

# NOTICE TO COMPETITORS (January 2021)

## WHYALLA GOLF CLUB - MEN AND WOMEN

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# **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS – REVISED 2021**

## **WHYALLA GOLF CLUB**

### **MEN AND WOMEN**

To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf; Whyalla Golf Club (WGC) constitution, policies and by-laws; and relevant published short and long-term notices.

All players adhere to these rules – that promote a high level of fair play and player etiquette.

This Notice to Competitors has three sections:

1. Rules of Play:
2. Local rules and WGC competition rules and conditions of play; and
3. General social rules and Code of Conduct.

Note: These rules apply at the WGC. Different rules may apply at other clubs.

#### **1. RULES OF PLAY**

- a. The R & A (and USGA) Rules govern all play – including rules of the game and golf conduct. Copies of the R & A “Players Editions of the Rules of Golf” handbook are provided to all members – a new copy is provided each four years when the book is updated. The “Rules of Golf” is a more detailed book (several copies are kept at the club) are also available on the Internet. A copy of the R & A book, “Official Guide to the Rules of Golf” is kept in the WGC shop.  
All three books are available from the internet, and through the club website.

#### **2. WGC LOCAL and COMPETITION RULES**

(To be read in conjunction with 1. RULES OF PLAY

Note 1.: Sometimes local rules change: they are published in the handbook; others are displayed on the clubhouse boards.

Note 2.: The latest version of the WGC “Notice to Competitors” can be found on the WGC web page “[whyallagolf.org.au](http://whyallagolf.org.au)”.

#### **IN BRIEF – LOCAL RULES**

##### **1) Distance Measuring Devices**

Electronic and other distance measuring devices may be used. However, other characteristics (for example, slope, elevation, break, humidity, wind speed etc) measured by the device may not be used (Full Rules 4.3a(1). Penalty for first offence of viewing characteristics, other than distance, is the general penalty (2 strokes) in stroke play, and loss of hole in match play.

##### **2) Cart Use**

Carts, golfers and scooters – electronic and motorised – may be used by any golfer in most events, except when banned in extreme weather conditions (e.g. too wet).

Men’s Competitions: However, for club championship and other major events determined by the Match Committee, use of such carts is only permitted with a doctor’s certificate. This applies to men.

Events where cart (mobile ride on machines) use requires a medical certificate are:

Club Championships (all grades) and the Whyalla Open.

(Special note: Most SA and Eyre Peninsula events require a doctor's certificate to use a ride on cart)

Women's Competitions: Women may use carts in all Whyalla Women's Competitions, including Northern Area Association Days and Northern Area District Event days.

(Special note: Most SA and Eyre Peninsula events require a doctor's certificate to use a ride on cart)

(Note: For combined men's/women's competitions – for example, most Saturday, Sunday and Long/Weekend events - men's rules apply)

**3) Preferred Lies**

Preferred lies apply only to the fairway in play and may be taken within one club grip length (refer appendix 1. and appendix 9 below)

**4) Staked Trees**

Full relief must be taken from all staked trees.

**5) Bare Patches on the Fairways**

Relief may be taken from bare patches on the fairway in play. (Note: preferred lie may be taken after the ball has been dropped from knee height.)

**6) Distance Markers**

Yardage markers, yellow 100 metres and blue 150 metres (on par 5's – white 200 metres), are measured from the centre of the fairway, along the path of the centre of the fairway, to the centre of the green. Executive Course orange markers indicate the distance from the centre of the fairway, along the fairway, to the centre of the green.

**7) Bull Ants Nests**

Live bull ant nests are abnormal course conditions – GUR rules (Rule 16.1b) apply.

**8) Annual Competitions**

Annual Competitions and how they work are outlined in the most recent WGC "Handbook" – further information is available from the men's and women's Club Captains.

**9) Nearest to the Pin**

Nearest the pin is defined as "nearest to the pin 'on' the green in play". This applies to men and women.

**WOMEN ONLY – WOMEN ONLY EVENTS**

**A. Nearest the Pin – WOMEN'S ONLY EVENTS Tuesday and Thursday (Minutes Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 2017)  
Tuesday 9 hole Comp**

No divisions. No Turkeys. No Birdies.

Front nine: 7<sup>th</sup> Hole – only one closest to the pin; all first shot

Back nine: 18<sup>th</sup> hole – only one closest to the pin: all second shot.

