



2016 NSW WOMEN'S MEDAL COMPETITION CONDITIONS

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- Each Club **may** determine their own Divisions for Golf NSW Medal Rounds played at their Club. Some Clubs have chosen to do this so they have relatively even numbers in each Division.
- Clubs **may** play their Division 3 Golf NSW Medal Rounds at their Club as stableford rounds, because the higher handicapped players prefer this type of competition and it increases participation.

1. Format: The Golf NSW Women's Medal Competition is a competition consisting of 6 Stroke rounds (Division 3 has the option to play Stableford) of 18 holes, played in 3 Divisions. The winner of the Women's Medal in each Division is the player returning the lowest nett aggregate of 3 scores at the end of the 6 rounds. It is not a requirement that players compete in all 6 rounds of the Competition.

STAGE 1 (February – September): Club Medal Rounds – Club Medal Winners Determined

STAGE 2: District / Metropolitan Finals – for Club Medal Winners, with winner/s of these Finals to progress to a State Final

STAGE 3: State Final - The winner of each District (leading 3 in the case of Metropolitan finals) will be eligible to compete in the Golf NSW Medal Competition State Final.

STAGE 1 – CLUB MEDAL ROUNDS

(i) A Club may play more than one round of the Golf NSW Women's Medal Competition per month.

(ii) If, because of exceptional circumstances, a Club is unable to complete the six stroke rounds prior to 1 October, the Club may reduce the number of rounds.

(iii) Clubs may programme their own Club Monthly Women's Medal or any other event the Clubs sees fit, in conjunction with any or all of the 6 rounds of the Golf NSW Women's Medal Competition.

(iv) For each Division of the Golf NSW Women's Medal Competition there must be 4 or more players entered before the commencement of the 4th round. If this minimum is not met, players compete for a Combined Women's Medal. (See examples in Appendix 1).

(v) Clubs may program one Mid Week and one Weekend Competition in the Golf NSW Women's Medal Competition. Players must nominate in which Women's Medal Competition they will compete, subject to Conditions prevailing in the Club. If a Category of Membership, e.g. "Provisional" prohibits a player from playing on the main Course, or in the main Competition field, or if exceptional circumstances prevail, Clubs must seek permission from the Golf NSW Women's Match Committee to program a separate Women's Medal Competition for such players. Such permission must be confirmed annually, before the first Women's Medal round is played. No player may compete in more than one Women's Medal Competition in the same Club but, if she belongs to two or more Clubs, she may compete at each Club.

vi) The following situation may necessitate the reprogramming of a Golf NSW Medal Round:

a) The minimum number of players does not satisfy the Clubs regular required number of players to run a competition.

b) The course is declared 'unplayable' either before or during the Medal Round and the competition is declared null and void.

vii) **Divisions for the Golf NSW Women's Medals at each Club are determined by the player's GA handicap on the date of the first Golf NSW Medal round at the Club they play and are at the discretion of the Club, who may choose to have divisions that are different from those at the District/Metropolitan and State Final.** A Club may therefore have more than one representative in the same Division at the District/Metropolitan and State Finals.

viii) Division 3 **MAY** be held as a stableford competitions at Club level.

ix) **Increases/Reductions in Handicap:** Once a player has played her first round in her relevant division, she shall remain in that division for the duration of the Golf NSW Women's Medal competition (6 rounds), but play each round using her current handicap. All scores returned, irrespective of handicap changes, shall count for the Golf NSW Women's Medal Division in which the player commenced.

x) **Ties:** At the completion of the 6 Golf NSW Women's Medal Rounds, if the lowest nett aggregate of 3 rounds

in any Division produces a tie, joint winners will be declared and both players will be entitled to enter the relevant District/Metropolitan Final.

STAGE 2 & STAGE 3 – DISTRICT / METROPOLITAN FINALS AND STATE FINAL

- (i) Divisions for the 2016 Golf NSW Women's Medal District / Metropolitan and State Finals are determined by the player's GA handicap on the date of the District / Metropolitan Final round they play and are:
 - Division 1 Women's Medal - Plus to 20.0
 - Division 2 Women's Medal – 20.1 to 29.0
 - Division 3 Women's Medal – 29.1 to 45.4
- * Because Divisions are determined by the Club in Stage 1, Clubs may be represented by more than one player at Stage 2 and 3.
- (ii) In all Golf NSW Women's Medal Finals, players shall compete on their current GA handicaps, but must play off no higher than the maximum GA handicap for that Division.
- (iii) Golf NSW awards Gold, Silver and Bronze Women's State Finals Medals to all participants in the State Final.
- (iv) The State Medal Winner (across all Divisions) and the winner of each Division will be presented with the respective State Winners Medals. (N.B. The winner across all Divisions will also win their Divisional Medal)
- (v) Ties: GA Countback method will be used to determine the winners.

2. Eligibility:

- (i) Clubs affiliated with Golf NSW are entitled to enter the Golf NSW Women's Medal Competition.
- (ii) Amateur women members of affiliated Golf Clubs who hold a current Australian Handicap.
- (iii) A player must remain a financial member of the Club for the duration of the Competition.
- (iv) Both the Mid-Week winners and Weekend winners are eligible to compete in the Finals.
- (v) Only the winners (or joint winners) in each Division are entitled to compete in Finals; it is not permissible to substitute a runner-up in the event of the winner being unavailable. Exception: Should a player qualify for the Playoffs at more than one club, the player must represent their home club. The other club may then nominate the runner up as their representative in the playoffs. The runner up is the only person permitted to represent in this case.

