



# **Campbelltown Golf Club Local Rules**

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## 1. BACKGROUND

This document contains a collection of the various golf local rules and guidelines that apply to the Campbelltown Golf Club.

## 2. PLAY AND CONDUCT ON THE GOLF COURSE

Each member is asked to give close attention to:

1. The Rules of Golf
2. The Etiquette of the Game
3. The Local Rules
4. The Regulations Governing Conditions of Play
  - All matches are played over 18 holes unless otherwise notified.
  - The lowest marker in any group playing on the course is deemed to be responsible for the conduct and etiquette of the group.
  - A player, on losing his ball, MUST immediately call the players through, and then five minutes only is allowed to look for his ball.
  - Players must endeavour to complete holes 1-9 in 2 hours 20 minutes and holes 10-18 in 2 hours.
  - Players are obliged to move off the putting green before marking their cards.
  - Players are obliged to pick up immediately if they are unable to score in Stableford and Par events.
  - Sand buckets must be carried at all times and used to repair divot marks. Failure to do so will result in one warning with subsequent breaches incurring a 2 stroke penalty in the day's event. Pitch marks on greens must also be repaired and bunkers raked after use.
  - All play, whether in competition or not, must be from the tees of the day. If there is no competition, play must be from the white markers for men and the red for ladies.
  - Should a player or marker be in doubt of the rule of golf or local rule applicable to a particular incident in the course of play, he must immediately upon returning to the clubhouse report the facts to the Captain, Vice Captain or a member of the Match & Greens for a ruling. The card should not be signed until this ruling has been given.

## 3. GOLF HANDICAPS

- The governing body of golf in Australia has charged golf clubs with the responsibility to maintain and adjust player handicaps to ensure the system is providing equity and integrity for all golfers. Consequently, it may be necessary from time to time, for clubs to review member's handicaps to ensure it is in keeping with a player's ability and capabilities.
- Under the rules and procedures set down by Golf Australia, clubs may

approve alterations of a member's handicap if in its absolute discretion and having regard to all the circumstances including the member's past results in any form of competition or taking into account a member's personal circumstances. In the event a handicap review is undertaken, it will be carried out by the clubs Advisory Committee in accordance with Section 8 of Golf Australia Handicapping System.

- All handicap reviews will be the responsibility of the Golf Clubs Advisory Committee. Where a handicap review is being carried out, the member will be informed, in writing, and given 7 days to make representation to the committee either in person or in writing. The CGCAC will then make a decision based on all the information that has been presented during the timeframe provided to the member, and whether a handicap adjustment is warranted. The member will be informed, in writing, of the outcome of the review. In the case where a handicap has been adjusted the club will update the member's records on Golfink and inform Golf NSW/Golf Australia that an adjustment has been made.
- Where a member believes due process or procedure was not followed by the committee in reaching its decision, the member may make representation to Golf NSW and provide any supporting evidence outlining where they believe due process was not followed correctly.
- Any decisions made by the CGCAC to adjust a member's handicap will be enforced and deemed to be final.

#### 4. PROTOCOLS FOR SUSPENDING OR CANCELLING PLAY

The General Manager should be contacted when a decision on suspending or cancelling play is being made by the Committee. In the event a competition is cancelled, players who have already paid the competition fees will receive a credit which can be used for a future round. Members who also paid for a cart will receive a credit provided the cart was not used for more than 9 holes. Where the paid cart was used for 9 or more holes no credit will apply.

#### 5. MOTORISED CARTS & MOTOR BIKES

Carts and bikes must be driven on designated cart paths at all times, were available.

Carts and bikes must not be driven or left within 10 metres of greens, tees and bunkers.

Players using carts and bikes must maintain their normal place in the field and will have no special priority.

Any motorised cart or bike not owned by the club which is used within the boundaries of the Club must comply with specifications and policy as laid down by the CGCAC and may not be used **without the written consent of the Committee**.

Carts may only be driven by a person holding a current drivers licence.

## 6. GOLF MATCH DAY & COMPETITION RULES

The rules of the game of golf, as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and the Local Rules of the Campbelltown Golf Club, shall be the Golf Rules of this club.

### 6.1. PRIORITY ON THE COURSE

Pairs, threesomes and foursomes shall have precedence over and be entitled to pass any other kind of match. A single player has no standing and shall give way to a match of any kind.

