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### **Management Committee**

<b>President</b>	Mike Fancote	0416 036 155
<b>Vice President</b>	Rick Murphy	0417 187 184
<b>Secretary</b>	Kevin Reeves	0455 546 333
<b>Treasurer</b>	Fred Cox	0419 134 344
<b>Men's Captain</b>	Brett Murphy	0436 016 410
<b>Ladies Captain</b>	Judy Borgward	0409 376 639
<b>Committee</b>	Stan Indge	0439 409 059
	Julie Scott	0423 362 625
	David Ransom	0408 927 837

### **Other Positions**

<b>Grounds Chair</b>	Colin Ashby	0429 997 108
<b>House Chair</b>	Stan Indge	0439 409 059
<b>Bar Manager</b>	Keith Gray	0403 057 926
<b>Handicapper</b>	Brett Murphy	0436 016 410
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<b>SWVLGA Delegates</b>	Enid Andrew, Lorraine Bailey	
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### **Men's Match Committee**

<b>Captain</b>	Brett Murphy	0436 016 410
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	Geoff Martin	0431 603 333
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### **Ladies Match Committee**

<b>Captain</b>	Judy Borgward	0409 376 639
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<b>Committee</b>	Lynda Ritchie	0498 691 150
	Tricia Borgward	0409 681 391
	Chris Watson	0419 017 434
	Felicity Smith	0408 546 373

### **Grounds Committee**

Colin Ashby, Geoff Ward, Colin Sheppard, Leon Edmonds,  
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### **House Committee**

Stan Indge, Chris Ashby, Enid Andrew, Judy Hambley, Alyson Blazic,  
Julie Scott.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

Scott Hambley, Chris Siviour, Sue Webb, Rick Murphy.

### **Club Competition Days**

<b>Sunday</b>	Winter	Men's 18 Hole Competition	8am start
	Summer	Men's 18 Hole Competition	7:30am start
<b>Tuesday</b>	Winter	Ladies 18 & 9 Hole Competition	9am start
	Summer	Mixed	7:30am Start
<b>Thursday</b>	Winter	Mixed 18 Hole Competition	8am start
	Summer	Men's 18 Hole Competition	7:30am start
<b>Saturday</b>	All Year	Mixed 18 Hole Competition Keith Gray (0403 057 926) Kevin Roberts (0402 561 431)	12:30pm start

***Players are requested to present themselves to the starter at least 15 minutes before start time.***

### **Trophy Donors**

Members are invited to donate a trophy, up to the value of \$50, for presentation during the season. Members willing to donate a trophy are requested to advise the respective Match Committee as early as possible so their names can be allocated against a fixture. Trophy donors are requested to make their trophy available to the Captain at least one week prior to the relevant fixture.

### **Dress Requirements**

A neat standard of dress is required both on the course and in the Club House.

### **Practice Fairway & Green**

The practice fairway and green can be used for practice on match days. Practice should cease 15 minutes prior to a competition starting. Please repair any divot marks. Please scrape green when finished.

### **Course Maintenance**

Our Club membership fees are kept to a low level due to the members themselves maintaining the course with minimal paid labour. Every member has the right and duty to assist in keeping the course in good condition. There are many essential jobs which need doing around the course throughout the year. If you are able, please volunteer your services and make yourself available when there are Busy Bees. Please note that failure to support the Club with voluntary course maintenance may lead to fee increases to fund hired labour.

