

1) Code of Conduct

Players are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsportsmanlike and detrimental to the game of golf.

By entering a PKGC competition, a player agrees to comply with the normal standards of behaviour and conduct. Any of the following actions are considered unacceptable conduct and may render a player subject to penalty or disqualification as determined by the Match Committee, PKGC Advisory Committee or Wests Illawarra Board of Directors.

- a) Undertaking activity, within the precincts of the PKGC course; clubhouse or in the vicinity of PKGC which would bring discredit to PKGC or the game of golf;
- b) Using profane or abusive language, throwing or breaking clubs; wilfully damaging the course in any way;
- c) Criticising the sponsors or officials connected with the competition.
- d) Deliberately breaking the Rules of Golf.
- e) Refusing to comply with directions issued by Pro Shop Staff/Match Referees.
- f) Abusing fellow competitors over disputes of procedure.

2) Administration and Entry.

2.1 Match Committee

The Match Committee shall have the power to vary all guidelines. Decisions regarding any dispute or question arising as to the qualification of any entrant are final.

The assigned Match Committee members present during the playing of the event may exercise all functions of the Match Committee for the event on the day.

Protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Match Committee within fifteen (15) minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.

2.2 Competition Entry

- All players must be financial members of their home club.
- All visitors must have a minimum of 10 handicapped rounds in the preceding 12 months to be eligible for prizes.

3) Championship Conditions

3.1 Championship Eligibility

- All players must have been a financial member of Port Kembla Golf Club for a minimum of 3 months at the start of the event
- OR-
- If the player has less than 3 months of membership they must have a minimum of 20 handicapped rounds in the preceding 12 months
- All Port Kembla Golf Club members must have played 8 handicapped rounds in the preceding 12 months at Port Kembla Golf Club.

3.1 Trophies

Gross trophies take precedence over Nett trophies unless otherwise specified and only one overall trophy can be won by any one player.

3.2 Ties, Playoffs and Count-backs

If a Gross tie exist for first place, a 2 hole playoff using the 5th and 9th holes will take place. If the result is still a tie a sudden death playoff will take place using the 5th and 9th holes continuously to determine the winner unless otherwise specified. The playoff will commence after all players have completed their rounds.

Ties in events with Nett results taking precedence will be determined by standard count back procedure.

4) Conditions of Competition

4.1 Time of Starting

Starting times will be as per timesheet or as determined by the match committee

4.2 Pace of Play

All players and groups must maintain their position in the field. Undue delay or loss of position may result in penalties being applied to all players in the group as determined by the match committee.

The correct position in the field is immediately behind the group in front not anywhere in front of the group behind.

4.3 Transportation

Approved motorised transport is allowed.

4.4 Mobile Phones and Other Electronic Devices

All devices should be on silent mode. Making or receiving calls from a mobile phone must be made without audible distraction to other players in the group or on the course. Device functions outside of measuring distance must not be used in breach of [Rule 4.3a Allowed and Prohibited Uses of Equipment](#).

4.5 Suspension of Play

If suspension of play is required, players must abide by the rules of golf with regards to this provision. Please familiarise yourself with the Port Kembla Golf Club Adverse Weather Policy available [HERE](#)

4.6 Returning of Score Card or Electronic Score

It is the player's responsibility to ensure that their score is recorded correctly and any changes be made within 15 minutes after the completion of the players round.

Regardless of whether a player is using a physical or digital scorecard, reminder the player is deemed to have left the scoring area 15 minutes after their score is returned and that score is final.

Any incorrectly marked cards may result in disqualification to the player.

4.7 Results – Competition Closed

The competition is closed when all players have returned their cards and all returned cards have been verified by the committee.

4.8 Doubt as to Procedure

In stroke play, if a doubt or dispute arises between the players and a referee or committee representative is not available in a reasonable time, then the procedure outlined in **Rule 20.1c(3)** must be followed.