**Thursdays 18 hole Comp**

7<sup>th</sup> hole – Division 1 – closest to the pin – first shot

- Division 2 – closest to the pin - first shot

18<sup>th</sup> hole – Division 1 – closest to the pin – first shot

- Division 2 – closest to the pin 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> shot (must be written on board)

**B. STONES/ROCKS (Women's Only events – Tuesdays and Thursdays)**

A card length placement may be taken when stones interfere with the club near the ball, anywhere on the course. Ball to be placed, by hand, within one card length. Card may be open. Stones may be removed before placement of the ball is made.

**10) a. Stones in Bunkers**

Stones lying in bunkers are loose impediments, and can be removed from bunkers before playing a bunker shot (Rule 12.2a).

**b. Stones in "general area"**

No relief from embedded stones in the rough (Match Committee re-confirmed 2020).

Note: Exception for women only events

**11) DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY - SIGNAL**

For example, threat of lightening.

The signal for call-off of competition during play is an "air horn".

Note: Players must cease play immediately and leave the course (i.e. return to the club house) until the "all clear" is given. (The 'air horn' is located by the sign in the club shop)

**12) Unmarked Green Keeper works**

Seams of cut turf, and unmarked diggings, for example, around sprinkler heads and valves, are GUR. Piles of green mowing clippings around the course are not GUR unless marked.

**13) Pennants**

The Match Committee may arrange Pennant Competitions with other clubs and areas.

Members are encouraged to join in, and to wear the club polo-shirt or/and club red jumper.

**14) Juniors in Competition**

Juniors, who are members, are encouraged to participate in WGC weekly competitions once they have obtained a Golf Australia (GA) handicap of 35 or less for males, and 44 or less for females. Generally, only one junior will play in a group until experienced.

Social events, for example twilight golf, do not have handicap exclusion for juniors who are paid up members of the club.

- 15) **Men's Handicap Grades** (after WGC slope applied for 18 holes to GA handicap) are listed annually in the Whyalla Golf Club Handbook, and may vary annually based on member numbers and their handicaps.

Note: Other Districts events and other Golf Clubs may have different handicap grades.

- 16) **Women's Handicap Grades** (after WGC slope applied for 18 holes to GA handicap) are listed annually, and may vary based on member numbers and their handicaps, in the Whyalla Golf Club Handbook.

Note: Other Districts events and other Golf Clubs may have different handicap grades.

- 17) **Annual order of Merit for men**, and other competitions, details listed in WGC Handbook.

- 18) **Women's competitions** are listed in WGC Handbook.

- 19) **Daily Competition Round Procedure** when shop open:

Before commencing your round, please complete the following steps:

- Sign in the competition book or tell the starter
- Collect your score card
- Check your handicap
- Pay the entry fee

(Note: If shop is not open complete the above 4 items as soon as practicable)

On completion of your round:

- Return your signed card to the scorers without undue delay
- Note: Failure to return your scorecard may result in disqualification.
- In the future, members may be asked to enter their scores on the computer.

**20) Social Rounds when the shop is closed**

Members and visitors:

- Complete the slip near the door.
- Place one part into the envelop and seal.
- Place envelop in secure box.
- Retain the other section during your round, to present to committee personnel if requested.
- If you require your social round to be entered into OneGolf for handicap, please place an extra dollar in the envelop.

**21) Mobile Phones**

During competitions, mobile phones should be turned off, or placed on silent, when on the golf course, and should only be used in an emergency ... some players' employments require exceptions to this rule.

**22) District and Other Events Held at WGC**

This Notice to Competitors does not over-ride district championship rules and other event rules, for example, Pro-Am preferred stone lies, played at the course.

**23) Out of Bounds**

Out of bounds is defined by the inside line of the white pegs, and includes the pegged areas on the right of the 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> fairways.

**24) Non-Conforming Clubs and golf balls**

- a. **Clubs:** Deliberate use of illegal (non-conforming) clubs, including drivers and driver heads, and golf balls, is not permitted in any competition. A list of approved and non-approved drivers can be found on the US PGA website (see 24(b) below for more details).
- b. **Golf Balls:** The Club encourages the use of approved golf balls and clubs but all balls and clubs bought in good faith are accepted. Known, non-complying golf balls and clubs must not be used. Wedges purchased when complying with previous rules may still be used for club events.

**25) Embedded ball:**

Anywhere, in the "general area" (includes rough and mown areas) (does not include bunkers and penalty areas), refer rule 16.3a and definition of embedded ball), a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped within one club length, but not nearer the hole.

