

KZNLGA General Terms of Competition

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1. General

By entering any KZNLGA Tournament or Championship (referred to just as Championship for the remainder of this document), participants enter an agreement with KZNLGA to be bound by the relevant Championships' **Terms of Entry** along with **KZNLGA General Terms of Competition** which can be viewed on the KZNLGA website.

The General Terms of Competition document has been compiled by KZNLGA's Executive Committee and is subject to amendment under circumstances deemed appropriate by this Committee.

Each entrant is responsible for ensuring that they have read and comply with the **KZNLGA General Terms of Competition**.

- The entry process will be completed once all information is provided accurately and in full and the entry fee has been paid. Payments to be made via EFT – see banking details on each tournament's Terms of Entry
- The onus is on the entrant to ensure that their entry is correct, all information supplied is accurate, and that the entry has been received by KZNLGA, by the relevant Championship's **Terms of Entry**.
- No telephonic, telegraphic, or priority mail entries will be accepted.
- In the event of a withdrawal before the closing date for entries, players will be entitled to a refund of their entry fee with the deduction of an R50-00 administration fee.
- All entries shall be subject to the approval of KZNLGA who reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving a reason. The decision of KZNLGA as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.
- KZNLGA will not be responsible to compensate any entrant for costs incurred prior to the final players' list being confirmed or where the Tournament or Championship is cancelled for any valid reason as determined by KZNLGA.

2. Format of Championships

The format of the relevant championship can be found in the relevant Championship's **Terms of Entry** and will include specifications concerning handicap requirements, division breakdowns, and how final places will be decided.

3. Eligibility

Tournaments are open to any amateur female golfer affiliated with a Union or a governing body recognized by GolfRSA that is in good standing (i.e. all levies and fees due to GolfRSA, KZNLGA or KZNLGA Region must have been paid by the player and the golf club they are handicapped at). Handicap limits are set out on the official entry form in The Terms of Entry of each Tournament.

Handicaps

Each KZNLGA Championship will specify a maximum handicap index (HI) assessed in terms of the World Handicap System, or an equivalent handicap, assessed under an alternative system acceptable to GolfRSA.

KZNLGA reserves the right to not accept a player's entry if the player has score abnormalities, such as more than two (2) penalty scores or incorrectly captured scores, on Handicap Network Africa (HNA).

No entries will be accepted from players whose HI is not current and up to date. WHS and additional GolfRSA guidance is provided on their website under the following link: WHS Rules of Handicapping - January 2024 - Golf RSA

Gender and Age

Each KZNLGA Championship will specify, in its **Terms of Entry**, whether the championship is open to male and/or female golfers who are members of a golf club affiliated with a Union recognized by GolfRSA.

4. Exemption Categories

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to limit the field. In the event of the tournament being oversubscribed, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to reduce numbers with preference being given to KZNLGA affiliated players and then eliminating in handicap order, from the highest handicap, followed by date-of-receipt order.

International Players are requested to contact Vanessa Colby (sec@kznlga.co.za) to submit their entry.

5. Rules of Golf

The Championship will be held in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd, KZNLGA's Permanent Local Rules (**'Hard Card'**), and Additional Local Rules approved by KZNLGA. Copies of the Additional Local Rules will be available from KZNLGA at the Championship venue. All entrants are advised to familiarize themselves with these Additional Local Rules.

6. Scoring & Results

In Stroke Play, a player is considered to have returned their scorecard when they have left the designated scoring area. The results are deemed to be officially announced and the competition closed at the commencement of the prize-giving ceremony/announcement of the stroke play results.

During match play rounds, the Results of the Match are considered final once both players have reported the result to the official scorer or 15 minutes after the scorer has received the result from the first player. If a match has a walking/designated Referee, the result of the match is considered Final once the designated Referee has reported the result of the match to the official scorer.

7. Deciding Ties

The method for deciding ties is provided in the relevant **Terms of Entry** which will be published at the golf course by KZNLGA.

8. Dress Code, Clothing and Equipment Branding

Dress Code

Only golf specific attire (shoes, socks, shirts, and pants/shorts/skirts/dresses) will be permitted during all KZNLGA Championships. Players are expected to always look neat. This regulation applies to all players when on the host golf course and official practice facility during any official Championship practice or tournament day.

Note: Restrictions on dress code may be stricter at certain host venues and it is up to all players, in such cases, to adhere to the club's dress code which will be published on the championship notice board.

Clothing and Equipment Branding

Competitors and caddies are to conform with the **GolfRSA Logos and Marks Policy** as it pertains to branding on clothing and equipment.