## Men's Fixtures

DATE	DAY	EVENT	SPONSOR
<b>15-Mar</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Club Opening Day - Ambrose Pairs (choice of partner, any combination)</b>	
16-Mar	Sun*	Stableford Men's Opening Day	Scott Hambley
23-Mar	Sun*	Par	Kevin Reeves
30-Mar	Sun*	Stableford	Muzza
6-Apr	Sun*	Stroke Monthly Mug	WA Reticulation
13-Apr	Sun*	4BBB Multiplier Stableford – Choose Partner	Brett Murphy
20-Apr	Sun*	Par	Geoff Martin
<b>27-Apr</b>	<b>Sun*</b>	<b>Wholagan Cup 27 Holes Stableford</b>	
4-May	Sun*	Stroke Monthly Mug	WA Reticulation
11-May	Sun*	Par	S Denman
<b>18-May</b>	<b>Sun*</b>	<b>Jack Dalton Cancer Day Stableford</b>	<b>J Webb</b>
25-May	Sun	Visitors Ambrose Pairs (relatives preferred)	Mike Fancote
1-Jun	Sun*	Stroke Monthly Mug	WA Reticulation
<b>2-Jun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Ambrose Day</b>	
8-Jun	Sun	Men's Foursomes	Club
15-Jun	Sun*	Par	Seve
<b>22-Jun</b>	<b>Sun*</b>	<b>Treasurers Cup</b>	<b>Bendigo Bank</b>
29-Jun	Sun*	Stableford	
6-Jul	Sun*	Stroke Monthly Mug	WA Reticulation
13-Jul	Sun*	Stableford	Fred Cox
<b>19-Jul</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mixed Foursomes</b>	<b>Club</b>
20-Jul	Sun*	Stableford	
27-Jul	Sun*	Par	Nigel Thomas
3-Aug	Sun*	Stroke Monthly Mug	WA Reticulation
<b>7-10 Aug</b>	<b>Thur Sun</b>	<b>State Sand Greens - Northam</b>	<b>Golf WA</b>
10-Aug	Sun*	Stableford	
17-Aug	Sun*	4BBB Combined Stableford – Choose Partner	
24-Aug	Sun*	Par	
31-Aug	Sun*	Stableford	Colin Ashby

7-Sep	Sun*	Stroke Monthly Mug	WA Reticulation
14-Sep	Sun*	Stableford	
<b>21-Sep</b>	<b>Sun*</b>	<b>Life Members Trophy - Stableford</b>	
28-Sep	Sun	Canadian Foursomes	Lippy & Kempy
5-Oct	Sun*	Club Champs RND 1 – Monthly Mug	WA Reticulation
12-Oct	Sun*	Club Champs RND 2	
19-Oct	Sun*	Club Champs RND 3	
<b>26-Oct</b>	<b>Sun*</b>	<b>Past Players Memorial Shield Stableford Includes Gazunda Trophy (Men v Ladies) Major Awards Presentation-Lunch</b>	<b>Golf Box</b>
2-Nov	Sun*	Stroke Monthly Mug	WA Reticulation
<b>9-Nov</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>3 Man Ambrose – Cottesloe Summer Swing Qualifier</b>	<b>David Ransom</b>
16-Nov	Sun*	Par	Phil Jones
23-Nov	Sun	Stableford Draw Post Round Closing Day	
<b>29 Nov</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Summer Ambrose Fours</b>	

Notes:

1. Most events are draw-for-partners unless specified otherwise.
2. Only days marked with an \* count towards Eclectic & Consistency Trophies.

*GolfWA also conducts numerous events throughout the year. Some of these events may be of interest to members and further information can be found by accessing the GolfWA website at [www.golfwa.org.au](http://www.golfwa.org.au)*



## Men's Club Championship

1. The format is 54 holes of stroke play over 3 consecutive Sundays (18 holes each day). Players are divided into three grades based on their Daily Handicap at the commencement of the first round. The Match Committee reserves the right to vary the handicap grades prior to the Championships.

A Grade	0 to 12
B Grade	13 to 21
C Grade	22 to 36
2. There will be a Gross Champion & Runner-up. Trophies will also be awarded to the Gross winner in B & C grades. Should a player from B grade win the Club Championship or be runner-up then the next best B grade player will be winner of the B Grade. There will also be a Net Champion & Runner-up.
3. A player can only win one trophy.
4. To qualify for the Men's Club Championship a player must have played in at least 6 club fixtures from the opening day of the winter season of that year. This includes Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday fixtures. Two of the six must be Sunday competitions.

## Mens Foursomes Championship Mixed Foursomes Championship

1. The format is 28 holes of stroke play over 1 day.
2. There will be both Gross & Net Trophies.
3. The Gross Trophy winners cannot also win the Net Trophy.
4. To qualify for the Foursomes Championships players must have played 3 club games from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

## Men's Other Trophy Competitions

1. **Monthly Mug.** This is calculated on the best 4 rounds from the 8 monthly mugs available.
2. **Eclectic.** The accumulated best scores on each hole over the season for those events marked with an asterisk. The result is subject to handicap (gross less half the player's final exact handicap). There will be a separate eclectic trophy for Thursday players using the same formula, but ALL Thursdays will count.
3. **Consistency.** For those events marked with an asterisk, points are accumulated for performances measured against net par (36pts, square or net 72) for the day. 5 points are awarded for playing to par or better, 4 points for 1 over par, 3 points for 2 over par, 2 points for 3 over par and 1 point for 4 over par.



