

EMERALD LAKES GOLF CLUB - LADIES MID WEEK

2019 Standard Conditions of Play

Entry into our competitions is via the computerised terminals in the Pro Shop/Foyer or online
www.emeraldakesgolf.com.au

1. Our daily competitions are open to all **full Gold and Midweek financial members first** then Emerald Members, Seasonal Members and Visitors (bookings after 6pm the night prior to play). Emerald members and visitors must pay an additional green fee to the Pro Shop.
2. Players must **report** to the Pro Shop at least **20 minutes prior** to tee-off time, pay competition fee, and be on the tee at least 10 minutes prior to tee-off time. Please note if there are cancellations in the field you **MUST** move up. Any player not ready to tee-off on time will be subject to a two stroke penalty. The Captain of the group (lowest marker) must ensure this rule is adhered to.
3. Program may be altered at any time at the discretion of the Match Committee.
4. **Ready Golf must be played** in all competitions.
5. **Slow Play:** It is a condition of play that you **MUST** keep up with the group in front of you (not ahead of the group behind). Any group found to be out of position at any time may be subject to a two stroke penalty. The lowest handicap player in the group must ensure the group keeps its correct place in the field. All players will be penalised two strokes for slow play unless the Captain of the group satisfies the Match Committee otherwise. Any player that ignores the directions of the Captain of the group or the Match Committee may be disqualified. There must be three written protests submitted prior to the close of competition for a slow penalty ruling to be considered. No verbal protests will be considered.
Match Committee decision is final.
Tips to avoid slow play:-
 - You must be ready to tee-off immediately upon reaching the next teeing ground. Marking of cards must not cause delay.
 - If your group is slightly behind, your Captain must alert you to the fact and ask two players to putt out (preferably not those in carts first) and send them to tee-off at the next teeing ground.
 - Putt out if possible and appropriate.
 - Carts being used inappropriately put excessive pressure on walking players. If you are in a cart drop one person off then drive toward your ball, if it is safe to do so.
 - Be ready to hit when it is your turn. If a player has gone into a penalty area hit your ball before helping them.
 - If a player is raking a bunker continue play where practical and safe.
6. To expedite finalising of the competition, scores must be entered into the computer **immediately** upon completion of your game. Players at the end of the field must collect pin markers and hand to the Match Committee immediately. They must also enter their scores into the computer before putting their clubs away.
7. Your **scorecard** with your correct handicap must be **signed** by marker and player and **handed to Match Committee** within 10 minutes of completion of play - Penalty - disqualification. All cards **MUST** be handed in, even if you do not complete your round. Any query (or rule clarification) must be finalised with the Match Committee before submitting your card.
8. The audible emission or unauthorised use of a **mobile phone** on a golf course or during play is a serious breach of etiquette and will attract a warning and possible **disqualification** (Rule 1.2b Code of Conduct).
9. If you have nominated for a **team event** and are unable to play you must cancel and **notify both the Pro Shop and your playing partner** well in advance. If it is a Charity, Mixed or Open Day event you must also notify the Captain.
10. It is the responsibility of each player to **play off their correct handicap**. Playing off a higher handicap will incur disqualification.
11. **Swingers are not allowed** in Four- Ball events, as the Rules of Golf do not permit a player being a fellow-competitor and a partner simultaneously.
12. Any player found using non-conforming equipment, in any competition, will be disqualified.

13. **Only Gold and Mid Week members** are eligible to win any Club Championships, Monthly Medals and Major Events (e.g. Captain's Trophy, Emerald Challenge Cup).
14. **All** single trophy and championship events will be played in three divisions. Team events will be played in two divisions.
15. Any person found driving a buggy in a dangerous manner, or on the green side of designated lines, or within ten metres of a green shall be penalised two strokes. For serious breaches you may be disqualified.
16. **GPS devices** are permitted in all competitions. **Note:** They are only to be used to measure distance.
17. Always **check the Local Rules Board** before teeing off.
18. Any Standard Conditions and Championship Conditions of Play over rule the Programme Booklet Conditions of Play, where applicable.