The relevant document can be viewed on www.golfrsa.co.za

Incorrectly dressed players will not be permitted to play and any queries in this regard should be made to the Tournament Director to avoid embarrassment.

9. Player Registration

The Registration process, for all KZNLGA Championships, will be stipulated in the relevant Championship's **Terms of Entry** and will be specific depending on the Tournament Committee's requirements.

10. Caddies

During a KZNLGA Championship, OUTSIDE OR GUEST/FAMILY caddies may or may not be permitted depending on the nature of the championship and their availability and/or the host venue's security policy, etc.

When OUTSIDE caddies are permitted, at a KZNLGA Championship, the requirement is that only caddies that have registered with the host venue, before the championship (which includes official practice rounds), will be allowed to caddie.

All registered caddies will need to follow the host venues' caddies' Rules and Regulations concerning dress code and access to facilities.

When GUEST/FAMILY caddies are permitted, at a KZNLGA Championship, the requirement is that a GUEST/FAMILY caddie MUST register and pay a caddie foundation fee per 18 holes. GUEST/FAMILY caddies MUST display the identification tape/ribbon/bib that will be handed to them by the starter.

When GUEST/FAMILY caddies are NOT permitted, parents and family members may not caddie, or interfere in any way, with any competitor's play during an official practice or tournament round.

11. Code of Conduct

Player Conduct and Spirit Of The Game

It is one of the central principles of the game of golf that all players are expected to play by the Rules and in the spirit of the game.

Under Rule 1.2a, the Tournament Committee may disqualify a player for serious misconduct for acting contrary to the spirit of the game.

Serious Misconduct

Examples of actions, amongst others listed in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (Interpretation 1.2a/1), by a player that is likely to be considered serious misconduct, include, but are not limited to:

- Deliberately causing serious damage to a putting green.
- Disagreeing with the course setup and taking it upon himself or herself to move tee markers or boundary stakes.
- Consumption of alcohol for the duration of a round.
- Throwing a club toward another player or spectator.
- Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- Removing loose impediments or movable obstructions to disadvantage another player after that other player has asked him or her to leave them in place.
- Repeatedly refusing to lift a ball at rest when it interferes with another player in stroke play.
- Deliberately playing away from the hole and then towards the hole to assist the player's partner (such as helping the player's partner learn the break on the putting green).
- Deliberately not playing by the Rules and potentially gaining a significant advantage by doing so, despite incurring a penalty for a breach of the relevant Rule.
- Repeatedly using vulgar or offensive language.
- Using a handicap that has been established to provide an unfair advantage or using the round being played to establish such a handicap.

Misconduct

Penalties other than disqualification may be imposed for player misconduct.

Examples of actions by a player that, although involving misconduct, are unlikely to be considered serious misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Slamming a club to the ground, damaging the club and causing minor damage to the turf.
- Throwing a club towards a golf bag that unintentionally hits another person.
- Carelessly distracting another player from making a stroke.
- Bad language and shouting.

12. Clubs and Balls

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- b. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- c. List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

13. Transportation

Unless otherwise stipulated in the relevant **Terms of Entry**, or authorized by the Tournament Committee, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation during a round.

A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorised to ride on motorised transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

Requests to use a cart for players who have a disability or a long-term degenerative medical condition must be submitted to the KZN PGA President by emailing president@kznpga.co.za for authorisation. KZN PGA reserves the right to refuse or accept any request without giving a reason. The decision of KZN PGA as to the acceptance or refusal of such a request shall be final.

Spectators may not hire golf carts or bring golf carts on-site during KZNLGA Championships.

14. Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee will be appointed by the KZNLGA Executive Committee and the names will be displayed on the Tournament Notice Board at the Host Club. This Tournament Committee shall make all arrangements and reserves the right to make any variation in conditions or alter the programme and conditions of the event at any time, including starting times. All disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final. Any dispute/protest must be lodged within 15 minutes of completion of the round. This information may be requested in writing. The Committee also reserves the right to limit the number of players. Elimination of entries will be at the discretion of the Committee.

15. Prize-Giving

KZNLGA will endeavour to start prizegiving functions as soon as possible after the completion of play and necessary administrative tasks.

It is the responsibility of the player to ascertain whether they will be receiving a prize and are encouraged to stay for the presentation of prizes as a sign of respect to sponsors, organisers, and prize winners.

16. Players with Disabilities

Any player who believes they are eligible and wish to use Rule 25 (Modifications for Players with Disabilities), should contact the South African Disabled Golf Association to assess eligibility on Tel: 087 702 1023 or email: lily@sadga.co.za

Applicants must apply individually in advance of the Championship to have their case considered by the Tournament Committee.

