



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION
86th Ladies Annual Open Amateur
Three-Day Tournament at Tenterfield Golf Club
on 4 – 6 March 2025



TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

- 1. Compliance.** The New England District Golf Association (NEDGA) 86th Ladies Annual Open Amateur Three-Day Tournament 2025 (tournament) shall be played in strict conformity with the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf Effective January 2023, the Tenterfield Golf Club Local Rules and these Terms of the Competition.
- 2. Eligibility.** Amateur Women members of golf clubs affiliated with Golf Australia (GA) and clubs recognised by the bodies governing women's golf in overseas countries are eligible to play in the tournament.
- 3. NEDGA Match Committee (Match Committee).** The Match Committee shall coordinate the tournament and shall have the authority to amend both the Terms of the Competition and the Programme of Events. The Match Committee reserves the right to change the handicap limit for events on the programme if the number of entries exceed that which can be accommodated on the course, or in the case of insufficient entries, cancel the event. All entries shall be approved by the Match Committee which reserves the right to refuse entry without reason.
- 4. Entries and entry fees.** Entries and entry fees shall be in accordance with the advertised programme of events.
- 5. Handicaps.** Handicaps shall be in accordance with the World Handicap System or those certified by the body governing women's golf in the player's country of residence. Competitors shall record their Golf ID on the Nomination Form and entries will not be accepted from players having other than a GA Handicap status of Amateur, Female. A player's handicap will remain unchanged for the 36-hole individual event; however, daily events will be contested using a current handicap. The player's correct Daily Handicap will apply to the Foursomes competition. If a player's GA Handicap changes after the draw has been completed, the Tournament Director is to be notified as soon as possible.
- 6. Post entries.** Post entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Match Committee.
- 7. Refunds.** After the draw has been completed, refunds will not be given except where a medical certificate has been produced or a written request is forwarded to the Match Committee.
- 8. Closed events.** To qualify for Closed NEDGA events, a competitor's Home Club must be affiliated with the NEDGA.
- 9. Foursomes.** If a player who has entered the Foursomes event is unable to play, a substitute may be made at the discretion of the Match Committee. Once the draw has been completed, exchanging of partners is not permitted except with prior approval of the Match Committee.
- 10. Starting times.** Competitors must report to the coordinator at least 30 minutes before the starting time allocated in the draw and must at the designated tee and have reported to the Starter at least 15 minutes before the hit-off time. A player who is not ready to hit-off at the allotted time shall be subject to Rule 5-3a. The Match Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times.
- 11. Ties.** If a tie exists in any Championship Gross event, the winner shall be decided by a three-hole play-off. The play-off holes will be the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. By then, if the tie has not been resolved, the 9th hole shall be played as sudden death. The GA count back method will be used to determine ties in all other events.
- 12. Disputes and protests.** The Match Committee shall be the umpire for any dispute or protest and its decision is final. A protest must be lodged in writing with the Match Committee Chairperson within 30 minutes of completing the round in which the dispute arose; otherwise, the dispute will be dismissed. All disputes and doubts pertaining to rights and rules shall be referred to the Match Committee Chairperson or her deputy before a scorecard is returned. Players who do not comply shall be disqualified.
- 13. Return of scorecards.** A hard copy scorecard shall be returned immediately on completion of a round unless a written dispute or protest is to be submitted.
- 14. Pace of play.** Rule of Golf 5-6 shall apply.
- 15. Practising on the course.** Rules of Golf 5-2b and 5-5 shall apply.
- 16. Motorised transport.** Use of motorised transport is allowed. Where possible, sharing players shall be from the same division.
- 17. Dress rules.** The Dress Rules of the host club shall apply.
- 18. Trophy allocation.** For the 36-hole, daily 18-hole and Foursome events, a player shall win either the Gross or Net trophy but not both. Gross events take precedence over Net events.
- 19. Sand green event.** To be eligible, a player's Home Club must be a sand green course.
- 20. Champion of Champions event.** The champion of champions event (Heather Coonan Jug) pertains to the NEDGA affiliated club champions for 2024.
- 21. Mobile telephones.** A mobile telephone may be carried on the course but shall be switched off and used only in a medical emergency. If a player's or a caddy's telephone rings, the penalty for the first offence shall be a severe warning and disqualification for a second offence. A player or caddy who has a medical or valid reason to have a mobile telephone switched on while on the course must inform the Match Committee before hit-off. Should the Match Committee accept the reason to have the telephone switched on while on the course, the telephone must be in the mute mode.