

**BYELAWS OF THE KWAZULU NATAL LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION**

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## **1. AFFILIATION FEES, LEVIES AND GOLFRSA LEVIES**

- 1.1. Every Affiliated Golf Club within the Province shall pay to the Association an annual Affiliation Fee as decided by the Executive Committee and announced at the Annual General Meeting.
- 1.2. Every Affiliated Club within the Province shall pay to the Association annual Levies and GolfRSA Levies in respect of each Golfing Member and each Junior Golfing Member.
- 1.3. Should the Association choose to invoice Affiliated Clubs for regional levies, then every Affiliated Club within the Province shall pay to the Association the regional levies in respect of each Golfing Member. The Association shall pay over to a Region any regional levies collected within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof.
- 1.4. The affiliation fee and annual levy for the following year shall be passed at the first Executive Committee Meeting held after the Annual General Meeting each year.
- 1.5. Levies may be increased by a maximum of 3% above CPI without the approval of a Special General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting.

## **2. DUTIES OF REGIONAL PRESIDENTS**

- 2.1. Manage the affairs of their Region in a manner that ensures the objects of the Association are implemented in accordance with the KZNLGA Constitution.
- 2.2. Refer Affiliated Club or Golfing Member queries to the Association and not directly to GolfRSA.
- 2.3. Serve as an Executive Committee Member of the Association and attend meetings to fulfill the functions as required in terms of the Constitution.
- 2.4. Be acquainted with the KZNLGA Constitution and Byelaws, the World Handicapping System manual, the Handicap System and GolfRSA handicapping guidelines and the Rules of Golf.
- 2.5. Keep accurate financial records of any income and expenditure and submit any annual accounts approved at a regional annual general meeting to the Association.
- 2.6. Keep minutes of regional committee meetings and submit these to the Association after each meeting.
- 2.7. Timeously distribute communication received from GolfRSA or the Association to all clubs within their region.
- 2.8. As and when required, review any reports and/or submit any reports or requests for information to the Secretary of the Association.
- 2.9. Follow up on any outstanding affiliation fees or Levies/GolfRSA Levies due by the clubs within your region.
- 2.10. Host and allocate the necessary resources for GolfRSA/KZNLGA events when they are played at a club within your region.
- 2.11. Be on duty for the various GolfRSA/KZNLGA tournaments as agreed at Executive Committee meetings and submit any claims within fourteen days after the tournament/event.
- 2.12. Organize and hold a regional championship tournament.
- 2.13. Encourage participation by their region in the various KZNLGA tournaments.
- 2.14. Where practical, organize leagues to be played in the region.
- 2.15. Ensure the region has a Regional Handicapper and assist them in fulfilling their function.
- 2.16. Identify and nurture any junior or developing talent.
- 2.17. Consider any nominations for the Dennis Done Fellowship trophy and submit these to the Association by the closing date.
- 2.18. Refer any disputes to or inform the Association of any matters that may negatively impact the reputation of the region or the Association.

### **3. DUTIES OF AFFILIATED CLUBS and CLUB CAPTAINS**

It is the responsibility of Club Captains or Representatives to:

- 3.1. Refer Affiliated Club or Golfing Member queries to their Regional President and not directly to the Association or GolfRSA.
- 3.2. Be acquainted with the KZNLGA Constitution and Byelaws, any Regional Constitution and Byelaws, the World Handicapping System manual, the Handicap System and GolfRSA handicapping guidelines and the Rules of Golf.
- 3.3. Ensure that all their Golfing Members are acquainted with the communication channels, Byelaws, Terms of Competition, and in particular, closing dates of entry, pertaining to the competition in which they are playing.
- 3.4. Apply through their Regional President for their club colours to be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 3.5. Keep their club members informed and encourage them to play in all KZNLGA and Regional competitions. Players are to submit their own entries for the Individual KZNLGA Championships.
- 3.6. Ensure your club has paid all the affiliation fees and levies payable to the Association, your Region and GolfRSA.
- 3.7. Ensure that no Club fixture clashes with Provincial, KZNLGA or Regional Fixtures.
- 3.8. Ensure that all Executive Committee and Regional Committee Minutes are distributed via email or posted on the Club Notice Board.
- 3.9. Manage any annual renewals for motorised cart medical approvals and submit to the Regional President.
- 3.10. Register for WGSА Medal Competitions with their Regional President by 31 January each year and:
  - 3.10.1. Organise the fixture dates in line with the WGSА Medal regulations.
  - 3.10.2. Calculate the winners of the WGSА Medal Competitions, as laid down in the WGSА Medal regulations.
  - 3.10.3. Submit the annual winners to their Regional President before 31 December each year.
- 3.11. Junior Golfers should be encouraged to participate in club and regional competitions.
- 3.12. Timeously inform the Secretary of the Association and Regional President if any juniors join their club.
- 3.13. Timeously inform the Secretary of the Association and Regional President of any Golfing Members that have a Handicap Index of 6.5 or lower.
- 3.14. Refer any Handicap queries to their Regional Handicap Manager. The Regional Handicap Manager should refer any unresolved queries to the Association.

### **4. DUTIES OF REGIONAL HANDICAP MANAGER**

- 4.1. The Regions shall appoint the Regional Handicap Managers, and such appointment shall be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the Region.
- 4.2. Be acquainted with the Regulations governing Handicapping and Course Rating which are covered by a separate document - GolfRSA Handicapping Rules for Men and Women. This is also available on the WGSА website namely [www.GolfRSA.co.za](http://www.GolfRSA.co.za).
- 4.3. Should a Regional Handicap Manager be unable to make a decision, the matter shall be referred to the Regional President who may engage KZNLGA.
- 4.4. Ensure players submit scores in accordance with the Handicapping Rules for tournaments hosted in their region.

