

## WOMEN'S GOLF NORTHERN RIVERS INC.

### ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT - CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2015

1. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by entry fees. Proof of GA handicap must be furnished on request.
2. Rules of Golf and Local Rules of the Host Club shall be the Rules of Play during the tournament
3. Full playing amateur lady members of Clubs affiliated with Golf Australia are eligible to compete in all events except the WGNR Champion of Champions.
4. The WGNR Match Committee will make all arrangements and will have full power to alter or make any variations to these conditions or the program should it deem it desirable and reserves the right to change the handicap limit for events on the program should entries exceed those which can be accommodated on the course or in the case of insufficient entries to cancel the event.
5. Once a draw is compiled, no refund will be available except on the production of a medical certificate.
6. The WGNR Match Committee, whose decision shall be final, shall settle all disputes. Protests must be lodged with the WGNR Match Committee in writing at the Clubhouse within 30 minutes after completion of the last round of the day on which the disputed matter has arisen.
7. TIES. In the event of a tie for the overall Championship trophy and/or the Champion of Champions trophy a sudden death playoff will be held on the holes stipulated by the Host Club. All other events shall be decided by GA count back. Team's events - best three scores to count each day. In the case of a tie the fourth score to count. Stableford will be converted back to stroke. Players names to be submitted on separate forms before play commences on the first day of the Tournament.
8. A player may have a caddy who is not a professional golfer.
9. Motorised transport is permitted. WGNR accepts no responsibility for the availability of motorised transport or whether permission is granted to use motorised transport at the Host Club. Private cart hire: Any player using a cart buggy is responsible for any costs associated with injury or damage as a result of their use of the cart. Club hire of carts is according to Club regulations.
10. Competitors are requested to report to the starter 20 minutes prior to hit off time given in the draw. The Match Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times.
11. A player must start at the time establish by the committee. If a player arrives at their starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after their starting times, the penalty for failing to start on time is loss of two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Otherwise the penalty for this breach is disqualification. Page 48, rule 6.3 and 6.3a. Stableford, bogey, par competitions are forms of stroke play in which play is against a fixed score at each hole page 108, Rule 32, 1. **Exception:** Where the Match Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is no penalty.
12. Score cards must be lodged in the card box within 20 minutes of completion of the round.
13. Slow play. The field will be controlled by personnel in motorised buggies. Rule 6-7 "Undue Delay" will be enforced.
14. Reduction/increase in handicap. Players will use their correct handicap at the commencement of play on the first day and this will remain for the duration of the 36 Hole event. Players will use their correct handicap as adjusted if necessary for the third day (Foursomes) of the tournament.

If a player has increased or reduced her handicap since the draw has been made she is to play the correct game for her handicap in the division as drawn and her score will be posted on the board in the correct division.

15. It will be obligatory for all competitors to use the 1.68" golf ball named on the current R & A approval list as well as conforming golf clubs.
16. The use of a mobile phone or portable phone by a competitor, while on the golf course during an event is distracting and inconsiderate. If the competitor is in the possession of a mobile or portable phone it should be turned off. If the phone rings it is deemed to be in use and the WGNR match committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player in accordance with the concluding paragraph of section 1 *Etiquette of the Rules of Golf*. If a mobile phone has a distance measuring device facility it may be used in line with Condition 10, provided the device does not have the facility to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.). However the "phone communication" facility of the mobile phone should be turned off. In match play, the opponent should be informed if the player plans to use this facility. Note: In deciding whether a penalty will be applied the WGNR Match Committee will consider 33-7/8 meaning of "Serious breach of Etiquette" on page 516 of the R&A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 20 12-20 13.
17. Distance Measuring Devices (DMD) A player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. If during a match round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether such additional functions are actually used .. This Condition applies irrespective of any Local Rule that may or may not be in effect at the Host Club.
18. **WGNR Perpetual Trophies**  
Non-affiliated WGNR district club members will not be presented with the following perpetual trophies: WGNR Silver Jug, Jean Masterton Salver, Irene Fuller Salver or WGNR Salver. If the winning person is not a district affiliation member, then the trophy will be awarded to the next WGNR district affiliated player on the winning list, however, both players will receive a voucher prize for the same amount. WGNR District affiliated winners are allowed to take the trophy for a period of six months. It is to be engraved and the cost will be reimbursed by WGNR. Other trophies such as the Jean McIntosh Tray, Foursome Salver, Ivy Drewe and Robin Gilmore Trophies may be won by any golfer (WGNR affiliated member or outside district player) along with voucher prize; however, if the trophy is won by an outside district member it will be kept by the WGNR and engraved with the winner's name.
19. The WGNR Champion of Champions event is open to the current Champion of each Club within the WGNR District. No entry fee is charged for this event but eligible club champions need to indicate their participation. The event is to be contested over 18 holes on Day 2 of the Tournament. Conditions of play are those that prevail for the Tournament. Winner to be awarded the Champion of Champion trophy.
20. Trophy limit. A player may take only one trophy for events 1 to 5, 8 to 27 but is eligible for events in conjunction. In the Foursomes event gross winners are not eligible for the net event.
21. Dress. Players must adhere to the Host Club dress regulations at all times.

**EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY:** As with any sporting event, there is a risk that the participant may suffer personal injury as a result of participating in this event. In paying the entry fee into this event the player must agree that, in consideration of being permitted to participate in the event, she will not hold WGNR Inc. liable for any personal injury however caused whether due to any act of negligence, breach of duty, default or omission on the part of WG1\TR Inc or its servants, agents or otherwise.

**Note: The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration of other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. Irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf. Section 1 -Etiquette: Behaviour on the Course Rules of Golf 2012-2015.**