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# WESTERN PROVINCE

“GENERAL TERMS OF COMPETITION”

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With effect from 1 January 2024

## 1. GENERAL

- a. By entering any Western Province Golf (WPG) Tournament or Championship (referred to just as the Championship for the remainder of this document), participants enter into an agreement with WPG to be bound by the relevant Championships' Terms of Entry along with WPG General Terms of Competition which can be viewed on the WPG website.
- b. This committee reserves the right to amend the General Terms of Competition document when deemed necessary.
- c. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that they have read and are compliant with the WPG General Terms of Competition.
  - i. The entry process will be completed once all information is provided accurately and in full and the entry fee has been paid online.
  - ii. 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 WPG, in accordance with the relevant Terms of Entry.
  - iii. No telephonic, telegraphic or priority mail entries will be accepted.
  - iv. LATE entries will not be accepted. Players are given ample notice and time to enter.
  - v. 50% of the entry fee will be forfeited if an entrant withdraws PRIOR to the draw being published.
  - vi. There will be no refunds for withdrawals AFTER the draw is published.
  - vii. The final draw will be published on the website on Thursday at 12h00. Tee times will be notified to players via email and SMS.
  - viii. All entries shall be subject to the approval of WPG who reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving reason.
  - ix. The decision of WPG as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.
  - x. WPG 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 WPG.

## 2. FORMAT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. The format of the relevant championship can be found in the relevant Tournament Terms of Entry.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY



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### a. Handicaps

- i. Each WPG Tournament 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 WPG.
- ii. WPG reserve 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).

### b. Gender and Age

- i. Each GolfRSA 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 to a Union recognized by GolfRSA.

## 4. EXEMPTION CATEGORIES

- a. In the event of WPG receiving more than the maximum field size advertised in the Terms of Entry, the tournament exemption criteria (including the championship Ballot Process), will be used to decide the final players and alternates lists.

## 5. RULES OF GOLF

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

## 6. SCORING & RESULTS

- a. In Stroke Play, a player is considered to have returned their score card when they have left the designated scoring area.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. In the event that 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

- a. In the event of a tie for first place, there will be a hole – by – hole playoff to determine the winner.



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- b. Holes played to be decided by the Tournament Committee on the day (unless otherwise stated on the entry form).
- c. Other count outs will be decided by the count out procedure: Last round, last 9, last 6, last 3 and then last hole. If it can still not be decided, a coin toss will decide the count out winner.

### **8. DRESS CODE**

- a. Only golf specific attire will be permitted during all WPG Championships.
- b. 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.

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**

- a. The Registration process, for all WPG 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**

- a. During a WPG Tournament, 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.
- b. When caddies are permitted, at a WPG Championship, the requirement is that only caddies that have registered with the host venue, prior to the championship (which includes official practice rounds), will be allowed to caddie.
- c. All registered caddies will need to follow the host venues caddies Rules and Regulations with regards to dress code and access to facilities.
- d. Caddies are allowed unless Terms of Entry state otherwise.

### **11. 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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### **12. TRANSPORTATION**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. Requests to use a cart will only be granted to players who have a disability or a long-term degenerative medical condition as per the GolfRSA Transportation Policy which can be found on [www.golfrsa.co.za](http://www.golfrsa.co.za)
- d. Spectators may not hire golf carts or bring golf carts on site during WPG Championships.

### **13. ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS (Model Local Rule H-2 is in effect)**

- a. Each team may name one advice giver whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round.
- b. The team must identify each advice giver to the Tournament Committee before any player on the team begins his or her round.
- c. The advice giver must not point out a line of play or walk on the putting green when the ball of a team player lies on the putting green.

**Note:** This MLR is not in effect, unless otherwise stated in the Terms of Entry, when an individual stroke play championship includes, as a subsidiary component, a team competition.

### **14. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

- a. The Tournament Director, Host Venues Representative and up to two other persons, nominated by them, will constitute the Tournament Committee.
- b. This Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the programme and conditions of the event at any time, including starting times.
- c. All disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final.
- d. Any dispute/protest must be lodged within 15 minutes of completion of the round.
- e. This information may be requested in writing.

### **15. PRIZE GIVING**

- a. WPG will endeavor to start prize giving functions as soon as possible after the completion of play and necessary administrative tasks.
- b. 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, organizers, and prize winners.

### **16. PLAYERS WITH DISABILITIES**



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- a. Applicants must contact WPG individually for more information with regards to eligibility to play under the relevant category of Rule 25 in the 2023 Rules of Golf.