## 5. KZNLGA REPRESENTATION

- 5.1. The KZNLGA squad and all teams to represent KZNLGA shall be selected by the Executive Committee in accordance with the team selection policies as published by the Association from time to time.
- 5.2. Eligibility
  - 5.2.1. A player may only represent KZNLGA if she (female as defined by GolfRSA) if she is regarded as a citizen of South Africa and has been handicapped in KZN at an Affiliated Club for a period of no less than sixty days prior to selection, and the Affiliated Club, where the Golfing Member is handicapped, is up to date with all their Affiliation Fees and Levy payments.
  - 5.2.2. Players who are Golfing Members and studying at college or universities outside the Province or South Africa, are eligible for selection, subject to the Executive being informed of their study programs and received regular progress reports thereon.
  - 5.2.3. The Executive Committee reserves the right to include 2 players as “wild cards” who might not, at the time of selection, be eligible in terms of the selection criteria.
- 5.3. Selection:
  - 5.3.1. WGSА rankings together with the KZNLGA Order of Merit are the main guidelines for selection.
  - 5.3.2. National, Provincial and Regional tournaments are included in the above rankings.
  - 5.3.3. Players are required to have a minimum of five counting rounds, participate in the KwaZulu Natal Championships and play in a minimum of three National and/or Provincial and/or Regional Tournaments/Championships.
  - 5.3.4. The following criteria will also be taken into consideration for selection:
    - Past performance in representative teams.
    - Current form and format of event to be selected for.
    - Ability to add value to the team.
    - Attitude and behavior of the highest standard and consistent respect for the etiquette of the game is essential. This factor will be a major consideration in selection irrespective of the player’s position on the ranking list, as these players, in addition to becoming role models for many other aspiring golfers, will have the honor of representing KZN.
  - 5.3.5. Club Championships rounds are taken into account where these have been provided in writing to the Secretary and President.
  - 5.3.6. All monthly medal scores are to be returned timeously by the player to both the President and Secretary for record keeping.
  - 5.3.7. Penalty rounds will adversely affect selection.
  - 5.3.8. The decision of the Executive Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 5.4. Players selected for IPT must have a Handicap Index of 6.5 or lower and will be awarded KZN Colours. Players selected for Mid Am IPT and 72 Holes must meet the stipulated handicap requirements for those tournaments and will be awarded KZN colours.
- 5.5. A Player having been awarded her KwaZulu-Natal Colours shall be presented with a KwaZulu-Natal badge-and entitled to wear the KZN dress uniform thereafter.
- 5.6. KZN Colours are only awarded to a player once and not annually.
- 5.7. Upon selection to the squad or team, a player will be informed in writing by the Association of their selection and will be required to:
  - 5.7.1. Sign KZNLGA’s Code of Conduct & Ethics which shall remain valid for the period of one calendar year.
  - 5.7.2. Make themselves available to play league and Inter Region.
  - 5.7.3. Attend squad workshops and events as arranged from time to time.
- 5.8. Selected players and their parent/guardian shall sign a form indemnifying the Association against:
  - 5.8.1. Any claim for damages incurred whilst representing KZNLGA.

- 5.8.2. Any claim for expenses in excess of the financial arrangements made by the Association.
- 5.9. A player representing KZNLGA in a tournament hosted outside KwaZulu Natal province shall wear the stipulated KZNLGA uniform and, subject to any annual financial constraints the Executive Committee may determine, have the following expenses paid for by the Association:
- 5.9.1. When travelling with the team, daily allowance, travel and accommodation calculated from a central departure point (the player will be responsible for any costs to and from the central departure point);
- 5.9.2. When not travelling with the team, any expenses paid for by the Association will be at the discretion of the Executive;
- 5.9.3. Entry fees (whether travelling with the team or not).
- 5.10. A squad player participating in a National/Provincial tournament may, subject to financial constraints and agreement of the Executive, receive a contribution towards expenses for the Tournament. Such player shall notify the Secretary and President at least seven (7 days) prior to participating in the tournament.
- 5.11. A squad player, playing in the below tournaments and with prior notification to the Association, will be awarded a tournament re-imburement, subject to any annual financial constraints the Executive Committee may determine, as follows:
- 5.11.1. Finishing in the top 5 of any National or Provincial Stroke play Championships. This only applies to Open Events, and stand-alone Junior or Mid Am events and will be paid out for:
- 5.11.1.1. entries of 20 players (Championship Division) or more: 1st Place R3000; 2nd Place R2000; 3rd Place R1500; 4th Place R1250; 5th Place R1000
- 5.11.1.2. entries of 10 to 19 players (Championship Division): 1st Place R1500; 2nd Place R1000; 3rd Place R750; 4th Place R625; 5th Place R500.
- 5.11.2. Match Play (subject to 20 players min of 5.11.1.1) of any National or Provincial Championships for Main Trophy event: Winner R2000; Runner up R1000.
- 5.11.3. Match Play (subject to 10 players min of 5.11.1.2) of any National or Provincial Championships for Main Trophy event: Winner R1000; Runner-Up R500
- 5.11.4. Tournament Allowance for each National or Provincial Tournament played outside of KZN will be R1000; this includes Stand-alone Junior and Mid Am events.
- 5.11.5. Any tournament re-imburement Claim must be submitted within thirty days of the final day of the relevant tournament on the KZNLGA Claim Form and returned to the KZNLGA President and Secretary for approval and payment. No late claims and no claims prior to the date of the tournament, will be considered.
- 5.11.6. The tournament re-imburement may be altered or removed at any time.

## **6. KZN DEVELOPMENT BIRDIE PROGRAM**

- 6.1. A Junior Golfing Member handicapped in the Province for at least 60 days and regarded as a citizen of South Africa, may apply to the Association to be a member of the Association's Birdie Program. Membership of the Birdie Program is at the discretion of the Executive.
- 6.2. The Affiliated Club, where the Junior Golfing Member is handicapped, must be up to date with all their Affiliation Fees and Levy payments.
- 6.3. Upon acceptance, a Birdie Program member and their parent/guardian will be required to:
- 6.3.1. sign KZNLGA's Code of Conduct & Ethics which shall remain valid for the period of one calendar year;
- 6.3.2. sign KZNLGA's Indemnity Form indemnifying the Association against:
- 6.3.2.1. any claim for damages incurred

6.3.2.2. any claim for expenses in excess of the financial arrangements made by the Association.

