



Western Province Golf

Women's Amateur Championship

Somerset West Golf Club
26th – 28th March 2023

Terms of Competition

1. Conditions of Play:

The tournament will be held in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and Local Rules as approved by Western Province Golf. As well as in accordance with the latest gazetted health regulations and any GolfRSA or club protocols that may be in force.

2. Eligibility:

The tournament is open to any female amateur golfer affiliated to GolfRSA or any other golfing governing body recognised by GolfRSA. Players **Handicap Index as of 06h00 on the 26th March 2023 will apply for the duration of the tournament.**

Championship Division: (Handicap Index 6.5 & under)

Sunday 26th March 2023 (AM & PM)

- Edith Bowie Trophy - 36 Hole Stroke Play
 - Top 8 qualify for Championship Match Play
 - Next 8 qualify for Champion Flight Match Play

Monday 27th March 2023 (AM & PM)

- Championship and Flight Match Play Round 1 & 2

Tuesday 28th March 2023 (AM)

- Championship and Flight Match Play Finals and ¾ place

Silver Division: (Handicap Index 6.6 – 15.3)

Sunday 26th March 2023 (AM & PM)

- Executive Trophy - 36 Hole Stroke Play
 - Top 8 qualify for Match Play

Monday 27th March 2023 (AM & PM)

- Cecile Shaw Bowl Match Play Round 1 & 2

Tuesday 28th March 2023 (AM)

- Cecile Shaw Bowl Match Play Finals and 3rd/4th place

Bronze Division: (Handicap Index 15.4 – 26.0)

Monday 27th March 2023 (AM)

- Wilkinson Trophy – 18 hole Stroke Play
 - Top 4 qualify for Match Play

Monday 27th March 2023 (PM)

- Stanley Cup Match Play Round 1

Tuesday 28th March 2023 (AM)

- Stanley Cup Match Play Finals and 3rd/4th place

- All players must at close of entries, have a valid handicap index, failing, which the player may be removed from the list of entries irrespective of any exemption categories which may apply.
- NOTE: Any player entering may be subject to a handicap index check and any discrepancies or “multiple penalty scores” found on the players’ profile may result in an entry not being accepted.





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3. Entries:

Championship & Silver Division Entry fee - R 630.00 (includes VAT)

Bronze Division Entry fee - R 470.00 (includes VAT)

All entries to be submitted via ONLINE ENTRY on: www.westernprovincegolf.co.za or www.golfrsa.com The online entry incorporates an online payment facility which allows for payments via CREDIT CARD. Entries will not be accepted unless payment is made using the Payfast system. Kindly follow the instructions given during the entry process. No telephonic or emailed entries will be entertained. Should you experience any difficulties kindly contact the Tournament Administrator, Lindy Magnusson, during office hours 084 209 4149

- Entries close at 12h00 on Monday, 20st of March 2023
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to limit the field in the event of the Tournament being oversubscribed. Preference being given to Western Province affiliated players then eliminating in handicap index order, from the highest handicap index, followed by date-of-receipt order.
- The ballot will be based on the GolfRSA Women's Open Rankings and then proportional allocation of places based on entry numbers from Unions. Should a ballot system be used, and a player excluded due to the ballot system, they will be refunded their entry fee.
- Non-arrivals: Players who enter and do not arrive will be dealt with in accordance with the withdrawal and disqualification policy of the WPG.



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4. Prize restrictions

Net prizes are Closed (only GolfRSA affiliated players may win)
A player may only win one Gross prize and one subsidiary prize

5. Tournament Committee:

The Tournament Committee will be appointed by Western Province Golf and their names will be displayed at the bottom of the Local Rules. This committee reserves the right to alter the program, regulations 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 should be lodged within 15 minutes of completion of the round. This information may be requested in writing.

6. Handicaps:

Players are requested to have all open rounds captured by midnight (00:00) 25th March 2023. It is the responsibility of each entrant to advise the Western Province Golf Tournament Administrator of her correct handicap index on the day of play, subject to the following conditions:

- If a player has an open round on Sunday 26th March 2023, it is the player's responsibility to inform the Tournament Committee who will then manually calculate the player's handicap index.
- If a player does not inform the Tournament Committee, such a player might be penalizable under Rule 3.3b (4)



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Other count outs will be decided by the count of procedure: Last 18, last 9, last 6, last 3 and then last hole, of the 2nd round played, if it can still not be decided, a coin toss will decide the count out winner.

7. Draw:

The draw will be conducted by Western Province Golf Tournament Committee and published before the event on the Western Province Golf Website (www.westernprovincegolf.co.za) or www.golfrsa.com. No refunds, once the draw has been published.

8. Registration and Time of Starting:

Sunday 26th March 2023

Championship and Silver Division – registration will be open from 06h30

Monday 27th March & Tuesday 28th March 2023

All Divisions – registration will be open from 06h30

Players are requested to report to the Starter 10 minutes before their tee time. Players shall start at the time laid down by the Tournament Committee (Rule 5-3a). Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

The Tournament Committee may consider accommodating a disqualified player later in the field. Such a player may not win any Championship prizes, but may still be eligible for a daily prize in another round.

The Tournament Committee shall have the power to delay the time of starting, if they consider that circumstances render this necessary.

9. Returning of Scorecard:

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Tournaments Committee when the player has left the recording table (getting up from the chair). All players are requested to be at the score capturing table.

10. Deciding Ties:

In the event of a tie for first place in the Championship Division, there will be a sudden death hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner. Holes played to be decided by the Committee on the day (unless otherwise stated on the entry form). If the play-off involves more than two players, those other than the winner, will be deemed to have tied for second place irrespective of their scores in the play-off. If the playing of a sudden death play-off or continuation of a sudden death play-off is deemed by the Tournament Committee to be impractical, for any reason, then the trophy will be shared.

