NOMADS GOLF CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA

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'être of the 'NOMADS' -

through golf, the remembrance of others.

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

'No man is an island entire of itself;

Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;

Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind.

And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls, It tolls for thee.'

RULES OF PLAY

'A Club is an Association of Good Fellows meeting together for a certain purpose.'

Samuel Johnson

NOTE: Where reference is made to "handicap" throughout the Rules of Play; this shall mean Nomads Playing Handicap, unless otherwise stated.

1. **GENERAL RULES**

1.1. 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).

1.2. The Standard NOMADS score for an individual round shall be taken as 30 points (see handicapping - Rule 2).

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

1.4. No assistance shall be given to a partner at any time including during the play of the Gary Player Competition, except as provided for in Rule 7.15.

1.5. A player shall discontinue play and pick up their ball once they have played one stroke more than par for that hole - i.e. they can no longer score a Medal Stableford point. That player shall record their most likely score for the hole on the Nomads scorecard, and for submission for external handicap calculations in terms of the World Handicap System, subject always to the maximum score for a hole, which is a nett double bogey: Par for the hole plus two strokes plus any course handicap stroke{s) that the player receives on that hole (or minus any course handicap stroke(s) that a plus handicap player gives back on that hole).

1.6. The following Rules of Play in NOMADS shall apply at all times. Violation of any of the Rules 1.6.1 and 1.6.2 shall convey a penalty of two points at the discretion of the Committee.

1.6.1. SHORT HOLES

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.

1.6.2. 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 penalised individually except where a player has to return to the tee to play another ball.

1.6.3. SPEED OF PLAY

All games shall be played at the optimum speed and using the principles of Ready Golf with due consideration for the safety of other players and the etiquette of golf.

An extensive search for a ball shall be made only by the player losing the ball, assisted by his caddy.

1.6.4. TEEING AREAS (TEES)

1.6.4.1. The stipulated playing tee of the day at any Nomads' Club monthly meeting shall normally be the CLUB Tee (traditionally marked white).

1.6.4.2. The FORWARD Tee (traditionally marked blue and formally known as the Senior Tee) shall be the "set of tees", one forward from the stipulated playing tee of the day and usage is subject to the permission as per 1.6.5.1. below.

1.6.4.3. The FRONT Tee (traditionally marked red and formally known as the Ladies' Tee) shall be the "set of tees", two forward from the stipulated playing tee of the day and usage is subject to the permission as per 1.6.5.2. below.

1.6.5. FORWARD and FRONT TEES

The use of FORWARD and FRONT Tees (as defined in 1.6.4.2 and 1.6.4.3 above) at any Nomads' Club monthly meeting is permitted subject to the following:

1.6.5.1. FORWARD TEES

1.6.5.1.1. Members desirous of playing off FORWARD Tees are required to apply to their Nomads Club for authorisation to do so. Permission shall be granted to any Nomads Member provided that they have reached the age of 60 and normally play off FORWARD Tees at their respective home Clubs. Consideration may also be given to Nomad Members who have not yet reached this age threshold, but warrant this permission based on bona fide physiological or medical reasons.

1.6.5.1.2. The Nomads Club handicap of any Member who has been granted permission to play off FORWARD Tees shall immediately be adjusted downwards by a once-off cut of 2 shots.

1.6.5.1.3. Any Nomad having been granted permission to play off FORWARD Tees at Nomads games shall be entitled, on a once-off basis, to apply to his Member Club Committee for authorisation to revert to playing off CLUB Tees at Nomads games. There shall be no once-off upward adjustment of handicap for Nomads granted such option. Such player having reverted to Normal Tees may subsequently request permission to play off FORWARD Tees once again. Such change will then be immutable.

1.6.5.1.4. Where National Tournaments, Anniversaries games, Inter-Club games, Gary Player Knock-Out games and the like are concerned, it is up to the organising committee to decide on the course set-up and whether the use of FORWARD Tees is permitted.

1.6.5.1.5. Further, at any Nomads game where FORWARD Tees are not in play there shall be no amendment to the players starting handicap.