- 6.4. A Birdie Program member participating in a National/Provincial/SA Kids tournament may, subject to financial constraints and agreement of the Executive, receive a contribution towards expenses. Such player shall request assistance from the President at least seven days prior to participating in the tournament.
- 6.5. A claim form must be submitted to the KZNLGA President and Secretary for approval and payment within thirty days of the tournament. No late claims (and no claims prior to the date of the tournament), will be considered. The tournament re-imburement may be altered or removed at any time by the Executive.
- 6.6. The Executive may also, in their sole discretion and subject to budget constraints, provide other financial assistance towards expenses for the development of a Junior Golfing Member.

## 7. GENERAL TERMS APPLICABLE TO KZNLGA TOURNAMENTS/EVENTS

- 7.1. All competitions shall be held in accordance with the relevant Championship/Tournament Terms of Entry and the KZNLGA General Terms of Competition which are published by the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 7.2. All players to open rounds and enter scores as per the World Handicapping System, GolfRSA or KZNLGA requirements.
- 7.3. Where Handicap Limits of Handicap Index 36.0 are applicable in the Terms of Entry, the maximum Course Handicap shall be 36 in the event of the maximum Handicap Index converting into a higher than 36 Course Handicap.
- 7.4. All trophies must be returned to the Executive Committee immediately after prize giving.
- 7.5. Prizes for all tournaments will be governed in accordance the Rules of Amateur status as can be found on the GolfRSA website <https://www.golfrsa.com/rules-of-amateur-status-with-guidance-notes/>
- 7.6. Ties and Count Outs will be determined as per the applicable Terms of Entry for the relevant Tournament/Championships.
- 7.7. If a Golfing Member achieves a hole-in-one during a complete round of golf played in KwaZulu-Natal at any time, she may, if she wishes, apply to the Association to purchase a hole-in-one Brooch. If the Hole-in-one is achieved during any of the following events the KwaZulu-Natal Ladies Golf Association will present the brooch to the player:
  - KwaZulu-Natal Championships, KwaZulu-Natal Junior Championships, KwaZulu-Natal Mid-Am & Senior Championships KZNLGA WGSa Medal Competitions, KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Club Championships; Inter Provincial Matches (both teams), Inter-Region Matches, Natalia Foursomes & Jean Duncan Taylor Memorial AGM Trophy.
- 7.8. The **use of motorised carts** is governed as follows:
  - 7.8.1. **KZNLGA Championships:** Motorized vehicles will be allowed for the Silver Division (Handicap Index 6.6 – 15.3). Preference will be given to those with medical approval if carts are limited. Championship Division players (Handicap Index 6.5 & under) as well as any player who has not yet turned 19 years old (as at the start date of the tournament and regardless of which Division these juniors are in) must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round, unless authorized to, by an appointed Rules Official or the Tournament Committee. Authorized players must have completed the following:
    - 7.8.1.1. Submitted a current certificate from a Medical Specialist (the Ethical Rules of Conduct for Practitioners Registered Under the Health Professions Act, 1974 define a medical specialist as a medical practitioner who has been registered as a specialist in the

- speciality or sub-speciality in medicine in terms of the Regulations Relating to the Specialities and Sub-specialities in Medicine and Dentistry), at least 2 weeks prior to the event closing date or other date as stipulated in the terms of competition), noting a permanent or current condition, to the Lady Captain of their Club. The Lady Captain (on the relevant Club letterhead) must indicate her support of the application and confirm that the player rides on a cart for all Club games. This application must be submitted to their Regional President who will present the request to the Executive.
- 7.8.1.2. If permanent approval is granted by the Executive, it will be held on file for one (1) calendar year only. If the condition is deemed temporary, approval is granted for 3 months only.
- 7.8.1.3. The Executive will grant players, who have permanent disabilities or as approved by the SA Disabled Golf Association, an annual renewal of KZNLGA cart use approval, if the Lady Captain sends a new letter each year (on the relevant Club letterhead), requesting renewed approval without the player having to re-visit her specialist.
- 7.8.2. KZNLGA Matchplay Championships: Silver + Bronze Div may use motorised carts during any round.
- 7.8.3. KZNLGA Bronze Championship + Bronze & Silver Challenge Shields: Motorised carts allowed.
- 7.8.4. KZNLGA Mid-Am + Seniors: Motorised carts allowed for all divisions.
- 7.8.5. KZNLGA Interclub: Silver and Bronze players 65 years and over may use a motorised vehicle, Players younger than 65 may use a motorised cart subject to 7.8.1.1 to 7.8.1.3. Preference will be given to those on the KZNLGA medical approval list if carts are limited. No player in the Championship (Handicap Index 6.5 & under) division is eligible to use a motorised cart unless they have KZNLGA Medical approval.
- 7.8.6. KZNLGA Inter-Region: Motorised vehicles allowed.
- 7.8.7. KZNLGA Junior Championships: No motorised vehicles allowed.

## **8. KZN LADIES AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CHALLENGE SHIELDS**

- 8.1. The Host Club shall be decided by the Executive Committee annually and restricted to Affiliated Clubs of 18-hole courses with adequate facilities that are able to host a provincial tournament.
- 8.2. The Tournament Committee shall make all arrangements and have the discretion to alter or make variations to the Tournament Terms of Competition before and during the tournament.
- 8.3. Open to any amateur Golfer that is affiliated to GolfRSA, or a governing body recognized by GolfRSA.
- 8.4. The closing date for determination of Handicap Index to be used by the player for the Tournament will be determined by the Executive and will determine the division in which a player competes. The applicable Host Club Course Handicap will be applied to calculate all net results. Players must not have any open rounds. It is the responsibility of each competitor to advise the Tournament Committee of her correct HI, subject to the following conditions:
- 8.4.1. Those players who are affiliated to GolfRSA and who have not been in South Africa for the last 6 months or part thereof, are required to submit their scores on the Handicap System as a "foreign round" and provide a verification of the foreign rounds, unless sufficient current rounds have been played in South Africa to validate their South African handicap.
- 8.4.2. Those players who are non-affiliated to GolfRSA (i.e., non-SA players) are required to submit a Handicap certification from their Federation or Home Club with their entry and at registration.
- 8.5. The Challenge shield events are for KZNLGA Affiliated Clubs only.
- 8.6. The Association shall inform the host club of the costs and responsibilities to be met by the host club.
- 8.7. Winners and Runners-up of the KwaZulu-Natal Championships (18/36 holes may be adjusted by the

Tournament Committee):

