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Nomads Golf Club (Australia) Incorporated

Rules of Play

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The Club Symbol

Our Club badge, a bell crossed by a golf club, is symbolic of the *raison d`etre* of the “NOMADS’: through Golf, the remembrance of others.

It is printed in the renowned extract from the Meditations of John Donne (1573-1631):

‘No man is an island entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;
Any man’s death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind;
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee.’

RULES OF PLAY

‘A club is an Association of Good Fellows meeting together for a certain purpose.’

Samuel Johnson

Unless the context should otherwise indicate, the male gender shall include the female and vice versa.

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1 MEDAL STABLEFORD

Every round of golf shall be based on Medal-Stableford play (i.e. the round is played 'flat against the course' and the player's Nomad handicap is added in full afterwards to make up the player's SCORE - Definition).

2 STANDARD SCORE

The Standard NOMADS score for an individual round shall be taken as 30 points (see handicapping – Rule 10).

3 COMBINED SCORES

The score of all partnerships, combinations, etc., shall be calculated by summing the individual scores of the participating players.

4 ASSISTANCE

No assistance shall be given to a partner at any time including during the play off of the Nomads Knock Out Competition, except as provided for in Rule 15 (xv).

5 PICK UP

All players shall discontinue play and pick up their ball on any hole when they have played two strokes more than par for that hole.

6 PUTTING, SHORT HOLES, SLOW PLAY & DRESS

The following Rules of Play in NOMADS shall apply at all times. Violation of any of the Rules 6(ii) and 6(iii) shall convey a penalty of two points at the discretion of the Committee.

(i) Continuous putting

On the green, a player may putt out or mark his ball if so desired.

(ii) Short holes (Par 3's)

If none of the players whose balls are all on the green have commenced putting by the time the players following are on the tee, the former shall allow the latter to play their tee shots before commencing to putt, provided that the Executive Committee of a Club may waive compliance with this rule if it deems fit.

(iii) Slow play

If a fourball is still on the tee of a par 4 or 5 hole at a time when the hole is clear of preceding players, all members of the fourball may be penalized individually except where a player has to return to the tee to play another ball.

(iv) Speed of play

All games shall be played at the optimum speed and with due consideration for other players. An extensive search for a ball shall be made only by the player losing the ball.

(v) Ladies Tees

1. Female Nomads Members may play off the official Ladies Tees at all Nomads monthly games and in all Nomads National Tournaments, Knock-Out games and such other games where official Nomads playing uniform is worn.
2. The official Ladies Tee shall be the “set of tees” stipulated as the Ladies playing tees of the day of play.
3. Further, at any Nomads game should Ladies Tees not be in play, then the use of the next available forward most tee is allowed.

(vi) Playing uniform

At all official meetings Nomads participating shall wear their official Nomads Club uniforms when playing.

(vii) Dress at Prize Giving

At all official Nomads prize givings, Nomads shall wear either their official Nomads Club playing uniform or other uniform specified by the Executive Committee of a Club which, as a minimum, shall comprise a collared shirt and closed shoes.

7 LOCAL RULES

It shall be the duty of all players to apprise themselves of such local rules as may be in force at the Club at which the game is played.

8 RULES OF GOLF

In all other respects, the ‘Rules of Golf’ as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club shall be observed. Any unresolved issues must be reported to the committee who will provide a ruling which will be binding and final.

9 PLAYING YEAR

The PLAYING YEAR shall terminate on Gold Cup Day except for Gold Cup qualification which shall commence on Gold Cup Day and terminate with the meeting prior to the next Gold Cup Day.

10 HANDICAPPING

(i) Club monthly meetings

- (a) A player shall not play off a NOMAD handicap higher than his current club handicap or 24.
- (b) There shall be three Nomad handicap divisions, namely:
 - 'A' Division – up to 12
 - 'B' Division – 13 to 18
 - 'C' Division – 19 to 24

The Executive of each Member Club shall be at liberty, at their discretion, to adjust the aforementioned handicapping divisions and the par for the course on which monthly meetings are held (when it differs from the A.G.U. rating).

