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CODE OF CONDUCT AND GENERAL TERMS FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

1.1. DRESS CODE

DRESS CODE ON THE COURSE

With the emphasis on neatness as befits the game of golf.

Appropriate and recognised golf apparel should be worn.

Closed shoes must be worn, DGC is a soft spike golf course.

DRESS CODE - PRACTICE FACILITIES

A more relaxed approach may be taken, providing the overall effect is neat and tidy.

Closed shoes must be worn.

DRESS CODE - CLUB HOUSE

We intend not to be too formal in and around the clubhouse, providing the overall effect is neat and tidy. No bare feet.

The Committee and General Manager reserve the right to decide upon the appropriateness of dress and will not hesitate to exercise this right; extremes of dress will not be accepted. Please do not embarrass us or yourself by dressing inappropriately.

1.2. CELL PHONES

Players are requested to ensure that the use of cell phones does not cause a disturbance to other players and not allow their phone calls to interrupt the flow of play.

1.3. NO PLAY ZONE – PROHIBITED ENTRY

Entry into the No Play Zone to the left of the 17th hole will result in a one stroke penalty.

1.4. UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

Players will be penalised if they behave in any of the following ways:

- Using unacceptable excessive language
- Abuse of golf clubs or damaging the course by slamming/throwing clubs or equipment
- Being disrespectful to staff, other players, referees, spectators or marshals.

1.5. COMMITMENT TO PLAY

Should a member be unable to honour his/her commitment to play at the appointed tee-off time for a club competition, the member needs to inform the club at least 24 hours before their tee-off time of any cancellation. Failure to do so will result in the member remaining liable for all fees payable on the day, even if the member has an unlimited package, and an immediate TWO-WEEK suspension from all golf. Any repeat of this behaviour thereafter will force the committee to take further disciplinary action which may result in a stronger sanction to the defaulting member/s. Exceptional circumstance will be taken under advisement, and overruling this penalty will be at the discretion of the committee.

1.6. DRUG FREE SPORT

All competitors are subject to the provisions of the IGF Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the policy, and the current Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.internationalgolffederation.org). Penalty for breach of this condition will be disqualification of the player for the specified competition.

1.7. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

Warning or Committee sanction, or appropriate penalties during a competition.
Any breach of the Code of Conduct may also result in a formal disciplinary hearing.

2. POPI ACT POLICY

By members participating in any of DGC competitions, they are consenting to DGC collecting and storing certain personal player information and sharing the results of the event on social media and other platforms. Members who have entered into any club match play competition consent that the club may give their email or cell number to their opponent in order for players to arrange their match play games. Member's personal information shall not be shared with any third party whatsoever.

3. THE COURSE

LOCAL RULES: The establishment and maintenance of Local Rules to be made by the General Manager, Captain and Committee member, Match & Handicap in consultation with the Club Committee. These rules will be published on the notice-board in the players' foyer and will be available for download from the club website www.durbanvillegolfclub.co.za or on the Club master App.

4. GENERAL TERMS FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

The Rules of Golf and amendments published by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and the United States Golf Association (USGA) shall apply, together with these Terms, Local Rules and if necessary Temporary Local Rules. The organisation, control and conduct of all play on the course is vested in the General Manager, Captain and Club Committee, whose decisions shall be final.

4.1. CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

All competitions shall commence on the 1st or 10th hole unless otherwise advised by the Club Committee.

4.2. WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY COMPETITIONS

For a Wednesday or Saturday competition to go ahead there must be a field of at least 28 players. A competition may only be cancelled or aborted if the course is declared closed, in which case any *competition fees* paid will be refunded to members' spending accounts.