- Championship Division – Handicap Index 6.5 and under:
  - Sanders Cup: Best Gross – 36 holes
  - Jackie Mercer Memorial Trophy: Best Net - 36 holes
  - Judith Paterson Trophy (KZN Closed): Best Gross – 36 Holes
- Silver Division – Handicap Index 6.6 to 15.3:
  - Hulett Trophy: Best Gross – 36 holes
  - Allison Lutz Trophy: Best Net - 36 holes
- Zelda Shotland Trophy: Handicap Index 15.3 and under - Best Gross – 1st 18 holes
- Australian Trophy: Handicap Index 15.3 and under – Best Net – 1<sup>st</sup> 18 holes
- Bronze Division – Handicap Index 15.4 to 36.0 (Handicap Index limit of 36.0 shall be adjusted to have a maximum Course Handicap of 36):
  - Marjorie Goodbrand Trophy: Best Gross – 18 holes
  - Australian Trophy: Best Net – 18 holes

- 8.8. The Championship trophy winner shall be the lowest Gross 36 Hole score returned in the Championship (Handicap Index 6.5 & under) and Silver (Handicap Index 6.6 – 15.3) divisions. Therefore, in the event of a player in the Silver Division having the lowest Gross 36 Hole score returned across both the Silver and the Championship Divisions, then that player will be awarded the Championship Trophy.
- 8.9. KZN Challenge Shield and Net Trophy team events are closed to KZN Affiliated Clubs only played in conjunction with the Championship and Silver Division Championships – Handicap Index 15.3 and below:
- KZN Challenge Shield – Best Gross – 18 holes
  - Circle Memorial Trophy – Best Net – 18 holes
  - Club teams shall consist of not less than two/three players with the best two scores to count.
  - Players must be members of and nominated by the Club where they are handicapped.
  - Names of individual Club Teams must be submitted before commencement of the above competition.
- 8.10. Bronze Challenge Shield and Bronze Challenge Net Trophy team events are closed to KZN Affiliated Clubs only played in conjunction with the Bronze Division Championships – Handicap Index 15.4 to 36.0 (Handicap Index limit of 36.0 shall be adjusted to have a maximum Course Handicap of 36):
- Bronze Challenge Shield – Best Gross – 18 holes
  - Bronze Challenge Net Trophy – Best Net – 18 holes
  - Club teams shall consist of not less than three/four players with best three net scores to count.
  - Players must be members of and nominated by the Club where they are handicapped.
  - Names of individual Club Teams must be submitted by the closing date of entries of the above competition.
- 8.11. Match Play Championships:
- The 8 available Players returning the lowest gross scores in their division qualify.
  - Any player disqualified in the stroke play competition will not be eligible for the match play events.
  - Ties for positional place shall be decided and laid down in the Terms of Entry.
  - An Automatic Draw will be posted at the completion of the Strokeplay event.
  - All matches shall be played over 18 holes (unless decided otherwise by the Tournament Committee).
  - In the event of a halved match, play will continue until one of the opposing players wins a hole when such player shall win the match.

- If a player in the Silver or Bronze Division uses a cart with KZNLGA approval in the Finals, her opponent may also use a cart during the match.
- Championship Division – Handicap Index 6.5 and under:
- Natal Championship bowl
- Silver Division Matchplay – Handicap Index 6.6 to 15.3.
- Bronze Division Matchplay – Handicap Index 15.4 to 36.0

## 9. KZN LADIES MID-AMATEUR AND SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 9.1. The Host Club shall be decided by the KZNLGA Executive Committee annually based on tenders received and restricted to Affiliated Clubs of 18-hole courses with adequate facilities that are able to host a provincial tournament.
- 9.2. The tournament is open to any amateur golfer, mid-amateur (age 30 and above at the start of the tournament), Senior (age 50 and over at the start of the tournament), Super Senior (age 65 and over at the start of the tournament) who is affiliated to GolfRSA, or a governing body recognized by GolfRSA. Players 65+ years old automatically qualify for all Trophies. Additional Trophies for Seniors are only open to players aged 50 years and older at the start of the tournament and the Trophy for Super Senior is only open to players aged 65 years and older at the start of the tournament. The Net competitions are open only to GolfRSA affiliated players.
- 9.3. The closing date for determination of Handicap Index to be used by the player for the Tournament will be determined by the Executive Committee and will determine the division in which a player competes. The applicable Host Club Course Handicap will be applied to calculate all net and Individual Stableford results. Players must not have any open rounds. It is the responsibility of each competitor to advise the Tournament Committee of her correct handicap index on registration if an error has been made, subject to the following conditions:
  - Those players who are affiliated to GolfRSA and who have not been in South Africa for the last 6 months or part thereof, are required to submit their scores on the Handicap System as a "foreign round" and provide a verification of the foreign rounds, unless sufficient current rounds have been played in South Africa to validate their South African handicap.
  - Those players who are non-affiliated to GolfRSA (i.e. non-SA players) are required to submit a Handicap certification from their Federation or Home Club with their entry and at registration.
- 9.4. Handicap Limits:
  - Championship Division (Handicap Index 6.5 & Under): Mid-Amateur (age 30 & above) and Senior (age 50 & over) - 36 holes Stroke Play.
  - Silver Division (Handicap Index 6.6 – 15.3): Mid-Amateur (age 30 & above) and Senior (age 50 & over) - 36 holes Stroke Play.
  - Bronze Division (Handicap Index 15.4 – 36.0): Mid-Amateur (age 30 & above) and Senior (age 50 & over) - 36 holes Individual Stableford. Handicap Index limit of 36.0 shall be adjusted to have a maximum Course Handicap of 36).
  - Super Senior Trophy (Handicap Index 36.0 & under): Super Senior (age 65 & over) – The 1st 18 holes will be used to determine the winner of this trophy using Individual Stableford points. Super Senior Players, who are in the Strokeplay Divisions, must record their Individual Stableford scores for the 1<sup>st</sup> 18 holes as well as their gross scores per hole. Handicap Index limit of 36.0 shall be adjusted to have a maximum Course Handicap of 36.
- 9.5. The Mid-Amateur Champion and Senior Champion trophy winners shall be the lowest Gross 36 Hole score returned in the Championship (Handicap Index 6.5 & under) and Silver (Handicap Index 6.6 – 15.3) divisions. Therefore, in the event of a player in the Silver Division having the lowest Gross 36

Hole score returned across both the Silver and the Championship Divisions in either the Mid-Amateur or Senior Championship Strokeplay, then that player will be awarded the Mid-Amateur Championship or Senior Championship Trophy.

