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**STATE COMMUNICATION TO CLUBS ON THE RULES,  
HANDICAPPING, COURSE RATING, AND COMPETITION  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY STATE ASSOCIATIONS,  
AND THE PROCESS FOR LODGING QUERIES**

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Dear All,

Attached is a communication outlining some of the Rules, Handicapping, Course Rating, and Competition Management services provided to all affiliated Golf SA clubs, districts, and golfers by Golf SA.

Please note the advice to use Golf SA as the starting point for all queries. This will help Golf SA, Golf Australia, and The R&A to provide Golf SA golfers with the best service on all matters.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Chris Luz Raymond  
CEO, Golf SA



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Office for Recreation and Sport

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**MEMO TO:** All South Australian Golf Clubs

**cc:** Golf Australia, The R&A

**FROM:** Chris Luz-Raymond, Golf SA, CEO

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Dear All,

The following update is provided by Golf SA in relation to the distribution of the 2016 Rules of Golf books, and the general rules, handicapping, course rating and competition management services provided by Golf SA.

### **2016 Rules of Golf Books**

Update on the distribution of the 2016 Rules of Golf books”

**Metro** - Delivered to all Clubs 3/4 Nov

**South East** - Distributed at District AGM 8/11

**Southern** - Distributed at District AGM 24/11

**Eyre Peninsula** - District Pres. collected 27/11 & will distribute to clubs

**Northern** - District Sec. collected 30/11 & will distribute to clubs

**Riverland** - Clubs to collect at District AGM 12 Jan

**Murraylands** - Clubs to collect at District AGM 2 Feb

**Mid North** - currently at Golf SA Office - distribution to be arranged

**Yorke Pen** - currently at Golf SA Office - distribution to be arranged

**Social Clubs** - Clubs to collect from the Golf SA Office

### **2016 Rules of Golf – Amendments**

A summary of the 2016 Rules of Golf amendments is attached for reference. The summary (as well as details of all 2016 changes) is also available from the following page of the GA website –[www.golf.org.au/newsdisplay/91057](http://www.golf.org.au/newsdisplay/91057)

The R&A has produced a guidance document to assist committees with the implementation of the new Anchoring Rule. The document is available from the following page of the GA website –[www.golf.org.au/randaanchoringdocument](http://www.golf.org.au/randaanchoringdocument)

### **Rules, Handicapping, Course Rating and Competition Management Services**

As many administrators across South Australia are aware, Golf SA staff and the Technical Committee provide rules, handicapping, course rating and competition management services as required.

These services are provided as a part of your affiliation and include the provision of any guidance you may wish on the following topics:



- Framing of local rules and/or temporary local rules.
- Guidance with course marking.
- Guidance on competition conditions, or assistance with framing competition conditions.
- Interpretation of a Rule of Golf.
- Resolution of Rules disputes.
- Assistance with handicapping rules or procedures.
- Assistance with course ratings (either Scratch Ratings or Slope Ratings) – including requests for new ratings for new or forward tees, or requests for re-ratings.
- Assistance with Amateur Status queries.

Golf SA is recognised by Golf Australia and The R&A as the body responsible for providing the above services to you. Hence if a matter we are dealing with requires clarification from Golf Australia, we will seek this accordingly. GA may from time to time clarify points with The R&A. As a result, Golf SA is ultimately serviced by The R&A.

### **Process for All Affiliated Clubs & Districts to Lodge Queries**

To ensure efficient and coordinated guidance is provided to all South Australian affiliated clubs and Districts, any queries originating from South Australia that are directed in the first instance to either GA or The R&A will be passed back to us. To assist us with looking after your queries as best we can, it would help us if you could direct all queries on the above matters to us at Golf SA – we can then engage GA on your behalf as required (and GA may in turn engage The R&A).

**Contact details** for Golf SA staff to provide assistance with rules, handicapping, course rating and competition management issues are:

- Leah Tattersall – Competition Manager  
Email: [leah@golfsa.com.au](mailto:leah@golfsa.com.au); Phone: 8267 1353

Leah will either answer the query or escalate to the Technical Committee who will provide a response to the club as soon as practical.

We hope the above information is of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact the abovementioned Golf SA staff member should your club or District have any queries regarding the above.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Luz-Raymond  
CEO