



Girls Encourage Shield 2015

The final of the 2015 Girls Encourage Shield between Hurstville and Avondale at North Ryde was a cliffhanger! Due to the small number of teams entered this year the format was changed, so three teams played 18 holes at each course over several weeks and the cumulative stableford points determined which two teams would play off in a match for the title. After two rounds it looked as though North Ryde and Hurstville would be the combatants. At Avondale in the last round, rain and thunder and lightning caused delays and difficult conditions but on their own course, the Avondale girls came from behind to pip North Ryde out of the final. The format was popular and worked well for a small number of teams.

So, the weekend of the final arrived. After the first 9 holes, Hurstville were leading in two matches, one was square and Avondale was ahead in the fourth. The highest difference was 2 up, so still close. As the afternoon progressed it seemed that Hurstville was increasing their prominence, and with 3 or 4 holes to go, Hurstville had 2 matches dormie 3up, leading in another and 2 behind in the fourth. The Hurstville manager Martin had to leave early but was hesitant to “claim” a win because we all know what can happen in golf. Prophetic words indeed. The Avondale girls fought back strongly and their No. 1, Lishan won the last three holes to be square with Annika after 18, so they went down the 19th, with Hurstville leading 2 matches to 1. This was the decider.

The girls halved 19 and coming back up the 20th, Lishan was on for 3 with a 4m putt, while Annika was short for 3. Annika chipped to gimme distance and having a shot on the hole, Lishan was now putting to keep Avondale in the contest with a half. She sunk the put and strode to the next tee. The par 3 21st hole saw Lishan go just through the green but was close to the hole, while Annika hit the green but had a 20m putt. She three putted and Lishan got up and down for a par and a win. That made it 2-2, so it was back to the first tee both of them, the No. 1 players. Lishan drive down the 1st was in play, but Annika had unfortunately rolled into the trees a little and had to play a punch back to the middle for 2. Lishan hit a good fairway shot to about 40m short for 2. Annika's third came up just short and Lishan hit her pitch to about 4m. Once again, Annika chipped to gimme distance leaving Lishan a putt for the win, or two to halve the hole. As happens sometimes in golf, what seemed relatively straight forward turned “pear shaped” and she three putted to give Annika the hole and Hurstville the 2015 Girls Encourage Shield.

It was a very exciting finish to a great event. North Ryde Golf Club was an exemplary host and we all enjoyed some finger food and soft drinks before the presentation.





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Girls Encourage Shield Conditions of Competition

The Encourage Shield is an annual handicap match play competition for teams of young female Members of Golf Clubs in the Sydney Metropolitan Region.

The objective of the Encourage Shield is to provide young golfers the opportunity to test their skills and learn match play competition in an environment that is fun and supportive and free of undue interference.

More information may be found at the web site: www.jnig.com.au.

The Competition is convened by Jack Newton Junior Golf

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1. DEFINITIONS

- a. Committee: The Match Committee comprises of the Jack Newton Junior Golf (JNKG) tournament director and who ever he/she appoints to the committee.
- b. Team: A *Team* comprises 3 players and 1 playing reserve. 4 players – no reserve
- c. Composite Team: A *Team* comprising players from two Golf Clubs
- d. Contest: The competition consisting of *Matches* between the *Teams* from two clubs.
- e. Match: The competition between two Players from each *Team*.
- f. Round: A series of *Contests* held at the *Host Club* on a single day.
- g. Host Club: The Club at which a *Round* of the Encourage Shield is conducted.

2. CONDITONS 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. Clubs are permitted to enter more than one *Team*.
- c. Two Clubs 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 they represent.
- d. The Entry Fee must accompany the Entry Form; or be received by JNKG prior to the commencement of the 1st round.
- e. Clubs must be prepared to host one *Round* of Division *Contests* for each *Team* entered. The *Host Club* must provide a drink (Gatorade or Water) and a sandwich for each player, team manager and walkers.
- f. 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.
- g. Entries close on the 30th November each year. The *Committee* may accept late entries at its discretion.

3. RULES

- a. Play must be in accordance with the Rules of Golf 2012-2015. 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.
- 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. The Match Committee of the *Host Club* represents the *Committee* at Division *Rounds* and at the Elimination, Quarter and Semi-Finals and make decisions on the Conditions of Competition and Rules of Golf. A Member of the *Host Club* who is associated with a *Team* competing at the *Host Club* (that is, Team Manager or Player) must not be a Member of the Match Committee.
- e. Decisions made by the relevant Match Committee are final.

4. DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY

- a. The Competition starts on a Sunday in late January or early February.
- b. The draw must be published on the JNKG web site and distributed to clubs via email two weeks before the first Division *Round*.
- c. The *Host Club* must schedule a block of tee times starting between 7:00 am and 1:00 pm. Two tee time lines are required for each *Contest*. *Rounds* may comprise one, two or three *Contests*. It is recommended that the *Host Club* allow at least a 30 minute buffer after the last Encourage Shield tee time.