- 9.6. The trophy in the Mid-Amateur and Senior Bronze Divisions (Handicap Index 15.4 – 36.0) will be awarded to the player with the highest 36 hole Stableford points. The trophy in the Super Senior (Handicap Index 36.0 & under) will be awarded to the player with the highest 18 hole Stableford Points scored in the first 18 holes.
- 9.7. In the event of a tie in the Strokeplay competitions, there will be a Sudden Death Play Off. (Holes to be determined by the Tournament Committee). In all the other Divisions, the winners will be joint holders of the Trophy and count outs will be in accordance with the Terms of Entry.

## **10. KZN LADIES JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 10.1. The Host Club shall be decided by the KZNLGA Executive Committee annually and restricted to Affiliated Clubs of 18 hole courses with adequate facilities that are able to host a provincial tournament.
- 10.2. The Junior Amateur Championship Trophy, Silver Division Junior Championship and Bronze Division Championship shall be open to any amateur golfer affiliated to GolfRSA or a governing body recognized by GolfRSA who has not yet turned 19 years old on the start date of the Tournament.
- 10.3. Format and Handicap Limits:
  - Championship Division: Handicap Index 6.5 & Under - Best gross over 54 holes – Champion and runner up.
  - Silver Division: Handicap Index 6.6 to 15.3 - Best gross over 54 holes – winner and runner up.
  - Bronze Division - Handicap Index 15.4 to 24.3 - 36 holes Individual Stableford - winner and runner up.
  - Copper Division - Handicap Index 24.4 to 36.0 - 36 holes Individual Stableford - winner and runner up. Handicap Index limit of 36.0 shall be adjusted to have a maximum Course Handicap of 36.
  - Jean Duncan Taylor Trophy: Handicap Index 15.3 & Under – Best Net over 36 holes.
- 10.4. The Executive Committee may decide to offer a division for non-handicapped players that are part of the Association's development programmes.

## **11. KZN NATALIA FOURSOMES**

- 11.1. This competition shall be open to all Golfing Members of Affiliated Clubs played annually within a Region as per the roster.
- 11.2. Handicap Index limit of 36.0 shall be adjusted to have a maximum Course Handicap of 36. A player that has a higher than 36.0 HI may play but their HI will be adjusted to 36.0.
- 11.3. The Secretary of the Association shall notify the Regional President when the above competition is in their Region.
- 11.4. Each Affiliated Club to accept entries from its members handicapped at their club and organise club matches and/or competitions as stipulated by the Regional Committee.
- 11.5. Carts may be used.
- 11.6. Club results must be received by the Regional President as soon as possible after the 30th of July each year.
- 11.7. The Regional President and the Regional Handicap Manager shall do a draw and nominate neutral courses for all subsequent rounds.

- 11.8. The Regional Finals must be played on or before the end of September each year and the Regional President shall advise the Secretary of the Association of the final results by no later than Mid Oct each year.
- 11.9. Players are entitled to choose their own partners. Both players must belong to the same Affiliated Club where they are handicapped.
- 11.10. Entry fees may be decided by the Executive Committee from time to time and shall be collected at Club level and paid to the Association.
- 11.11. Substitution after commencement of play:
- Should either of the pair who qualified by coming 1st at Club level not be available for the 1st round of the Matchplay, then the pair who came 2nd or then 3rd etc. at Club Level may be substituted before the start of the 1st Matchplay round.
  - Should a player, having played the first round of the Matchplay, be unable to play her next round she may not be replaced by a substitute. The match shall be conceded.
- 11.12. Region Roster:
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|--------|--------------------|--------|
| • 2022 | Northern Region    | R20.00 |
| • 2023 | Midlands Region    | R20.00 |
| • 2024 | North Coast Region | R20.00 |
| • 2025 | South Coast Region | R20.00 |
| • 2026 | Durban Region      | R20.00 |
| • 2027 | Northern Region    | R20.00 |
- And thereafter in this order
- 11.13. Conditions of Play at Club Level:
- 18 Holes Foursomes Stroke Play competition to be played on one day. Players play off current Handicap Index/Course Handicap off the tees selected by the Regional committee (pair with Best Foursomes Net score goes through to Regional Inter Club Matchplay matches to represent their club).
  - See Handicap allowances as laid down under South African Handicapping Manual Section 11.2.6 for Foursomes.
  - In the event of a tie, Club count-out to be applied.
- 11.14. Conditions of Play at Regional Level:
- Players are liable for their own green fees.
  - The Regional Committee shall do a draw and shall nominate neutral courses and “play by dates”, within their Region, for each Inter-Club match for each round.
  - Format: 18 Holes Foursomes Knock-out Match Play on current Course Handicaps off the course tees selected by the Regional committee.
  - Matches halved at the 18th hole to be determined by sudden death play-off on handicap.
  - All rounds (up to the final) of the Inter-Club matches must be played by END August.
  - Results shall be forwarded to the Regional President.
- 11.15. Conditions of Play for Final:
- The Regional Committee shall arrange for play on a neutral course and “play by date”, within their Region, to be played before the END of September.
  - The final shall be 18 holes Foursomes Knock-out Match Play on current Course Handicaps off the tees selected by the Regional committee.
  - In the Event of the match being halved at the 18th hole it shall be determined by sudden death play-off starting at the hole that the initial 18 holes commenced on.
  - Local Rules: Club Local Rules must be adhered to in all matches.

- Trophy & Prizes: will be awarded at the KZN Inter-Club Championships.

## **12. KZN CORONATION MEDAL**

- 12.1. This competition shall be held in conjunction with the Regional Championships on a rotational basis as follows:
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|------|---|
| 2024 | South Coast Region  |
| 2025 | North Coast Region  |
| 2026 | Northern Region   |
| 2027 | Durban Region   |
| 2028 | Midlands Region (and thereafter in the above order from 2024) |
- 12.2. Competition – Best Net over 18 holes Stroke Play on tournament Handicap Index. Handicap Index limit of 36.0 shall be adjusted to have a maximum Course Handicap of 36.
- 12.3. Entrance Fee as may be decided upon by the Association from time to time.
- 12.4. Motorised Cart Use - Players must abide by the rules of the Regional Championships.

