

CLUB INFORMATION

- You must be a member of Swansea RSL before you can become a playing member of Swansea RSL Associate Ladies Golf Club. Membership for both clubs is a calendar year and is due for renewal on or before 31st December. Costs for membership, games fees, etc, are decided each year at the AGM. **Golf membership is currently \$30. \$20 Joining Fee for new members.**
- A **\$30 Social Contribution** is payable each year. A lucky player draw is held at each game.
- Names can be added to the Playing Sheet at a prior game or you may add your name by contacting the Captain by text, up until noon on the Saturday before the game. Contact the Captain should you need to cancel or are a late starter.
- Cost of each game is \$15, unless the game cost is over \$30, members will then be asked to pay \$25 at these courses. Visitors may be asked to pay an extra \$10. Money to be paid directly to the Treasurer at the game.
- If a game is cancelled due to adverse weather, the Captain and the Match Committee will notify all players.
- Members must wear regulation golfing attire. For trips away members will be notified of which shirt to wear.
- **Meetings** are held at Swansea RSL on the last **Wednesday night bi monthly at 7.00pm** unless otherwise notified. All members are encouraged to attend.
- Each **Wednesday night** our Club runs the **raffle** at Swansea RSL Club. This is our major source of fundraising and allows the Club to subsidize the cost of our green fees, meals and events, donate to charity and provide trophies. All members are rostered to attend, **please be at the Club by 5.30pm** ready to start, tickets are sold until 6.30 when the draw takes place.
- The **Vice President** is in charge of the Raffle Roster and will notify group members each week, please arrange to swap your night if you cannot attend. Notify the Vice President of any changes made prior to the night.
- Members must have played 50% of games to qualify for major trophies: Club Championship, Memorial, Patron's, Doug Boyd Putting, President's Cup and Special Awards presented after the AGM.

- President's Cup, Memorial, Patron's and Putting have no divisions. President's Cup is awarded for the best 6 individual stableford scores tallied for the year.
- When joining, **if you are a member of a Golf Club and have a Golf Australia (GA) handicap, you must notify the Captain and the Handicapper and advise them of any changes before any game.**
- It is your responsibility to learn the rules of golf, to mark and sign cards and to check local rules at the course in play.
- **Club Website:** *www.swansealadiesgolf.com* contains club information, calendar of games, raffle duty roster and photos, etc.

PLAYING RULES – Some are for our Club ONLY

- 1) Play off the **RED** markers on all courses, unless otherwise instructed.
- 2) Maximum time allowed searching for a lost ball is **3** minutes.
- 3) Mark your card at the next tee, not on the green.
- 4) All air swings are to be counted.
- 5) Two practice swings can be taken but you have **no more than 40 seconds to take the stroke.**
- 6) Clearly identify to your playing partners the ball you are using, name, number, markings. You must complete the hole using that ball unless it is lost during play. Ball changes can occur at the beginning of a hole or if lost.
- 7) **Lost ball / Out of Bounds** – take a **one stroke penalty and tee off again** after declaring it a provisional ball to your playing partners, making you three shots off the tee, if the original ball is found, it is the one in play and the provisional must be picked up. **Option, hit from where you think it disappeared, 2 stroke penalty.**
- 8) Hitting the wrong ball – **2 stroke penalty**
- 9) Hitting yourself, your partner or your equipment – **1 stroke penalty**

