



# 2023 State Encourage Shield

## Terms of Competition

**THESE TERMS OF COMPETITION ARE TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
GOLF NSW STANDARD TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR PENNANT PLAY**

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## 1. DEFINITIONS

- a. Convenor: Jack Newton Junior Golf
- b. Committee: Two JNJG 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 in the Division *Rounds* and 3 male players in the Elimination, Quarter, Semi-Final and Final *Rounds*.
- e. Composite Team: A team comprising players from two or more Golf Clubs or Districts.
- f. Contest: The competition consisting of *Matches* between the Teams from two clubs.
- g. Match: The competition between two players from each *Team*.
- h. Round: A series of *contests* 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. Clubs are permitted to enter more than one Team.
- c. Two or more 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. Clubs must be prepared to host one Round of Division Contests for each Team entered. The Host Club must provide a drink (soft drink or water) and a sandwich for each Team Manger and player.
- e. 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 team manager **may not give advice**. The Team Manager may speak to the players about rules, pace of play, procedures of match play and encourage players generally. A team may appoint one assistant team manager who has the same rights as the manager.

### 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 Terms 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 Terms of Competition, the Encourage Shield Terms 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. 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 Terms of Competition and the 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 finals draw will be published on the JNIG website and distributed to clubs via email two weeks before the first finals contest.

## **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. Metropolitan Clubs – under the age of 18 years at the beginning of the Metropolitan event. Non-metropolitan clubs – under the age of 18 years at the first day of the calendar year. Penalty – Disqualification of 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) An exemption for up to two players may be allowed. See application form in the appendix.
- d. Female players must not have played in a scratch position in any Women’s match play team for any club other than as a Reserve. (Penalty: Disqualification of the Player) An exemption for up to two players may be allowed. See application form in the appendix.
- e. Players who have played in the handicap positions in Junior Pennants are eligible for Encourage Shield.
- f. A Player may play for only one Club and one Team in any one year.(Penalty: Disqualification of the Player)
- g. A player must have a valid Golfink number and have played a minimum of three (3) competition rounds, 18 hole games in the 6 months prior to round 1 of the

event each year. Exemptions may be considered – use the form in Appendix to these conditions.

## 6. FORMAT OF PLAY

- a. The play is handicap match play over 18 Holes. Each Contest will comprise of six individual Matches. Each Individual Match counts for 1 point.
- b. If a knock-out round match or finals Match is square after 18 holes, each Team is awarded ½ point.
- c. If a knock-out round or finals contest is tied 3-3 at the end of 6 games, then each team will nominate a player to play off “hole by hole” until a result is achieved.
- d. When a boy plays against a girl and the par of a hole is different, the net score in relation to par is used to determine the outcome of the hole.
- e. 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.
- f. The honour on the first tee is decided by the toss of a coin by the Team Captains or Representative in the Captains absence.
- g. The Team Manager must provide the Host Club with a list of Team Members in Daily Handicap order, 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.
- h. In all contests the order of play 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, 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, 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 player's 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. 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

## 13. HANDICAPS AND ORDER OF PLAY

- a. Daily handicaps are calculated using the new World Handicap System
- b. Maximum daily handicap for boys is 35, and for girls 45.
- c. Minimum GA handicap for a DGA team in the Encourage Shield is 6.0



For a club team in the non-metropolitan regions one player may have a GA handicap less than 6.0 if he/she is necessary to play for the Club to enter a team. If a player begins the event with a GA handicap of 6.0 or above but has reduced the handicap below the limit, he is still eligible to play for that season.

- d. The first group will be the No. 6 & 5 players, then No. 4 & 3, then No. 2 & 1

#### **14. TEES AND STARTING HOLE**

- a. The host club will determine the starting hole for each contest. The Match Index for that starting hole must be used. (See Condition 19.)
- b. Boys should play from the Men's competition of the day tees, or from the shortest slope rated mens course, at the discretion of the host club.
- c. Girls should play from Women's competition of the day tees, or from the shortest slope rated womens course, at the discretion of the host club.

#### **15. 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.

#### **16. 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.

### 17. MATCH INDEX

The following Match Index must be used for appropriate the starting hole.

#### Tee off on Hole 1

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

#### Tee off on Hole 10

<b>Hole</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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#### Tee off on Hole 12

<b>Hole</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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**Tee off on Hole 7**

<b>Hole</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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**Tee off on Hole 13**

<b>Hole</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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## Application for Player Eligibility Exemption - 2020

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. \_\_\_\_\_

**List all team players below, indicating those requiring exemption.**

Player	Handicap	Golfink No.	Reason for Exemption


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