2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Emerald Lakes Golf Club - Ladies Mid Week Standard Conditions of Play will apply in addition to the following:-

1. Eligibility to play in all Club Championships - Players must be a full Gold or Mid Week financial member of Emerald Lakes Golf Club - Ladies Mid Week and have played ten (10) official games (Tuesday and/or Thursday) at Emerald Lakes from November 1st of the preceding year. The Match Committee will consider extenuating circumstances. Players who do not qualify are encouraged to play in the daily events.
2. The R and A Rules of Golf and Local Rules shall be the rules of play during the tournament.
3. Should any player miss their tee time they will incur the general penalty, or be disqualified under Rule 5-3a unless the Match Committee deems that there have been exceptional circumstances and proceeds under Rule 5.3a/1.
4. All handicaps shall be current GA handicaps. All players are responsible for playing off their correct handicap.
5. Players retain the same handicap for all rounds of the event, but any change in handicap during Championships applies to daily events only.
6. Protests must be lodged **IN WRITING** to the Match Committee no later than ten minutes following the close of play on the day of which the dispute arose. The Match Committee's decision is final.
7. Players shall start at the time allocated by the Committee unless otherwise notified. The program may be altered either by bringing forward, postponing or shortening the number of days of any event at the discretion of the Match Committee.
8. In all events (both Gross and Nett) the use of motorised transport is permitted to players aged 65 and over. Proof of age may be required on request. Under the age of 65 motorised transport is permitted to players who, prior to hitting off, submit a current medical certificate from a Medical Practitioner, stating that the player would be unable to participate without the use of motorised transport.
9. A competitor shall not practise on the course on the day of competition or test the surface of any putting green on the course before a round of play. Exception: Matchplay Rule 5.2a.
10. Electronic GPS/Distance measuring devices are permitted to be used in Championships. Note: Standard Conditions of Play
11. All Championships will be drawn in grades for tee times and seeded in grades for the final round.
12. All entry fees for Championship Competitions **MUST** be paid to the Treasurer, at least 7 Days prior to commencement of competition. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THIS DATE** unless in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Match Committee.

Midweek Ladies Club Championships

13. This event will be played over three rounds. Grades will be the same as for normal club competitions:

Division 1: (0-24) Division 2: (25-30) Division 3: (31-45). Three consecutive Tuesdays.

NOTE: A Super Senior's event will be played in conjunction. Those eligible will be ladies 75 years or over. This includes ladies turning 75 in the year of current competition. There will be one open grade, with one Gross and one Nett winner.

14. A tie for Championships (Single, Foursomes and 4BBB Stroke Gross winners) will be decided by a sudden death play-off using the 10th hole first, then if needed the 8th hole then the 9th hole. Should there still be a tie the three holes will be played continually until a winner is determined. All other ties (including 4BBB Stableford) will be decided using the standard count back system using the last 18 holes on the scorecards. Gross trophies take precedence over Nett. **One trophy per person per event.**

4BBB Stroke Championships

15. 4BBB Stroke Championships will be played in two grades over two (2) rounds of 18 holes. Grades determined on number of entries. MUST be scored on two separate cards - Gross and Nett. Played on two consecutive Tuesdays.

Foursomes Stroke Championships

16. Foursomes Stroke Championships will be played over two (2) rounds of 18 holes. This championship is played using 2 grades. Grades determined on number of entries. Consecutive Tuesdays.

Matchplay Championships

17. Matchplay Championships will be played in three (3) grades after playing in at least one of the two (2) qualifying rounds. The gross score from the best round will determine the qualifiers. The four (4) rounds will be played on four consecutive playing days. (Tuesday, Thursday and the following Tuesday and Thursday). Grades will be the same as for normal club competition.

4BBB Stableford Championships

18. 4BBB Stableford Championships will be played in two grades over two (2) rounds of 18 holes. The rounds will be played on two consecutive Thursdays. Grades will be determined on number of entries.

NB: In the event of motorised carts not being allowed on the course, due to inclement weather or other conditions decided at management level, championship events (or any other major event including Monthly Medals, Yearly Trophies etc) will be postponed to a later date, or cancelled at the discretion of the Match Committee.