### **17. CANCELLATION OF ROUNDS**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. Play will not continue beyond the advertised final day of the stroke play Qualifying rounds.
- d. 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 in-order-to determine a winner of the round.
- e. It is possible that such suspensions of play may result in the Finals of the match play being reduced to 18 holes.
- f. Any such reduction however will be announced to the finalists prior to the start of the finals.
- g. In the event of the final match being started (whether scheduled to be played as a 36 or 18-hole final) and adverse weather or any other occurrence results 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.
- h. 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**

- a. If requested to do so players, must provide score information to Tournament Officials during play.
- b. 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**

- a. WP Golf, the host venue and their sponsors may arrange publicity before, during and after a WPG sanctioned tournament (“a Tournament”), whether in the press, by live and recorded radio, television by filming, or otherwise.
- b. By entering a Tournament, the player agrees to reasonable and traditionally acceptable (for a golf tournament) references and pictures of him/her at practice and in play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by WPG, the Tournament organizers, the host venue and their sponsors.

### **20. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**



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- a. I declare that by entering a Tournament I automatically consent and grant WPG, its employees, agents and representatives the rights to photograph, film or otherwise record my image and/or likeness and/or voice and to copyright publish, distribute and use such image or recording for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to: publicity, illustration, advertising, social media, broadcasting and web content.
- b. I understand that should I wish to withdraw this consent; I will write directly to the Tournament Director for each event withdrawing my consent and I will wear a mutually agreed item to assist in identifying my withdrawal of consent to the event organizers and personnel.

### **21. IMAGE USE WAIVER**

- a. By entering the Tournament venue or otherwise by participating in WPG events, I understand that my image may be captured accidentally on live streaming, photographs, television coverage and or other mediums utilised during the event.
- b. Whilst every effort will be made to ensure those who withdraw their consent to direct images being utilised, it is not possible to ensure that images are not caught accidentally in the general activity around the premises, or part of the event.
- c. WPG will take the necessary measures to ensure that once the photographs, television coverage and or other mediums utilised during the event is used thereafter, that it will go through an editing process to, as far as reasonably practicable, remove and / or edit out those members who withdrew their consent.
- d. WPG accepts no liability for this process and the player hereby fully indemnifies WPG in that regard.

### **22. LIABILITY**

- a. The host club, WPG and its management will not be held liable or responsible for any damages, loss, including personal loss and or other forms of loss, harm or injury sustained as stipulated below:
  - i. 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.
  - ii. Physical injuries of any kind suffered by any person, including a player or spectator, sustained by own negligence, or otherwise.
  - iii. 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.
  - iv. Damages suffered to any property of a player or spectator.
  - v. Any financial costs endured by a golfer due to disqualification/failing to read the Terms of Entry and WPG General Terms of Competitions, making the final players list etc.

### **23. WPG TOURNAMENT POPIA CONSENT**

- a. By entering any WPG Championship, you are consenting to WPG collecting and storing certain personal information about you (the minimum needed to conduct the administration of this event).



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- b. Please be assured that WPG 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.
- c. This personal information may be used to provide you further details of the event you are entering and may be stored by WPG for purposes of further such events.
- d. Your personal information shall not be shared with any third party whatsoever, save for a WPG approved scoring or handicap service provider to this event, who shall also be fully POPIA compliant.
- e. If you are a minor, your parent or guardian must consent to you providing your personal information and must thus complete, sign and submit a separate POPIA document available from WPG.

### **24. ANTI-DOPING POLICY**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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](http://www.drugfreesport.org.za)).
- d. 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/>.
- e. 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 authorisation to use the required medicine or method.
- f. 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.
- g. Competitors who are taking medication and are in doubt as to their clinical status, should seek advice from GolfRSA no later than 30 days before the start of the Championships.
- h. Drug-Testing may be authorized at any event under the jurisdiction of WPG.

### **25. LOGO AND MARKS POLICY**

This Logo and Marks Policy for WPG Tournaments (“Policy”) applies to players and caddies who participate in any WPG ranked tournament (including any qualifying event), and governs their use or display of any names, brands, logos, images and other marks and identifiers (“Marks”) on their person, equipment or apparel before, during or after any competition or



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official practice round and at any interview, press conference, ceremony or official event of a WPG Tournament.

### General Rule:

- a. Players and caddies covered under this Policy are prohibited before, during or after any competition or official practice round and at any interview, ceremony or official event of a WPG Tournament from displaying any Marks on their person, equipment or apparel (including accessories, such as headwear, wristbands, socks, etc.) that WPG considers in its sole discretion:
  - i. are prejudicial to the brand, image and reputation of WPG; and/or
  - ii. are or may be considered to be insulting or offensive to the general community or any group within the community; and/or
  - iii. are or may be considered to be hateful, abusive, obscene or divisive.