The Tournament Committee will decide and publish which rules in the Modifications of the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities will apply to individual disabled players in each tournament.

17. Cancellation of a Round

In the event of play being delayed or declared null and void for any round of a tournament, additional play will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. If in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, adverse weather or any other occurrence beyond its control renders the commencement or continuation of any stipulated round impractical, then, in stroke play tournaments, the result will be declared over the number of rounds completed by all players. Play will not continue beyond the advertised final day of the stroke play Qualifying rounds. In the event of any round of the Match Play being suspended due to adverse weather or any other occurrence beyond the control of the Tournament Committee – such suspended rounds will be continued as soon as play can be re-commenced to determine a winner of the round.

In the event of the final match being started and adverse weather or any other occurrence resulting in a suspension of play, play will be resumed as soon as is practically possible with the intent to play to the conclusion of the match. If the Final match cannot be concluded due to loss of light on the final day, the Championship will be shared as the finals will not be resumed beyond the final advertised day of the Match Play Championship.

18. Score Information

If requested, players must provide score information to Tournament Officials during play. Live scoring may be conducted by way of an “electronic device” and if so, each match will be requested to submit scores using such a device.

19. Publicity

KZNLGA, the host venue, and the sponsors of the Championship may arrange publicity before, during, and after the Tournament in the press, by live and recorded radio, television, and by filming. By entering the Championship, the players assent to references to them and pictures or video footage of them at practice and in play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by KZNLGA and their Sponsors.

20. Liability

The host club and KZNLGA will not be held liable or responsible for any damages, or loss, including personal loss and or other forms of loss, harm, or injury sustained as stipulated below:

- Physical and/or emotional injuries suffered by any person, including a player or spectator, during the tournament, due to any acts of God, suffered as a direct result thereof, including aspects such as being struck by lightning, etc.
- Physical injuries of any kind suffered by any person, including a player or spectator, sustained by own negligence, or otherwise.
- Emotional injuries sustained due to any loss, including death, suffered as a result of any of the above injuries sustained personally or by a spectator.
- Damages suffered to any property of a player or spectator.
- Any financial costs endured by a golfer due to disqualification/failing to read the ***Terms of Entry and KZNLGA General Terms of Competitions***, making the final players list, etc.

21. KZNLGA Tournament POPIA Consent

By entering any KZNLGA Championship, you are consenting to KZNLGA collecting and storing certain personal information about you (the minimum needed to conduct the administration of this event). Please be assured that KZNLGA is fully compliant with the Protection of Personal Information Act (“POPIA”) regarding how we collect personal information from you, why we collect it, what it is used for, and how it is stored. This personal information may be used to provide you with further details of the event you are entering and may be stored by KZNLGA for purposes of further such events. Your personal information shall not be shared with any third party whatsoever, save for a KZNLGA approved scoring or handicap service provider to this event, who shall also be fully POPIA compliant.

22. Anti-Doping Policy

Anti-Doping constitutes a range of activities aimed at eliminating doping in sports, as well as protecting clean athletes and the integrity and values of sports. There are 11 Anti-Doping Rule Violations of which Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is one. All Competitors are subject to the provisions of the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport’s Anti-Doping (SAIDS) Rules. Details of the SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the SAIDS website (www.drugfreesport.org.za). Competitors can do a medication check on the SAIDS website at the following link <https://drugfreesport.org.za/online-medication-check/> and should bear in mind that this list does not include Supplements. Information on Supplements is available at the following link <https://drugfreesport.org.za/supplements-and-their-risks/>.

Competitors who have illnesses or conditions that require them to take particular medications or undergo procedures may have to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). If the medication or method a competitor requires to treat an illness or condition falls under the Prohibited List, a TUE may authorise that athlete to use the required medicine or method. Only certain categories of Competitors need to apply for a TUE in advance. Competitors should check the SAIDS website at the following link <https://drugfreesport.org.za/who-needs-to-apply-for-a-tue/> which level of Competitors needs to apply for a TUE in advance from SAIDS. Competitors who are taking medication and are in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from KZNLGA no later than 30 days before the start of the Championships.

23. Spectators

Spectators are to keep off tees, fairways, and greens at all times and not interfere with any player. The audible emission of cell phones is unacceptable and should be switched off. The use of motorized golf carts by spectators is not permitted without the consent of the KZNLGA President. Failure to adhere to such requests could lead to the spectators being asked to leave the golf course.