- 10) **On the Green** – 2 stroke penalty if another player's ball is struck by your ball. Always mark the ball from **behind** (away from the flag) on the green.
- 11) **Putting** – flag must be tended or removed for all putts when on the green. It can be tended from any part of the course if requested. Do not walk on your or another player's line of play.
- 12) **Hazards** – You cannot ground your club or remove leaves, twigs, etc in ANY hazard including bunkers or drains. No penalty for hitting a ball out of a hazard as it lies. Penalty only applies if you move your ball
- 13) **Stakes** –
 1. **Red:** lateral water hazard, drop within two club lengths, not nearer the hole – **1 stroke penalty.**
 2. **Yellow:** water hazard, drop ball on line of entry behind the hazard (as far as you like) or go back and play again – **1 stroke penalty.**
 3. **White:** ground under repair, drop ball within 2 club lengths, **no penalty.**
- 14) **Nearest the Pin** – Ball must be on the green on your **second shot** in a stableford game, if a team game, on your first shot.
- 15) **Local Rules** – check notice boards or cards before teeing off.
- 16) **Preferred Lies** – 30cm on fairway only, Captain to notify of any change.
- 17) Captains of each team are responsible for keeping players moving – see 'Pace of Play'
- 18) Players are responsible for knowing both their and their partner's score and marking it on the card appropriately. **Both player and marker must sign the card.**
- 19) No-one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or playing a stroke.
- 20) Green staff have right of way at all times.
- 21) Sand Buckets should be carried to repair divots and lob marks.
- 22) When putting – Leave buggies and carts to the side of the green, where the next tee is. Do not damage the green or the hole by leaning on putter or the flag stick.
- 23) Bunkers – smooth over footprints and holes before leaving the bunker, leave the rake in the bunker after use.

24) **Disputes** regarding rules or play must be discussed after the game. If necessary, play two balls to allow the flow of the game to continue. Refer the matter to the Captain or the Match Committee before signing and handing in your card.

25) **Issues and Concerns** – other than those that are game related, must be put in writing and forwarded to the Secretary for the attention of the executive.

26) **Help with learning the Rules** – Try the Golf Australia Web Site R&A Golf Rules Quiz (Rules & Handicapping section). Questions are easy to understand and are accompanied by pictures and explanations, progress through each section.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- The Club has two trips away, the Mid week Getaway in the first half of the year and a Weekend Away in the latter half.
- The Social Committee organises lunches, special days, lucky prizes and encouragement awards to make our day's play as enjoyable as possible.

PACE OF PLAY

This is a perennial problem with golf and golfers everywhere, these are things that players can do to minimize round times that have not already been covered previously:

- Be aware of your position with regard to the group in front and keep up with them
- Do not be concerned about the group behind, if you feel your group is falling behind, advise all members in your group and catch up quickly.
- If you lose a complete hole and are holding up the group behind, invite the group to play through (only within our Club)
- Put your glove on, calculate distance and select your club while waiting for your turn.
- Look at the line of putt while other players look at theirs (within the bounds of etiquette)
- When the team ahead tees off you must wait until they have walked off after their 2nd shot before teeing off yourself.

GAMES

Stableford is the main individual game played with Ambrose for team events. Instructions will be issued by the Captain prior to teeing off. The number of divisions is based on the number of players, Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin are included in most games.

HANDICAPPING GUIDELINES

- 18 is the club's handicap par
- The winner of any stableford game in each division loses one (1) point, Runner-up loses 0.5, the same applies to winners and runners-up on a countback
- Every point over 18 that a player scores (regardless of where they come on the day) incurs a loss of 0.4
- All handicaps are readjusted after each stableford game, except for those mentioned above all players will receive 0.2 back.
- When members first join an official Golf Club and receive a Golf Australia handicap they must inform the Handicapper and Captain of their GA (Golf Australia) handicap. It is the player's responsibility to inform the Handicapper and Captain by the Friday before the next game of any changes.
- All GA's are adjusted by an additional 3.0 – this is the average handicap difference taken across all courses that are played. Adjustment to be reassessed every 3 years or in any year with major course changes.
- Every 3 years GA members will have their Swansea Handicap reset to their current GA.
- Players must play off their lowest handicap, either their Swansea handicap or their adjusted GA handicap.
- New members who do not have an official handicap will have their handicap set after 3 stableford games have been played. However, a determination can be made prior to the three games being played at the discretion of the Captain in consultation with the Handicapper.
- Members are to check their current handicap with the Captain or Handicapper before any stableford game, to be aware of any changes to their handicap.
- If you sustain an injury which severely inhibits your score, an appeal can be made for a review by the Handicapper and the Captain

Rules will come into effect on 1st January 2019