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PLEASE WEAR SOFT SPIKES WHEN PLAYING ON NELSON BAY GOLF COURSE. METAL SPIKES ARE BANNED EVERYWHERE AT NBGC.

CARE OF THE COURSE

All players are expected to repair all divots on the fairways and pitch marks on the greens. All players, whether using a cart, buggy or carrying their bag MUST carry a sand bucket. Bunkers must be raked after use, and the rake placed in the bottom of

the bunker, parallel to the direction of play with the handle pointing back at the tee.

CARTS

Players in carts MUST OBEY CART SIGNS AT ALL TIMES. Regardless of the signs, carts must never be driven within 30 metres of the green. Players should also be aware that there are areas of the course that are particularly susceptible to cart damage. They should therefore be sensitive at all times as to where they drive their carts so that minimal damage is done to the course.

There is a limit to the number of private carts that can be driven on the course, whether they are garaged at the course or brought in by trailer. The owners of all such carts must pay an ANNUAL RIGHT OF ENTRY FEE. Carts not displaying a current permit sticker are not permitted on the course.

Should it rain, the Course Superintendent will advise on the day whether or not carts are allowed on the course or if they’re restricted to the rough. When the course becomes unplayable, play will be suspended.

DRESS

All players are expected to be dressed neatly at all times. This includes a collared shirt, appropriate shorts, skirt or trousers, shoes and socks. Un-collared but tailored golf shirts are allowed but not T-shirts.

Items considered NOT SUITABLE for the course and clubhouse include singlets, bare feet, swim-wear, scuffs/thongs, stubbies or football shorts, training apparel. Denim jeans are not allowed on the course.

DUTY OF PLAYERS

1. Players are responsible for having a working knowledge of the rules of golf, and they should carry an official rule book with them. These are available from the Club.
2. Players should be acquainted with the Local Rules of the club as listed on the back of the score cards also on the board outside the pro shop and on our Club APP.
3. Players should be ready to play a minimum of 15 minutes before their scheduled starting time.
4. Players must adhere to dress regulations, observe course etiquette and avoid slow play.
5. Other than specially designated events, there is a maximum of 4 players in a group.
6. The Match Committee has the right to vary the program if necessary.

PACE OF PLAY

The lowest marker in the group is responsible for the pace of play. At Nelson Bay Golf Club, players are expected to complete 9 holes in no more than 2 hours 15 minutes, and 18 holes in no more than 4 hours 30 minutes.

Despite the general guideline above, the determinant of an acceptable speed of play is whether you are keeping up with the group in front, not just keeping ahead of the group behind.

TIPS TO SPEED UP PLAY

1. Walk quickly from the green to the next tee.
2. Don’t mark your cards at the green you have just finished. Go straight to the next tee and mark your cards after you have teed off.
3. As soon as it is safe to do so, move forward to your ball, check the distance and select your club. This can often be done before your fellow competitor has played his/her shot.
4. The new rules of golf for 2019 encourage you to play your shot within 40 seconds of it becoming your turn to play. “Ready golf” is encouraged at NBGC.
5. In all stroke events players are encouraged to putt out unless standing on another players line.
6. If you are still falling behind, the first two players to putt out can leave the green immediately and hit off while the other two players complete the hole.

HANDICAPPING

The scores of all players are entered into the GOLFLINK database for automatic calculation of handicaps under the “SLOPE” System adopted by Golf Australia. Any member can log on to the Golf Australia website of www.golf.org.au/handicaps

To obtain a new handicap, 3 completed 18 Hole cards or the equivalent of 9 hole cards are to be returned to the Handicapper via Reception for assessment.

Please note the following:

* Handicaps are intended to enable players to compete in handicap events on even terms.
* In some circumstances a player’s handicap may be reviewed or modified by the Match Committee.
* There is a maximum handicap of 36 for Men and 45 for Ladies.

TIME SHEETS

All time sheets are available to both Men and Ladies, barring single sex competitions. The procedure for entering names for all competitions is as follows:

TUESDAYS: Available from 5:15pm on the Monday of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at match table. Online entry from 7:00pm

WEDNESDAYS: Available from 5:15pm on the Tuesday of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at match table. Online entry from 7:00pm

THURSDAYS: Available from 5:00pm on the Monday of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at match table. Online entry from 7:00pm

FRIDAYS: Available from 5:00pm on the Tuesday of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at match table. Online entry from 7:00pm

SATURDAYS: Available from 5:15pm on the Thursday of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at match table. Online entry from 7:00pm

SUNDAYS: Available from 5:00pm on the Thursday of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at match table. Online entry from 7:00pm

The starter has the right to alter hit off times and groupings to assist the smooth running of the competition.