1.6.5.2. FRONT TEES

1.6.5.2.1. Female Nomads Members are required to play off of the FRONT Tees at all Nomads monthly games and in all Nomads National Tournaments, Anniversaries games, Inter-Club games, Gary Player Knock-Out games and such other games where official Nomads playing uniform is worn.

1.6.5.2.2. Male members who are presently playing off FORWARD Tees and who are desirous of playing off FRONT Tees are required to apply to their Nomads Club for authorisation to do so. Permission shall be granted to any Male Nomads Member, provided that they have reached the age of 75 and normally play off FRONT Tees at their respective home Clubs. Consideration may also be given to Nomad Members who have not yet reached this age threshold, but warrant this permission based on bona fide physiological or medical reasons.

1.6.5.2.3. The Nomads Club handicap of any Male Member who is presently playing off FORWARD Tees and who has been granted permission to play off FRONT Tees, shall immediately be adjusted downwards by a once-off cut of 2 shots.

1.6.5.2.4. Any Male Nomad having been granted permission to play off FRONT Tees at Nomads games shall not be entitled to apply to his Member Club Committee for authorisation to revert to playing off FORWARD Tees or CLUB Tees at Nomads games.

1.6.5.2.5. Further, at any Nomads game should the FRONT Tees not be in play, there shall be no amendment to the players starting handicap, and they shall play off the FORWARD tees.

1.6.6. PLAYING UNIFORM

At all official meetings within South Africa, Nomads participating shall wear their official Nomads Club uniforms when playing.

Any headgear worn shall be predominantly a single colour corresponding to the official colours of that Club's playing uniform and shall display the Nomads insignia.

1.6.7. DRESS AT PRIZE GIVING

At all Nomads prize giving's, Nomads attending shall wear their official Nomads Dress uniforms as determined by the Nomads National Council or Management Committee from time to time and recorded in the National Decisions register. At National Tournaments, Nomads shall in addition wear Tournament Badges.

1.7. 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.

1.8. In all other respects, the 'Rules of Golf' as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club shall be observed.

1.9. 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.

2. **HANDICAPPING**

2.1. CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

2.1.1. A player shall not play off a NOMAD handicap higher than his Nomads Maximum Handicap or 25, whichever is lower.

2.1.2. There shall be three handicap divisions, namely:

'A' Division - up to 8

'B' Division - 9 to 14

'C' Division - 15 to 25

Except in the case where the actual playing field for any Member Club has been an average of 60 (Sixty) Nomads (Excluding visiting Nomads) or less for the preceding Club playing year. In this case the Member Club Executive Committee may at their discretion opt to have two handicap divisions for the subsequent Club playing year, namely:

'A' Division - up to 11

'B' Division – 12 to 25

2.1.2.1. In such cases there shall remain two divisions for the duration of the Club playing year regardless of whether the playing field during the current playing year exceeds 60 Nomads.

2.1.2.2. The divisional status shall be thus reviewed annually and reset for the subsequent year.

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

2.1.3. 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 stroke with the proviso that at no time shall his handicap be adjusted upwards by more than two strokes.

2.1.4. A Nomads Maximum Handicap for a game shall be determined by multiplying their current Handicap Index by a factor to cater for an average SLOPE rating.

The factor for those playing off CLUB Tees shall be 1.10, for those playing off FORWARD Tees the factor shall be 1.00, and for those playing off the FRONT Tees the factor shall be 0.90. Refer to ANNEXURE B. The number calculated shall be rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 or higher going up).

2.1.5. In cases where a Member Club hosts an anniversary game within a monthly game in any particular year, the number of divisions used for that particular game shall be the same as the number of divisions determined in 2.1.2 above.

2.1.6. 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 2.3 NON-NOMAD PLAYERS as hereunder, whichever is the lower. This rule shall be applied at any Nomads monthly game played by a Member whether said monthly game is at his home Nomads Club or played at another Nomads Club.