11. Results of Competition is Final:

The results are deemed to be officially announced and the competition is closed at the commencement of prize giving.

12. Prizegivings:

Sunday 26th March 2023 after completion of Championship and Silver Division Strokeplay.

Tuesday 28th March 2023 after completion of all Divisions Matchplay Finals.

WPG 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



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sponsors, organizers, and prize winners. Any vouchers unclaimed will be kept and distributed to the prize recipients.



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13. Caddies:

All arrangements for caddies must be made personally or with the host club. Availability is on a first come first serve basis and are to be paid for by the individual player.

14. Transport:

Championship Division players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round, unless authorized to by an appointed Rules Official or the Tournament Committee.

Silver & Bronze Division players may use drive carts.

The availability or reliability of motorized carts is not the responsibility of WPG

Any player under the age of 18 is not permitted to drive a cart, they are, however, permitted to ride on a cart. Drive carts are to be booked directly with Somerset West Golf Club, 021 021 852 2925. 36 holes – R390 & 18 holes – R250.

15. 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



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16. Pace of Play:

Western Province Golf Pace of Play Regulations are in force and attached to the local rules.

Penalty for breach of Policy:

- 1 Bad time: verbal warning from referee and player advised that a further bad time will be penalised.
- 2 Bad times: One Stroke Penalty
- 3 Bad times: Additional Two Stroke Penalty Strokes / Loss of Hole
- 4 Bad times: Disqualification

17. Players with Disabilities:

The Tournament Committee will determine and publish modifications to the rules of golf, which will apply to individual disabled players playing in the tournament using the R & A Limited Modified Rules of Golf



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for Players with Disabilities as a guideline. For such modifications to be considered, a player must be a registered affiliated member of the South African Disabled Golf Association (SADGA) or a governing body recognized by SADGA. Code of Conduct: A code of conduct, governing etiquette, behaviour & dress code, is in place – see separate document.

18. 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 are 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 on himself or herself to move tee-markers or boundary stakes
- Consumption of alcohol for the duration of a round
- Throwing a club towards 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 in accordance with 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 for the purpose of providing 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 making a stroke
- Bad language and shouting

19. Dress Code, Clothing and Equipment Branding

Only golf specific attire will be permitted. This regulation applies to all players when on the host golf course and official practice facility during any official Tournament 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 tournament notice board.

Competitors and caddies are to conform with the GolfRSA Logo and Marks Policy as it pertains to branding on clothing and equipment. The relevant document can be viewed on www.golfrsa.co.za.



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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.

20. Weather Delays and Suspension of Play:

The following signals are in force:

Immediate Suspension: One prolonged note of siren.

Such as When There Is Imminent Danger.

- ❖ If the *Committee* declares an immediate suspension of play, all players must stop play at once and must not make another *stroke* until the *Committee* resumes play.
- ❖ If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, she is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 5.7b(2) Exception.

Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

Normal Suspension: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Such as darkness or unplayable course.

- ❖ **Between Two Holes.** If all players in the group are between two holes, they must stop play and must not make a stroke to begin another hole until the *Committee* resumes play.
- ❖ **While Playing Hole.** If any player in the group has started a hole, the players may choose either to stop play or to play out the hole.

Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

21. Cancellation of a Round:

In the event of play being delayed or declared null and void for any round of the 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 render 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 be continued beyond the advertised final day of the event.

22. Spectators:

Spectators to keep off teeing grounds, fairways and greens at all time and not to interfere with any player. The audible emission of cell phones is not acceptable and cell phones should be on silent. The use of motorized golf carts by spectators is not permitted without the consent of the Tournament Committee. (Spectators must not share a golf cart with a player) Failure to adhere to such requests could lead to spectators being asked to leave the golf course.



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23. Halfway House:

Will be strictly grab & go and no sit down will be allowed.

24. Publicity



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WPG, the host venue and the sponsors of the Tournament may arrange publicity before, during and after the Tournament in the press, by live and recorded radio, television and by filming. By entering the Tournament, 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 WPG and their Sponsors

25. POPI Act Policy:

By agreeing to this document, you are consenting to Western Province Golf collecting and storing certain personal information about you (the minimum needed to conduct the administration of this event). Please be assured that Western Province Golf 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 further details of the event you are entering and may be stored by Western Province Golf for purposes of further such events. Your personal information shall not be shared with any third party whatsoever, save for a GolfRSA approved scoring or handicap service provider to this event, who shall also be fully POPIA compliant. If you are a minor, by accepting the Tournament Conditions, Western Province Golf accepts that your parent or guardian has given his/her consent to the above and for you to provide your personal information. and must thus sign this document as well.

26. Drug Free Sport:

Anti- Doping constitutes a range of activities aimed at eliminating doping in sport, as well as protecting clean athletes and the integrity and values of sport. 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 give that athlete the authorization 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 need 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 WGSA no later than 30 days before the start of the Championships. Drug-Testing may be authorized at any event under the jurisdiction of GolfRSA.

27. Liability:

Western Province Golf does not warrant or guarantee the safety of any person. Western Province Golf and its management will not be held responsible for any damages, loss, including personal loss and or other forms of loss, harm or injury sustained as stipulated below:

- Physical and/or emotional injuries suffered during the championship, 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



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above injuries sustained personally or by a spectator

- Damages suffered to any property of a player

28. General:

A request is made to all players to please respect the courtesy granted by the host club and to ensure you take responsibility for your own wellbeing. Players to please fill all divots, repair all pitch marks and not to litter the golf course or surrounds. Sandbags are compulsory for this tournament.

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