Procedure as follows: Members wishing to be involved in the draw must place their membership card in the relevant barrel prior to the commencement for the draw for that competition.

When a member’s card is drawn out of the barrel, he/she has the opportunity to enter four names only into the time sheet. One of these names must be their own. Once all members in the draw have been given their opportunity to enter their group, the timesheets will then be declared open for general entry.

It is the responsibility of every member to delete his/her name as soon as it is known that he/she is unable to play in the relevant competition. Failure to do so can be denying someone else a game and may be reviewed by the Match Committee.

**Note:** No one is allowed to remove someone else’s name from a time sheet. Only the Pro Shop and the Match Committees (Mens & Ladies) have the authority to do this. Contravention of this requirement may lead to suspension of membership.

After the times listed above, the time sheets will then go “live” from 7:00pm for online entries. For instructions on how to access the club’s website, including the timesheets, new members should consult the Reception or Administration staff.

The club’s web address is **www.nelsonbaygolf.com.** It contains information about club events, both on the course and in the clubhouse. Members can also register their email addresses with club administration so they can receive bulletins, newsletters and other communications.

**VISITORS**

Members of affiliated clubs may be invited to play in Club competitions but they are not eligible to receive a donated trophy. They may be presented with a consolation prize. Visitors must show their Membership/Golf Link card and handicap cards to the Pro shop staff. Visitors can only book onto the time competition sheet 5 days prior to the event.

**COMPETITIONS**

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open to full playing members and Juniors only. To be played over four stroke rounds.

**MONTHLY MEDALS**

Open to full paying members and juniors only. To be played over one stroke round. Best A Grade Scratch Golfer award played over 9 rounds with lowest 5 scratch scores to count for overall award. Nett Player of the Year based on Nett placings in each grade in Monthly Medal competitions

**MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS (SCRATCH AND NETT**)

Open to full playing members. Knockout competitions played under Matchplay conditions and using the Match Index.

**AMBROSE COMPETITIONS**

A team stroke event played as a TWO, THREE OR FOUR PERSON AMBROSE. Each player plays a tee shot at each hole. The best drive is selected. Other members retrieve their balls and in turn play a shot within one club length of the position of the best drive. However, if a ball is in the rough or a hazard, the next shots must be played from that condition. This procedure of selecting the best position for each shot continues until the ball is holed. In some three or four person Ambrose events, a “drop off” rule applies. In this case the player whose ball has been selected does not play the next shot. This applies until the ball is on the green, when all players are then entitled to putt.

**FOURSOMES AND MIXED FOURSOMES**

Two players as partners use one ball. The players alternately strike off from the tee and thereafter strike the ball alternately during the play of each hole. Scoring is done as for a stroke round with the deduction of half of the players combined handicaps from the total. If either player incurs a penalty stroke it does not alter the rotation of play.

**CANADIAN FOURSOMES**

Two players play as partners. Both players play tee shots at every hole, and afterwards continue, playing alternately with whichever ball they nominate, i.e. the partner playing the second stroke. Half aggregate stroke handicap. 6 tee shots required from each player.

**AMERICAN FOURSOMES**

Both players play tee shots at each hole, and then play a second stroke with their partner’s ball. One ball is then selected and play proceeds as in foursomes with the owner of the ball selected playing the third stroke. Handicap allowance is 1/2 of aggregate stroke handicap.

**FOUR BALL BEST BALL**

A two person team’s event where the team takes the best score by either of them for each hole the best score only is to be recorded.

The competition may be either stroke, Stableford or par. (Although the correct term for this form of play is 4BBB, it is often commonly referred to as 2BBB).

**MULTIPLIER**

Usually a two person teams event where the Stableford points of each player in the team are multiplied together, that is, 3 x 0 = 0; 3 x 2 = 6.

**AGGREGATE**

A teams event for two, three or four players, where the Stableford points for each player are added together for each hole.

**TEAMS SPLIT 6s**

Usually a Stableford team’s event where the best one score of the team is recorded for the first 6 holes, the sum of the best two scores is recorded for the next 6 holes and the sum of the best three scores is recorded for the last 6 holes.

