

Nomads



Australia

Nomads Golf Club Australia Inc.

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 intire of itself; each man is a part of the continent, a piece of the maine...

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

NOMADS GOLF CLUB RULES OF PLAY

1. 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 handicap is added in full afterwards to make up the player’s SCORE definition).

2. The Standard NOMADS score for an individual round shall be taken as 30 points (see handicapping – Rule 10)
3. The score of all partnerships, combinations, etc., shall be calculated by summing the individual scores of the participating players.
4. 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. 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. The Five Rules of Play in NOMADS shall apply at all times. Violation of any of the Rules 6 (i), 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 whose turn it is to putt shall putt out, i.e. no marking
 - (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) PLAYING UNIFORM
At all official meetings Nomads participating shall wear their official Nomads Club uniforms when playing.
7. 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. 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. 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 handicap divisions, namely:

‘A’ Division – up to 12

‘B’ Division – 13 to 18

‘C’ Division – 19 to 24

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

(iii). 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 or downwards by more than 4 points.

(iv). The handicap in respect of any 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.

12. GOLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Handicaps for Gold Cup qualifiers shall be arrived at by averaging the allocated handicaps from the previous six games in the current Nomad year, or if six games are not played in that year, the average of those games actually played in the current year, and such handicap shall apply to the Gold Cup Competition only.

13. 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.

14. 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 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 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 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 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.

- (d) 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.

- (e) A player's Eclectic handicap shall be obtained by taking his average handicap over the period less 4, less 20% of the balance.

15. 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

16. COUNT-OUT PROCEDURE

- (i). In all NOMAD 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 (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:

CHAMPIONSHIPS [Rule 21 Sub. Para (ii), (iii), (v), (vi) and (vii).]

- (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.

ECLECTIC [Rule 21 Sub para (ii).]

- (a) First count out preference shall be given to the player having the lowest total handicap for the qualifying rounds.
- (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.
- (c) If this procedure still results in a tie, preference shall be given to the player showing the biggest improvement in his score during the final qualifying round.
- (d) If this procedure still results in a tie, preference shall be given to the player scoring the best total score on the odd holes.
- (e) If this procedure still results in a tie the players shall be invited to toss a coin for advantage.

(iii) 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.

17. 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) (i) At a **monthly meeting**, if all players have completed at least three holes, the following formula shall apply:

$$\text{Players 18 hole score} = \left(\frac{30 - a}{18} \times b \right) + a + c$$

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**, if all players have completed at least three holes, the following formula shall apply:

$$\text{Players 18 hole score} = \left(\frac{28 - a}{18} \times b \right) + a + c$$

where items a, b, and c shall have the same meaning as in (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 the **Club meeting**, the Club Executive will decide whether or not to count the curtailed meeting, postpone it or cancel it.

(ii) At the **National Tournament** for the –

(a) National Individual Champion of Champions Trophy:

(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.

(b). National Eclectic Trophy:

(i). Only scores actually achieved will apply -excluding any disregarded rounds above.

©. Without in any way derogating from the foregoing, the National Chairman, National Co-ordinator and National Senior Vice-Chairman, 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.

18. RECORDS

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

(i) PERMANENT RECORD CARDS

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

(ii) ANNUAL RECORD BOOK

This book or computer files, 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 Eclectic points at each hole, total and handicap. This shall be available on request.

(iii) All scorecards 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) After six monthly games have been concluded:

(a) 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 clubs official Website.

19. 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.

20. 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 full, Member of NOMADS 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 Executive, shall be payable upon entering.

(iii) Once a pairing has been arranged and entered, no substitution of partners shall be permitted if the pair have actually played a competitive round.

NOTE: If one player is unable to compete and no other date is possible the remaining player plus combined handicap may play on his own.

(iv) All matches (other than the final round) shall be played outside the normal monthly NOMADS meeting unless agreed to by the Club Executive.

(v) Upon closure of entries for the competition, a draw for the first round shall be made. A new draw shall be made for each subsequent round, all players going 'into the hat' (i.e. there shall be no 'seeding' nor shall the ladder-type draw be used, for reasons under Rule 15 (vii) below).

(vi) Any matches, in any round, which have not been played by the date determined for the completion of the round, shall be deemed to be in default. The defaulting pair shall be eliminated.

(vii) The pair first drawn in each match shall enjoy the choice of venue for the match to be played, with the exception of the final round which game shall be played at the Annual Gold Cup Meeting.

(viii) The first pair drawn in each match shall be responsible for making all arrangements for the match and for reporting the result. They shall give their opponents at least 3 dates on recognised golfing days, two of which shall be on weekends and the

venue shall be one included on the Club roster. Once a date has been chosen it can only be changed by mutual consent.

- (ix) Each individual handicap as well as the combined handicap for each pair shall be published for each round. It shall be incumbent upon each player to check his current club handicap.
- (x) The Member Club executive shall determine the format of the competition, from time to time. The format shall remain for the duration of the competition.
- (xi) In the event of scores being tied after 18 holes, the match shall proceed on a "sudden death" basis, no further handicap allowance being given to either side.
- (xii) 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.
- (xiii) The winning finalists and the runners-up shall also receive awards which they will retain in perpetuity.
- (xiv) Should entries warrant it, the Club Executive may, at their sole discretion, run a Plate event.
- (xv) Should a partner or a pairing be declared a defaulter for any cause during the playing year of the competition, the pairing shall be eliminated from any further participation in the competition, and the note under 15 (iii) will not apply.