## **Golf Etiquette**

1. To prevent slow play, the Club has adopted the policy of 'Ready Golf' which coincides with the USGA and R&A's new pace of play rules and stays within golf etiquette practices. It is a term used in stroke play golf only, which encourages golfers to play when they are ready to go if they can do so safely and it might assist with pace of play. Some examples of this are:
  - a. Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is not ready.
  - b. Shorter hitters playing first if longer hitters are waiting.
  - c. Hitting a fairway shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options.
  - d. On the green, each player should putt out.
2. No one shall move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind the ball or hole when a player is addressing a ball or making a stroke.
3. If there is a possibility a ball has been lost a provisional ball should be played immediately, unless there is an intention to invoke local rule E-5.
4. A group searching for a ball should signal the players immediately behind to play as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for 3 minutes before doing so. Should the ball be found after calling the following group through, but before they have passed through, ascertain whether the following group agrees to your group continuing or waiting.

## **Slow Play**

1. It is the responsibility of all players to keep up with those in front of them.
2. If a playing group fails to maintain their place in the field and become one clear hole behind the group in front of them, then the following group has the right to play through. The group at fault must either:
  - a) Make up lost ground without delay, or
  - b) Call those following to play through.
3. If they fail to do either of these, the players following must indicate that they are exercising their right to play through and must report the offending players to the Captain or the Match Committee.

## **Distance Markers**

The Yellow, Blue, and Red posts on the edge of the fairways indicate that the distance from that post to the centre of the green is 200 metres (Yellow), 150 metres (Blue), and 100 metres (Red).

## Ladies Fixtures

Date	Day	Event	Sponsor
10 Mar	Mon	Vets Collie	
<b>18 Mar</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Ladies Opening Day – Yankee Foursomes</b> (draw for partner)	Captains Day
20 Mar	Thu	Dunsborough Lakes Open Day	
<b>22 Mar</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mixed Club Opening Day – Ambrose Pairs (choice of partner)</b>	Club
24 Mar	Mon	Busselton Vets	
25 Mar	Tue*	Stableford <b>8am Start</b>	Kathryn Buttfield
31 Mar	Mon	Sanctuary Open Day	
1 Apr	Tue*	Stroke and Putts <b>8am start</b>	Chris Siviour
7 Apr	Mon	Vets Capel	
8 Apr	Tue*	Stableford <b>8am start</b>	Kathy Williams
14 Apr	Mon	Bunbury Open Day	
<b>15 Apr</b>	<b>Tue*</b>	<b>Peg Richings Memorial Stroke – 9AM START!</b>	Richings Family
22 Apr	Tue*	Stroke/Putts 1 <sup>st</sup> SS MM 1 <sup>st</sup> IB	Janice Gilchrist
<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Wholagan Cup</b>	
28 Apr	Mon	Pennants Round 1	SWDLGA
29 Apr	Tue	Golf WA Womens 4BBB Challenge (own partners)	Peta McHardy Astrea Dye
<b>1-2 May</b>	<b>Thu - Fri</b>	<b>Regional Seniors - Denmark</b>	<b>Golf WA</b>
5 May	Mon	Pennants Round 2	SWDLGA
6 May	Tue*	Stableford	Club
9 May	Fri	Collie Open Day	
12 May	Mon	Pennants Round 3	SWDLGA
13 May	Tue*	Stroke Putts 2 <sup>nd</sup> SS MM IB	Chris Edmondson
19 May	Mon	Pennants Round 4	SWDLG
<b>20 May</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Rd 1 Foursomes Championships</b>	Tricia Borgward
<b>23 May</b>	<b>Fri*</b>	<b>SERPENTINE LADIES OPEN DAY</b>	<b>DORAL</b>
26 May	Mon	Pennants Round 5	SWDLG
<b>27 May</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Rd 2 Foursomes Championships</b>	Lynda Ritchie
<b>2 Jun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>WA DAY AMBROSE FOURS</b>	<b>AutoSpec 4x4 Hawk Flooring</b>
3 Jun	Tue*	Stroke/Putts 3 <sup>rd</sup> SS IB	Liane Bolger
<b>7/8 Jun</b>	<b>Sat/Su</b>	<b>SW Singles Championships Donnybrook</b>	<b>SWDLGA</b>