- (c) Nomad handicaps shall be based on a par of 30 and shall be adjusted after each monthly meeting. In the event of a player scoring 2 above or below 30, no adjustment to his handicap shall be made, but for every two points or part thereof thereafter, his handicap shall be adjusted by 1 point with the proviso that at no time shall his handicap be adjusted upwards by more than 2 points but there shall be no limit as to the number of points a player's handicap may be adjusted downwards.
- (d) The handicap in respect of any Nomad Member who has missed the last 4 or more consecutive meetings shall be his last allocated Nomads handicap or that as adjusted in accordance with Rule 10 (iii) NON-NOMADS PLAYERS as hereunder, whichever is the lower.
- (e) All scores at any Club Monthly Meeting shall be used to calculate the players' Nomads handicap. Such calculation is regardless of whether or not the player is playing a make-up game.

(ii) Gold Cup Qualifiers

Nomad handicaps for Gold Cup qualifiers shall be arrived at by averaging the allocated handicaps from the previous six meetings and such handicap shall apply to the Gold Cup Competition only.

(iii) Non-Nomad Players

A NON-NOMAD player's current club handicap shall be adjusted in accordance with the following scale:

Up to 6 handicap	- minus 2
7 to 12 handicap	- minus 3
13 to 18 handicap	- minus 4
19 to 24 handicap	- minus 5
25 or more handicap	- minus 6 or 24 whichever is the lower

NON-NOMAD players may not win a NOMADS trophy but shall receive a suitable prize in lieu thereof.

(iv) National Tournament

- (a) A player's starting handicap shall be determined approximately three weeks prior to the commencement of the National Tournament by averaging his last six Nomads allocated handicaps to the nearest whole number (0,5 goes up to 1) subject to a maximum handicap of two below his last published club handicap. It shall be the Club Handicap Executive's responsibility to produce the Nomads starting handicaps of his Club's Members entered for the National Tournament and to submit these together with the Member's corresponding club handicap, to the National Tournament Coordinator not less than two weeks prior to the commencement of the Tournament.
- (b) A player shall not play off a Nomad handicap greater than 24 or his current club handicap, whichever is the lower, subject to the maximum starting handicap as in (a) above. Should a player's club handicap be adjusted prior to the commencement of the National Tournament, he shall notify the National Tournament Handicapping Executive in writing duly certified by a competent official from his club. Any alterations to club handicaps after the commencement of the National Tournament shall be ignored.
- (c) There shall be three Nomad handicap divisions, namely:
 - 'A' Division - Up to 12
 - 'B' Division - 13 to 18
 - 'C' Division - 19 to 24

The National Tournament Handicapping Executive shall be empowered, at his discretion, to adjust the aforementioned divisions and the par rating for the course of which the National Tournament is being held.

Nomad handicaps shall be based on a par of 30 points with a cumulative neutral zone of one point either way per round. Handicaps shall be adjusted daily in accordance with the attached chart. Such adjustments being based on the starting handicap. A player's handicap shall not be adjusted upwards by more than 5 points, but there shall be no limit as to the number of points a player's handicap may be adjusted downwards.

(v) Annual and Other Competitions

Refer to rules of play governing such competitions. In the absence of any specific procedure being laid down, the procedure as set out in Rule 10 (i) above shall apply

11 COUNT-OUT PROCEDURE

(i) Normal Meetings

In all NOMADS meetings, other than National Tournament Meetings and Annual Competitions, regardless of whether it affects ties between individuals or partnerships, the count out procedure shall always follow the same course:

- (a) First count out preference shall be given to the player or partnership playing off the lower handicap except in the case of the prize for the worst golfer where preference shall be given to the player or partnership playing off the higher handicap.
- (b) If scores and handicaps are identical, the second count out shall be taken on the total Medal Stableford Points scored at odd holes throughout the card, preference being given to the player or partnership scoring the most points except in the case of the prize for the worst golfer where preference shall be given to the player or partnership scoring the least number of points.
- (c) If this procedure still results in a tie, the third count out shall be taken on the total Medal Stableford Points scored at all par 3 holes, preference being given as in Rule 11(i)(b) above.
- (d) If this procedure still results in a tie, the players shall be invited to toss a coin for advantage.

(ii) National Tournament Meetings

In National Tournament Daily Competitions, the count out procedures shall follow the procedures as set out in Rule 11(i) above. In National Tournament Overall Competitions the count-out procedure shall follow the following procedures:

(iii) CHAMPIONSHIPS [See Rule 21]

- (a) First count out preference shall be given to the player having the lowest total handicap for the qualifying rounds except in the case of the prize for the worst golfer where preference shall be given to the player playing off the higher total handicap.
- (b) If scores and handicaps are identical, the second count out shall give preference to the player playing off the lower handicap in the final qualifying round except in the case of the prize for the worst golfer where preference shall be given to the player playing off the higher handicap.
- (c) If this procedure still results in a tie then preference shall be given to the player with the highest score in the final qualifying round except in the case of the prize for the worst golfer where preference shall be given to the player scoring the lower score in the final qualifying round.
- (d) If this procedure still results in a tie, then preference shall be given to the player scoring the most number of points on all the par 3 holes in the final qualifying round except in the case of the prize for the worst golfer where preference shall be given to the player with the loser number of points.
- (e) If this procedure still results in a tie, the players shall be invited to toss a coin for advantage.

(iv) CLUB OF ORIGIN AND TRI-NATIONS [See Rule 21]

- (a) First count out preference shall be given to the team away from home.
- (b) If this procedure still results in a tie, preference shall be given to the team with the best overall individual high scores (i.e scores are paired off until one team gains and advantage)

(v) Annual and other competitions

Count out procedures shall follow the format as detailed in the rules of play governing such competitions, In the absence of any specific procedure being laid down, the format detailed in Rule 11 (i) above shall apply.

12 INTERRUPTED OR CURTAILED PLAY

If, in the opinion of the person or persons responsible (Match Secretary, Club Manager, National Tournament Co-ordinator, Deputy, etc.) the course is rendered unplayable

during a Nomads round, play will be suspended and the position of all balls on the course will be marked by the players.

The signal to suspend play will be agreed beforehand as a siren or other audible device or by word of mouth from one fourball to the next.

Should the course subsequently (on the same day) become playable again, play will be resumed by the same signal.

If this results in some players not completing their round, the procedure will be:

(a) If all players have completed at least three holes, the following formula shall apply:

i At a monthly meeting:

$$\text{Players 18-hole score} = ((30 - a) * b/18) + a + c$$

where a = NOMAD Handicap
b = Uncompleted Holes
c = Points scored on completed holes.

The 18-hole score as calculated shall be rounded to the nearest whole number (0,5 and greater going up to the next whole number).

ii At a National Tournament:

Players 18-hole score = $((28 - a) * b/18) + a + c$
where items a, b, and c shall have the same meaning as in Clause 12(a)i above.

The 18-hole score as calculated shall be rounded to the nearest whole number (0,5 or greater going up to the next whole number).

(b) If some players have not completed the three holes:

i At a monthly meeting, the Club Executive will decide whether to count the curtailed meeting, postpone it or cancel it.

ii At a National Tournament for the -

(i) For the purpose of calculating the 18-hole score of those players who have completed at least 3 holes the formula as in 12 (a) (ii) shall be applied.

(ii) Those players who were unable to complete three holes shall be awarded 28 points as their score for that round and this score shall be recorded against the appropriate Tournament Round in respect of that individual.

- (c) Without in any way derogating from the foregoing, the National President, National Co-ordinator and National Senior Vice-President, shall, acting as a body, be entitled in their entire and unfettered discretion, to cancel a complete round of the tournament at a National Tournament, irrespective of how many players have failed to start, started or completed that round, and irrespective of whether players have completed that round on a day other than the day upon which the decision to cancel the round is taken.
- (d) If at any meeting a Member or Members fails to complete a Nomads round for any reason not detailed in (a) and (b) above, only his handicap and the points scored up to the time he discontinued play will apply. The player will not be eligible for the prize for worst golfer.
- (e) Any player who has not completed his round at the time that play is officially interrupted shall remain available to recommence their round awaiting the final decision by the relevant persons as to whether play shall be resumed. Should a player then, or previously, opt not to complete the round he is required to hand in a properly signed card recording his scores on the holes completed. Any player failing to hand in a signed card shall be disqualified irrespective of his score for the day or the number of holes he has completed. Based on the above a player's handicap may be cut accordingly but he shall not be accorded any benefit of receiving shots on his handicap nor shall the player qualify for any prize awarded on the basis of the worst score achieved on the day. Where a Club awards such prizes as worst drawn fourball, worst playing fourball, worst playing pair etc. those persons with whom he is drawn or paired shall likewise not qualify to win any such prizes. The player's playing record shall be increased accordingly to reflect that that player had played that game. There shall be no additional penalty applicable to the player's withdrawal unless any issues of a disciplinary nature are indicated.

13 RECORDS

Every NOMAD Club Executive Committee shall maintain a record of its Member's play. These shall comprise:

(i) Permanent Record

A record for every Member on which shall be recorded his handicap and score for each monthly NOMAD game he has played, his date of joining, his overall performance in major annual competitions and every prize or distinction he has achieved in NOMADS.

(ii) Annual Record book

This book records a Member's handicap and score at every NOMADS monthly club meeting during the playing year, his Annual Club competition scores together with his handicap. This shall be available on request.

(iii) Score cards

All score cards for the playing year shall be retained, for checking purposes during the currency of the annual competitions and are disposed of at the close of the year. These cards are required for the maintenance of AGU handicaps.

(iv) Annual Club Competition Standings

After six monthly games have been concluded a schedule setting out the standings of the Members in the various Annual Club competitions shall be forwarded to each Member and thereafter the top ten monthly until the close of the playing year. These schedules will be made available on the club's official website.

14 QUALIFICATION

The primary qualification for all NOMAD competitions shall be that a Member must be in good standing as to payment of subscriptions and playing obligations. Any Member not in good standing on Gold Cup Day shall not be eligible to participate in any Annual Competition even though he might otherwise have qualified for such competition.

15 KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

- (i) The competition is an annual event, run during the playing year, each round to be completed by dates determined by the Club JVC and terminating with the Final Round, which shall be played during the course of a club's annual 'Gold Cup' meeting.
- (ii) Any qualifying Member of NOMADS (see Constitution Clause 7) in good standing shall be eligible to enter this competition in partnership with any other Member of his own choice and by mutual agreement. A combined entry fee, as determined by the Club JVC, shall be payable upon entering.
- (iii) Once a draw has been announced, no substitution of players shall be permitted.
- (iv) All matches (other than the final round) may be played in or outside the normal monthly NOMADS meeting as determined by the Club Executive.
- (v) The format of play and playing rules may be set by the Club JVC with the approval of the Club Executive.
- (vi) The ' Trophy' shall be awarded to the winning finalists and shall be held by them for a period of one year but remains the sole and entire property of the NOMADS GOLF CLUB.

- (vii) Should entries warrant it, the Club Executive may, at their sole discretion, run a Plate event.

16 PLAYER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

- (i) The competition shall be conducted annually and shall be for the highest aggregate score of a Members' rounds during a playing year at monthly meetings of the NOMADS Golf Club.
- (ii) In the event of a tie, the count-out shall be awarded to the player with the lower handicap total of his cards; if these are identical then the count-out shall be awarded to the player having entered the greater number of cards during the year. A further tie shall be decided by lot.
- (iii) The Winner shall be awarded a prize and a Runner Up prize may also be awarded at the discretion of the Member Club Executive.
- (iv) The PLAYER OF THE YEAR Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner, irrespective of his division, and shall be held by that Member for a period of one year but shall at all times remain the sole property of the NOMADS Golf Club.

17 THE BEST SIX COMPETITION

- (i) The competition shall be conducted annually and shall be for the highest aggregate score of a Members' six best rounds during a playing year at monthly meetings of the NOMADS Golf Club.
- (ii) The qualifying minimum number of cards shall be 6 in the playing year and once so qualified the Member's best 6 cards shall be selected to count for this competition.
- (iii) In selecting cards of identical scores, that card shall be selected which was played off the lower handicap.
- (iv) Any Member who misses his own NOMADS Club monthly meeting but plays during that same month in another NOMADS Club monthly meeting may count his card towards his BEST SIX qualification at his own Club, but such scores shall not count towards his aggregate score.
- (v) In the event of a tie, the count-out shall be awarded to the player with the lower handicap total of his six cards; if these be identical then the count-out shall be awarded to the player having entered the greater number of cards during the year. Should the score still be tied, preference shall be given to the player with the 7th best score and so on. A further tie shall be decided by lot.

- (vi) The Winner shall be awarded a prize and a Runner Up prize may be awarded at the discretion of the Member Club Executive.
- (vii) The BEST SIX Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner, irrespective of his division, and shall be held by that Member for a period of one year but shall at all times remain the sole property of the NOMADS Golf Club.

18 ODDS AND EVENS COMPETITION

- (i) The competition shall be conducted annually and shall be for the highest total score of a Member's rounds played on pre-selected dates as decided upon by the individual Club Executives.
- (ii) The qualifying minimum number of cards to be entered shall be 3 cards for each competition during the playing year and once so qualified all the Member's cards shall be selected to count for this competition.
- (iii) In selecting cards of identical scores, the card played off the lower handicap shall be selected.
- (iv) Any Member who misses his own NOMADS Club monthly meeting but plays during that same month at another NOMADS Club monthly meeting shall not count his card towards his qualifications at his own club.
- (v) In the event of a tie, the count-out shall be awarded to the player with the lower handicap. If these be identical then the count-out shall be awarded to the player having entered the greater number of cards during the year. Should the score still be tied, preference shall be given to the player with the 4th best score and so on. A further tie shall be decided by lot.
- (vi) The Winner shall be awarded a prize and a Runner Up prize may be awarded at the discretion of the Member Club Executive.
- (vii) The ODDS AND EVENS Trophies shall be awarded to the winner, irrespective of his handicap division, and shall be held by that Member for a period of one year but shall at all times remain the sole property of the NOMADS Golf Club.

19 ANNUAL 'GOLD CUP' COMPETITION

- (i) The highest scoring eligible home Club member of a division during the playing year at a monthly meeting shall automatically qualify for the annual 'Gold Cup' competition, as also shall any other eligible home Club member who tied those scores in the same meeting but lost on a count-out.

- (ii) In qualifying for the annual 'Gold Cup' competition, a Member will compete in the Division in which he is placed for the Gold Cup competition. For example, a Member may have won (or been counted-out) in the 'B' Division during the playing year, yet by the time the 'Gold Cup' Meeting is played his handicap may have been so adjusted as to place him in the 'A' Division. He shall, therefore, compete for the 'A' Division for the annual 'Gold Cup' competition.
- (iii) If during the playing year a Member shall have qualified by way of having won (or been counted out) on separate occasions in two different divisions, rule (ii) above applies.
- (iv) Any Member who wins (or counted out) in a division at a NOMADS Club other than that of which he is a Member shall NOT qualify for the annual 'Gold Cup' of that club. If such visiting Nomad wins a division (but not on a count-out) or wins on a count-out from another visiting Nomad, then the home club Member or Members scoring the next highest score in that division shall qualify for the annual Gold Cup in that division.
- (v) The Winner shall be awarded a prize and a Runner Up prize may be awarded at the discretion of the Member Club Executive.
- (vi) The "Gold Cup" Trophies shall be awarded to the winners only in each division and shall be held by them for a period of one year but shall at all times remain the sole property of the NOMAD Golf Club.

20 SPECIAL AWARDS

(i) 40 Pointer

Should any Member score 40 points or more at any NOMAD Club monthly meeting or National Tournament he shall receive a suitable prize to recognize such an achievement. An Honour roll will be included and kept up to date on the clubs' official website.

(ii) Holes-in-one and Albatross

The feat of a hole-in-one or an Albatross by any Member of NOMADS shall be recognized in the following manner and supported from Club funds:

- (a) Up to \$200 (or the equivalent in other currencies) shall be set aside for the refreshment of Members present at the time of award if achieved during a NOMADS monthly meeting; or
- (b) Up to \$400 (or the equivalent in other currencies) shall be set aside for the refreshment of Members present at the time of award if achieved at a National Tournament; or

- (c) \$50 (or the equivalent in other currencies) shall be awarded to the successful Member if achieved at any other, Nomads sanctioned, meeting.