- d. *Contests* must be played on the dates and at the times specified in the draw. The *Host Club* may alter the tee times up to 5 days before the *Round* and must notify participating Clubs and the *Committee*.
- e. Any *Team* failing to be available to play at the time specified by the *Host Club* shall forfeit the *Contest* to their opponent 8 to 0.

5. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a. A Player must be a Member of the Club they are representing. The Player's category of Membership must be such that they are eligible to play in the Club Junior Championship or Club 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 21 years of age at the date of commencement of the Competition. **(Penalty: Disqualification of the Player)**
- c. A Player must not have played in a Bronze 1 Pennant, Bronze 2 Pennant, Grade Pennant or Mixed Pennant Team for any Club other than as a Reserve. **(Penalty: Disqualification of the Player)**
- d. A Player may play for only one Club and one *Team* in any one year. **(Penalty: Disqualification of the Player)**
- e. A Player must play in two Division, Elimination Final, Quarter-Final or Semi-Final *Contests* to be eligible to play in the Final *Contest*. **(Penalty: Disqualification of the Player)**
- f. A Player must have a valid Golf Australia handicap on the day of the *Contest*. **(Penalty: Disqualification of the Player)**.

6. FORMAT OF PLAY

- a. The play is Handicap Match Play over 18 holes. Each *Contest* will comprise four individual *Matches*. Each Individual *Match* counts for 2 points.
- b. If a Division *Match* is square after 18 holes, each *Team* is awarded 1 point.
- c. For Elimination, Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final *Contests* there needs to be a result. Each match will continue until a result is determined. If there is a tie at the conclusion of play, the No. 1's will play off hole by hole until a winner is determined.
- d. Play is conducted in groups of four players. That is, there are two Matches per group. All the number one's play first followed by the number two's, then three's then the reserves. 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.

The first group will have the number 1 and 2 from each team and the second group will have the number 3 and 4. If tee times are available the second group may be split into two groups of two.
- e. The honour on the first tee is decided by the toss of a coin by the Team Captains or Representative in the Captain's absence.
- f. The Team Manager must provide the *Host Club* with a list of Team Members in Match Handicap order at least ten minutes prior to the first tee time. **(Penalty: Loss of number 4 Match)**. The Team Manager should use the Results Form for this list.
- g. Play is in Daily Course Handicap (whole number) order. That is, the lowest Handicap Players tee off first, and the highest handicap tees off last.
- h. Players with equal Daily course Handicaps (whole number) may play in any order.

7. ABSENCE OF PLAYERS AND RESERVES

- a. If a *Team* has less than the required number of Players, it must 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 the Reserve 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.

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 AND WALKERS

- a. A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the *Match*.
(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.)
- b. Walkers must be provided for the No. 3 & 4 groups, and may be provided for the No. 1 & 2 groups – see appendix page 7 for walkers responsibilities

11. CODE OF CONDUCT – added condition

The Golf NSW Standard Conditions Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures apply - as listed on the Golf NSW website -
<http://www.golfnsw.org/site/content/document/00012152-source.pdf>

12. MOTORISED TRANSPORT

- a. A player must not ride on any form of transportation during the *Match* unless authorised 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 unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.)

13. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

- a. Regardless of whether the *Host Club's* Local Rules permit the use of distance-measuring devices, the player must not use distance-measuring devices. See Rule 14-3 (of the Rules of Golf).

Irrespective of any local rule at the host club, distance measuring devices (DMD's) of any kind **are permitted** provided they do not indicate temperature, slope, wind speed or wind direction.

A player who uses a DMD which indicates temperature, slope, wind speed or wind direction is in breach of rule 14.3 regardless of whether any such functions are actually used. Penalty - Disqualification

14. HANDICAPS

- a. Handicaps are those recorded on the GolfLink on the day of the *Contest*.
- b. Girls' maximum handicap is 45. **Max GA handicap index – 40.0**
- c. A Girls' minimum handicap is 10. **Minimum GA handicap index- 8.0**
- d. A player whose GA handicap index drops lower than 8.0 after they submit their entry form may participate however, they must play off their current Golf Australia handicap.
- e. **SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS TO HANDICAP ELIGIBILITY**

If a Club cannot enter a team under the above handicap eligibility criteria, it may apply for up to two exemptions under condition 14c., and one exemption under condition 14b. Such application must be directed to the Convenor prior to the entry closing date.