9 Jun	Mon	Pennants Final	SWDLGA
10 Jun	Tue*	Stableford	Judy Hambley
13 Jun	Fri	Busselton Open day	
16 Jun	Mon	Vets Harvey	
17 Jun	Tue	Jubilee Foursomes (own partners)	Kaye Olive Kathy Rouse
21-22 Jun	Sat/Su	Augusta Open Days	
24 Jun	Tue*	Stroke/Putts 4SS	Marg Richings
<b>27/28/29</b>	<b>Fri-Sun</b>	<b>Rural Bronze- Dongara</b>	<b>Golf WA</b>
1 Jul	Tue*	Stableford	Chris Watson
7 Jul	Mon	Vets Boyup Brook	
8 Jul	Tue*	Stableford	Lorraine Bailey
15 Jul	Tue*	Stableford	Sarah Burnett
<b>19 Jul</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mixed Foursomes Championship</b>	<b>Club</b>
22 Jul	Tue*	Stroke/Putts 5 <sup>th</sup> SS MM	Alyson Blazic
25 Jul	Fri	Boyup Brook Open Day	
29 Jul	Tue	Yankee Foursomes	Club
4 Aug	Mon	Vets Dunsborough CC	
5 Aug	Tue*	Stroke/putts MM	Cisca Constantine
<b>9-10 Aug</b>	<b>Sat Sun</b>	<b>SW Foursomes Championships Boyup Brook</b>	
12 Aug	Tue*	Stableford	Club
15 Aug	Fri	Donnybrook Open Day	
19 Aug	Tue*	Stableford	Felicity Smith
25 Aug	Mon	Greenbushes Vets	
26 Aug	Tue*	Par	Club
27 Aug	Wed	Pinjarra Open Day	
2 Sept	Tue*	Stableford	Bev Thomas
5 Sept	Fri	Waroona Open Day	
<b>8 Sept</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Silverspoon Play-off Seaview</b>	<b>Golf WA</b>
<b>9 Sept</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Jubilee Foursomes Play-off Mount Lawley</b>	<b>Golf WA</b>
9 Sept	Tue*	Stableford	Lyn Fitzgerald
<b>10 Sept</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Country Week Canadian Foursomes</b>	<b>Golf WA</b>
<b>11-12 Sept</b>	<b>Thu/Fri</b>	<b>Country Week</b>	<b>Golf WA</b>
15 Sept	Mon	Vets Pinjarra	

<b>15 Sept</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Golf WA Women's 4BBB Challenge Play-Off Wanneroo</b>	<b>Golf WA</b>
<b>16 Sept</b>	<b>Tue*</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Rd Singles Championships</b>	Enid Andrew
19 Sept	Fri	Greenbushes Open Day	
<b>23 Sept</b>	<b>Tue*</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Rd Singles Championships</b>	Daphne Treen
<b>30 Sept</b>	<b>Tue*</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Rd Singles Championships</b>	Sue Webb
7 Oct	Tue*	Stableford	Jane Scott
10 Oct	Fri	Manjimup Open Day	
13 Oct	Mon	Vets Dunsborough Lakes	
14 Oct	Tue	3 in 1 Partner Day	Judy Borgward
17 Oct	Fri	Harvey Open Day	
21 Oct	Tue*	Stroke/Putt MM	Di Vallve
<b>26 Oct</b>	<b>Sun*</b>	<b>Past Players Memorial Shield Stableford Includes Gazunda Trophy (Men v Ladies) Major Awards Presentation-Lunch</b>	
28 Oct	Tue*	Stableford	Club
3 Nov	Mon	Vets Bunbury	
4 Nov	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day 9 Holes?	
11 Nov	Tue*	Stroke/Putts MM	Julie Scott
14 Nov	Fri	Capel Open Day	
18 Nov	Tue*	Stableford	Club
<b>25 Nov</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Summer Golf Starts 7.30am Tee Off</b>	
<b>29 Nov</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Summer Ambrose Fours</b>	
<b>2 Dec</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Ladies Christmas Lunch. Byford Country Club 12 noon.</b>	

