

PAMBULA-MERIMBULA GOLF CLUB

CLUB COMPETITION RULES 2017

1. GOLF SERVICES COMMITTEE

Definition

The Golf Services Committee means the Golf Services Committee appointed by the Board of Directors and will comprise the Club Captain, the Men's and Ladies Captains and Vice-Captains, Club Professional, Tournament & Match Advisor and a Course Development Committee Representative.

A member/s of the Golf Services Committee, present during the playing of an event, may exercise all the functions/responsibilities of the Golf Services Committee in relation to the event and shall constitute the "Committee" within the Rules of Golf for the purpose of conducting the event.

The Golf Services Committee has control of competition play at all times and reserves the right to alter the programme and method of play at any time.

2. TIME SHEETS

The placement of a competitor's name via internet, computer touch screen or hardcopy on a time sheet will be deemed to be officially recognised as "the time laid down by the Committee."

The Golf Services Committee reserves the right to alter any time sheets.

3. OFFICIAL STARTER

Official Starter for all competition events will be the Club Professional and at times may be assisted by additional starters.

Generally, competition play will commence from two (2) tees. Players failing to report to the starter 10 minutes prior to hit off times may be required to go to the end of the field, provided time permits.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR EVENTS

Apart from Club fixture events, conditions will be advised on publication of the programme for "Open Tournaments" such as Sapphire Coast Week of Golf, Ace of Clubs, Ladies Open, etc.

Restricted and Recreational Members cannot participate in men's, ladies or mixed honour board events (e.g. Club Championships and Foursomes Championships) and Monthly Medals. Members with a current GA handicap and belonging to any other golfing membership categories may participate in and win these events.

Individual Conditions of Play will be posted for the 'Annual Events' as listed in the Fixture Book. The Conditions of Play will include eligibility to participate.

All Players

All other trophies may be won by visitors with evidence of a current G.A. handicap and paying current Green Fee and Competition Fees.

5. HANDICAPS

Daily handicaps will be used for all events unless otherwise stated.

Maximum handicaps will be as follows:

Men * Male Members/ Visitors with daily Handicap 36.

Ladies * Lady Members/ Visitors with daily Handicap 45

All Players

All players other than home club players are required to record their details via touch screen including full name home club golf link number and current handicap. A visiting

Country Member must produce their PMGC membership card, otherwise full green fees will be charged.

The Committee representatives in charge of a competition will require a player to play off their displayed daily handicap.

Handicap Grades:	Men are generally:	Ladies are generally:
	A Grade: 0 – 11	Division 1: 0 – 19
	B Grade: 12 – 16	Division 2: 20 – 27
	C Grade: 17 – 21	Division 3: 28 – 45
	D Grade: 22 - 36	

The Committee representatives in charge of a competition have the right to change the Grades for both Men and Ladies at any time. The changes may be due to entry numbers in scheduled event or subsequent handicap changes.

All players

In Four Ball events, the field will be ungraded.

6. COMPETITION ENTRY FEES

As determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Current fees are displayed on club notice boards in the Information Centre and ladies locker room and on the PMGC website.

Entry fees may be varied when “Special” events are programmed.

7. TIES

Men In all handicap events other than the Monthly Medals the winner will be decided using the Golf Australia countback system.

Ladies In all handicap events other than the Monthly Medals,, the winner will be decided using the Golf Australia countback system.

8. MONTHLY MEDAL ROUNDS

Men In the event of a tie in Monthly Medal, the players will play off at the next Monthly Medal round or a date nominated by the Committee. In November all medal winners will compete for the Medal of Medallist’s Trophy. In Stroke events only, best scratch will win a voucher.

Ladies In the event of a tie in a Monthly Medal round, the players will play off in the next Monthly Medal round or a date nominated by the Lady Captain or a representative of the Committee. In October all monthly medal winners will compete for the Medal of Medallist’s Trophy. In all rounds play will be off the current daily handicap.

9. MIXED EVENTS

Mixed Foursomes Championships– best scratch and nett scores will be recognised.

10. TROPHIES

Collection

Any trophies or Club vouchers won in Club competitions and not accepted at time of presentation will be lodged at the Club Administration Office and will be available for collection during office hours.

If trophies / vouchers are not collected within one (1) month of presentation, they will be forfeited and revert to the Club.

Donated Trophies – Medal Rounds

Will be awarded for the best eligible Nett score.

Birdie Hole

Men

No Birdie Hole awarded.

Ladies

The Birdie Hole for the day will be displayed on the notice board in the Ladies locker room. This applies to Club Fixture events for Tuesday and Thursday only. (Single events only)

Eagles

Men

On Par 4 holes only in all competition singles events as per the Fixture Book and Club Championships only. Exceptions to this will be advised.

Ladies

All 18 hole singles events only to qualify

Nearest the Pins

All Nearest the Pin claims must be on the putting surface, the 4th and 27th holes for the Ladies is measured on the second shot. Measurements must be made using the flagstick provided or metal tape measure to the middle of the hole (not the edge of the hole).

Hole-in-One

Eligibility in all fixture competitions only. Sponsors Trophy and ball mounted trophy will be awarded to members and visitors possessing a current G.A. handicap. Only members will appear on the Honour Boards.

11. CARDS

Cards must be entered via touch screen and cards returned to the recorder within 10 minutes of the completion of play. All disputes are to be resolved prior to handing in the cards involved.

12. DRESS

Players' attention is directed to the Competition Dress Rules displayed in the Pro Shop.

13. JUNIOR / CADET MEMBERS

In all Club events without approval from the Committee representatives, or Professional, no more than two (2) juniors or one (1) Cadet permitted in any group of four players.

14. SLOW PLAY

The low handicapper is responsible for his/her group, but any penalty will be incurred by all players in the group. Players who fall behind those in front during a competition round and fail to make up the lost ground will incur, after the necessary warning, the appropriate penalties.

Any group failing to maintain their position in the field MUST call the following group through at the first appropriate opportunity.

Penalties

Will be in accordance with Rule 6 – 7 undue delay – slow play

15. AUTO LOCOMOTION

Auto locomotion is permitted subject to course conditions for all players and in compliance with the Club's registration policy for Carts and Bikes. This condition is for all events unless specifically stated otherwise in the terms and conditions of the event.

16. GOLF CARTS

The following regulations regarding golf cart usage apply at all times:-

- 1 Carts are not to be driven by anyone under 18 years, unless authority has been given by the Club Professional.
- 2 Two (2) persons only in each cart.
- 3 Carts are not to be driven within five (5) metres of all greens, tees, bunkers and dams unless on an established pathway.
- 4 Keep to pathways where provided.
- 5 Do not leave cart in front of greens when putting out

Improper use of carts will result in the occupants' disqualification from competition.

17. MOBILE PHONES

Mobile Phones are not permitted for personal use during playing and are only Permitted for the following use

- . Medical Emergencies
- . Contacting the Pro Shop or Club House

Penalty: *One warning and then disqualification.*

In Match play the warning may be given by the opponent who may then make a claim in the event of subsequent use.

18. SUSPENSION OR ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

Discontinue play for dangerous situations (i.e. immediate suspension) - One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue play for non-dangerous situation - Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume play -Two short notes of siren, repeated.

19. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (eg. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.) and uses one of these functions, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.

20. DISPUTES

Disputes must be referred to the Match Committee as indicated in the Rules of Golf and the decision of the Committee shall be final.

Golf Services Committee