## **13. KZN LADIES INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 13.1. The KZN Ladies Inter-Club Championship shall be held annually at a venue and time decided by the Executive Committee based on tenders received and restricted to Affiliated Clubs of 18 hole courses with adequate facilities. The Executive Committee shall take rotation across regions into consideration when selecting the Host Club.
- 13.2. The Association shall inform the host club of the costs and responsibilities to be met by the host club.
- 13.3. The Tournament will be over 3 days or as otherwise decided by the Executive Committee.
- 13.4. A Player must represent the Affiliated Club where she is handicapped and must have been a member and handicapped at that club for not less than Sixty (60) days prior to the date of the commencement of the Tournament.
- 13.5. The Tournament Committee shall make all the arrangements and have the power to alter or make any variation in Terms of the Competition or Tournament Programme where deemed necessary and at any time during the course of the Competition.
- 13.6. Application to the Secretary of the Association must be made for the approval by the Executive of a substitute player before commencement of the event, giving the name and Handicap Index of the player.
- 13.7. Substitute players will not be accepted after the commencement of the tournament.
- 13.8. The order of play between partners may be changed for a second or subsequent round if desired.
- 13.9. The tournament shall be open to all Affiliated Clubs with no outstanding Levies/GolfRSA Levies. See point 13.20 for Club Allocations
- 13.10. The Inter Club Regional Roster will be:
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|------|--------------------|
| 2024 | NCR (Richards Bay) |
| 2025 | SCR (Southbroom)   |
| 2026 | NR (Dundee)        |
| 2027 | SCR                |
| 2028 | NCR                |
- 13.11. Championship Division - Medal Foursomes: Handicap Index 6.5 and under. Maximum half combined Handicap Index 6.5. Dropping from Handicap Index 10.5 to 6.5 is permitted for one player in a team. Dropping of Handicap Index 10.6 and higher may be permitted with approval. The Regional President must request approval from the Executive.

- 13.12. Silver Division - Medal Foursomes: Handicap Index 6.6 – 15.3. Maximum half combined Handicap Index is 15.3. Dropping from Handicap Index 19.3 to 15.3 is permitted for one player in a team. Dropping from Handicap Index 19.3 and higher may be permitted with approval. The Regional President must request approval from the Executive.
- 13.13. Bronze Division - Stableford Points Foursomes: Handicap Index 15.4 –36.0. Maximum half combined Handicap Index is 36.0. Course Handicap is also limited to a maximum of 36 in the event of Handicap Index 36.0 converting to a higher than 36 Course Handicap.
- 13.14. Combining of Teams: In the Championship Division if there is an odd number of players, the odd player may join a player from another Affiliated Club from any Region.
- 13.15. In the Silver and Bronze Divisions if an Affiliated Club has only one player in a division, they may combine with a player from another Affiliated Club, preferably from the same Region, provided they have a spare player in that Division. In the Silver and Bronze Division players who combine from different clubs must be in the same division and may not drop shots to enter to play together. This request must be submitted in writing by the respective Regional Presidents to the Executive at least one week prior to the closing date. Such teams shall state the name of both their clubs on the entry form and the respective players shall play in their Affiliated Club colours.
- 13.16. Teams enter divisions according to their Handicap Index as at closing date of entries, if one of the player’s Handicap Index drops to a lower division on the day the Course Handicaps are calculated (Handicap Index will be frozen prior to start date of tournament as per the Terms of Entry), the team will play in the lower division in accordance with any stipulated Terms of Entry and their handicap limits regardless of where they have been included in any draw.
- 13.17. Should Inter-Club be over-subscribed, teams will be eliminated at the discretion of the Executive Committee who will consider the entry records of Affiliated Clubs past participation at Interclub over the recently preceding years.
- 13.18. Affiliated Clubs may make application to the Secretary of the Association for additional teams and the Executive Committee may at their discretion allocate additional teams taking into consideration the entry records of Affiliated Clubs past participation at Interclub over the recently preceding years.
- 13.19. Ties and count outs will be in accordance with the Terms of Entry.
- 13.20. Club Allocations:

<u>No of Golfing Members</u>	<u>No of Teams</u>
300 OR MORE	12 TEAMS
200 – 300	10 TEAMS
150-199	8 TEAMS
100 –149	6 TEAMS
50 – 99	4 TEAMS
20 – 49	3 TEAMS
11 –19	2 TEAMS
10 and under	1 TEAM

#### **14. KZN LADIES INTER-REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 14.1. Regional Teams will be automatically allocated as follows:
- Durban Region - 2 teams
  - South Coast Region - 2 teams
  - Midlands Region - 1 team
  - Northern Region - 1 team

- North Coast Region - 1 team
  - Invitational Team - 1 team
- 14.2. A Region (per the venue roster) may volunteer to fill an additional team over and above their Regional Team allocation. The Executive Committee must be notified within sixty (60) days of the start of Round 1 if the region would like to field an additional team. If the Region does not field an additional team, then a President's Invitational Team will be selected using players from any region. KZNLGA will cover the cost of accommodation, travel and team shirts for this team.
  - 14.3. Teams shall consist of six (6) players.
  - 14.4. Players (including reserves) selected for a team may only have a maximum Handicap Index of 24.3. To be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee.
  - 14.5. Players must represent and be handicapped in the Region they represent.
  - 14.6. Team selection (including reserves) should be submitted to the Secretary at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the fixture dates. Should a player's Handicap Index increase beyond the maximum of 24.3, she may play, providing she plays off the Handicap Index limit of 24.3 and the Handicap Index increase has been no more than 14 (fourteen) days prior to the fixture date.
  - 14.7. Where a region fields more than one team, any player selected for fixture dates in the calendar year may not be selected for another team from the same region regardless of whether they played or not for the team they were originally selected for.
  - 14.8. Should any player fall ill the day before or on match day prior to the start of a match, a substitute (subject to the approval of the Executive Committee member/s on duty and the consent of both Team Captains), may be made from a similar Handicap Index irrespective of Region.
  - 14.9. Handicaps to be calculated as per the WHS Rules of Handicapping effective January 2024. (Appendix C/2).
  - 14.10. Team pairings and order of play shall be decided by the Team Captain and shall remain as such for both Foursomes and Better Ball Match play in the final. Team pairings are to be handed in by the Team Captain to the Executive Committee member on duty 30 (thirty) minutes prior to the first tee time for the team.
  - 14.11. Matches shall be played off the 1st and 10th tees off the applicable course tees.
  - 14.12. Four ball better ball Matchplay for rounds One and Two.
  - 14.13. For the finals, four ball better ball Matchplay for first 18 holes followed by foursomes Matchplay for second 18 holes or as decided by the Executive Committee.
  - 14.14. Pairings shall tee off in reverse order i.e., 3rd, 2nd and 1st pairings in that order.
  - 14.15. Score sheets and scorecards to be handed in immediately after conclusion of each match.
  - 14.16. A rules official will be appointed if possible.
  - 14.17. No outside caddies will be allowed.
  - 14.18. If any Region fails to field their allocated teams, a President's team, with members from other Regions if necessary, may be introduced to fill that vacancy and should continue to compete for that year.
  - 14.19. Scoring: Two (2) points for a win, One (1) point for a half.
  - 14.20. Players are required to walk in after the conclusion of their match.
  - 14.21. In the event of any unforeseen problems arising which may affect the length of time allowed for play matches in Round 1, the 1st round may be reduced to 9 holes, in order to get a result. This will allow Round 2 to be played the following morning on schedule. In the event of any unforeseen problems arising which may affect the length of time allowed for play of the 4 fourball better ball matches on day one of the Final round, these matches may be reduced to 9 holes. This will allow the Foursomes matches of the Final to be played the following morning on schedule.
  - 14.22. Such a decision shall be agreed by the Executive and rules official (if applicable) on duty.

- 14.23. There will be no play-off. If there is a tie in the Final Round of Inter-region, the cup shall be shared.
- 14.24. In the first 2 rounds if there is a tie, the match will be decided by the results of the match of the 1st pairing, if there is still a tie then the results of the 2nd pairing will be taken to decide the match and so on. If the match is still tied, the results will be decided by lot.
- 14.25. If a match has commenced, but not completed due to the conditions as set out in 14.21, only the points of the completed matches will stand.
- 14.26. Executive Committee member on duty is required to write a report and submit it to the Secretary who will circulate it to the Regional Presidents.
- 14.27. Uniforms - Regional Colours shall be:

Durban Region	-	Navy Blue (Shorts/Skirts/Longs) and Pale Blue (Shirts)
Midlands Region	-	Navy Blue (Shorts/Skirts/Longs) and Red (Shirts)
South Coast Region	-	Navy Blue (Shorts/Skirts/Longs) and Pink (Shirts)
Northern Region	-	Navy Blue (Shorts/Skirts/Longs) and Green (Shirts)
Northern Coastal Region	-	Navy Blue (Shorts/Skirts/Longs) and Royal Blue (Shirts)
Invitational Team	-	Navy Blue (Shorts/Skirts/Longs) and region shirt colour
President's Team	-	Black and white

- 14.28. Inter-Region match dates will be decided by the Executive Committee and held annually.

Rounds

1 <sup>st</sup> round	1 vs 2	Winner is A	Loser is E
	3 vs 4	Winner is B	Loser is F
	5 vs 6	Winner is C	Loser is G
	7 vs 8	Winner is D	Loser is H

2 <sup>nd</sup> round	A vs B	Plate Event E vs F
	C vs D	Plate Event G vs H

3 <sup>rd</sup> round	Finals of Main – Winner of A vs B and C vs D	
	Finals of Plate – Winner of E vs F and G vs H	

- 14.29. Match Roster:

2024	SC (MK)	vs	DR Invitational
	NR1(Zulus)	vs	DR (Swifts)
	DR (Swallows)	vs	MID 1
	NC	vs	SC (UM)
2025	NC 1	vs	NR
	DR (Swifts)	vs	(DR Swallows)
	MID	vs	NC2 (Invitational)
	SC (UM)	vs	SC (MK)
2026	MID	vs	DR (Swifts)
	DR (Swallows)	vs	SC (UM)
	NC	vs	Invitational
	SC (MK)	vs	NR
2027	SCR (UM)	vs	DR Swifts
	MID	vs	NR

SCR (MK) vs NC  
Invitational vs DR Swallows

#### 14.30. Venue Roster

	<u>Round 1 &amp; 2</u>	<u>Finals</u>
2024	NR	MID
2025	DR	NC
2026	SCR	NR
2027	MID	DR
2028	NC	SCR

### 15. JEAN DUNCAN TAYLOR MEMORIAL AGM TROPHY

- 15.1. Handicap Index 36.0 & under (the Handicap Index Limit of 36.0 will be adjusted to be a maximum Course Handicap of 36). A player that has a higher than 36.0 HI may play but their HI will be adjusted to 36.0.
- 15.2. 18 Holes - Fourball Alliance Stableford with 85% Playing Allowance or as decided by the Executive Committee.

### 16. WGSА MEDAL OF MEDAL TROPHIES

- 16.1. Entrants from all Club Winners of WGSА medal Strokeplay competition in previous year.
- 16.2. Tournament played in conjunction with Regional Championships at the discretion of the Executive Committee on a rotational basis as follows:
  - 2024 South Coast Region
  - 2025 North Coast Region
  - 2026 Northern Region
  - 2027 Durban Region
  - 2028 Midlands Region (and thereafter in the above order from 2024)
- 16.3. Motorised Cart Use - Players must abide by the rules of the respective Championships.
- 16.4. No entrance fees.
- 16.5. WGSА Silver Division Trophy (donated by Molly Whitaker): Handicap Index 15.3 and under and winner is the best Net of the 1<sup>st</sup> 18 holes.
- 16.6. WGSА Bronze Division Trophy (donated by Molly Whitaker): Handicap Index 15.4 – 24.3 and the winner is the best Net of the 1<sup>st</sup> 18 holes.
- 16.7. KZNLGA Copper Division Trophy: Handicap Index 24.3 to 36.0 (course handicap adjusted to a maximum of 36) and the winner is the highest stableford points of the 1<sup>st</sup> 18 holes.