Notes:

1. Most events are draw-for-partners unless specified otherwise.
2. Only days marked with an \* count towards Eclectic & Consistency Trophies.
3. Putts will be counted on every stroke event except for Championship rounds.
4. Other Open Days and details of other GolfWA events will be advertised on the Ladies Noticeboard. Further information can be found by accessing the GolfWA website at [www.golfwa.org.au](http://www.golfwa.org.au).

### Ladies Club Championship

1. The format is 3 x 18 holes of stroke played over 3 Tuesdays, with only the best 2 cards considered. Therefore, you can miss one round & still be included the Championship.
2. There will be a Club Champion & Runner-up in both Gross & Net, and there will be a B Grade Gross Champion. The Match committee will determine the grade division before the championship.
3. A player can win either the Gross or the Net Trophy, but not both.
4. To qualify for the Ladies Club Championship a player must have played in at least 6 Club fixtures. This includes Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday club fixtures, GolfWA competitions, SWDLGA events and Pennants.

### Ladies Foursomes Championship

1. The Ladies Foursomes Championship will be conducted over 36 holes of stroke played over 2 weeks.
2. There will be both Gross & Net Trophies.
3. Each pair can win either the Gross or Net Trophy but not both.
4. To qualify for the Ladies Foursomes Championship players must have played 3 club games from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

### Ladies Other Trophy Competitions

1. **Silver Spoon (SS).** 5 rounds of stroke play, best aggregate net score from 4 rounds.
2. **International Bowl (IB).** 3 rounds of stroke play, the best net score from each division, A Division: 0-25, B Division: 26-45.
3. **Jubilee Foursomes.** The best Stableford score.
4. **Monthly Mug:** This is calculated on the best 4 rounds from the 8 monthly mugs available.
5. **Eclectic.** The accumulated best scores on each hole over the season for those events marked with an asterisk. The result is subject to handicap (gross less half the player's final exact handicap).
6. **Consistency.** For those events marked with an asterisk, points are accumulated for performances measured against net par (36pts, square or net 72) for the day. 5 points are awarded for playing to par or better, 4 points for 1 over par, 3 points for 2 over par, 2 points for 3 over par and 1 point for 4 over par.

## Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

### Local Rules

(To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf)

#### 1. **Out of Bounds (Rule 17-1)**

- 1.1 Beyond any fence bounding the golf course.
- 1.2 Dam on right hand side of No 9.

*Note: The stakes are Immovable Obstructions.*

#### 2. **Abnormal Ground Condition (Rule 16)**

- 2.1 Those areas marked with white stakes and/or white lines or designated with appropriate GUR signs are to be treated as ground under repair and relief **may** be taken in accordance with the procedure in Rule 16-1. Note: The stakes are Immovable Obstructions.
- 2.2 Tractor tyre marks (except those in a Penalty Area) are to be treated as GUR. Relief **may** be taken in accordance with the procedure in Rule 16-1.
- 2.3 Bull Ant Nests are deemed to be ground under repair.

#### 3. **Staked Trees or Shrubs**

If a staked tree, staked shrub interferes with a player's stance or area of his intended swing, the ball **must** be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 17-1d (Immovable Obstruction). The ball **may** be cleaned when so lifted.

*Note: The stakes are Immovable Obstructions.*

#### 4. **Penalty Areas (Rule 17)**

- 4.1 Penalty Areas defined by yellow stakes. Relief procedure Rule 17-1d.
- 4.2 Penalty Areas defined by red stakes. Relief procedure Rule 17-1d. As an additional option on the 5th, 15th, 16th and 18th holes a player **may** drop a ball in the dropping zone **nearest** to where the original ball lay.

Note:

1. The dropping zone may be nearer to the hole than where the original ball lay.
2. If a ball is dropped in a Dropping Zone, It must comply with rule 14.3 Dropping Ball in Relief Area. The ball must come to rest within the relief area Rule 14.3c.

