly Shield 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(s) 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.

### **Results**

It is the responsibility of the Host Club to:

- Notify AAP (ph: 9322 8000) of the results.
- Fax (fax: 9505 9199) or email (jon.shineberg@golfnsw.org) the result sheet to Golf NSW 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 are required to provide their course, when requested by Golf NSW Match Committee, for Semi Finals or Finals and allow a 15 minute buffer zone if in fours, or 30 mins if in twos. Host Clubs should be advised six months prior to the event to assist with programming. Note: the Host Clubs should ensure that greens renovations and any other issues that would mean the course is not presentable for the Finals are programmed after the event. If a Club that has been programmed to host a final withdraws, or their course is not in suitable condition (eg recent greens renovations), the Golf NSW Match Committee will impose a penalty applicable to the following year's event.

The course should be set up as per 'Course Preparation' above.

For quarter and 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 drinks and savouries for the Presentation.

Clubs requested to host a finals Contest should allow a practice round (at no charge) for the competing teams (maximum of six players in each team).

## **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 – INDIVIDUAL MATCHES IN FOURS**

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 – (A) GUIDELINES FOR PLAYING INDIVIDUAL MATCHES IN FOURS & (B) COURSE CONDITIONS**

From the tee:

At the first tee the Reserve Match and No. 5 Match will complete the first group of four.

The Reserve Match is to play first, followed by the No. 5 Match. This order may change at subsequent tees, with the first match to have putt out being expected to move to the next tee if the tee is clear and play is possible. This order should be maintained if it does not detrimentally affect pace of play.

On the green:

The player whose ball is furthest from the hole shall putt first and his match shall putt out before the other match (unless this is not possible because a player will be standing on another's line of putt) As noted above, once one match has putt out it should move to the next tee and prepare to play (if possible).

#### **(B) 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



## 2013 ERIC APPERLY - RESULT SHEET

- a. Please complete this form with all relevant information, and ensure it is signed by the Captains of both teams.
- b. Note: Players handicaps are requested to ensure that play is in order of ability (approx. handicap order)
- c. Please fax (9505 9199) or email (olivia.wilson@golfnsw.org) immediately.
- d. Please advise results to AAP by phoning 9322 8000.

<b>Division:</b>		<b>Section:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Venue:</b>			<b>Actual starting time:</b>		

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Pos	H'Cap	Player	Win/Res
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**VS**

Club			
Pos	H'Cap	Player	Win/Res
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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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## 2013 ERIC APPERLY – TEAM NOMINATION SHEET

Club	
Venue	
Opponent	
Date of Play	

### TEAM ORDER

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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