



Lower North Coast District Golf Association Conditions of Competition for Stroke Events

Committee

1. The members of the Match Committee, and those Club Committee members so authorised by the Match Committee, who are present during the playing of the event may exercise all functions of the Match Committee in relation to that event and shall constitute the Committee within the meaning of the Rules of Golf for the purposes of the conduct of the event.

Rules of Golf

2. Play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of the affiliated club holding the event on behalf of the LNC-DGA.

Club Suspension

3. In the event of a player being suspended by a club affiliated with Golf NSW on a golf related matter the player shall not be eligible to enter or play in any open event held on behalf of the LNC-DGA during the period of suspension. This condition will prevent any such player from entering or playing in any LNC-DGA event even if they nominate another club for their handicap.

Provisional Handicaps

4. No player with a Provisional GA Handicap may complete in an LNC-DGA event.

Protests

5. Protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Committee within **15 minutes** of the conclusion of the day's play.

Draw

6. A draw for each day's play will be published and players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Match Committee; it is the player's responsibility to discover their start time. Rule **6-3a** provides that "the player shall start at the time established down by the Committee" and the penalty for breach of this Rule is **two strokes** if the player arrives ready to play within five minutes of their start time at the first hole; outside of the five minutes the penalty is **disqualification** except when the Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented the player from starting on time in which case there is no penalty. Note that the Decisions on the Rules of Golf severely restrict the ambit of "exceptional circumstances" in this context.
7. The Match Committee reserves the right to fix or alter starting time.

Handicaps for net competition

8. Individual handicaps for any net competition associated with stroke events organised by the LNC-DGA shall be the Daily Handicap of the player for the course at which the event is being held.

Pace of Play

9. **Rule 6-7** (Pace of Play) will be strictly enforced. Each group **must** maintain its position on the course with respect to the group in front. Any group with a **clear hole in front of it** will be regarded as "out of position". Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace of play contribute to such delay. Penalties under Rule 6-7 are as follows: First offence - One Stroke; Second Offence - Two Strokes; Subsequent Offence - Disqualification. Warnings may not be issued prior to a pace of play penalty.

Dress Standards

10. All players must comply with the conditions relating to standards of dress and on-course behaviour set by the host club.

Resolving Ties

11. In the event of a tie for the district championship there will be a playoff initially over three holes designated by the Committee and thence hole-by-hole until the winner is decided. All other trophies, gross or nett, are decided by count back.

Distance Measuring Devices

12. A player may use a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that affect their play (eg. Gradient/wind speed, etc) provided that they only use that device for measuring distance. If a player uses any such device during a stipulated round for measuring anything other than distance the player is in breach of **Rule 14-3** for which the penalty is **disqualification**.

Other Conditions

13. Matters not covered in these Conditions of Competition shall be determined by reference to any relevant Conditions of Competition published by Golf NSW.

LNC-DGA Match Committee

14. The Executive of the LNC-DGA (President, Vice President, Captain, Vice-Captain Secretary-Treasurer) constitutes the LNC-DGA Match Committee.

For the Match Committee

Supplementary Information for Participants

Divisions

The championships are played in four divisions based on GA Handicaps on the day the championships are played as follows:

- Division 1; Open;
- Division 2; 6 to 10.9;
- Division 3; 11 to 15.9;
- Division 4; 16 and higher.

Prize Distribution

The LNC-DGA championships are an event where the gross score is predominant. This means that in any one division prizes are awarded to the gross score prior to the award of any net score.

No individual player may be awarded more than one prize in their division other than the award of the gross prizes for the best senior and best junior player.

Fees

The fee for each individual player entering in the district championships will be displayed on the entry notice.