*Note: The stakes are Immovable Obstructions.*

## 5. Preferred Lies

All fairways are defined by a poison line. The poison line forms part of the fairway.

A ball lying on the fairway being played **may**, without penalty, be moved or may be lifted, cleaned and placed within **ONE CARD LENGTH** of where it originally lay but not nearer the hole and not in a hazard or on a putting green. A player may move or place his ball once and after the ball has been so moved or placed, it is in play.

Note – The grass mounds in the 2nd and 8th Fairways are NOT part of the fairway and the ball must be played as it lies.

## 6. Kangaroo Paws

If a kangaroo paw interferes with a player's stance or area of his intended swing, the ball **must** be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 17-1d (Immovable Obstruction). The ball **may** be cleaned when so lifted.

## 7. Immovable Obstructions – Clubhouse / Carpark

If a ball comes to rest in the carpark or clubhouse beyond -

- a) The white line and copper logs on the right-hand side of the 9th green.
- b) The copper logs and inner edge of the paved area in front of the clubhouse.

The player **may** take relief, without penalty, under Rule 17-1d or as an additional option drop a ball in the dropping zone **nearest** to where the original ball lay.

Notes:

1. The dropping zone may be nearer to the hole than where the original ball lay.
2. If a ball is dropped in a Dropping Zone, It must comply with rule 14.3 Dropping Ball in Relief Area. The ball must come to rest within the relief area Rule 14.3c.

## 8. Immovable Obstruction – Hedge & Garden Bed 2nd and 6th Tee Box

If a ball comes to rest in the garden bed around the hedge between the 2nd and 6th Tee Boxes. The player **may** take relief, without penalty, under Rule 17-1d. (Immovable Obstruction)

## 9. Fairway Line

Relief in accordance with Rule 16.1.a may be taken from fairway marker contours not on the fairway being played.

A ball lying fairway marker contours not on the fairway being played may, without penalty, be moved or may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within ONE CLUB LENGTH of where it originally lay, but not nearer the hole, and not in a hazard or on a putting green. **A player may only move or drop his ball once and after the ball has been so moved or dropped, it is in play.**

## 10. Temporary Local Rules

In addition to the above permanent local rules, temporary local rules may be in effect at any time. They will be displayed on a notice board as and when they are deemed appropriate by the Match Committee. Examples of temporary rules may be such things as firebreaks, fairway renovations, and embedded balls in other than closely-mown areas during winter. Please check the notice board for temporary local rules.

### ***Penalty for Breach of Local Rules***

*Stroke Play - 2 strokes.*

*Match Play – loss of hole*

The Yellow, Blue and Red posts on the edge of the fairways indicate that the distance from that post to the centre of the green is 200 metres (Yellow), 150 metres (Blue) and 100 metres (Red). The Posts are immovable obstructions.



## **Special Rules for Australian Sand Greens Courses**

(as at 01/01/2019)

The following Local Rules issued by Golf Australia will apply throughout Australia from 1 January 2019. The Rules of Golf, so far as they are not at variance with these Local Rules, will apply, and they are to be read in conjunction with these Special Rules for Sand Greens.

### **Definitions**

**Putting Green** - The putting green is the sanded portion specially prepared for putting. The Committee will define the perimeter of the putting green. The term "sand" in these rules means sand and any other material used for this purpose on the area that is specially prepared for putting.

**Smoother** - The smoother is the implement provided or approved by the Committee for use by players smoothing the putting green in preparation for putting. The blade of the smoother must not be less than 60cm in length.

**Hole** - For the purpose of the definition of "hole" in the Rules of Golf, a lining having an inner diameter of 108mm (4¼ inches) may be used provided that, when sunk, its upper edge is not more than 6mm (¼ inch) below the putting green surface.

### **Rules**

#### **1. Smoothing**

When the ball lies on the putting green, or within one club length of the putting green, the line from the player's ball to the hole may be smoothed subject to the following considerations:

- 1.1** The smoother must be DRAWN and not pushed.
- 1.2** The player is allowed a maximum of two smooths per putt. Where a rake and smoother are provided, the rake shall only be used for the first smooth, provided the final smooth is made with the smoother.