Note: A preferred lie may then be taken, only, if the ball is dropped and then stops on the fairway in play.

\*Not required here anymore as now a general rule of golf ...but won't hurt.

**26) Unbecoming conduct – Refer to Code of Conduct, Appendix 3.**

Unbecoming conduct is, but not limited to, vulgarity, throwing equipment in anger, destruction of property, and verbal or physical abuse to any person. A player who is in violation may be subject to disqualification or/and further action by the Committee.

**27) Ties for events:**

a. Competition Match Play

When required, ties will be broken by sudden death playoff, starting at hole number #1, and continuing until a decision is reached.

b. Other Events – Stroke Play

For most events ties are decided by count back.

For some special events, ties are decided by play off; normally the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, repeated if necessary.

Events where play-offs of this nature may be required are: Whyalla Open – all grades.

(Note: play-offs for women only events are over three holes: hole 1, hole 17 and hole 18)

**28) Disputes:**

Disputes should be presented to the day's Match Committee representatives before handing in the card or results.

In match play, where possible, disputes should be resolved before proceeding to the next hole.

If the rep or reps are unable to resolve the situation, the dispute should be submitted to the Match Committee. If no rep is available then the dispute should be submitted in writing to the Match Committee. It can be forwarded to the match committee via subject "Match Committee" on email "whyallagolf@bigpond.com".

**29) Annual Subscription Arrears and Fees**

A person whose annual subscriptions are in arrears – that is, non-financial – cannot register or play in competition (social events excepted) and are not eligible to win prizes in the competition.

Members whose fees are more than one month in arrears must pay the full visitor rates.

Likewise, where competition fees have not been paid, players are not eligible to win prizes in the competition.

To be fair to all members, back payments will not over-ride this rule.

See note 36) re Honorary Members.

**30) Drop Zone.**

A ball coming to rest in or near the Clubhouse and buggy shed area, including surrounding paths, or practise putting green, shall be dropped in the marked "Drop Zone" (located near the end of the marked 18<sup>th</sup> fairway).

**31) Decisions Not Covered by the Rules**

The designated Match Committee of the day shall decide points not covered by the 'Rules of Golf'.

**32) Score Cards**

Score cards must be signed by the player and marker, have date and handicap, and score for each hole when required, and be returned immediately following the player's or team's round.

**33) Staff and Committee Members**

All members are entitled to enjoy their golf, including staff and committee members.

Members are not to approach staff and committee members while they are preparing for competition, playing competition, or immediately after their playing round.

Repeat offenders will be dealt with under the code of conduct policy.

### **34) Assistance**

The match committee can provide assistance or advice on club competitions by contacting them - using the subject "Match Committee" and email "whyallagolf@bigpond.com"

### **35) Hot Weather policy**

#### **A. Men.**

When the forecast temperature on the 6:00pm Channel Seven evening news (the night before a competition) is 40 degrees Celsius or above the last tee-off time will be 9:00am. Members should check their tee off times on these days as the Match Committee, without notice, may alter them.

#### **B. Women**

For the summer golf season normal early times apply; players choose if they want to play. For the winter season, when the forecast temperature on the Channel Seven 6:00pm news (the night before the competition) is 28 degrees Celsius or above, players tee off at 8:30am or earlier.

#### **C. Juniors**

Temperature forecast on the 6:00pm Channel 7 news the day before the event. If the forecast is 38 degrees or more – events and practice are cancelled.  
If forecast is 34-37 degrees – modified practice or inside (note: 6 planned inside activities in coaches' green box)

#### **D. Executive Course Competitions**

For men and women see A. and B. Above.

For juniors: if forecast, on the channel 7 6:0pm news is 35 degrees or more competition is cancelled.

### **36) Honorary Members**

Honorary members are eligible to participate in and win daily, weekly and other competition prizes.

### **37) Fairway gutters:**

**Gutters are part of the fairway** (and include any overflow messy spread soil adjacent to the gutters). If ball is in or on the gutter of the fairway in play, you may, within one club length, take a drop onto the fairway you are playing. Then you can take a preferred lie (see preferred lies on the fairway), which currently is one grip length, and place the ball.

On other fairways the gutters and their messy soil spread is treated as GUR.

Note 1: If there is no lawn grass (e.g. kikuyu or couch) within a grip length of where the ball lay; the ball may be taken to the nearest area of lawn grass not nearer the hole, dropped from knee height, and then placed using the preferred lie local rule.