15. TEES

- a. Girls play from *Women Members' Tees* – **shortest slope rated tees at the host course.**

16. DIVISIONS

- a. The *Teams* entered are allocated to Divisions of four, five or six *Teams*.
- b. Where a Division consists of five *Teams*, the *Team* whose club is the *Host Club* will have a bye. That is, a *Team* must not play at their home club.
- c. In each Division, the *Team* with the most *Contests* won is the Division Winner. If *Teams* are tied on *Contests*, then the *Team* with the most *Matches* won is the Division Winner. If *Teams* are still tied, the results of the Reserve *Matches* are deleted and the *Team* with the most *Matches* won is the Division Winner. If the *Teams* are still tied, the results of the number 3 *Match* are deleted and so on until a result is achieved.
- d. Division Winners are seeded using the formula:
 - i.
$$\frac{((\text{Number of } \textit{Contests} \textit{ won}/\textit{Number of } \textit{Contests} \textit{ played}) * \textit{Number of } \textit{Matches} \textit{ won})/\textit{Number of } \textit{Matches} \textit{ played}}$$
 - ii. If *Teams* are tied then the seeding is decided by lot by the *Committee*.

17. FINALS

- a. Semi-Final and Final *Contests* must not be played at a *Team's* home club.
- b. Clubs whose *Teams* are in the Final Series should offer their course to host other Finals
- c. *Contests*.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. MATCH INDEX

- a. If the *Host Club* does not have a published Match Index, the following Match Index must be used:

This index must be used at every club

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



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WALKER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A walker must be provided to supervise any group in which any player has a handicap of 30 or more. One walker per group is sufficient.

Walkers will ensure the girls maintain the correct pace of play and behaviour on the course. It is the responsibility of the Host Club to provide or organise walkers. **Parents may act as walkers for a group.**

They **shall also give assistance** in raking bunkers, moving buggies, attending the flag, etc in an effort to speed up play. If a group has lost its position in the field, the Walker or Captain may ask the matches to square the hole and move to the next hole, only if the hole has not yet commenced.

Walkers will remind players before hitting off that **assistance with the Rules of Golf will only be given upon request**. If players make a wrong decision without consulting the walker, the walker will note the circumstances and inform the Team Managers at the conclusion of the Match and it is the duty of the Manager to teach the players the correct procedure of ruling.

If players are uncertain of procedure or cannot resolve a dispute, the walker can be asked to assist, BUT must not offer advice without a request from the players.

During the play of a hole, the player whose ball is furthest from the hole shall play first. Once reaching the green one pair (at the walkers or players discretion) will putt out and then proceed to the next tee in preparation to hit off while the second group putts out.

For games 1 and 2, it is not compulsory for walkers to score, however it is preferable. For Games 3 and 4 walkers are required to score on the sheet provided, so that in the event of a dispute the walker can be asked by the girls to adjudicate.

Walkers will ensure the game result is given to the host club convener.



2015 GIRLS ENCOURAGE SHIELD - RESULT SHEET

DIVISION _____ PLAYED AT: _____ ON: _____

2 pts for a win – 1 pt for a squared match – 0 pts for a loss

CLUB	H'cap	Result
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
Manager		

v

CLUB	H'cap	Result
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4.		
Manager		

RESULT: _____ GC won _____ points to _____

CLUB	H'cap	Result
1.		
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Manager		

v

CLUB	H'cap	Result
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RESULT: _____ GC won _____ points to _____

CLUB	H'cap	Result
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Manager		

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CLUB	H'cap	Result
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Manager		

RESULT: _____ GC won _____ points to _____

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Rules for Parents and Supporters at Girls Encourage Shield

What Parents and Supporters MAY DO on the Golf Course.

- On Course** You are welcome to walk around keeping in the rough or tree lines (not middle of fairway) or go ahead and act as a spotter on some holes.
- Congratulate** Applause and Encouragement with “Well Done” or “Good Shot” are OK.
- Be a spotter** With safety first in mind, you can be very helpful to be about 150 to 200 metres down the fairway, or near the green, so you can see where the ball goes.
Knowing the location of each player’s ball will speed up play.
- Search** If a player cannot find their ball, help in the search.
- Respect** Show respect for all Players, Walkers and Team Managers. **Mobiles on Silent.**
- Be helpful** If the group you are following is behind time (that is, the group is not waiting on the group in front to play), offer to fill divots or rake bunkers to save time.
- Be safe** Do not stand in the fairway or in front of the green.

What Parents And Supporters MAY NOT DO on the Golf Course.

- Give Advice** Do not coach the players or offer advice on what club they should use or what shot they should play. Do not indicate line of play or stand on or near the line of play. It is best not to talk to the players at all during the match. Let them learn from the experience.
- Rulings** Do not get involved in rulings at any time. The players are to decide between themselves on any rulings or call the Walker or a Team Manager assistance.
- Distractions** Do not talk loudly or move during a player’s shot. **Mobiles on Silent.**
- No Caddying** Do not caddy until the match is over.

You may be asked to leave the course if you do not comply with these conditions.

Remember, it is the ‘Encourage’ Shield:- Encourage all the players!



Girls ES Walkers Score Card

Players Name								
EXAMPLE	 7		 5	+1	 4	+1	 6	
Hole 1								
Hole 2								
Hole 3								
Hole 4								
Hole 5								
Hole 6								
Hole 7								
Hole 8								
Hole 9								
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