##### **1.2.1 *Ball on Putting Green***

The putting green must be smoothed in one consistently weighted and continuous action once from a point beyond the spot where the player's ball was lifted to the hole, and in the same line at least one club-length beyond the hole, or in the reverse order at the option of the player. If the player elects to make a second smooth, the second smooth must be in the reverse direction of the first smooth.

##### **1.2.2 *Ball within One Club-Length of the Putting Green***

If the player's ball lies within one club-length of the putting green, they may smooth in one consistently weighted and continuous action once from the defined perimeter of the putting green on a line from the ball to the hole, to at least one club-length beyond the hole, or in the reverse order at the option of the player. If the player elects to make a second smooth, the second smooth must be in the reverse direction of the first smooth.

### **1.2.3 Use of Rake and Smoother**

If a rake and a smoother are provided by the club, the rake may only be used for the first smooth and may be used from the near side of the hole (not from beyond the hole, so as to avoid damage). A second smooth, with the smooth edge, must then be made back in the opposite direction, beyond the hole as in 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 above.

### **1.2.4 Ball on Putting Green and Near Edge of Green**

If a player's ball lies on the putting green, and their area of intended swing is interfered with by the grass edge, they may take a preferred lie as follows:

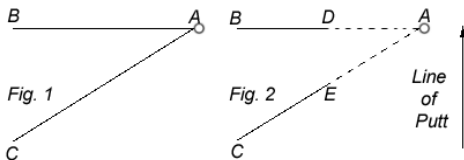
- the ball must be preferred to a spot that is off the putting green, and
- is within one club-length of the ball's original position, and
- is no nearer the hole than the ball's original position.

- 1.3** When using a smoother, a ridge or heaping of sand must not be created that could operate to a player's advantage.
- 1.4** The player may be required by another player to remove any ridge or heap of sand without penalty.
- 1.5** If the player's ball is deflected by a ridge of sand at the edge of the smoothed portion, there is no penalty for the ball being deflected and the stroke must not be replayed. However, the player may still be subject to a penalty if they have breached Local Rule 1.3 or 1.4.
- 1.6** The smoother may be used by the player, or any person authorized by them, but the player is responsible at all times for any breach of the Rules or Local Rules.
- 1.7** During the play of a hole, the player is permitted to remove weeds growing on the putting green.
- 1.8** When smoothing sand, when a loose impediment causes a mark to be made on the surface of the sand that:
  - 1.8.1** in the opinion of another player will be of assistance to the player, the loose impediment may be removed and the surface shall be smoothed once only, or
  - 1.8.2** in the opinion of the player, may negatively impact their play, the loose impediment may be removed and the surface re-smoothed once only.

## **1 Lifting, Marking and Replacing the Ball**

- 1.1** In preparation for smoothing, the ball must be marked and lifted in accordance with Rule 14.1 of the Rules of Golf.
- 1.2** If the player does not wish to smooth the putting surface prior to playing a ball at rest on the green after any stroke, the ball may be lifted and placed within 5 centimetres of where it last came to rest but not nearer the hole.

The recommended method of marking the ball is illustrated in the diagrams below:



Before lifting the ball, two straight lines AB and AC are marked in the sand as shown in Fig. 1. These lines should extend sideways from the ball. "A" is the marked position of the ball. When the smooth is completed, those portions of the lines represented by AD and AE in Fig. 2 will be obliterated. "A" can readily be located by projecting the lines BD and CE until they meet. The point of intersection will be "A" and the ball must be replaced on that spot.

## 2 Ball Holed

The definition of "holed" in the Rules of Golf is extended to include where a ball is at rest entirely within the circumference of the hole – even if the entire ball is not below the surface of the putting green because of sand left within the hole. See also Rule 13.2c for ball resting against the flagstick in the hole.

## 3 Excess Sand in Cup

Players are permitted to empty the hole of excess sand at any time subject to Sand Green Rule 1.3 above.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for the breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (stroke play - 2 strokes, match play - loss of hole).

## Sand Green Etiquette

1. The last player to hole their ball on the putting green should empty the hole of sand and ensure the flagstick is centred in the hole.
2. Someone other than the last player to hole out will smooth or rake the sand within three smoother-widths of the hole.

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