



By-Laws relating to Golf Competitions & other matters:

(Adopted at the Board of Directors meeting 31st August 2023)

1. All players must be a Full member of Woollooware Golf Club as of **1st August** to be eligible for Honour Board events, Pennants and interclub events with the exception of Holes in One.
2. Starting times must be strictly adhered to:
 - **Members are required to report to the starter at least 10 minutes prior to hit off time.**
 - All players are expected to be at the first tee, ready to hit off at the scheduled time.
 - Players that are late to the first tee but within 5 minutes of their scheduled time will be given a 2 shot penalty. Any player that arrives after the 5 minutes will be disqualified.
3. Members intending to cancel from a day's competition must give at least two hours' notice (this also applies to Members on the waiting list).
4. Members are not permitted to practise on the Golf Course without permission from the Pro Shop. When practising, players must not pitch to a green or play shots on a fairway. No player shall play more than 1 ball in a non-competition round.
5. Motorised transport must not be used whilst competing in Championships unless the player can provide a current Doctors Certificate.
6. Woollooware Golf Club and Golf Course is a licensed venue. Under no circumstances can any alcohol be brought from outside the premises onto the golf course or into the Club.

7. **Countbacks** 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, then hole by hole from the 18th until a winner is decided.

8. The dress requirements for Members during Competitions are as listed: -

PERMITTED

- Golf/sports hats, caps, visors
- Golf/sports shirts with collars including mock style or rollover
- Tailored slacks, shorts or skirts
- Short socks or sports socks visible above the shoes and predominantly of one colour
- Specific golf shoes with soft spikes, joggers or sports shoes ONLY.

NOT PERMITTED

- Singlets, T-Shirts, football jumpers, tracksuits, beachwear or gym gear.
- V neck shirts without collars
- Denim jeans or shorts
- Drawstring shorts or trousers
- Any clothing with offensive wording or advertising other than appropriate to golf.
- Steel spikes.

9. The minimum number of players / teams for all competitions to have full prizes awarded is 21. Prizes awarded decreases as the field decreases as per the conditions of play.

10. Par or Stableford competitions - when a player has exhausted the number of strokes at a hole to secure a half or a point, they must immediately PICK UP to help speed play.

11. When playing 4B competition that are run in conjunction with a main individual event, players will score cards as individuals and the 4B will be run as a crossover. This will apply to all 4B events, except the London Trophy, and where the 4B is the main event, in which case pairing will be as per the booking sheet (i.e. cell 1 with cell 2, and cell 3 with cell 4). Players without a partner, or in a group of 2 are to mark all of their scores as they will be paired up with another at the completion of the competition.

12. Friday Opt-in competition cut off times: Winter: 12pm / Summer: 1:30pm
13. Visitors – Are restricted from booking into Saturday and Tuesday competitions until one day prior. Visitors are restricted to a maximum of 6 games per year in these members competitions.
14. The M&H Committee/Board of Directors may from time to time approve the alteration of a member's handicap if, in its absolute discretion and having regard to all of the circumstances including the Member's results in any form of competition, it considers that the change is warranted under the handicap system which the Club follows. A Member may make representation to the Match and Handicap Committee where the Member has suffered injury or illness. 5 rounds must be played before any change can be considered. Adjustments are at the discretion of the M & H Committee.
15. Members are **NOT** permitted to use a "Blocker" to hold a place on the booking sheet until Visitors or out of category members are permitted to book in.

Failure to abide by any of the above By-Laws will result in Warnings for the first 2 infringements and loss of playing rights for the 3rd Infringement for 2 weeks.

16. The use of mobile phones while on the golf course are to be used for scoring, acquiring distances, emergencies and contacting the Pro Shop only and must be switched to silent.

Penalty:

1st Offence – Verbal warning.