Note 2: For the purpose of this rule, carpet weed is not considered lawn grass.

### **38) Preferred lie on the fairway – finding lawn grass**

Preferred lies may be taken, on the fairway in play, within one grip length of where the ball lay. Areas of dirt and weed on the fairway being played are considered GUR.

If there is no suitable lawn grass within a grip length of a ball on the fairway ... (e.g. the ball lies on a bare patch or just carpet weed on the fairway) ... the ball may be lifted, cleaned,

and dropped from knee height, on lawn grass not nearer the hole ... then a preferred lie may be taken.

Once the ball has been placed, it is in play. It cannot be placed a second time.

**39) Taking a preferred lie with club head on the fairway in play.**

Standard practice is to take a preferred lie with your hand, but players who are disadvantaged by this rule, for example, have damaged knees or hips, or balance or bending dizziness issues, a preferred lie may be taken with the club head. No doctor's certificate required.

**40) Protruding trunks along the Left-hand side of the ninth hole.**

Protruding trunks along the left hand side of the ninth hole are part of the course – no free relief. Note 1: They have been painted white for safety reasons.

**41) The logs on the left-hand side of the ninth hole and in front of the ninth tee.**

These large logs have been declared immovable obstructions (abnormal course condition). Hence, free relief is available for ball, swing and stance.

Note: The reason the logs were placed there was to prevent joy riders further damaging the clubs un-sprung carts.

## **COMPETITIONS**

**1. Penalty Drops and Free Drops**

- a. Procedures for penalty drops and free drops at the Whyalla Golf Club. A detailed set of rules questions and answers has been prepared for the WGC. Copies of both are available from the Club website.

**2. Starter**

- a. The golf club shop is the approved starter for all club competitions, unless otherwise arranged.
- b. The starter is responsible for starting the competition in line with the advertised timesheet, but may approve variations. Players are requested to move to their nominated tee and start as per time sheet.

**3. Time of Arrival**

- a. Players are asked to report to the golf shop at least 10 minutes prior to their designated starting time.

**4. Power Lines, Stobie Poles, and Cables**

- a. Permanent elevated power lines or cables: If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable or stobie pole, the stroke MUST be replayed without penalty (Local Rule E-11). If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted.

**5. Competition Changes**

- a. The Match Committee Representatives of the day, the starter, or/and the golf shop starter have the right to alter, postpone or abandon any competition.
- b. For example, they may shorten a competition after extreme weather passes, or they may change a playing group.
- c. The designated "Match Committee" of the day shall decide points not covered by this notice to competitors, and oversee the conduct of all club competitions.

**6. Competitions:**

- a. Annual competitions, including sponsor events, are listed in the WGC Handbook. There is a club section and an additional section for women in the WGC Handbook.

**7. Competitors**

- a. All competition entrants are bound by the details in this document.

**8. Local Rules**

- a. Players are to ensure that they are aware of the local rules; for example, rules listed on the scorecard, rules detailed on the noticeboards, rules advised, and notices recently added to the notice boards.

**9. Eagles Nest and Hole in One Nest**

- a. The WGC runs an eagles nest competition applicable to par 3 and 4 holes for 18 hole competitions (includes 4BBB and hole-in-one in ambrose events).  
The procedure is: The nest starts with 5 balls, with one more ball added each week.  
Two eagles on the same day: first person gets the basket, other persons scoring eagles on that day get five balls each.  
Players automatically receive 5 balls for each eagle on a par 5 hole for 18 hole competitions and also receive 5 balls for eagles in 9 hole competitions.  
They also receive an eagle pin.

**10. Holes in One**

- a. Four sponsors generously sponsor holes-in-one, at par three holes, during eighteen hole club events, but not social or 9 hole events.
- b. Holes in one are recorded on boards in the club house for all club organised competition events, 18 holes and 9 holes, but not social events, e.g. Volunteers' Day and Sponsors Days.

**11. Slow play ... Rules of golf apply.**

If a group receives a warning of slow play from a designated official or the starter, they are to immediately increase their pace of play.  
During special events marshals may be appointed to identify slow play and provide assistance where required.

**OTHER INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS**

**12. SPONSORS**

- a. Members and visitors are asked to respect and support all of our sponsors.
- b. You could help by advising our sponsorship officer, President, or Secretary, of any prospective sponsors for any category of sponsorship.
- c. Sponsorship lists are detailed in the WGC Handbook and on the WGC Website.
- d. A special event for sponsors (with members) is programmed annually, and includes many member sponsors.

