

NOTTS COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

General Conditions of Competition

The following Conditions of Competition, with any additions or amendments published by the NCLGA on the relevant entry form or at the golf course, will apply to all NCLGA championships and tournaments ("competitions").

References to the "Committee" are to the committee appointed for the purposes of the relevant competition (three to form a quorum).

1. Local Rules;

All NCLGA events are run in accordance with the New R&A Rules of Golf and WHS Handicapping Rules. Any additional local rules applicable to a competition will be notified to players, at Registration, before the start of their stipulated round.

2. Caddies

In ladies' competitions there are no restrictions on the use of caddies. In junior competitions caddies are not allowed. (Exception: In some Junior events caddies under 18 years of age are allowed – See relevant Junior Competition Rules) PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: General Penalty

3. Transportation

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. [A player who will play, or has played, under stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation]. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: General Penalty

4. Practice

Match play: On any day of a Match Play Competition, a player may practice on the course before a round, but only if allowed by the Golf Club where the match is being played. N.B. The Mixed Inter-Club, and other Mixed events, including the County Handicap Final, are run by the NUGC and the Rules and Conditions of the NUGC operate at these events so differences may apply.

Stroke Play: A competitor must not practice on the Competition course or test the surface of the putting green by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface before or between rounds. For first Breach: General Penalty; For Second Breach: Disqualification. N.B. All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players on any day of a competition.

6. <u>Time of starting</u> (Rule 5.3a)

All players in a group must be present and ready to play at the time established by the Committee and should report to the starter at least five minutes before their start time.

7. <u>Stopping and Resuming Play</u> (Rule 5.7b)

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged note on the klaxon. Other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive notes on the klaxon. Resumption of Play will be signalled by 2 short notes on the klaxon, repeated. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

8. Inclement weather

If, in the opinion of the Committee, it becomes impossible to complete a competition in accordance with that competition's Conditions because of adverse weather or other circumstances, the Committee may vary the Conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time allowable.

9. <u>Referees</u>

When referees are available at competitions, they are present to assist players when any dispute or doubt arises during a stipulated round. In these circumstances the referee's decision is final. In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be referred to the Committee.

10. Returning score card

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording area.

Note: Players must promptly return their score cards to the recorder.

11. Results: competition closed

Match play: The result of a match is deemed officially announced when it has been recorded by the recorder.

Stroke play: The results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

12. Committee

Disputes and other matters relating to a competition will be settled by the Competition Committee, whose decision will be final. The Committee to comprise of the Competition Secretary, the Assistant Competition Secretary and the County Captain, or their representatives on the day.

General Advice

Dress code

The NCLGA requires playing members to comply with the dress code of the golf club where the competition is being played.

<u>Mobile phones</u> (including pagers and similar devices) may not be used on the course by players or caddies for making/sending or receiving calls or texts except (i) in cases of emergency or (ii) to request the assistance of a referee.

Medical conditions

It is important that any entrant who suffers from a condition which may require urgent medical attention (e.g. asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition, allergy to bee or wasp stings, etc.) notifies an officer of the NCLGA with regard to the steps to be taken in the event of an attack.

Loss and theft

Neither the NCLGA, nor any golf club at which a competition takes place, accepts any responsibility for the loss or theft of a player's golf equipment or personal effects and players are advised to carry adequate insurance cover.

All information on Competition Rules and details of all County Trophies can be found on the website (<u>www.nclga.org.uk</u>) under the 'About Us' tab.

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