**COMPETITIONS**

**IRISH FOURBALL**

This is played as a team’s stableford event. The scoring is as follows

Holes 1-6 Best single score.

7-11 Total of best Two scores.

12-15 Total of best Three scores.

16-18 Total of all scores.

**L & Z CHALMERS PERPETUAL TROPHY**

1. Designated Mixed 4BBB events during golfing season

2. Open to members of Nelson Bay Golf Club only.

3. Only mixed pairs are eligible. Points will be awarded to pairs only, not individuals (i.e. Different partners over the season are eligible) Full AGU handicaps apply.

4. Points for each of the first five (5) place getters.

5. 1st: 5 points to 5th: one point.

6. Resolution of a tie: a count back or at the discretion of Match Committee.

THE PRACTICE AT THIS CLUB IS TO LEAVE RAKES IN THE BOTTOM OF THE BUNKERS PARALLEL TO THE DIRECTION OF PLAY WITH THE HANDLE POINTING BACK AT THE TEE COMPETITIONS, SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES.

**COMPETITION NOTES**

Application of handicaps to various types of Competition:

INDIVIDUAL

Stroke, Stableford, Par: Full Handicap.

Eclectic: Half of stroke handicap on last day of competition, or as determined by the Match Committee.

**MATCHPLAY**

Full difference of stroke handicap.

**HANDICAP MATCH PLAY**

Lowest marker goes to scratch. The opponent (or team members in team events) then play from full difference of result. Strokes are to be taken from Match Play Index.

**SCRATCH MATCHPLAY**

Qualify in grades and then play head-to-head with no allowance for handicap

**TIES IN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

Separate rules apply for each competition and are made available to all entrants.

Commonly, ties in multi-round events are resolved by play-offs over the following holes for Gross Stroke scores:- 10th, 11th and 18th. Ties in Nett events are resolved by count back as below:-

**TIES IN HANDICAP EVENTS**

1. For 18 hole events the best score for the last 9 holes shall be used. If there is still a tie the last 6 holes. If still tied the last 3 holes. If a tie still persists then hole by hole from the last hole.
2. In 27, 36, 54 and 72 hole events the last 18 holes shall be used and if still tied count-back as in 1 above.
3. In handicap events the relevant handicap or fractions thereof shall be applied.

**ECLECTIC COMPETITIONS**

An Eclectic Competition may be conducted for some events.

Results will be processed through the computerised system.

**MENS, LADIES & MEDLEY COMPETITIONS**

Following a decision of the Board in November 2017, Men and Ladies will have equal access to all competitions:

1. The Ladies Match Committee will nominate the competition of the day for Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there will be the medley competition of the day for both men and ladies.
2. The Club Match Committee will nominate the competition of the day for Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and there will be the medley competition of the day for both ladies and men.
3. Male and Female golfing members can play on any competition day of their choosing via the ballot or online.
4. The Match Committee reserves the right to set the competition format in cases where an equivalent medley competition cannot be staged.

**Greens Staff have the Right of Way at all times** - PLEASE STAND ASIDE WHEN THE MACHINES ARE OPERATING

**Important Note:**

The Match Committee reserves the right to alter, update or delete any fixtures shown in this booklet. Any changes will be advised by the Pro Shop and/or electronic media.

**RECIPROCAL CLUBS**

Blackheath Golf Club, NSW

Bondi Beach Golf Club, NSW

Bribie Island Golf Club, QLD

Bunbury Golf Club, WA

Canterbury Golf Club, Canterbury, UK

Catalina Country Club, NSW

Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club, NSW

Flinders Golf Club, VIC

Foster Tuncurry Golf Club, NSW

Geraldton Golf Club, WA

Howlong Country Club, NSW (Full members only)

Mornington Golf Club, VIC

Moss Vale Golf Club, NSW

Murwillumbah Golf Club NSW

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club, NSW

Pambula Merimbula Golf Club, NSW

Penrith Golf Club, NSW

Rosebud Golf Club, VIC

Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club, NSW

Scotscraig Golf Club, Tayport, Fife, Scotland

Spalding Park Golf Club, WA

Surfers Paradise Golf Club, QLD

Tea Tree Gully Golf Club, SA

Yamba Golf Club, NSW

Yarrawonga & Border Golf Club, NSW

Yowani Golf Club, ACT

PLAYERS SEEKING TO UTILISE RECIPROCAL RIGHTS SHOULD CHECK WITH THE CLUB AS TO THEIR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY