



# Conditions of Competition and Local Rules for Russell Vale Golf and Social Club

## Section A. Local Rules

### 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

- a) All grounds beyond the inside of course boundary fences
- b) Areas beyond any line of white stakes or markers. Note the line adjoining the inside points at ground level defines the boundary
- c) The area marked by White markers south of the 12<sup>th</sup> Fairway when playing 12<sup>th</sup> Hole

### 2) Ground under Repair (Rule 25-1b)

- a) Areas defined by white pegs or white lines.
- b) Clearly defined wheel ruts made by tractor mower or motor vehicles.
- c) All garden beds defined by rock or timber edges

### 3) Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2b(i))

- a) All roads and pathways constructed of concrete, bitumen or gravel.
- b) Water drain plates, pipes, taps, hydrants.
- c) Distance indicating markers.

### 4) Staked and tagged trees (Rule 24-2b)

- a) Trees or shrubs staked or identified with plastic or metal tags interfering with a player's stance or swing are immovable obstructions, relief must be taken under rule 24-2b

### 5) On Course Buildings and Wire Mesh Safety Fences.

- a) On course buildings and wire mesh fences are immovable obstructions relief may be taken under Rule 24-2. (No line of sight)

### 6) Sprinkler Heads on or Close to the Putting Green.

- a) If a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and a sprinkler head is on or within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball intervenes with the line of play to the hole, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that a) is not nearer the hole, b) avoids the intervention and c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

**7) Distance Measuring Devices.**

- a) For all play in club competitions a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round a player uses a device that is capable of measuring items that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is used or not.

**8) Penalty for Breach of Rules.**

- a) Match Play – Loss of Hole
- b) Stroke Play – Two stroke Penalty

**9) Mobile Phones.**

- a) The use of a mobile phone or portable phone by a competitor or his caddie, whilst on the golf course during an event is distracting and inconsiderate. If the competitor or caddie is in the possession of a mobile or portable phone it should be turned off. If the phone rings this is deemed to be in use and the committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player in accordance with the concluding paragraph of section 1, Etiquette of the Rules of Golf. If a mobile phone has a distance measuring device facility it may be used in line with Condition 7, provided the device does not have the facility to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc). However the 'phone communication' facility of the mobile phone should be turned off. In match play, the opponent should be informed if the player plans to use this facility

## Section B. Conditions of Competitions

The following conditions, in concert with those contained in specific entry forms and any other additions or amendments as published.

- 1) **Eligibility:**
  - a) The Match Committee shall have the power to vary these conditions and to decide any dispute or question arising as to the qualification of any entrant and May, in its absolute discretion at any time and without assigning any reason therefore, refuse any entrant ineligible to compete. Players should determine their eligibility for any event prior to the entry of the event.
  - b) In the event of a player being suspended by an affiliated club, a club affiliated with a District Golf Association or a District Golf Association on a golf related matter the player shall not be eligible to enter or play in any event during the period of suspension.
- 2) **Match Committee:** The members of the Match Committee present during the playing of an event may exercise all functions of the Match Committee in relation to the event and shall constitute the Committee within the meaning of the Rules of Golf for the purpose of the conduct of the event. Play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf and Local Rules.
- 3) **Returning of Score Card:** A player's score is deemed officially returned to the Committee when the player has posted his card into the designated card return box in the clubhouse.
- 4) **Protests:** Protests or disputes in connection with any competition or match must be made in writing and submitted to the Match Committee within fifteen (15) minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.
- 5) **Entry to events:** The openings for each competition play will start two (2) weeks prior to the competition day. Booking your name in for each competition day can be made at the Clubhouse starting at 8am for Tuesday and Thursday and for Saturday competition, bookings commence at 5pm Friday. Bookings can also be made via the internet starting 12pm Tuesday and Thursday and 12pm Saturday. One person is eligible to enter up to four (4) names only. The Match Committee reserves the right to fill any vacant position in any matchplay draw.
- 6) **Starting Times:** Rule 6-3a provides that the player(s) shall start at the time laid down by the committee. The penalty for breach of rule 6.3a is disqualification. However, if a player arrives at their starting point ready to play, within five (5) minutes after the starting time, the penalty for failing to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two (2) strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification. The Match Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times.
- 7) **Practice:** During practice or during the playing of an event the player shall not place on the course or cause to be placed on the course any artificial marker designed to indicate course measurements. A player in breach of this condition shall be disqualified.
- 8) **Pace of play:** Each group shall maintain its position on the course with respect to the group in front. In the absence of mitigating circumstances a group will be out of position and may be subject to penalty if they are more than the starting interval behind the group in front. Penalties MAYBE issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

Penalties for breach of Condition

First warning— Players informed they are out of position

Second warning- Stroke play one stroke penalty

- Match play Loss of hole

Third warning - Stroke play additional two stroke penalty

- Match play Final warning

Fourth warning- Stroke play and match play –Disqualification

- 9) **Suspension Of Play:** These signals will apply:
- a) Suspend play – One prolonged note of the siren repeated.
  - b) Resume play – Three short notes of the siren repeated.
- 10) **Cancellation:** Player's who are unable to compete for any reason, should cancel by contacting the starter during business hours on phone number (02) 4283 5322 or via the internet. Failure to do so could result in a penalty of suspension.
- 11) **Results of the Competition- Competition closed:** The competition is closed by announcement from the Match Committee, normally 15 minutes after the completion of play. Score cards returned after this time will not be considered for inclusion in the event.
- 12) **Determination of Ties:** The winner of ties will be decided on the score for the last nine holes. If a tie still exists the winner of the last 6 holes and then the winner of the last 3 holes and then the last hole. If a tie still exists the winner will be decided on a hole by hole basis from the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. If players are still tied after this procedure they will be declared joint winners of the competition.
- 13) **Championship Events:** to win a major prize (gross / net) in a club championship members must return Five (5) live Russell Vale single competition handicap cards within twelve (12) months prior to the commencement of such club championship.
- 14) **Transportation:** Automotive locomotion during the play is permitted except in conditions where it is considered the use of such devices will result in undue damage to the course.
- 15) **By-Laws, Rules and Dress Regulation:** The by-laws, rules and dress regulations of Russell Vale Golf and Social Club shall apply. The penalty for non-compliance shall be no start or disqualification.
- 16) **Alcohol:** The consumption of alcohol on the Golf Course is strictly prohibited, except for events where the appropriate licence under the Liquor Act 2007 has been obtained and approved by Wollongong City Council.
- 17) **Definitions**
- a) The Board: Means the Russell Vale Golf and Social Club Ltd.
  - b) The Match Committee: Means the Match Committee of the Russell Vale Golf and Social Club Ltd.
  - c) Recognised Golf Club Means a golf club affiliated within the association and district golf association and the governing bodies of other states of Australia.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Club Captain

On behalf of the Board and the Match and Handicap Committee of Russell Vale Golf & Social Club Ltd