**IN DETAIL – LOCAL RULES AND CLUB INFORMATION**

Information for golfers, members and visitors to the WGC can be located in:

- Information printed on the WGC score card.
- Information on the clubhouse notice boards – there are several adjacent to the northern entrance, including the most recent notices.

- WGC Official Handbook – issued annually.
- WGC “Notice to Competitors”
- Hot Weather Policy.
- Dress code – a brief notice is near the entrance facing the car park, a detailed copy is printed in the WGC Handbook.
- WGC Code of Conduct – an outline is in the WGC Handbook, a complete copy is included in Appendix 3 below.
- Competitions and Rules of play. Many areas covered in the WGC “Notice to Competitors”.
- Twilight Golf - past season procedures – are attached as Appendix 11.
- “Vets” 9 hole procedures – are attached as Appendix 12.

## **APPENDIX 1.**

### **GOLF SCORE-CARD NOTICES**

“PREFERRED LIE: A ball on the fairway of the hole being played may be placed on the fairway within one grip length, but not nearer the hole.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Staked trees and shrubs, course equipment, fairway furrows, seats, signs, power poles, sleepers and all pathways are immovable obstructions.

BLUE TEES – Competition Play

RED TEES – Ladies tees.”

ORANGE TEES – Executive (short) Course.

# LOCAL RULES

1. PREFERRED LIES: ONE GRIP LENGTH ON FAIRWAY IN PLAY.
2. STAKED TREES & SHRUBS – RELIEF MUST BE TAKEN.
3. CHIPPING IS NOT PERMITTED ON ANY PUTTING SURFACE.
4. DISTANCE MARKERS ARE TO THE CENTRE OF THE GREEN.
5. *BALL STRIKING POWER POLES AND POWER LINES MUST BE RE-PLAYED (NO PENALTY).*
6. IMMOVEABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: COURSE EQUIPMENT, SEATS, SIGNS, POWER POLES, DISTANCE MARKER PEGS, HOSE STANDS, ALL PATHS, AND MEMORIAL ON 16<sup>TH</sup> HOLE – FREE RELIEF.
7. FAIRWAYS ARE DETERMINED BY MOWING CUT: IF UNCLEAR, THE PLAYER AND MARKER CAN DECIDE: IF IN DOUBT THE BALL IS DEEMED TO BE IN THE ROUGH AND MUST BE PLAYED AS IT LIES.
8. BARE PATCHES ON THE FAIRWAY IN PLAY - FREE RELIEF: BALL MAY BE DROPPED ONE CLUB LENGTH OFF THE DIRT PATCH ON THE FAIRWAY NO NEARER TO THE HOLE.
9. BALL AT REST IN CLUBHOUSE AREA OR ON PRACTICE PUTTING GREEN - MUST USE THE DROP ZONE, NO PENALTY.
10. THERE IS A FREE DROP WHEN BALL IS IN ANIMAL (NOT INSECT) DIGGINGS OR KANGAROO MARKS ANYWHERE ON THE COURSE, INCLUDING IN BUNKERS.
11. CARTS, MOTORCYCLES, SCOOTERS OR BUGGIES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON GREENS OR TEE AREAS.
12. DAMAGED AREAS ON GREENS ARE TREATED AS G.U.R. (NOT SPIKE MARKS) – BALL PLACED ON GREEN (NOT NEARER THE HOLE) AT NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF.
13. NO FREE RELIEF FROM WHITE OUT OF BOUNDS MARKERS ON HOLES 6, 9, 10 & 11.
14. SUSPENSION OF PLAY - DANGER - PLAYERS MUST CEASE PLAY WHEN AIR-HORN IS SOUNDED.

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### **APPENDIX 3.**

#### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **WHYALLA GOLF CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Whyalla Golf Club is a friendly, welcoming, social and sporting club.

Members and visitors are required to act in accordance with the rules and etiquette of golf, and the principles of courtesy, consideration, care and common sense.

This code of conduct is designed to maintain the friendly, encouraging and welcoming atmosphere.

##### **RULES APPLICABLE TO THE WHYALLA GOLF CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**

Aim: "Maximum enjoyment in the spirit of the game."

##### **GENERAL GOLF PLAY:**

"The game of golf should be played in the correct spirit."