4.3. COMPETITION PRIZE VALUES

Prizes will be paid in the form of vouchers which will be redeemed to members' spending account. In the event of a competition being sponsored, then the club reserves the right to award prizes, in the form either of goods or trade vouchers. To take account of variable field sizes Wednesday and Saturday Competition prize fund pools will be distributed according to the size of the field. Nearest the Pin: R100

4.4. COMPETITION AND TWO-CLUB FEE

The competition fee, which stands at R35, twenty percent of the competition fee is held by the club to cover the costs of administering the competition. An optional R5 to be pooled to form the prize fund for the Two Club Competition, this will be split equally between those players who complete any hole in two strokes or for a par 5 three strokes or less. Players who wish to increase their share of the pool by purchasing additional R5 units for the Two Club Competition may do so. Players must write the 2-club scored in the relevant space for recording of 2-clubs on the Score card, during a Wednesday and Saturday competition will win the allocated Prize Money for that day's 2-club competition. A member recording a Hole in One will receive R500 on their spend account from the club.

4.5. PARTICIPATION OF 'PRIMARY - UNDER 19' MEMBERS IN CLUB COMPETITIONS

Primary members under the age of 19 may join the afternoon competition field on Saturdays provided that:

4.5.1. There are available spaces in the field.

4.5.2. They are paid-up members of Durbanville Golf Club.

4.5.3. That a booking by a Primary Member (Under 19) can only be made on the Friday immediately preceding the Saturday in question; thus, allowing all full members a clear thirteen days to make their arrangements for the Saturday.

4.5.4. They may not use their Unlimited Primary Member (Under 19) Package. They will have to pay as play green fee.

4.5.5. That a junior playing with a parent would not be bound by condition 4.5.3.above. A parent who wished to play with his son or daughter in a Saturday Afternoon field competition will be entitled to book the space in the usual way.

4.6. HANDICAPS - MEMBERS

4.6.1. The Player's handicap index is displayed by either HNA or such other display item as designated by their Home Club. The handicap index shall be used to determine the course handicap and in turn the playing handicap, to be played off in a handicap competition. In accordance with the Rules of Golf, players who are playing a 'different course' to that ruled by the Club Committee as the 'competition course' must adjust their course handicaps for the competition according to the difference in course rating as on the lists available. Playing Handicap Allowances for Club Competitions will be determined by the Competition of the Day.

4.6.2. Handicap indexes should only be altered following review should there be a serious physical limitation causing long-term impairment. There must be a demonstrated inability to play to the assigned handicap index.

4.7. STARTING TIMES

A starting sheet with tee times is located on the touch screen in the GolfRSA Handicap Terminal OR on the HNA App. The General Manager AND THROUGH HIM/HER the Pro-Shop Manager is the designated starter and is responsible for the collection of competition fees and issuing of score cards. Members unable to play at their booked time MUST phone and advise, well in advance, so that this time slot may be re-allocated.

Rules of Golf: Rule 5.3a, with the exceptions will be enforced. In circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Exception 3 of Rule 5.3a.

4.8. PRIZE-GIVING

- Prize-giving will be held for Wednesday and Saturday afternoon competitions. *This will be dependent on amount of players' still at club.* There will be no prize-giving for Saturday morning fields. Prize lists will be posted on the board in the foyer, on our social media platforms and website. Prizes will be held in the Pro-Shop for up to two weeks following the competition. Prizes not claimed within that period will be forfeited.
- Prize-giving will be held as soon as possible after the prize list has been finalised.
- Prize winners who do not attend prize giving will nevertheless have the opportunity to claim their prize (unless specified in competition terms that winners need to be in attendance) in the same manner as those prize winners in the Saturday morning field.

4.9. PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES & HALFWAY BREAK

The times given in the table below are the **absolute maximum** allowed for 18 holes. Players who drop behind through lost balls etc. are expected to catch up. A group of four playing a round of 18 holes, with no one impeding them, **should** finish a round in 4 hours 30 minutes (including halfway house of 15 minutes) or less. All players in a group are responsible for the pace of play. If a group finishes the round more than the starting interval behind the group in front and over 4 hours 30 minutes from the time of starting, without good reason, all players in the group are subject to a penalty of one stroke.

After Teeing off on First Hole							
Off Green	3	6	9	Halfway	12	15	18
Time	0:39	1: 24	2:11	15 minutes	2:58	3:42	4:30
After Teeing off on the Tenth Hole							
Off Green	12	15	18	Halfway	3	6	9
Time	0:42	1: 26	2:11	15 minutes	2:58	3:42	4:30

A player is allowed three minutes to search for his or her ball before it becomes lost. (Rule 18.2a) Rules of Golf: Rule 5.6a will be enforced for unreasonable delay or slow pace of play.

4.10. PLUS HANDICAP

Plus Handicaps must add a stroke on their gross score on certain holes according to the following rule for a standard layout a) +1 highest stroked par 5, b) +2 Highest stroke par 5 on opposite nine to a) c) +3 highest stroked par 4 on same nine as a), d) +4 Highest stroked Par 4 on same nine as b), e) +5 remaining Par 5 on same nine as a) , f) +6 remaining par 5 on same nine as b)

4.11. SCORECARDS – TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- To issue a score card for each player containing his/her name, date and type of event. The Committee delegates this responsibility to the player to correctly and clearly fill in the above fields as well as their Handicap Index and Playing Handicap and to mark the colour course they are playing.
- On return of the card by the player, to add up the scores for each hole to arrive at a total for the round and to apply the Playing Handicap and recorded on the card. This responsibility is delegated by the committee to the marker of the card. The Player needs to capture their score, using their Course Handicap, on the HNA system. The committee undertakes subsequently to check the scorecard, to verify its accuracy and to confirm that the player's score has been correctly entered on the HNA system.

4.12. WHEN SCORECARD HAS BEEN RETURNED

When card has been handed in at proshop and player has left the proshop. Scorecards needs to be handed in 15 minutes after the round has been completed.

4.13. WHEN THE RESULT OF THE COMPETITION IS FINAL

Results will be announced once all scorecards have been handed in (15 minutes after the round has been completed) and have been checked by Match & Handicap committee member, or a person that he has delegated this responsibility too.

4.14. TIES

In the event of a tie in any competition run by Durbanville Golf Club the following count out system will apply:

Singles - Lowest Handicap Index

Pairs/Alliance – Lowest combined Handicap Index

Gross (Strokeplay) – highest Handicap Index

4.15. RULES ISSUES & PROTESTS

A player may protect his/ her rights by asking for a ruling in a match under Rule 20.1b. In stroke play, if unsure about the procedure a player may play 2 balls under Rule 20.1c. The player has to report this to the committee, otherwise the player is disqualified.

All other protests or claims in connection with a competition or match must be made to the Captain (in his/her absence, the chairperson of Match & Handicap) immediately after the completion of such competition or match. The protest will be considered as early as possible by the Club Committee whose decision shall be final.

4.16. MATCH PLAY EVENTS

Players participating in match play events are eligible to play in the club event of the day with the authorisation of Match and Handicap committee.

Official Guide: Committee Procedures: 6c (12) the combining of match play and stroke play is discouraged as certain Rules are substantially different between the two formats. But there will be times when players either request to combine the two forms of play or, having done so on their own, request a ruling. The Committee should make its best efforts to support players at these times and should use the following guidelines in doing so. If a Committee chooses to allow players to play a match while competing in a stroke-play competition, it is recommended that the players be advised that the Rules for stroke play apply throughout. For example, no concessions are allowed and if one player plays out of turn, the other does not have the option of recalling the stroke.

4.17. FOUR BALL EVENTS - SWINGER

Where only three players are available for play in a four-ball event (other than an alliance competition), the player with the lowest handicap index may “Swing” with each of the other players forming two teams. If requested by the group, a player other than the lowest handicap index may swing.

4.18. CLOSED EVENTS

Members are advised that ALL SATURDAY EVENTS ARE CLOSED UNLESS NOMINATED AS OPEN OR INVITATION. ("Closed event" means members of Durbanville Golf Club ONLY).

Each member can invite one visitor guest per month. Visitors can book for Saturday Club competition on the Friday before if there are any open tee times.

4.19. PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ELIGIBILITY TO WIN SCRATCH EVENTS

No PGA member is eligible to win a singles scratch event. No PGA member is eligible to win a scratch event in conjunction with the Saturday or Wednesday competition. No visiting PGA member is eligible to win a 2 Ball or 4 Ball scratch events.

4.20. LIABILITY:

DGC does not warrant or guarantee the safety of any person. DGC and its management will not be held responsible for any damages, loss, including personal loss and or other forms of loss, harm or injury sustained as stipulated below:

- Physical and/or emotional injuries suffered during the championship, due to any acts of God, suffered as a direct result thereof, including aspects such as being struck by lightning, etc.
- Physical injuries of any kind suffered by any person, including a player or spectator sustained by own negligence, or otherwise.
- Emotional injuries sustained due to any loss, including death, suffered as a result of any of the above injuries sustained personally or by spectator.
- Damages suffered to any property of a player.

4.21. PRACTICE:

Players are permitted to use the practice facility and driving range prior to and in between rounds.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of these Terms is General Penalty (two strokes).

5. CLUB EVENTS

5.1. CLUB MATCH PLAY Medley - Closed Event

All events are controlled by the Match & Handicap Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

To be eligible to be part of the Club Match play, each member must enter on the sheet provided by the Match & Handicap Committee before the first qualifying round.

A draw will operate for this match play competition.

All players must be available to play all matches at the time and date specified by the Match & Handicap Committee.

A knockout competition, where each match will be played off the playing handicap, with the lower playing handicap going to scratch.

Presentation of Trophies on completion of competition: Match Play Winner; Match Play Runner-up

5.2. WINTER KNOCKOUT TROPHY Medley - Closed Event

Pairs Better Ball Match Play off 90% of playing handicap

Playing Handicap Limit is 36.

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

In the event of a tie a countback will be used to determine the winner.

Trophy Allocation - Presentation on completion of Competition

5.3. MIXED MATCH PLAY: - Closed Event

Better Ball Match play played off 90% full playing handicaps

Playing Handicap Limit is 36

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

A draw will operate for this match play competition.

All players must be available to play all matches at the time and date specified by the Match & Handicap Committee.

Trophy Allocation – Presentation on completion of Competition

5.4. DURBANVILLE OPEN: Open Event

This is the club's major amateur event played as individual stroke play competition over 36 holes. This event is administered by the WP Golf.

5.5. CAPTAIN'S TROPHY Medley – Closed Event

This an Individual Stableford Competition

Playing Handicap Limit is 36

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

In the event of a tie a countback will be used to determine the winner.

Trophy Presentation - Day of competition

5.6. FOURSOME Medley – Closed Event

Maximum Playing Handicap 28

(50% combined Playing Handicap)

Foursome partners must play off the same tee.

Trophy Presentation - Day of competition

5.7. PRESIDENT'S PUTTER Medley – Closed Event

Played in conjunction with a monthly medal competition

Playing Handicap Limit is 36

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

In the event of a tie a countback will be used to determine the winner.

Trophy Allocation - Day of competition

5.8. MALCOLM HAND TROPHY Medley - Closed Event

Four Ball Better Ball Stableford

Playing Handicap Limit is 36

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

In the event of a tie a countback will be used to determine the winner.

Trophy Allocation - Day of Competition

5.9. PRESIDENT'S TROPHY Medley - Closed Event

Four Ball Better Ball Bogey Plus

Playing Handicap Limit is 36

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

In the event of a tie a countback will be used to determine the winner.

Trophy Allocation – Day of Competition

5.10. ST ANDREWS TROPHY Men's - Closed Event

Top 16 players on gross score from Club Championships compete in an individual Match Play Competition playing off scratch.

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

Trophy Allocation - Presentation on completion of Competition

5.11. HYLDA HAMILTON TROPHY Women's – Closed Event

Top 4 players on gross score from Club Championships compete in an individual Match Play Competition playing off scratch.

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

Trophy Allocation - Presentation on completion of Competition

5.12. MONTHLY MEDAL - Closed Event

This event is played 12 times per year on the last Saturday of the month as a whole day competition and is an individual gross and nett competition played over 18 holes.