Any match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round.

If a match or group fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should allow the match or group following to pass

### 6.2. LOCAL RULES

The Match & Greens Committee shall determine local rules from time to time and post them on the local rules board. These rules shall be used in conjunction with the rules of golf as determined by the R&A.

At all times the local rules posted on the back of the score cards shall be used in conjunction with the rules of golf as determined by the R & A.

Local Rules include:

- No member may use the course when it is not in use by competition fields or other bookings subject to membership entitlements.
- On competition and championship days, no use of the course before the event is permitted for social play without the authority of any member of the Match & Greens Committee.
- Existing Local Rules and Temporary Local Rules as deemed necessary from time to time will be listed on the Local Rules Board in front of the Golf Shop or at the 1st and 10th tees.
- To use the course at any time covered by a competition timesheet, one must be entered in that competition.
- Competition fields have priority until the last group has commenced their final nine holes.
- Where a tie exists in competition for a Monthly Medal, a play-off will take place on the next Monthly Medal Day. Players in the play-off will use the handicap current on the day of the play off and the lowest nett score shall determine the winner.
- Members playing a social round or practicing on the course shall be limited to playing a maximum of two balls.

### 6.3. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following rules apply specifically, but not only, to championship events:—

- Members should inform the General Manager or the Match Committee if, following qualification, they do not intend to compete in subsequent championship rounds.
- In the event of a tie, a play-off shall be conducted over the number of holes determined by the match committee at a time and date decided by the match committee for scratch scores only. All Net trophies to be decided on a count back basis.
- During championships, all play must take place at designated tee times, where allocated.
- Grades for men shall be:—

A grade Up to 12 Handicap  
B Grade 13-19 Handicap  
C Grade 20 and over Handicap

- To be eligible for all Championship events members must be a financial 7 day member for a minimum of 6 months or have at least submitted 8 competition cards at Campbelltown Golf Club prior to the commencement of that Championship.

Note: Foursomes both player need to be in the same grade or the highest marker his/her Handicap to the highest point of the lowest markers grade.

### 6.4. COMPETITION REGISTRATION

- Competitors shall report to the pro shop no less than 20 minutes prior to their tee time. Players arriving within 20 minutes prior to their tee time may be moved to an alternate group. Such action shall be applied at the discretion of the starter and/or the Match & Greens Committee
- Competitors shall register themselves into the competition by registration on the competition database through the club's computer network or by reporting to the pro shop.
- Competitors wishing to remove their name from a competition list can do so by either removing themselves from the competition database or contacting the pro shop. Players should provide the club with at least 24 hour notice in their intention not to play in the competition so other players have the opportunity to fill the vacant position
- Competitors must pay the prescribed entry fee prior to commencing competition play. Players not paying the prescribed entry fee prior commencing play shall be disqualified.
- Competitors must make every effort to notify the pro shop if they are unable to meet their starting time. Consistent failure to provide or be

late with such notifications may result in suspension of playing rights and shall be actioned at the discretion of the CGCAC

## 6.5. COMPETITION RESULTS

- Competition results shall be determined by the Match & Greens Committee upon completion of any given competition in accordance with AGU competition guidelines. Decisions of the Match & Greens Committee are final.
- In all club competitions any protest must be conveyed to the Club Captain or Vice Captain by 1730 hours on the day of competition play.
- The Match & Greens Committee shall determine competition winners in accordance with the AGU regulations governing competition play. Where AGU regulations are not adhered to, competition regulations shall be publicly displayed.
- Monthly Medal competitions shall be played in four grades (A, B, C and Juniors) with a Monthly Medal awarded to the winner of each grade. All other competitions shall be divided into grades in accordance with the following recommendations:
  - For competitions consisting of greater than 100 competitors, the Match and Greens Committee shall determine four grades (A, B, C & Juniors - Juniors only in monthly medals), for the competition
  - For competitions consisting of less than 100 competitors, the Match and Greens Committee shall determine the makeup for the competition. Prize money allocations for the competition will be set at the discretion of the committee.
- Club Match play competitors are to be played using the rules for match play

## 6.6. COMPETITION CARDS

A card issued by the starter or other authorised person must be obtained before playing in any competition and the requested competition fee paid. No other card shall be recognised — all cards must be signed by the marker, countersigned by the player and placed in the prescribed receptacle immediately after completion of the round. All competition cards must be returned for handicap purposes. Please be reminded that the score card is the official score result of the competition not the score entered into the computer. The computer is an aid to the Match Committee.