2.1.7. The handicap in respect of any Member who has missed the last 4 or more consecutive meetings because of valid medical reasons (surgery, treatment, etc.), and has not been proven to have played during that period, shall be his last allocated Nomads handicap, provided written notification and application of such medical leave of absence is received prior to the occurrence.

2.1.8. Only scores recorded at a players member club monthly meeting shall be used to calculate the player's NOMAD handicap. All make-up game scores shall be excluded from this calculation.

2.1.9. All players to be checked after each game that they have submitted a score to the Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) for handicapping purposes, as this has influence on their Handicap Index and their Nomads Maximum Handicap.

2.1.9.1. Where any player has failed to submit their score within the time limit specified by the HNA (24-hour window opening at midnight on the day of play) they will be advised, in writing, accordingly and a further check will be made to ensure that such score is entered within 48 hours.

2.1.9.1.1. The penalty imposed by the HNA, for a late score submission shall, for a first transgression, be deemed to be sufficient to cover the occasion. A player failing to enter the score during the defined period of 48 hours shall then be considered to have committed a second transgression and shall incur a sanction as set out in 2.1.9.3.2.

2.1.9.1.2. Subsequent transgressions shall incur a sanction as set out in 2.1.9.3.3.

2.1.9.2. Where any player has entered a score which is less than that which they actually scored, they will be advised, in writing accordingly, but such score shall be allowed to stand.

2.1.9.3. For any player who submits a score higher than that actually scored the following 3-tier penalty system is to be implemented:

2.1.9.3.1. For the 1st transgression a written warning to be given. This warning shall remain in effect for a period of 12 months from date of issue;

2.1.9.3.2. For a 2nd transgression the player shall incur a 2-shot cut to his allocated Nomads Playing Handicap over and above the application of any other handicap adjustments in terms of 2.1.1 or 2.1.6 above;

2.1.9.3.3. A 3rd transgression shall incur mandatory disciplinary action.

Where any dispute arises from any of the above actions, the correctness of any decision taken by the Club Committee may be appealed and must be resolved before that player tees off at their next Nomads game.

2.2. GOLD CUP QUALIFIERS

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

2.3. NON-NOMAD PLAYERS

2.3.1. A NON-NOMAD player's playing handicap shall be calculated by adjusting his/her course handicap, specific to the day and course, in accordance with the following scale:

Up to 6 course handicap	-	minus 2
7 to 12 course handicap	-	minus 3
13 to 18 course handicap	-	minus 4
19 to 24 course handicap	-	minus 5
25 course handicap or more	-	minus 6

A Non-Nomad player shall not play off a playing handicap higher than 25.

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

2.4. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

2.4.1. A player's starting handicap shall be determined approximately three weeks prior to the commencement of the National Tournament by averaging his last twelve allocated handicaps to the nearest whole number (0.5 goes up to 1) subject to a maximum handicap of two below his last published Nomads Maximum Handicap.

It shall be the Club Handicap Executive's responsibility to produce the starting handicap of his Club's Members entered for the National Tournament and to submit these together with the Member's

corresponding Nomads Maximum Handicap, to the National Coordinator not less than two weeks prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

2.4.2. A player shall not play off a handicap greater than 25 or his current Nomads Maximum Handicap, whichever is the lower, subject to the maximum starting handicap as in 2.4.1 above.

Should a player's Nomads Maximum 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 Nomads Maximum Handicaps after the commencement of the National Tournament shall be ignored.

2.4.3. There shall be three handicap divisions, namely

'A' Division - up to 8

'B' Division - 9 to 14

'C' Division - 15 to 25

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

2.4.4. 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. Refer ANNEXURE A.

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

2.5. 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 2.1 above shall apply.

3. **COUNT-OUT PROCEDURE**

3.1. 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.

3.1.1. 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.

3.1.2. 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.

3.1.3. 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 3.1.2 above.

3.1.4. If this procedure still results in a tie, the players shall be invited to toss a coin for advantage.

3.2. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT MEETINGS

In National Tournament Daily Competitions, the count out procedures shall follow the procedures as set out in Rule 3.1 above. In National Tournament Overall Competitions, the count-out procedure shall follow the following procedures:

3.2.1. CHAMPIONSHIPS [See Rule 13.2, 13.3, 13.5, 13.6 and 13.7]

3.2.1.1. 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.