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

In the event of a tie a countback will be used to determine the winner.

- Overall Gross winner over 18 holes
- A Division (lower than 7,8 Handicap Index)
 - 1st Place Best Nett winner
 - 2nd Place Best Nett winner
 - 3rd Place Best Nett winner
- B Division (7.9-13.7 Handicap Index)
 - 1st Place Best Nett winner
 - 2nd Place Best Nett winner
 - 3rd Place Best Nett winner
- C Division (13.8-30.7 Handicap Index)
 - 1st Place Best Nett winner
 - 2nd Place Best Nett winner
 - 3rd Place Best Nett winner

Trophy Allocation - Day of Competition

5.13. SENIOR MEDAL TROPHY Closed Competition

This is a monthly challenge trophy played for concurrently by those over 60 years of age who have entered the Monthly Medal Competition.

The trophy is played for using the Individual Stableford format.

5.14. RACE TO THE JEWEL TROPHY Closed Competition

This will be played over 11 months within the Individual Monthly Medal competitions. There will be a Gross and a Nett winner selected, based on your performances of the year. You will need to play in eight Monthly Medal events throughout the year, to qualify.

5.15. FOUNDERS DAY TROPHY Closed Competition

Four Ball Better Ball Stableford (Playing Handicap 85% of Course Handicap)

Playing Handicap Limit is 36.

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

Trophy Allocation - Day of Competition

5.16. HYLDA HAMILTON ROSE DAY Mixed Open Event

Format to be decide by Ladies Society Committee (Two player Stableford competition)

Playing Handicap Limit is 36

This events is controlled and organised by the ladies society committee whose decision is final. Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

In the event of a tie a countback will be used to determine the winner.

Trophy Allocation - Day of Competition

Charity – Huis Andries Olivier, Durbanville

5.17. MEMBERS DAY Closed Competition

Four Ball Better Ball Stableford (Playing Handicap 85% of Course Handicap)

Playing Handicap Limit is 36.

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

Trophy Allocation - Day of Competition

5.18. TURKEY DAY Medley - Closed Event

Four Ball Alliance Stableford.

3 men and one female – play off any tee

4 men – seven clubs only, played off red tees.

Dress up optional – pay into fine box is no dress up.

Afternoon Competition

Playing Handicap Limit is 36.

All events are controlled by the Committee whose decision is final.

Any protests must be lodged in writing when the score card(s) is returned.

In the event of a tie a countback will be used to determine the winner.

Trophy Allocation - Day of Competition

Charity – Huis Andries Olivier, Durbanville

5.19. ANTON BEZUIDENHOUT TROPHY Junior Open Medley

Organised in conjunction with Pure Motion Golf.

A combination event involving medal stroke play or Stableford according to age and division.

Trophy Allocation - Day of Competition

6. COURSE CLOSURE

On the advice of the Greens' Superintendent, the call as to whether to close the course owing to inclement weather will be made by the Captain or in his absence by the General Manager or his/her deputy. Refunds are only allowed once the course has been closed.

6.1. DANGER FROM LIGHTNING

Players need to be aware of the very real danger from lightning to people on a golf course. Where Club officials are made aware of lightning activity in the area, a decision may be made to suspend play. Players will be notified of this by the sounding of a siren using the following code. All players are required under Rule 5.7 to immediately comply with any warnings given and are strongly urged to follow the advice given below.

6.2. SUSPENSION OF PLAY SIREN CODE

- One long blast, repeated once after 30 seconds – Discontinue play immediately
- Three short blasts, repeated once after 30 seconds – Discontinue play
- Two short blasts, repeated once after 30 seconds – Continue play

Players should not rely on the committee to suspend play if they believe that there is a danger from lightning. Players should act under Rules of Golf: rule 5.7a, which allows a player to discontinue play if *"he/she believes there is a danger from lightning"*.

6.3. MAJOR EVENTS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Major events or qualifiers for those events should only be called off if the course is closed.