Where the event dictates, all cards must be entered into the computer by the player and marker

## 6.7. HANDICAPS FOR VARIOUS EVENTS

- 1. INDIVIDUAL:**
  - 1.1 Stroke — full handicap.
  - 1.2 Par — full handicap.
  - 1.3 Stableford — full handicap.
  - 1.4 Match Play — full difference of stroke handicaps.

- 2. FOURSOMES (Incl. Mixed):**  
2.1 Stroke — ½ of aggregate stroke handicap.  
2.2 Par — ½ of aggregate stroke handicap.  
2.4 Match Play — ½ of difference of aggregate stroke handicap.

- 3. CANADIAN / AMERICAN FOURSOMES (Incl. Mixed):**  
3.1 Stroke — ½ of aggregate stroke handicap.  
3.2 Par — ½ of aggregate stroke handicap.  
3.3 Stableford — ½ of aggregate stroke handicap.

- 4. AMBROSE EVENTS:**  
2 Ball 1/4 of combined handicaps.  
3 Ball 1/6 of combined handicaps.  
4 Ball 1/8 of combined handicaps.

#### **6.8. TIES AND COUNTBACKS**

An Australia-wide uniform count-back system came into operation from the 1st January 1985, a system approved by the Australian Golf Union. Ties in events shall be decided, whenever possible, by play-offs. If the committee considers this to be impractical, the following count-back system shall be used:

##### **18 Hole Events**

The best score for the last nine holes shall be used. If there is still a tie, the last six holes shall be used and, if still tied, the last three holes shall be used. If a tie persists then hole-by-hole scores shall be taken from the 18th hole.

The relevant handicap or fraction thereof shall be applied in handicap events and a penalty applicable under Rule 3-5 (General Penalty) shall be ignored as far as the count-back is applied.

In the event of a tie in any championship event an 18 hole playoff will take place. In the event of a tie in a Monthly Medal, a play-off will take place on the next Monthly Medal Day

#### **6.9. TIMESHEETS**

Saturday and Sunday timesheets are available from 6.00 p.m. on the Friday evening fourteen (14) days prior to the designated event. Timesheets for Public Holiday competitions will be made available in a similar method to the Sunday sheets. Any one person may enter no more than four (4) names on any timesheet.

CGCAC members will be given the option of booking themselves and one other player, **prior** to the timesheets being opened to the members

Timesheets will be available on the club's website in the member's area. Members can log on with their membership number and personal identification number (PIN) to book into competitions. Restrictions to online bookings may apply for various competition events

## **7. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MAJOR EVENTS**

### **Members, Senior And Junior Championships**

Club Championships shall be over 4 stroke rounds - commencing on a date to be notified by the match committee. Grades will be A Grade (up to 12 handicap), B Grade (handicaps 13-19) and C Grade (handicaps of 20+).

The first 3 rounds may be played anytime during the allocated booking times. The 4th round will be played only by the top 12 players in A, B, & C Grade who will play in a seeded draw from the 1st hole at a time to be determined by the match committee. All other players will play an 18 hole Stableford event on the final day.

If a player in the top players of any grade becomes unavailable for the seeded draw they will be deemed to have withdrawn from the championship and will not be replaced by the next available player.

The Nett trophies will be played over the first 54 holes of the Club Championships.

Junior Championships and Senior Championships are also to be played over the first 54 holes of the Club Championships.

### **Campbelltown Cup**

18 Hole Stroke A Grade (Handicap limits apply)

### **Campbelltown Bowl And Salver**

18 Hole Stroke B and C Grade event

### **Foursomes And Mixed Foursomes Championship**

36 Hole Stroke play event to be played over two rounds. Mixed Foursomes and foursomes to be played on a date to be notified by the Match & Greens Committee.

Both partners must be in the applicable grade on the first round of play. Members may play off a lower handicap and compete in a lower grade if desired.