1. Show consideration to other players.
2. Play at a good pace and be ready to invite faster moving groups to play through.
3. Take care of the course by smoothing bunkers, replacing divots and repairing ball marks on greens.
4. Demonstrate courtesy and sportsmanship at all times.
5. Play according to the rules of golf and golf etiquette.

##### **SOCIAL AND PERSONAL CONDUCT**

"Members and Visitors will conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times."

This applies generally, and also includes:

1. Dress Code
2. Standard of behaviour on the course
3. Standard of behaviour in carts
4. Consumption of alcohol

##### **BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The WGC<sup>1</sup> Constitution states that transgressions from the WGC Code of Conduct are "handled by the Whyalla Golf Club Committee."

The Whyalla Golf Club Committee has the power to censure, reprimand, fine, suspend or/and expel a member for undesirable actions.

The member must be given a minimum of seven days notice to attend the meeting where the actions are to be discussed and may be heard.

Regardless, the member may appeal the decision of the Whyalla Golf Club Committee to the Whyalla Golf Club Board of Management.

##### **REPORTING OF BREACHES**

Infringements observed during rounds of golf should be reported, as soon as possible, to the day match committee. (for decision on the day)

Reporting of breaches of the Code of Conduct must be in writing addressed to the Secretary of WGC Golf Committee.

The Secretary must refer the report to the attention of the WGC Golf Committee, as soon as practicable, for consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> WGC means Whyalla Golf Club

## EXAMPLES OF BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Throwing of clubs.
2. Inappropriate language.
3. Threatening or abusing any person or persons.
4. Speaking to club employees in a negative manner.
5. Continually not repairing plug marks on greens and divots on fairways.
6. Sexual harassment of males or females.
7. Breaking the club licence, for example, bringing alcohol onto the premises.
8. Failing to cooperate with an enquiry.
9. Not acting in accord with the WGC Code of Conduct when attending any golf function or golf event away from the club.
10. Ongoing occurrences of intoxication.
11. Not recording actual scores in "the spirit of the game".
12. Knowingly marking or allowing incorrect scoring.
13. Not co-operating with an enquiry, or/and providing false information, into breaches of the code of conduct.

## **APPENDIX 4.**

### **DRESS REGULATIONS**

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES APPLY:

SHIRTS:	Must have no offensive slogans or motifs. Approved golf apparel accepted. Singlets are not permitted.
SHORTS:	Football, sport and surf/beach type shorts are not permitted
SHOES:	<u>On the golf course:</u> Golf shoes or other suitably appropriate shoes must be worn. <u>In the Clubhouse:</u> Neat and tidy footwear including "dress" thongs and sandals may be worn without socks. Members are requested not to wear soiled or dirty foot-ware in the Clubrooms.
HATS:	NO hats to be worn in the bar/clubroom area.
SLACKS:	Must be suitably tailored. Tracksuit pants are not permitted
SOCKS:	Football type socks are not allowed with shorts
LADIES:	Ladies may wear slacks or Bermuda type shorts, approved golf apparel on the course and in the clubroom. Singlets are not permitted.

At all times common sense must apply to the dress regulations

Clean, neat casual attire is essential!

*Match Committee Feb 2016*

## APPENDIX 5.

GREEN FEE PLAYERS – Handout notice.

### **“Green Fee Payers**

**Welcome to the Whyalla Golf Club. Please find below, important information that will ensure you enjoy your game while respecting members and competition play.**

1. The course is open daily, but check hot weather policy and major events.
2. Golf Shop opening hours are from 8am to closure (around mid/late afternoon) – Phone 86459109.
3. ALL PLAYERS must report to the Golf Shop before play.
4. *Dress must be neat and tidy, include shoes and socks: no singlets or football socks or thongs. Maximum of 4 PLAYERS is allowed per group, unless agreed by the starter.*
5. **Rules and Regulations for use of Golf Carts must be adhered to at all times.**
6. We welcome Green Fee players on all days, but a check with the golf shop is required before play, especially on competition days. Hit off times for Saturday competitions are from 7:30am to 12:30pm (Good idea to ring before coming to the Club).
7. Competition players have “right of way” at all times. Green fee players are asked to stand aside and signal competitors to play through.
8. We encourage Green Fee players to use the facilities of the Club, including practice areas.
9. You are asked to be fair and cooperative with Ground Staff and others on the course.
10. Players are reminded that the course is run voluntarily. Please assist by:
  - a. Raking bunkers
  - b. Carry a sand bucket and fill in divots (yours and others) on the fairway
  - c. And removing plug marks on the putting surface.
11. *Alcohol cannot be brought onto the course – the Golf Shop is stocked so that a drink can be enjoyed after the game.*
12. Don’t forget to enquire about joining the club, as you might be surprised how much you can save by being a member. This will also enable you to participate in all competitions and belong to a progressive and welcoming Sports Club.”

