

CONDITIONS FOR LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

7. LEAGUE COMPETITIONS - will be played on public courses wherever possible.

8. ELIGIBILITY

- a. A player must be a financial Associate of a PSWGL member club, a currently registered PSWGL player and hold a current Golf Australia handicap, to be eligible to compete in any League competition. An exception to this is eligibility for the PSWGL District Championship – Open competitions (refer By-Law 34 re Open competitions).
- b. Players with **GA handicaps** between 0.00 and 54.0 are eligible to enter League competitions, but players will be restricted to a maximum **daily (playing) handicap** of 45.

9. ENTRIES FOR COMPETITIONS

All competitions will have a closing date for entries. Under extenuating circumstances, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

10. HANDICAPS FOR LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

GA handicaps will be used for grading purposes in all PSWGL competitions but a daily handicap of 45 will be the maximum allowed for scoring purposes.

11. INSUFFICIENT ENTRIES

The Tournament Director may, if insufficient entries received, bad weather conditions prevail, or for any other reason; shorten, postpone or abandon a competition.

12. TIED SCORES

- a. A tied score for **first place only** in the following League stroke competitions will be decided by a sudden death play-off: **Metropolitan Championship 18-hole gross, Champion of Champions 18-hole gross** and the **PSWGL District Championship closed gross**. Tied scores for minor places and all other competitions will be decided by count back, using the Australian count back system, as per b. below.
- b. In an 18-hole competition, the count back will be decided over the last nine holes on the score card. If a tie still remains, then it will be taken on the last six, three or the last hole. If a tie still results, a count back will be taken hole by hole (eg backwards from 18 to 1).

13. DROP ZONES

Where available, drop zones will be used for all League competitions.

14. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

All protests and disputes will be resolved by the Tournament Director and her match committee and the decision will be final.

15. PERSONS ACCOMPANYING PLAYERS DURING COMPETITION

Players competing in any League event (including the Pennant competition) cannot have another person accompany them on the course, unless prior written permission has been sought and granted by the Tournament Director. If permission granted, conditions for the accompanying person will apply. Breach of this rule or applied conditions, should be reported to the Tournament Director and will result in disqualification during a PSWGL competition or loss of match during the pennant competition.

16. MOTORISED GOLF CARTS

Motorised carts may be used at all League competitions; approval is not required and it is the responsibility of the player to organise her own cart. Player must advise the Tournament Director of her intention to play in a cart and also advise the name of other player, if intending to share the cart.

17. HOLES IN ONE

A PSWGL Hole-in-One certificate will only be presented if the hole in one is achieved during a PSWGL competition or a pennant match.

LEAGUE LOCAL RULES

18. PREFERRED LIE

A 30cm preferred lie may be taken when playing in League competitions on public golf courses, when the ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. The ball does not need to be marked, may be cleaned when so lifted without penalty and replaced no nearer to the hole.

(This allowance is made for League players on public golf courses, where the condition of the course in the general area cut to fairway height or less, may not always be ideal. It should however be remembered that this allowance should be used for the preservation of the fairway, eg when the ball may be lying in a divot, but not solely for the benefit of the player.)

19. PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

Relief must be taken from trees **under two metres in height**, (with or without stakes). The ball must be dropped (without penalty), within one club length of the nearest point of relief (reference point – see diagram at rule 16.1b), clear of the foliage, but not nearer the hole. If a tree taller than two metres is obviously a 'baby tree' in need of protection (eg very thin or spindly), relief must also be taken. This rule does not apply to grass trees and vegetation growing naturally in bush areas.

In cases of staked trees taller than two metres, if the stake itself is interfering with the stance or swing, under the immovable obstruction rule, the player is entitled to relief from the stake only.

20. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (**EG SPRINKLER HEADS**) CLOSE TO, OR ON THE PUTTING GREEN

Relief from interference by an *immovable obstruction* may be taken under R and A Rule 16.1.

The player also has **these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:**

Ball in General Area

The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b (see diagram in R and A Rules)

if an *immovable obstruction* is: On the line of play, and is:

Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and

Within two club-lengths of the ball.

On the putting green

The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1d (see diagram in R and A Rules) if an *immovable obstruction* is on the line of play, by placing a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole, which is either on the putting green or in the general area. If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, the player may still take this free relief by using the point of maximum available relief as the reference point, which must be either on the putting green or in the general area.

Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Penalty for playing ball from a wrong place in breach of R and A Rule 14.7a incurs a general penalty (2 strokes) or **loss of hole in match play.**

21. FLAGSTICK

Whilst not involving a penalty but in order to restrict damage to the hole, players in PSWGL competitions are encouraged to remove the flagstick from the hole before retrieving the ball.

22. MOBILE PHONES

During PSWGL competitions, a mobile phone must be inaudible from the time the first shot of the group is played until after all players in the group have completed their rounds. It should only be used for scoring, looking up rules or distance information, unless a player has previously indicated to her playing partners that she may, due to special circumstances, need to use her phone during the round. Penalty for infringement is 2 strokes or **loss of hole in match play**.

23. MEASURING DEVICES

In all League competitions, these are permitted, providing that they are used for measuring distance only. If this device is used to gauge or measure other conditions that may affect play, (eg: wind speed, elevation changes, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a. The penalty is 2 strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. For a subsequent offence player will be disqualified.