### 17. ORDER OF MERIT – PLEASE NOTE: ALL KZNLGA ORDER OF MERIT METHODOLOGIES ARE UNDER REVIEW AND WILL BE PHASED IN WITH THE NEW TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- 17.1. KZNLGA Order of Merit – Performance Ranking
  - The KZNLGA Order of Merit is open to Golfing Members using a Performance Rating System for a rolling 12-month period. The Performance Rating System uses Dynamic Rating (DR) and Stroke Differential (SD) to determine the average of the best scores in a qualifying tournament.
  - Please note that the system calculates valid rounds and not tournaments. Some tournaments

have multiple rounds.

- All players gross scores for Championship and Silver Divisions in the qualifying open tournaments are ranked best to worst for each individual round. The top 1/3 of these scores are used for the calculation of the DR.
- The scores are ranked best to worst after each round. If 100 players compete in the qualifying tournament, the top 33 gross scores will be added together and divided by 33. This number will be the DR.
- This is done for each individual stroke play round, for each qualifying tournament.
- The SD is calculated for each player, using the gross score for that round, minus the dynamic rating. (In other words, the player's score is considered against the par for the course on that specific day.) This is the gross score and not adjusted gross.
- The players on the Performance Ranking will be listed from best to worst with each players' Stroke Differential being displayed together with the number of counting rounds competed in.
- By comparing the players' scores against the DR, one is better able to consider the difficulty of the course and the weather conditions on the day.
- If conditions are poor or the course is difficult, the average score of the field will uniformly be higher. The DR will also be higher, allowing participants who perform well, relative to the field, a good SD even if the player's score to the course par is not that good.
- The winner will be announced at the Inter Club Championships each year. Should there be a tie in the final totals, the Trophy shall be shared.
- A points-based ranking will also be calculated using qualifying tournaments categorised with different levels of points awarded for tournament placings. The qualifying tournaments and points allocation are detailed in the methodology as published by KZNLGA from time to time.

#### 17.2. Mid-Amateur Order of Merit Award

- The KZNLGA Mid-Amateur Order of Merit is open to Golfing Members who are 30 years of age and over, using a Performance Rating System for a rolling 12-month period. The Performance Rating System uses Dynamic Rating (DR) and Stroke Differential (SD) to determine the average of the best scores in a qualifying tournament.
- Please note that the system calculates valid rounds and not tournaments. Some tournaments have multiple rounds.
- All players' gross scores for Championship and Silver Divisions in the qualifying Mid-Amateur Tournaments are ranked best to worst for each individual round. The top 1/3 of these scores are used for the calculation of the DR.
- The scores are ranked best to worst after each round. If 100 players compete in the qualifying tournament, the top 33 gross scores will be added together and divided by 33. This number will be the DR.
- This is done for each individual stroke play round, for each qualifying tournament.
- The SD is calculated for each player, using the gross score for that round, minus the dynamic rating. (In other words, the player's score is considered against the par for the course on that specific day.) This is the gross score and not adjusted gross.
- The players on the ranking will be listed from best to worst with each player's Stroke Differential being displayed together with the number of counting rounds competed in.
- By comparing the players' scores against the DR, one is better able to consider the difficulty of the course and the weather conditions on the day.

- If conditions are poor or the course is difficult, the average score of the field will uniformly be higher. The DR will also be higher, allowing participants who perform well, relative to the field, a good SD even if the player's score to the course par is not that good.
- The winner will be announced at the Inter Club Championships each year. Should there be a tie in the final totals, the Trophy shall be shared.
- All Regional Champs will have Mid Ams "Thru the field" meaning from the results only the Mid Am players will get points.
- A points-based ranking will also be calculated using qualifying tournaments categorised with different levels of points awarded for tournament placings. The qualifying tournaments and points allocation are detailed in the methodology as published by KZNLGA from time to time.

### 17.3. Junior Order of Merit

- The KZNLGA Mid-Amateur Order of Merit is open to Golfing Members who have not yet attained the age of 19 years using a Performance Rating System for a rolling 12-month period. The Performance Rating System uses Dynamic Rating (DR) and Stroke Differential (SD) to determine the average of the best scores in a qualifying tournament.
- Please note that the system calculates valid rounds and not tournaments. Some tournaments have multiple rounds.
- All players' gross scores for Championship and Silver Divisions in the qualifying Junior Tournaments are ranked best to worst for each individual round. The top 1/3 of these scores are used for the calculation of the DR.
- The scores are ranked best to worst after each round. If 100 players compete in the tournament, the top 33 gross scores will be added together and divided by 33. This number will be the DR.
- This is done for each individual stroke play round, for each qualifying tournament.
- The SD is calculated for each player, using the gross score for that round, minus the dynamic rating. (In other words, the player's score is considered against the par for the course on that specific day.) This is the gross score and not adjusted gross.
- The players on the ranking will be listed from best to worst with each player's Stroke Differential being displayed together with the number of counting rounds competed in.
- By comparing the players' scores against the DR, one is better able to consider the difficulty of the course and the weather conditions on the day.
- If conditions are poor or the course is difficult, the average score of the field will uniformly be higher. The DR will also be higher, allowing participants who perform well, relative to the field, a good SD even if the player's score to the course par is not that good.
- The winner will be announced at the Junior Championships each year. Should there be a tie in the final totals, the Trophy shall be shared.
- A points-based ranking will also be calculated using qualifying tournaments categorised with different levels of points awarded for tournament placings. The qualifying tournaments and points allocation are detailed in the methodology as published by KZNLGA from time to time.

## **18. DENNIS DONE GOOD FELLOWSHIP TROPHY**

- 18.1. The above trophy will be awarded for perseverance and / or good fellowship, not necessarily for golfing ability.
- 18.2. Any Affiliated Club, regional Committee or Golfing Member may nominate a candidate. Such nominations with a motivation shall be submitted to the executive Committee through the Regional President by no later than fourteen days prior to the start of the annual Inter Club Tournament.
- 18.3. The recipient shall be decided by the Executive Committee. The trophy will be awarded at the KZNLGA Inter-Club prize giving.