21. THE BEST SIX COMPETITION

- (i) The competition shall be conducted annually as determined by the Club Executive and shall be for the highest aggregate score of a Member's 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) If the Club Executive so deems this competition to be in divisions, then the divisions shall be determined by the total handicap he received in his six selected cards as follows:

- (v) 'A' Division - 40 points and under
- 'B' Division - 41 points to 70 points
- 'C' Division - 71 points and over

These divisions may be varied at the discretion of the Club Executive.

- (vi) Any Member who misses his own NOMADS Club monthly meeting but plays during that same month in another NOMADS Club monthly meeting may not count his card towards his BEST SIX qualification at his own Club and such scores shall not count towards his aggregate score.
- (vii) 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 give to the player with the 7th best score and so on. A further tie shall be decided by lot.
- (viii) Overall Winner and Runner Up prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the Club Executive. The BEST SIX Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner irrespective of 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.

22. ANNUAL ECLECTIC COMPETITION

- (i) The competition shall be conducted annually and shall be for the sum of the highest eclectic points scored on 18 sequential holes, irrespective of the course on which the rounds were played, plus handicap. A player's eclectic handicap shall be obtained by taking his average handicap over the period less 4, less 20% of the balance.
- (ii) Entry for this competition shall be automatic upon any Member playing in any of the monthly meetings of his Member Club, and every round so played shall be counted towards this competition. A minimum of six games shall apply for qualification.
- (iii) If the Club Executive so deems this competition to be in divisions, then the divisions shall be determined by the average handicap he has received for the rounds played:

'A' Division	-	Up to 12.0
'B' Division	-	Over 12.0 to 18.9
'C' Division	-	Over 19

These divisions may be varied at the discretion of the Club Executive.

- (iv) Any Member who misses his own NOMADS Club monthly meeting but plays during that month in another NOMADS Club monthly meeting shall not count his card towards his eclectic score at his own club.
- (v) In the event of a tie, the count-out shall be awarded to the player with the lower (averaged) handicap for the rounds counted followed by the player with the greater number of rounds played. A further tie shall be decided by lot.
- (vi) Winner and Runner Up prizes shall be awarded.
- (vii) The Annual Eclectic 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 and entire property of the NOMADS Golf Club.

23. 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 were 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). Winner and Runner Up prizes shall be awarded.
- (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.

18. ANNUAL 'GOLD CUP' COMPETITION

- (i) The winner of a division during the playing year at a monthly meeting shall automatically qualify for the annual 'Gold Cup' competition, as to shall any Member who came second "runner up" in that same monthly meeting.
- (ii) In qualifying for the annual 'Gold Cup' competition, a Member will compete in the Division in which he is placed at the time of playing in the Gold Cup Day. For example, a Member may have won (or been Runner up) in the 'B' Division trophy 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 'Gold Cup'.
- (iii) If during the playing year a Member shall have won (or been counted out) the division trophy in two different divisions, the rule (ii) above applies
- (iv) In the event of a tie the count-out shall follow the procedure as detailed in Rule 18 (i) hereof.
- (v) Any Member who wins (or loses on a count-out) a division at a NOMADS Club other than that of which he is a Member shall 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.
- (vi) The "Gold Cup" 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. There shall be no runners-up prize.

19. 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 CLUB**
The feat of a hole-in-one or an Albatross by any Member of NOMADS shall be recognised 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 elsewhere.

20. 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) **NATIONAL ECLECTIC COMPETITION**
Played in 'A', 'B' and 'C' handicap divisions, with an allowance of 80% of 4 less than the average handicap, i.e. (average handicap - 4) x 80%. This shall be won by the Member in each division achieving the highest eclectic score over the rounds played. A Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner.
- (iv) **OTHER TROPHIES**
The rules governing the qualification and competitions played by Members for all other trophies shall be laid down by the National Council, National Executive or National Management Meeting as and when such trophies are presented.

21. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT FLOATING TROPHIES

The various National Tournament Trophies shall be awarded to the respective winners at the Final Night'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 COUNCIL OF
NOMADS
DATE OF COMING INTO FORCE
December 2005

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT HANDICAP ADJUSTMENT CHART

1st Round Score	Adjustment	Total after Two Rounds	Adjustment to starting Handicap	Total after Three Rounds	Adjustment to starting Handicap
17	+4	47	+4	77	+5
18	+4	48	+4	78	+5
19	+4	49	+3	79	+4
20	+4	50	+3	80	+4
21	+3	51	+3	81	+3
22	+3	52	+2	82	+3
23	+3	53	+2	83	+2
24	+3	54	+2	84	+2
25	+2	55	+1	85	+1
26	+2	56	+1	86	+1
27	+1	57	+1	87	0
28	+1	58	0	88	0
29	0	59	0	89	0
30	0	60	0	90	0
31	0	61	0	91	0
32	-1	62	0	92	0
33	-1	63	-1	93	0
34	-2	64	-1	94	-1
35	-2	65	-1	95	-1
36	-3	66	-2	96	-2
37	-3	67	-2	97	-2
38	-4	68	-2	98	-3
39	-4	69	-3	99	-3
40	-5	70	-3	100	-4
41	-5	71	-3	101	-4
42	-6	72	-4	102	-5
43	-6	73	-4	103	-5
44	-7	74	-4	104	-6