### Additional Rules regarding Categories of Special Concern:

- a. Players and caddies are expressly prohibited from displaying the following categories of Marks on their person, equipment or apparel:
  - i. Tobacco/Marijuana: Marks of any tobacco or marijuana products and the names of companies who sell tobacco or marijuana products, including cigarettes, cigars, and tobacco smoked in pipes, smokeless tobacco products (including, without limitation, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes and vaping products) and recreational or medicinal marijuana products.
  - ii. Illegal/Prohibited Substances: Marks of any products or services classified as illegal and any products containing items or substances on the International Golf Federation's (IGF) Prohibited Substances List.
  - iii. Firearms/Weapons: Marks of any firearm or weapon products, or any company or organisation that primarily sells or is affiliated with firearms or weapons.
  - iv. Adult Products and Services: Marks of any adult products or services (including, without limitation, pornographic material, sexually suggestive or explicit products or services), or companies selling or distributing any adult products or services.
- b. The following rules apply specifically to Marks in the alcohol and betting/gambling categories:
  - i. **Alcohol:** Names, brands and logos of companies selling alcohol products, such as beer, wine, distilled spirits, hard seltzers, or other alcohol products are permitted, provided that the content and messaging in the name or logo is socially responsible and the player or caddie is of legal age for alcoholic consumption. No images or other visual representation of any alcohol product (e.g. beer can or liquor bottle) may appear on a player's or caddie's person, apparel (including accessories), or equipment. Any Marks involving alcohol are prohibited at all GolfRSA Junior Championships and Tournaments. Players and caddies under the legal age for alcoholic beverage consumption are prohibited from displaying any Marks associated with alcohol products or related companies.
  - ii. **Betting/Gambling:** Names, brands, and logos of gambling companies, including casinos, sports betting companies, and others are permitted, provided that the content





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and messaging in the name, brand or logo is socially responsible, the gambling company follows all applicable gambling laws, and the player or caddie is of legal age to engage in gambling activities. No images or other visual representation of any gambling-related products (e.g., cards or dice) may appear on a player's or caddie's person, apparel (including accessories), or equipment. Any Marks involving gambling are prohibited at WPG Tournaments. Players and caddies under the legal age to engage in gambling activities are prohibited from displaying Marks associated with gambling or gambling companies. All players and caddies are subject to the R&A's Gambling Policy, found in the Rules of Amateur Status, which governs any betting and gambling related activities.

iii. **Location, Size, Quantity of Marks:** The location, size, and quantity of Marks on the person, equipment, and apparel (including, without limitation, accessories, such as headwear, wristbands and socks) must be reasonable and in good taste, as determined by WPG, in its sole discretion. Below are general guidelines regarding the location and size of Marks:

- \* **Location:** Marks that appear in the following locations are generally considered reasonable and in good taste: right and left breast of shirt; right and left sleeve of shirt; right and left collar of shirt; yoke, right and left of back of shirt; right and left back pocket of trousers or shorts; the back, front and sides of headwear; front of wristbands and socks; and golf bag. No Marks may be placed on caddie bibs.
- \* **Size:** Marks that do not exceed 300mm in perimeter on person, equipment and apparel and 500mm in perimeter on golf bags are generally considered reasonable and in good taste.
- \* **Quantity:** The number of Marks must not exceed four (4) per person, item of equipment or apparel. Golf bags must not have more than two (2) Marks.

WPG reserves the right to prohibit a particular Mark, or the location, size, or quantity of any Mark, if such Mark is deemed contrary to this Policy or any other WP Tournament policy or is otherwise deemed not in good taste as determined by WPG in its sole discretion.

**Note:** Manufacturer's Logo or Marks are not considered in the restrictions with regards to location, size or quantity.

**Penalty:** Players or caddies who breach this Policy will be subject to such sanctions as WPG may deem appropriate in its sole discretion, which may include, without limitation, the requirement to cover or remove the Mark or apparel / equipment item at issue, withdrawal of entry from the WPG Tournament, or suspension from future WPG Tournaments.

**Questions:** Questions about the use or display of a particular Mark under this Policy or questions regarding this Policy in general, should be sent to GolfRSA at [admin@golfrsa.co.za](mailto:admin@golfrsa.co.za) / Tel: +27 (0) 82 374 3456.