### **Medal Of Medals**

18 Hole Stroke event. All Monthly Medal winners automatically qualify.

### **Club Matchplay Champions**

The top 16 of the nominated players in each Grade will qualify after the 2 qualifying rounds to be held at a time to be notified by the Match & Greens Committee. Matches can be played on or before the nominated date for that match with the exception of the final.

To be eligible for all Championship events new members must have be a financial 7 day member for a minimum of 6 months and have at least submitted 8 competition cards at Campbelltown Golf Club prior to the commencement of that Championship

## 8. PENNANT GOLF

### General Information

- The CGCAC or its delegate will be responsible for rules and selection activities associated with the club's pennant teams. The Committee's decision on all pennant matters and activities will be final. The Committee will adopt a consultative and collaborative approach when selecting pennant players and managers
- At the beginning of each year the CGCAC will inform members of upcoming competitions, team formats, fixture dates, club colours & shirt designs, dress standards and a player & caddie code of conduct.
- At the beginning of each year and prior to the selection of the first pennants side, the Committee will seek and agree on an amount of money that the club will apportioned across each of the pennant teams. The agreed budget will be used to cover nomination costs, purchase of team shirts, golf balls and home match catering and refreshments.
- Teams approved budgets may be supplemented by external sponsorship and team fund raising activities. Any fund raising activities or sponsorship deals sought **must first** be approved by the CGCAC. All monies raised through sponsorship and/or fund raising activities must be fully accountable and readily accessible by the club to meet costs. Failure to disclose details of any funds raised may result in disciplinary action being taken by the committee.
- Budget funds not spent in the year may be used to fund an end of year pennants function to be conducted at the club. Any decision on unspent funds will be made by the Advisory Committee and suggestions may be sought from team managers.

### Team Selection Process & Criteria

- Expression of Interest (EOI's) for pennant teams will be advertised by the club at least 6 weeks prior to commencement of each competition. The committee will also monitor player performance throughout the year as a way of identifying and informing players where it is felt that may be reaching representative status. This in no way guarantees selection in a pennant team but acts as a method of earmarking potential representative players.
- EOIs will be sought for both playing and a team manager positions.
- Two weeks prior to the selection of the team players the team manager position will be picked and announced by the CGCAC. The team manager will assist the Committee in selecting the remaining pennants side. The team manager will also act as a single point of reference between the team and the Committee on all matters relating to the team. The team manager will be responsible, in conjunction with the other team members, in democratically choosing a team captain. The manager can also be a playing member of the team, if selected by the Committee.
- If EOIs are over subscribed a selection process to be adopted. Issues to be considered but not restricted to:

- Length of membership (i.e. new members)
- Player performances over the last 12 months
- Previous form in past pennant games
- Handicap history and
- player conduct

## 9. JUNIOR GOLF

### Program Aims

The aim of the Campbelltown Junior Development Program is to provide expert tuition, practice, skill testing and on-course play designed to give juniors the necessary knowledge and experience to become accomplished golfers. It also provides advanced tuition for those players showing the necessary promise and skills to reach the elite ranks of junior golf. Our mission statement is:

*“to encourage our kids to grow, learn and develop personal skills through playing and having fun with golf”*

Young golfers will be taught the fundamentals of a sport they can play for a lifetime. As well as developing their golfing skills, they will learn etiquette, good sportsmanship and the social skills that the game of golf teaches. Just as important is the emphasis we place on safety and making golf fun to learn.

The objective of the program is to establish three divisions of young golfers *Cadet's, Juniors and Intermediate players*, so as to create staged pathways through the sport that caters for the very beginner through to the elite. Our program is opened to boys and girls of all ages. Parents are encouraged to participate and be involved and enjoy the experience as much as the kids will enjoy theirs.

The junior golf will be overseen by the golf professional of the day.

The following rules apply to juniors

- The CGCAC may deem that a person who has not reached the age of 12 years be qualified to be a Junior Member provided the Club Professional certifies that such a person has the physical skills, maturity and knowledge of the game of Golf to be a Junior Member. Juniors, where practicable, should be accompanied by a responsible adult while playing in competition rounds. Dispensation can be provide at the discretion of the club professional, the adult playing with the Junior is responsible for the conduct of the Junior and shall ensure that appropriate pace of play and etiquette is maintained throughout the competition round; and
- Junior entries, where practicable, should be booked into the competition by a responsible adult.