## **APPENDIX 6**

### **HEAT CLOSURE POLICY and HOT DRY WEATHER CLOSURE POLICY**

#### **A: BASED ON DAILY SUMMER TEMPERATURE**

Temperature Forecast for 40°C or above on Channel 7 news (the prior evening)

(Note: This is the same channel used by the WGC Women for their playing and start times policy)

#### **Monday - Friday**

##### **Course**

If the forecast temperature is 40° or above on Channel 7 news (the prior evening)

Course will be closed at 1:00pm

(Note 1: This also means Friday night twilight golf cancelled)

Note 2: The last tee off time for 18 holes is 9:00am)

**Golf Shop** Open until 1:00pm

**Bar** Runs as normal\*\*

#### **Saturday – Sunday – Holidays – Long weekends**

##### **Course**

If the forecast temperature is 40° or above on Channel 7 news (the prior evening)

Course will be closed at 1:00pm

Note 2: The last tee off time for 18 holes is 9:00am

**Golf Shop** Open until 1:00pm

**Bar** Runs as normal\*\*

#### **B: BASED ON WATERING NEEDS**

##### **Monday – Long Dry Spells – All Day Closures**

##### **Course**

The course will be closed all day on some days after the weather has been continually hot and there has been no rain.

Arrangements are made with the EPA for catch up watering.

Members are advised to phone (8645 9109) the golf shop before 1:00pm to check if the course is closed.

**Golf Shop** Open until 1:00pm

##### **\*\*WGC Bar main opening hours**

The bar remains open but hours may vary slightly - may close earlier or later based on the viability for the Club and the discretion of the staff.

Wednesday 1:30pm to 5:30pm

Friday 10:30am to 12:30pm

(Note: After Friday twilight golf events - approx late October to late February – bar will be open.)

Saturday 1:30am to 5:30pm

Sunday 1:30pm to 5:30pm

## **APPENDIX 7**

### **G.U.R.**

Seams of cut turf, bare patches on greens and fairways are G.U.R. Other obvious work, for example, around pipes, wires and valves, whether marked or unmarked, are G.U.R.

## **APPENDIX 8**

### **SPONSORSHIP**

The WGC has a detailed sponsorship policy. A copy is available from the secretary or sponsorship officer.

Various forms of sponsorship are negotiable and designed to suit the sponsors.

Sponsorship includes:

Major signage, web recognition, handbook pages, Saturday competitions, Sunday competitions, weekend competitions, club major events, tee block signage, entrance signage, first tee signage, men's events, women's events, combined events, junior events.

## **APPENDIX 9**

### **LOCAL RULES AND PROCEDURES – CLARIFIED**

Two detailed sets of questions and answers about (1) free drops and (2) penalty drops are available on the club website.

## **APPENDIX 10**

### **WHYALLA GOLF CLUB – COMPETITION DAYS**

### **WGC MEN AND WOMEN PLAYING POLICY – AS AT OCTOBER 2019**

SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS – Men and Women play in the one competition

Generally, 18 hole competition, men and women are in the same event/competition.

Competition players have priority of bookings.

The sponsored competition on Saturdays is for all, unless otherwise advertised or stated in the handbook (e.g. men's foursomes' championships), or via general notice on display in the golf shop. Competition players have priority of bookings.

(Refer to note 1, note 2 and note 3 below)

**Note 1:** Vacant tee off times may be booked by members with a playing handicap (who do not wish to enter the competition), who pay the green fees, to play a casual round or a round for handicap purposes (- the starter may send them off the tenth tee).

**Note 2:** A round being played for handicap purposes costs an additional \$1 (above the normal member \$5 or \$3 green fees) to indicate to the committee, before the start of that round, that the round will be scored for handicapping purposes.

"For handicap" must be marked on the card.

**Note 3:** Visitors, Beginners, and Members with beginners, may start their rounds at times, and on the tees, indicated by the starter or office person for the day.