3. Administration - Return of Results and Entry Fees:

The Entry Fee for the Golf NSW Women's Medal Competition for is \$5 per player (GST inclusive). There will be no additional charge for the Finals. Upon completion of all six Medal Rounds **complete your event results online at www.golfnsw.org**. Payment will also be made online at this time.

If you wish to enter your players in the Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal District/Metropolitan finals, please complete their entries online at www.golfnsw.org.

Clubs must complete their results and payment prior to 1 October.

Hard Copy Medal Result Sheets to assist with recording your Club results are available on the website at: www.golfnsw.org

Both Metropolitan and Country Clubs must return results and fees directly to Golf NSW.

APPENDIX 1 – COMBINED DIVISIONS FOR CLUB MEDAL ROUNDS

Combined Women’s Medal – Where fewer than 4 players have entered the Golf NSW Women’s Medal Competition in any Division at the commencement of the 4th round, such players must be combined with another Division. As far as possible, Divisions with similar handicaps are combined. In a Combined Women’s Medal, a player’s GA handicap at the time of her first Golf NSW Women’s Medal round will determine the Division for the Women’s Medal she will win.

In the following examples (a) = Club Division 1; (b) = Club Division 2; (c) = Club Division 3

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| 1.
(a) 4 players
(b) 20 players
(c) 14 players

(a) plays for a Div. 1 Women’s Medal
(b) plays for a Div. 2 Women’s Medal
(c) plays for a Div. 3 Women’s Medal. | 2.
(a) 2 players
(b) 6 players
(c) 8 players.

(a) and (b) combine
(c) plays for a Div. 3 Women’s Medal. | 3.
(a) 8 players
(b) 18 players
(c) 3 players

(a) plays for a Div 1 Women’s Medal
(b) and (c) combine |
| 4.
(a) No players
(b) 2 players
(c) 10 players
(b) and (c) combine | 5.
(a) 3 players
(b) 3 players
(c) 3 players
(a), (b) and (c) combine | 6.
(a) 3 players
(b) 6 players
(c) 3 players
(b) plays for a Div 2 Women’s Medal
(a) and (c) combine |

APPENDIX 2: Adjustment of Scores for Short, Temporary or Composite Course

The Golf NSW Women's Medal competition played over 6 rounds may be affected by some or all players competing in some of the rounds on either a short course, a long course, a course with temporary holes or a composite course. At some clubs, players in the club's Monthly Women's Medal must play on a short course if their handicaps are over a set limit. Variations in her handicap may mean that a player competes on the long course for some rounds and on the short course for others. When a course other than the normal course is used for one or more Golf NSW Women's Medal rounds, that course must have an official SCRATCH RATING or Temp SCRATCH RATING, confirmed with Golf NSW.

In fairness to all, for the Golf NSW Women's Medal, the Club Committee needs to adjust players' nett scores for rounds played on any course with a SCRATCH RATING or Temp SCRATCH RATING which is different from that of the normal course.

This is done by subtracting or adding to the nett scores, the difference between the SCRATCH RATING or Temp SCRATCH RATING of the normal course and that of the short, long, temporary or composite course. This calculation will be a PAPER ENTRY only for the purposes of entering scores for that Golf NSW Women's Medal round and will have no effect on the club's daily competition or on players' handicaps.

Example 1: Player A plays on the short course (Scratch Rating 71) for the first Golf NSW Women's Medal round. She then reduces her handicap and is now required to play in the next Monthly Women's Medal (and Golf NSW Women's Medal round) on the long course (Scratch Rating 73). Since the player remains in the Division of the NSW Women's Medal in which she was placed for her first round, when the Committee records her nett score for any Golf NSW Women's Medal rounds subsequently played on the long course, they must subtract 2 from her nett scores.

Example 2: Player B plays on the long course (Scratch Rating 73) for the first Golf NSW Women's Medal round. She then increases her handicap and plays the next round on the short course (Scratch Rating 71). When the committee records her nett score for any Golf NSW Women's Medal round played on the short course, they must add 2 to her nett score.

Example 3: A club's normal course has a SCRATCH RATING of 71 and a long course Scratch Rating of 73. In one of the Golf NSW Women's Medal rounds the whole field plays the long course. When recording the nett scores for that Golf NSW Women's Medal round, all players in the field will have their nett scores reduced by 2 strokes.

Example 4: A club's normal course has a SCRATCH RATING of 73 and a short or temporary course SCRATCH RATING /Temp SCRATCH RATING of 71. In one of the Golf NSW Women's Medal rounds the whole field plays the short or temporary course. When recording the nett scores for that NSW Women's Medal round, all players in the field will have their nett scores increased by 2 strokes.

Please note that the scores for the daily competition and for handicapping in the examples above will be the scores before the adjustments are made. The adjustments are only for the purposes of entering players' scores for the Golf NSW Women's Medal.