21 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TROPHIES

(i) Individual Champion of Champions Trophy

Presented to the player achieving the highest aggregate score, regardless of division, over the rounds played.

(ii) National Individual Championship

Played in three handicap divisions. 'A', 'B' and 'C'. This shall be won by the Member in each division aggregating the highest score over the rounds played.

(iii) State of Origin Cup

A contest between all New South Wales players and all Queensland players. Presented to the State achieving the highest average score of all players from all clubs in each State over the rounds played. The captain (or his nominated representative) from of the largest club in the winning State, will receive the trophy on behalf of all players of that State.

(iv) Australian Champion Club Trophy

Contested by all Australian clubs. Presented to the club achieving the highest average score of all certain players from each Australian club, over the rounds played

The teams selected will be determined in the following manner:

- (a) The number of players from each team will equal the number of players from the smallest team. A team must comprise of at least 10 players to be eligible to compete.
- (b) The Nomads starting handicaps of the players from the smallest participating club, shall be matched up, on a player-by-player basis, by players with the same handicaps from the other participating clubs.
- (c) The National Coordinator, at his discretion, will select the players from each club, in order to accurately match the handicaps of the clubs participating to those of the smallest club. The average of each club's handicaps must all be equal.

(v) Tri-Nations Trophy

Contested by Australia, New Zealand and Southern Africa. Presented to the Nation achieving the highest average score of certain players selected for each Nation, over the rounds played.

The teams selected will be determined in the following manner:

- (a) The number of players from each team will equal the number of players from the smallest team. A team must comprise of at least 10 players to be eligible to compete. Should there be insufficient participants to make up a Southern African or New Zealand team, the National Coordinator, at his discretion, will select Australian participants, based upon their country of birth, to make up the required minimum number of players.
- (b) The Nomads starting handicaps of the players from the smallest participating Nation, before any make up allocation under clause (v) (a), shall be matched up, on a player-by-player basis, by players with the same handicaps from the other participating Nations.
- (c) Players from Nations with multiple individual clubs will be selected from each club based upon the percentage of players from each club represented at the National Tournament. (I.e. The percentage of players from each club multiplied by the number of participants of the smallest Nation. This result, rounded, will determine the number of players from each individual club to form the secret team for that Nation.)
- (d) The National Coordinator, at his discretion, will select the players from each club within a Nation, in order to accurately match the handicaps of the Nations participating to those of the smallest Nation. The average of each Nation's handicaps must all be equal.

Other than for the smallest Nation, the players selected will remain a secret until completion of the tournament.

(vi) Other trophies

The rules governing the qualification and competitions played by Members for all other trophies shall be laid down by the National Council and/or National Executive Committee as and when such trophies are presented.

22 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT FLOATING TROPHIES

The various National Tournament Trophies shall be awarded to the respective winners at the Final Afternoon's prize giving at the conclusion of the tournament. All winners shall, however, return such trophies to the responsible Executive at the end of the ceremony and shall not be permitted to remove them from the venue at which the prize giving is held. All Floating Trophies shall at all times remain the sole property of the NOMADS Golf Club.

BY ORDER OF THE
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NOMADS
DATE OF COMING INTO FORCE
28th October 2023

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT - HANDICAP ADJUSTMENT CHART

Adjustments required at the end of day 1 of the National Tournament in accordance clause 10(iv)0 of the Rules of Play.

1st round Score	Handicap Adjustment
15	+5
16	+5
17	+4
18	+4
19	+4
20	+4
21	+3
22	+3
23	+3
24	+3
25	+2
26	+2
27	+1
28	+1
29	no adjustment
30	no adjustment
31	no adjustment
32	-1
33	-1
34	-2
35	-2
36	-3
37	-3
38	-4
39	-4
40	-5
41	-5
42	-6
43	-6
44	-7

Should scores exceed 44 the deduction adjustments appropriate are simple mathematical extensions of the above (eg a score of 47 would require a deduction of 8).