



VETERAN WOMEN GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

(Revised 08/01/2025)

1. All players must comply with the Rules and Regulations of the VWGA of NSW Inc. They must be financial members of the Association to play in VWGA competitions.
2. Country members may play in any Metropolitan event except for the Challenge Brooch and the Metropolitan Championships.
3. Country Championships, Mabel Mackenzie Brooch and Challenge Brooch competitions must be played at the members 'Home Club' i.e., club where annual VWGA subscriptions are paid. Further conditions of play are advised on the Entry Forms.
4. **BOUNDARIES:**

METROPOLITAN AREA: **Challenge Brooch and Metropolitan Championships**
As defined by the Golf NSW Zones.

COUNTRY AREAS: **Country Championships and Mabel Mackenzie Brooch**
All Country Associations as per Golf NSW.

5. Handicap Divisions for the **Country Championships, Mabel Mackenzie Brooch and the Challenge Brooch events** will be determined by a players Golf Australia (GA) handicap and aligned with GolfNSW on an annual basis.
6. Entries and cancellations of any event should be made through the delegate or emailed directly to office.vwga@bigpond.com.
7. The field will not consist of more than 144 players.
8. No entry fee will be returned after draw has been finalised.
9. If an event is cancelled by the Match Committee, all entry fees will be refunded.
10. If the course is open and play can go ahead but carts are not allowed the following provision has been made. Those ladies who hold a current medical certificate, dated before the event, will have their entry fee returned less an administration fee of \$7.00.
11. Special conditions of play for any event will be determined by the Match Committee and advised to players before commencement of play.
12. The VWGA Match Committee shall make all arrangements and shall have full power to alter or to make any variations to the Conditions or Programme, should it deem necessary, and to cancel any event if insufficient entries are received.
13. The Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of the clubs at which the events are played shall be the rules of play during the Tournament.
14. Players are requested to report to the starter and be prepared to play 15 minutes before the appointed time given in the draw. Any player late for her allocated starting time may be slotted in the field at the starter's discretion. Up to 30 minutes only may be granted to players for extenuating circumstances leading to late arrival.
15. A two-stroke penalty for slow play may be added to the score of any group deemed to be unnecessarily holding up play.
16. In the event of any dispute or protest, the VWGA Committee's decision will be final.

17. It is the responsibility of competitors to know and comply with the Dress Regulations stipulated by venue clubs.

18. **WET WEATHER CONDITIONS**

In case of inclement weather, the delegate, and the match committee (on the day) in conjunction with the VWGA representative should make any recommendation with player safety foremost in that decision. This decision can be made at any time, even if play has started, providing all competitors, on and off the course, are informed. The decision could be a reduction of holes to be played, no carts to be used, etc.

19. **SPECIFIC EVENTS**

FOURSOMES: Should an entrant be unable to play on the day, her place may be taken by a substitute. A pair may only win one major trophy.

TWO BALLS: Players entering a 2-ball event are responsible for selecting their partner. If, however, one of the players withdraws on the day of the event, the player who is left in the team may carry her own score, to be duly verified by a marker. The computer system of the course being played will select a partner. If not, it will be the lowest marker in the group.

SENIOR VETERANS: All players must be 70 years or over on day of play. To qualify in a 2 ball or a team event all players must be 70 or over and SV must be written on top of result card. A minimum of 3 groups are required to compete for a trophy to be awarded.

TIES

1. In the event of a tie in Two Balls, Team, Individual Events, Challenge Brooch, Mabel Mackenzie Brooch and Country Championships, the count back system will apply.
2. In the event of a tie in Division 1 of the Metropolitan Championships and State Foursomes Championships, the result will be decided by a sudden death play-off.
3. The holes will be determined on the day by the Tournament Manager in consultation with the venue club. The remaining divisions will be decided using the count back system.

MOTORISED BUGGIES/CADDIES/GPS DEVICES

1. Players may use motorised buggies or golf carts on courses where they are permitted.
2. Players may be allowed to have as their caddy a lady member of a golf club affiliated with the VWGA. Golf Professionals will not be allowed.
3. **Distance Measuring Devices.** Unless specifically prohibited in the conditions of a competition, these are permitted in any VWGA event.

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