2nd Offence - Written warning

3rd Offence – Suspension of playing rights for 2 weeks

17. Illegitimate scoring or any other action in breach of the spirit of the game of golf WILL NOT be tolerated at WGC.

Penalty:

1st Offence – Disqualification and written warning.

2nd Offence – Disqualification and Suspension of playing rights for 2 weeks. Or a more severe penalty, at the discretion of the M&H Committee or the Board.

3rd Offence – Suspension of playing rights for 3 months.

(Golf NSW to be contacted for any suspensions to restrict members playing rights /handicap).

18. Slow play Policy

Time allowed:

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and rating / difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes at Woollooware Golf Course is **4 hours 4 minutes** for any group considered to be a 'pace setting group'.

A 'pace setting group' is any group that does not have a group booked in front of them that could cause delay e.g. the first group of the day or a group hitting off with 2 holes clear in front of them.

Definition of 'Out of Position': The first group of the day or any group considered a 'pace setting group' will be considered 'out of position' if, at any time during the round, the groups accumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed.

Any group following will be considered 'out of position' if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front (e.g. $\frac{3}{4}$ of a hole or more).

Note: Leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed. For example, a group that appears to be 'out of position' in relation to the group in front may in fact be on pace for a 4 hour round or better. They could just appear to be slow because the groups in front are playing at a very fast pace.

Procedure when group is Out of Position: (On the day)

1. Once a group is deemed to be 'out of position', one or more of the players in the group should be spoken to and given a direction to catch the group in front by a certain number of holes. (e.g. ready golf and walking faster between shots).
2. A follow up check will be done to ensure the group has moved back into position.
3. If the group has not made an acceptable effort to catch the group in front, one or more players need to be identified as the reason for the slow play (A marshal may do this by timing individual players).
4. Once the player(s) are identified the following penalties are applicable.

Penalty

1st offence - 2 stroke penalty

2nd Offence – 2 stroke penalty and the player(s) are restricted from booking into a competition earlier than 11am on the timesheet for a period of 4 games played by the player(s).

3rd Offence – 2 stroke penalty and the player(s) are restricted from booking into a competition earlier than 11am on the timesheet for the remainder of the membership year and an immediate suspension of playing rights for 2 weeks.

Procedure when a group finishes out of position based on the MiClub times per round report:

The use of the 'Times per round report' from MiClub can be used to determine if a group finishes out of position at the completion of their round (i.e. finishing more than 8 minutes behind the group in front after 18 holes).

This puts the emphasis on each group to ensure that they stay in position so that the finish directly behind the group in front. Failure to do so will result in the following penalties if a group finishes more than 10 minutes behind the group in front:

Penalty:

1st Offence – E-mail Warning to each player in the group

2nd Offence – E-mail Warning to each player in the group.

3rd Offence - restricted from booking into a competition earlier than 11am on the timesheet for a period of 4 games played by the player(s).

4th Offence – the player(s) are restricted from booking into a competition earlier than 11am on the timesheet for the remainder of the membership year and an immediate suspension of playing rights for 2 weeks.

Pace Setting Group Timer Card (3rd hole shortened)			
Hole	Individual Hole Timing	Accumulated Time	Accumulated hours/minutes
1	15	15	15 minutes
2	15	30	30 minutes
3	12	42	42 minutes
4	10	52	52 minutes
5	14	66	1 hour 6 minutes
6	14	80	1 hour 20 minutes
7	14	94	1 hour 34 minutes
8	16	110	1 hour 50 minutes
9	10	120	2 hours
Out			
10	11	131	2 hours 11 minutes
11	16	147	2 hours 27 minutes
12	16	163	2 hours 43 minutes
13	15	178	2 hours 58 minutes
14	16	194	3 hours 14 minutes
15	14	208	3 hours 28 minutes
16	11	219	3 hours 39 minutes
17	11	230	3 hours 50 minutes
18	14	244	4 hours 4 minutes
In		(124)	(2 hours 4 minutes)
Total	244	244	4 hours 4 minutes