

2019 LYDIA KO AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP - CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. RULES OF GOLF AND FORMAT- Play shall be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules supplied on a separate sheet. Players shall ignore all local rules printed on the scorecard and/or Local Rules notice boards.

Play is open to any affiliated member of a New Zealand golf club or overseas golf club recognised by NZ Golf. The tournament format is 36 holes **Maximum Score Stroke Play** and **Handicap Stableford**.

The Maximum score for a hole is **10 strokes**. If a player reaches the maximum score, the ball must be picked up and a 10 recorded on the card for that hole. A player may choose to pick up and record 10 strokes on the card for a hole before making 10 strokes.

PLEASE NOTE: This may be your first tournament under the new 2019 Rules of Golf. Please ensure you are aware of the Rules changes, as there will be no warnings in the tournament for any breaches of the new Rules.

2. COMPETITORS - The Committee will determine the final Age Group divisions from the final entry list. The maximum number of entries is 104. If over-subscribed in any division, the lowest 10 handicaps in each division will qualify. The remaining players in each division will be from those who registered first. NZ Golf dotgolf system handicaps less than 3 months old, will not be accepted when factoring in the lowest handicaps. All over-subscribed entries will have the entry fee refunded.

3. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION - The Tournament Committee reserves the right to postpone or cancel the tournament or reduce the number of rounds to be played if necessary.

4. DISPUTES - All queries or disputes are to be referred to the Tournament Committee before the player's scorecard is returned and the Committee's decision shall be final.

5. TIES - In the event of a tie at the completion of the 36-Hole Stroke Play competition a sudden-death playoff will commence at a tee chosen by the Committee. All ties for a Handicap division and minor places in the Stroke Play division, will be decided on countback using the standard Harbour policy.

6. TIME OF STARTING AND GROUPS – The time for starting shall be that shown on the draw sheet for the player's group or when his group is called to the tee by the starter, whichever is the latter. All penalties as per Rules of Golf 5.3a.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT – All players must conduct themselves with the highest levels of integrity, consideration for others and care of the course. Penalties will be given if a Committee member observes a player breaching any of the following:

- a) Persistent foul language.
- b) Abuse of equipment.
- c) Being disrespectful of other players or volunteers.
- d) Failure to care for the course, such as raking bunkers, filling divots etc.

The following penalty structure will apply:

- a) First breach of the Code of Conduct – **verbal warning**.
- b) Second breach – **one-stroke penalty**.
- c) Third breach – **two-stroke penalty**.
- d) Fourth breach or any single serious misconduct – **disqualification**.

8. TRANSPORTATION - Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by a member of the Committee. Dispensation to use transportation on disability grounds must be sought and approved prior to 27 January 2019.

9. CADDIES – Caddies are permitted, but if it appears their presence is affecting the pace of play, the Committee reserves the right to disallow caddies for the final round.

10. SUSPENSION OF PLAY - A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged note of a siren. Play must cease play **immediately** (or be subject to disqualification) and make their way back to the clubhouse.

A normal suspension of play, e.g. course temporarily unplayable, will be signalled by 3 consecutive short notes of a siren. Players may complete the play of the hole being played but must not commence the play of the next hole until the resumption siren sounds.

Resumption of play will be signalled by a 2 short notes of a siren.

11. TEES – Under 19 Boys – Blue / Under 16 Boys – White / Under 13 Boys – Yellow / Under 19 Girls – Yellow / Under 16 Girls – Yellow / Under 13* Girls – Red (*Final Age groups to be confirmed. E.g. Girls may drop to U12)

12. SCORING – **Every player must go to the scoring area as soon as possible after play** to check the accuracy of the hole-by-hole entries on his or her scorecard and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. The player must then ensure that his or her card is signed by his or her marker, sign the card themselves, and return it to the Committee in the scoring area. The card is deemed to be returned when the player has left the scoring area without possession of his or her scorecard. No changes will be accepted after leaving the scoring area.

IMPORTANT

13. PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The 2019 Rules of Golf give greater powers for the Committee to enforce player conduct and pace of play on the course. Please ensure you understand that slow play is unacceptable, and penalties will be given to offenders.

Ensure your pre-shot routines are tailored so a stroke is made within **40 seconds** of the start of your turn to play. That time includes the use of your DMD and any pacing-out you do once it is your turn to play. Prior to the event, discuss this with your teaching professional if you have one. They should help you to ensure your pre-shot routine is within what will be expected in tournament golf in 2019.

- **“READY GOLF” IS EXPECTED. If you are ready to play and another player in your group, whose ball is further from the hole than yours is not ready, YOU SHOULD PLAY (IF SAFE TO DO SO).**
- **Always be thinking – ‘How can I save time?’**
- **Whilst waiting for your turn, do all you can without disturbing other players.**
- **Move quickly between strokes. Do not stroll along having a social chat.**

Allowable Time

The allotted time for the completion of 18 holes at Gulf Harbour CC is **4 hours and 45 minutes**. This includes the time to walk between holes.

The following procedure applies only if a group is "out of position."

Definition of Out of Position

- The first group to start will be considered "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played. Any following group will be considered out of position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front of them and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

Procedure When Group is Out of Position

- a) Referees will monitor pace of play and decide whether a group that is "out of position" should be timed. An assessment of whether there are any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g. a lengthy ruling, lost ball, unplayable ball, etc. will be made.
If a decision is made to time the players, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing and a referee will advise each player that they are "out of position" and they are being timed.
In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.
- b) The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds.
The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his or her turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke.
On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.
Timings will be taken from the moment it is decided by the referee that it is the player's turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction.
Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy:

- Penalty for first breach: **One-stroke penalty.**
- Penalty for second breach: **Two-Stroke Penalty** applied in addition to the penalty for the first breach.
- Penalty for third breach: **Disqualification."**

Until a player has been advised of a bad time, he or she cannot incur a further bad time.

Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he or she has a second bad time before being advised of the earlier bad time."