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#### SATURDAYS 9 HOLES – Men and Women play in one competition

The Saturday 9 hole competition, known traditionally as the vets' competition, (based on the age of many players with their young at heart approach), is for all members of the golf club with handicaps – both men and women.

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#### TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS – Women's Competition days.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are women's competition days. Men cannot participate in the women's competitions but they can play on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Refer to note 1, note 2 and note 3 above).

The sponsored competitions on Tuesdays and Thursdays are for women only, unless otherwise advertised or stated in the handbook, or via general notice on display in the golf shop.

Tuesdays are 9 hole competitions and start at 9:00am (Winter 9:00am, summer 6:30 to 8:30am)

Thursdays are 18 hole competitions and start at 9:00am (Winter 9:00am, summer 6:30 to 8:30am).

(During summer the starting times and the number of holes played vary according to the Chanel 7 evening news forecast temperature for Whyalla... check with the Ladies' Captain for details.)

Match Committee Note: On Tuesdays and Thursdays, men may play a social game or a game for handicap "A \$5.00 maintenance fee and a \$1.00 fee to get a card put in to golf link" - Match Committee 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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#### WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS – Men's competition days.

Wednesdays and Fridays are men's ball competition days (details are in the WGC Handbook program section). Women are welcome to play but cannot participate in the competitions. (Refer to note 1, note 2 and note 3 above)

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#### SOCIAL COMPETITION GOLF EVENTS

TWILIGHT GOLF – FRIDAYS (during daylight saving) - Men and Women play in the one competition:

Generally a 9 hole competition, men and women are in the same event/competition.

Friends, visitors, and beginners are welcome to join in each twilight competition.

NIGHT GOLF COMPETITIONS - Men and Women play in the one competition:

generally, a 9 hole fun competition event, played occasionally after dark.

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#### SHORT COURSE (EXECUTIVE COURSE) COMPETITIONS

A. Juniors play a short course competition (a voucher competition) on the first and third Sunday of each month.

B. The Executive course is open to all members and visitors (refer to note 1, note 2 and note 3 above)

C. Score cards for the Executive course are kept in a yellow folder in the large pigeon holes in the Golf Shop.

## APPENDIX 11

### **Whyalla Golf Club Twilight Golf Competition for 2020/21 Competition Details and Costs etc.**

- (1) **Starting date** Friday, late October – tee off time between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm.
- (2) **Duration of Competition:** late Oct. through to end of February.
- (3) **Competition**– the competition is conducted as a Stableford comp. With handicap points being half-club handicap as per Golf Link on the day of the competition (if odd e.g. 18 hole handicap is 13.0, half gives 6.5 then **round DOWN** to 6). For regular 18-hole players this competition will not affect club handicaps and there will be no penalties applied during the competition. However, if Twilight Golf is the only golf being played, then such players may be subject to re-handicapping on their Twilight Golf results. The Twilight Golf Match Committee will determine if any re-handicapping should take place.
- (4) For **Non-members** who do not have a playing handicap, the initial handicap will be a maximum of 9 for men and a maximum of 12 for women and this may be adjusted on a weekly basis by the Match Committee in consultation with the Club's Handicapper. For members from other clubs, their half-club handicap at the Whyalla Golf course will apply.
- (5) **Cost** – For both Whyalla Golf Club members and non-members, the cost is \$8 which includes the green fee (\$3), competition fee (\$5).
- (6) **The Playing Times** – groups of two, three or four can tee off from no earlier than 4.30 pm and all playing groups will be expected to tee off no later than 5.30pm.
- (7) **Cards** – at the completion of the competition all cards are handed in to the Match Committee in the bar. All cards are required to be filled in correctly and be signed by both the marker and player to be eligible.
- (8) **Prizes** –
  - There are **Ball Vouchers** for **Weekly Winners**
  - Each week there will be a **Mystery Pair** prize - \$10 Whyalla Golf Club voucher to each member.
  - There are overall **Winner prizes** for both Men and Women based on the best 12 scores of the competition. i.e. the highest aggregate stableford scores over the best 12 scores.
  - There are **Highest Average prizes** for both Men and Women based on the best 12 scores of the competition.
  - There is an overall **Highest Points prize** for the person who has the highest number of points for the competition where points are awarded on a 3,2 & 1 basis for coming 1st, 2nd or 3rd and 1 point being allocated for each time a player competes during the season.

## APPENDIX 12

**To be added .... Approved "vets" 9 hole golf process (for info only)**