



2017 NSW State Encourage Shield Conditions

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Changes for 2017

10 a. Any person moving a players equipment to save time is not a caddy.

13 d. & e. Clarifies girls handicap adjustment and playing order

These conditions will be used for the knockout rounds and finals.

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1. DEFINITIONS

- a. Convenor: Jack Newton Junior Golf
- b. Committee: Two JNKG personnel (CEO and Encourage Shield Event Manager)
- c. Match Day Committee: The match Committee of the *Convening Club* comprising the captain and other members deemed appropriate by the Captain. Members of the Match Day Committee should not be *Team Managers* or players.
- d. **Team: A team comprises 6 players. (No playing reserve) The *Team* must comprise at least 3 male players.**
- e. Composite Team: A team comprising players from two or more Golf Clubs or DGA's
- f. Contest: The competition consisting of *Matches* between the Teams from two clubs or DGA's
- g. Match: The competition between two players from each *Team*.
- h. Round: A *contest* held at the *Host Club* on a single day.
- i. Host Club: The Club at which a *Round* of the Encourage Shield is conducted.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- a. A Club's nomination and its inclusion in the draw confirm that the Club agrees to, and will comply with, these Conditions of Competition.
- b. Two or more Clubs or DGA's may enter a composite Team if each club has insufficient players to field a Team. The Team Manager of the Composite Team is responsible for notifying the Committee, prior to the date of the commencement of the Competition, of the names and clubs of the players comprising the Composite Team and the name of the Club or DGA they represent.
- c. Each Team must be accompanied by an adult Team Manager who is responsible for the conduct and management of the Team. The Note to Rule 8 (of the Rules of Golf) does **not** apply to the Team Manager. That is, the Manager **may not** give advice to any player.

3. RULES

- a. Play must be in accordance with the current Rules of Golf. The penalty for breach of rules as noted in the Rules of Golf.
- b. These Conditions of Competition and the Host Club's Local Rules also apply. The Golf NSW Standard Conditions for State Events, Transportation Policy and Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (as listed on the Golf NSW website) apply. Where the Golf NSW conditions appear to contradict the Encourage Shield Conditions of Competition, the Encourage Shield Conditions of Competition take precedence.
- c. The Host club should provide each Team Manager and Player with a printed copy of the Local Rules applicable on the day of the Contest.
- d. Decisions made by the relevant Match Committee are final.

4. DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY

- a. A draw will be made available for the finals series on the JNJG website. The knockout rounds will be organized by the teams competing in that contest.
- b. Any Team failing to be available to play at the time specified by the Host Club shall forfeit the Contest to their opponent 6 to 0.

5. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a. A Player must be a Member of the Club they are representing and have a valid Golf Australia handicap. The players category of membership must be such that they are eligible to play in the Club Junior Championship. (Penalty: Disqualification of the player)
 - i. Exception: A Player who is a member of a Composite Team and whose name has been notified to the Committee prior to the date of commencement of the Competition does not need to be a Member of the Club they represent.

- b. Players must be under 18 years of age at the date of commencement of the DGA competition or as at 1st January 2017. (Penalty: Disqualification of the player)
- c. Players must not have played in the scratch position in a Junior Pennant, Eric Apperly Shield, Major Pennant or District Pennant Team for any Club other than as a reserve. (Penalty: Disqualification of the Players) * **See appendix notes regarding exemption for ineligible players**
- d. Female players must not have played in Metropolitan Ladies Grade Pennant or Mixed Pennant Team for any club other than as a Reserve. (Penalty: Disqualification of the Player) * **See appendix notes regarding exemption for ineligible players**
- e. Players who have played in the handicap positions in Junior Pennants are eligible for Encourage Shield. * **See appendix notes**
- f. A Player may play for only one Club or district in any one year. (Penalty: Disqualification of the Player)

6. FORMAT OF PLAY

- a. The play is handicap match play over 18 Holes. In **the knockout rounds** each Contest will comprise of six individual Matches. Each Individual Match counts for 1 point. If a Match is square after 18 holes, each Team is awarded ½ point. If the contest is tied at the end of 6 games (i.e. 3 games each), then the number one players will re-commence play at the first hole and play “hole by hole” , with handicaps applied, until a result is achieved
- b. For **Semi-Final and Final Contests** each Match is played until a result is achieved. Handicap strokes are applied as per the Match index. If the contest is tied at the end of 6 games (i.e. 3 games each), then the number one players will re-commence play at the first hole and play “hole by hole” , with handicaps applied, until a result is achieved.
- c. Play is conducted in groups of four Players. That is, there are two Matches per group. In respect of each Match in a group, the Players in the other Match are outside agencies. See the Rules of Golf Definitions for Outside Agency, Partner and Side.
- d. The honour on the first tee is decided by the toss of a coin by the Team Captains or Representative in the Captains absence.

