



2018 Women's Senior Trans Tasman Cup: CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. General

- 1.1 The Women's Senior Trans Tasman Cup will be held biennially and in rotation between Australia and New Zealand.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 All players must be a legal citizen of the country they are representing.
- 2.2 All players must be amateurs and conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Ltd.
- 2.3 All players must be female and have attained the age of 55 years on the first day of competition.

3. Format of Play

- 3.1 All play will be by match play between a Team representing New Zealand and a Team representing Australia. Each Team will comprise six (6) players.

The stipulated round is eighteen holes unless otherwise decided by the Committee to meet special circumstances. The sequence in which holes are to be played will be determined by the Committee. In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes, a halved result will be recorded.

3.2 Schedule:

Day One: AM – Foursomes Matches (3 matches)

PM – Fourball Matches (3 matches)

Day Two: AM – Singles Matches (6 matches)

3.3 Suspension or Cancellation of Play:

- (i) Should conditions cause a delay in the commencement of play to the extent that the completion of the full schedule not be possible, the foursomes and/or fourball matches may be omitted and precedence given to the singles matches.
- (ii) If a weather forecast indicates the potential for a substantial loss of play, the singles matches may be played first, followed by the foursome and/or fourball matches if weather ultimately permits.
- (iii) Should a suspension of play occur during the play of the foursome and/or fourball matches and thus potentially impact upon the completion of the full schedule, the result of any completed foursome and/or fourball match will stand and all incomplete matches may be declared halved.
- (v) During play of singles matches, should play be suspended and not subsequently resumed, any match result may stand and all incomplete matches may be declared halved (see R&A guidelines in Guidance on Running a Competition).
- (vi) A minimum of 4 matches over the 2-day fixture must be completed in order to achieve a result, otherwise the event will be declared a tie.

3.4 Order of Play:

- (i) On each day of the Tournament, the Manager of each Team will give the Committee or its representative, a list of the players and their order of play for the scheduled round/s of that day.
- (ii) Teams will play in reverse order - that is to say the number 3 pairing/6 player will hit off first. The Committee may alter the order of play of matches to ensure each player in the match has had half an hour as a lunch respite.

- 3.5 Honour – The visiting team will have the honour at the start of all matches.

- 3.6 Substitutions - Should a nominated player be rendered incapable of playing by reason of accident, illness or other reasonable cause, substitution may be made for such player subject to the approval of the Committee.

4. Deciding the Winner

- 4.1 One point will be allocated for winning an individual match, ½ a point will be allocated to each Team in the event of a halved match.
- 4.2 The Team with the highest overall points total will be the winner of the Trans Tasman Cup. Should both Teams have the same points total the result of the event will be a tie.
- 4.3 The winning Team will hold the Women's Senior Trans Tasman Cup for two years.
- 4.4 The winning team members will each receive a memento. The runners up team members will each receive a memento.

5. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Ltd, will apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the host national association.

6. Starting Times

- 6.1 If the player arrives at their starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after their starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played.

7. Championship Play Committee

The Championship Play Committee will consist of a member appointed by New Zealand Golf, and a member of appointed by Golf Australia. A Committee member may be involved in a decision even though they are not present at the venue club. The Championship Play Committee will have sole management and control of the championship, with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions. In the absence of a full Championship Play Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any decision so given will be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Play Committee.

8. Team Manager

Each Team will appoint a Manager of its Team who may or may not be one of such Team. The Manager will be responsible for the conduct of their team and will also be responsible for making all necessary administrative communications with the Committee.

9. Advice

- 9.1 In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under that Rule), e.g. the team captain, manager or coach, who may give advice to members of that team. If someone takes on the role of caddie at any stage of a round, that will prohibit them from being the team's designated advice giver for the remainder of that round.
- 9.2 Supporters of each team are encouraged to keep conversations with players whilst they are engaged in competition play to a minimum in order to avoid the appearance of giving advice.
- 9.3 A playing captain must not give advice during their stipulated round.

10. Caddies

- 10.1 There are no restrictions as to who may act as a caddie.
- 10.2 A player who had been nominated to play in a particular round may, whilst that round is in progress and after their own match has been decided, act as a caddie for another member of their Team playing in the same round.

11. Conforming Golf Balls and Conforming Driver Heads

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Golf Balls and Conforming Driver Heads.

12. Conforming Groove and Punch Mark Specifications

Player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010.

*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified.

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

13. Motorised Transport

During play, it is prohibited for a player to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless specific written permission has been granted by the Championship Play Committee. (NB Subject to host club permission, a caddie may use motorised transport at any time.)

Penalty (unless permitted to ride by a member of the Championship Rules Committee): At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match will be adjusted by deducting 1 hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – 2 holes

Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

Note i: Permission will only be granted to entrants who can provide a Medical Certificate.

Note ii: GA takes no responsibility for the availability of golf carts.

Note iii: Permission will be granted on the basis that the following requirements are adhered to.

Players failing to adhere to these requirements are liable to have such permission revoked:

Players who drive at a pace which is clearly quicker than walking pace; and/or who drive to a point past their ball which is clearly unreasonable for a player who is not using motorised transport to reach, are in breach of these requirements.