- e. The Team Manager must provide the Host Club with a list of Team Members in Daily Handicap order, with girls handicaps adjusted (see 13 d.&e.), at least ten minutes prior to the first tee time. (Penalty: Loss of number 6 Match). The Team Manager should use the Team Sheet & Results Form for this list. (Penalty: Loss of number 6 Match). The Team Manager should use the Team Sheet & Results Form for this list.
- f. Play is in reverse Handicap order. That is, the 6 & 5 players tee off first, then the 4 & 3 players and then the 1 & 2 players tee off last.

7. ABSENCE OF PLAYERS

- a. If a Team has less than the required number of Players at the time of the first scheduled match, the available players must play in descending order, from position 1. The team will lose each Match for which a player is absent.
- b. A Player is considered absent if he is not ready to play at the time that his Match is scheduled to tee off.
- c. If, after the Team list has been submitted, a player is absent or otherwise unable to play a "spare" player may take his place but must play in the same Team position as the Player for whom he is substituting. This should be noted on the Results Form. Should there be no spare player that match is forfeited.

8. SUSPENSION OR POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY

- a. Every effort should be made to play the Contests on the scheduled day and time.
- b. If it is necessary to delay the commencement of play or suspend play because of weather conditions, play should not be suspended for the day until such time as it would not be possible for the last Match to be concluded on the day. The decision on this matter rests with the Match Committee of the Host Club.
- c. If, due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e. inclement weather conditions, course unplayable) it is not possible for a contest to start, the Round can be postponed and a new Team submitted on the new date.
- d. For Contests that have commenced on the correct date, but are unable to be completed that day due to any circumstances, play must be suspended. Each group of players should Endeavour to complete the hole they are playing. If play

is resumed on an alternative date, the players must follow the procedure as detailed in Rule 6-8d.

- e. In the event that play is suspended or does not commence, the alternate date and time arrangements must be made in conjunction with the Committee.
- f. If it is not possible to start or resume a Contest, the Contest will be decided as follows:
 - I. For any completed Matches, the result stands.
 - II. For any Matches that have completed nine holes or more, the result at the suspension of play is the final result.
 - III. For any Matches that have completed less than nine holes, the result is halved.
- g. The Committee reserves the right to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete one or more Matches in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

9. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS CONDITION

- a. When play is suspended by the Match Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a Match are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Match Committee has ordered a resumption of play.
- b. If the players in a Match are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Match Committee has ordered a resumption of play.
- c. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.
- d. The following signals are used:
 - I. Discontinue Play: One prolonged note of a siren
 - II. Resume Play: Two short notes of a siren, repeated

10. CADDIES

- a. **A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the *Match*. Any person who moves a players clubs in order to save time is not considered to be a caddy.** (Penalty: At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the *Match* is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a

breach occurred; maximum deduction per *Match* – two holes. In the event of a breach between two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he conforms to this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.)

11. MOTORIZED TRANSPORT

- a. A player **must not ride on** any form of transportation during the *Match* unless authorized by the *Committee*. The NSWGA Transportation Policy (January 2009) applies.

(Penalty: At the conclusion of the hole, at which the breach is discovered, the state of the *Match* is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per *Match*-two holes. In the event of a breach between two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.)

12. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

- a. Distance measuring devices may be used provided they do not indicate slope or wind speed and direction.

13. HANDICAPS

- a. Handicaps are those recorded on GolfLink on the day of the *Contest* adjusted to the slope rating of the host course. (i.e. Daily Handicap)
- b. Minimum GA handicap index. - Boys - 7.0 , Girls - 7.0
- c. Maximum Daily Handicap – Boys 27, Girls 36
- d. Any girl playing on the day will have her daily handicap adjusted according to the formula:-
Girls Daily handicap = Daily handicap + (Scr Rating Womens course – Scr Rating Mens course). For instance if the girl's daily handicap is 20, and the host club's womens course Scr rating is 74 and mens course Scr rating is 70, the calculation is: $20 + (74 - 70) = 24$
There will be no adjustment to tee positions.
- e. Team order will be determined after any girls handicap adjustment is made

***See appendix notes for exemptions to handicap limits.**

14. TEES

- a. Boys play from the Men's competition of the day tees.
- b. Girls play from Women's competition of the day tees.

15. REGIONS

- a. There will be 4 regions determined for the knockout rounds as shown in the Appendix. Each region will have a team (club or district rep. team) qualify for the finals. Roughly the regions are Sydney Metropolitan, Northern NSW, Central NSW and Southern NSW.

16. FINALS

- b. The semi-finals and final will usually be played at Newcastle Golf Club in January 2018

17. PROTESTS

- a. Protests on matters deemed in breach of these Conditions, must be received in writing by the *Committee, Match Committee and* opponents within two days of the Contest(s) being held.

18. BY-LAWS, CLUB RULES AND DRESS REGULATIONS

- a. The by-laws, club rules and dress regulations of the *Host Club* apply.
- b. The Team Manager is responsible for ensuring that Players, officials, parents and supporters are aware of, and comply with, the *Host Club's* by-laws, club rules and dress regulations.
- c. The Match Committee should not permit any player, attired in a manner that breaches the *Host Club's* dress regulations, to commence play. Any player not meeting the *Host Club's* dress regulations will be considered absent. Condition 7 applies.

19. MATCH INDEX

- a. The following Match Index must be used:

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Match Index	18	8	12	3	14	6	10	1	16	5	11	2	15	7	13	4	17	9

If the match begins on the tenth hole, or any other hole, the match index must be changed to ensure the given shots are on the same order of play holes as the above.

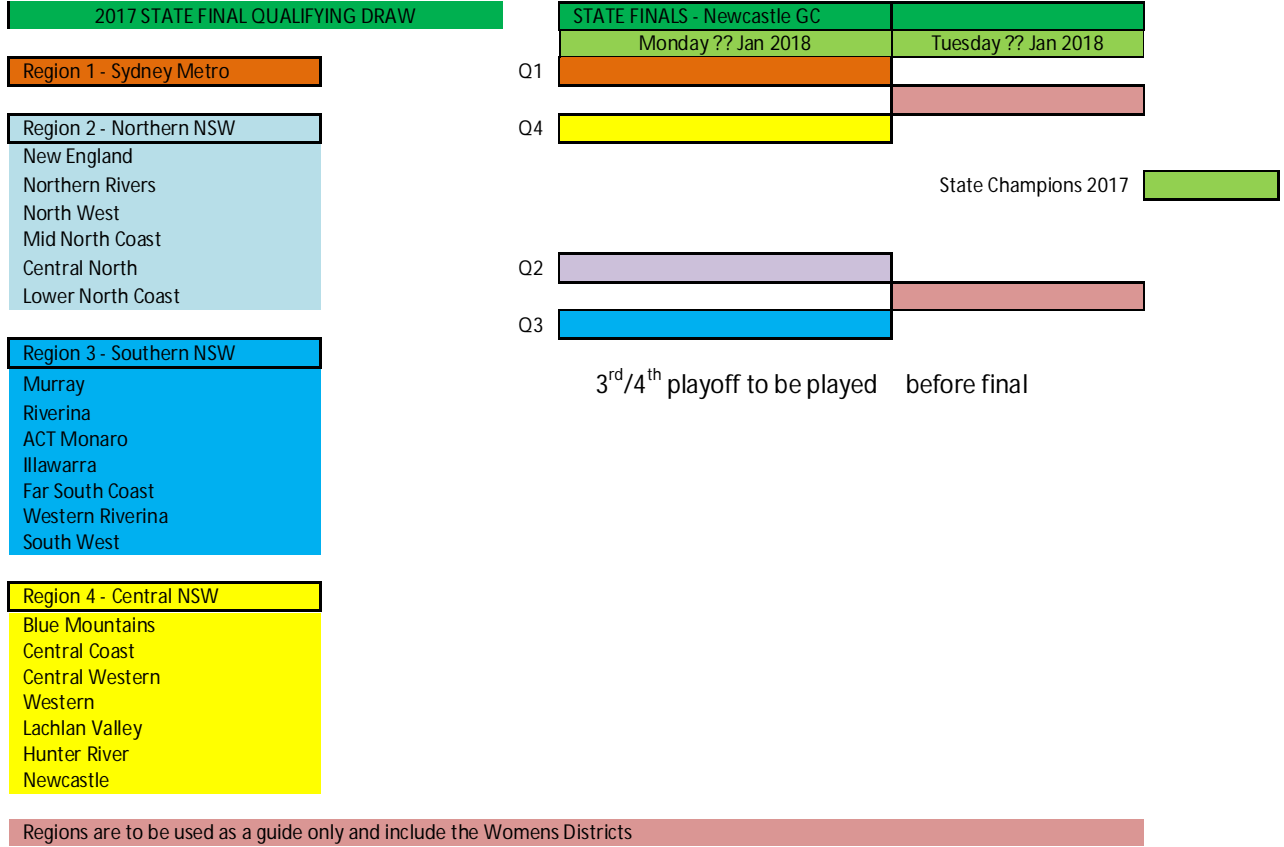
Appendix – Exemption for Ineligible players

Section 5. Player Eligibility and section 13. Handicaps

In the situation where a Club or DGA would not have enough players to participate **at all** in the Encourage Shield an exemption to eligibility may be sought for up to two players per team.

The Club or DGA must make a written application outlining the reasons for the exemptions. (See attached form)

Appendix - State Series Regions (2017 series)





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Application for Ineligible Player Exemption

Club or DGA _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____ Ph. _____

List all team players below, indicating those requiring exemption.

Player	Handicap	GolfLink No.	Reason for exemption

The Club must have exhausted all other avenues for fielding a team before making this application.

Send this form with your team registration form to your JNMG Territory Manager or greg@jnmg.com.au or Fax: 02 9567 7720