3.2.1.2. 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.

3.2.1.3. 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.

3.2.1.4. 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 lower number of points.

3.2.1.5. If this procedure still results in a tie, the players shall be invited to toss a coin for advantage.

3.2.2. ECLECTIC [Rule 13.4]

3.2.2.1. First count out preference shall be given to the player having the lowest total handicap for the qualifying rounds.

3.2.2.2. 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.

3.2.2.3. 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.

3.2.2.4. If this procedure still results in a tie, preference shall be given to the player scoring the best total score on the odd holes.

3.2.2.5. If this procedure still results in a tie, the players shall be invited to toss a coin for advantage.

3.2.3. BERT HUNT TROPHY [Rule 13.1]

3.2.3.1. First count-out, preference shall be given to the team away from home conditions (e.g. when played at the coast preference shall be given to the inland team).

3.2.3.2. If this procedure still results in a tie, preference shall be given to the team with the best overall individual high scores (i.e. scores are paired off until one team gains an advantage)

3.3. 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 3.1 above shall apply.

4. **INTERRUPTED OR CURTAILED PLAY**

4.1. If, for any reason, in the opinion of the person or persons responsible (Match Secretary, Host Club Management such as Greenkeeper & Club Pro, National Tournament Coordinator, Deputised Person, etc.) it is deemed necessary to suspend play during a Nomads round then the position of the balls on the course must be marked by the players.

4.2. 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.

4.3. Should it become possible to resume play on the same day the same signal will be used to indicate such resumption. Should it not become possible to resume play on that day then the responsible person or persons shall so inform the players.

4.4. If this suspension or abandonment results in some players not completing their round, the following procedures shall apply:

4.4.1. At a Monthly meeting;

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

Players 18-hole score = ((30 - a) * b/18) + a + c

where a = NOMAD handicap

b = Uncompleted Holes

c = Points scored on completed holes.

The 18-hole score as calculated shall be rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 and greater going up to the next whole number).

4.4.2. At the Gold Cup meeting;

4.4.2.1. If all players have completed a minimum of 3 holes then the monthly meeting shall be deemed to stand and, where necessary, the formula in 4.1.1 above shall be applied.

The final standings in annual competitions culminating at that event, other than those depending purely on the score of the day alone shall also be calculated according to the same formula.

4.4.2.2. However, for the purposes of determining the scores for the annual competitions prescribed in Clauses 21.1 and 21.5 of the Nomads Constitution, that depend purely on the score of the day alone, all those competing for such Trophies must have completed a minimum of 9 holes before the formula in 4.1.1 above may be applied.

4.4.3. At a National Tournament;

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

Players 18-hole score = ((28 - a) * b/18) + a + c

where items a, b and c shall have the same meaning as in 4.1.1 above.

4.5. If the conditions of 4.4.2.2 above are not fulfilled, then the competitions affected shall be competed for at the next meeting that a minimum of 9 holes have been completed by all those participating who have qualified to participate.

4.6. Except as allowed for in 4.5 above, should some players not have completed 3 holes then: -

4.6.1. At a Club meeting, the Club Executive will decide whether or not to count the curtailed meeting, postpone it or cancel it.

4.6.2. At a National Tournament for the –

4.6.2.1. Bert Hunt, National Individual Champion of Champions and Prometheus Trophies:

4.6.2.1.1. For the purpose of calculating the 18-hole score of those players who have completed at least 3 holes the formula as in 4.4.3 shall be applied.

4.6.2.1.2. 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. Only actual completed rounds played will be counted towards the Bert Hunt Trophy.

4.6.2.2. National Eclectic Trophy:

4.6.2.2.1. Only scores actually achieved will apply - excluding any disregarded rounds above.

4.6.2.3. Ferneyhough Gold Salver

4.6.2.3.1. The last two rounds counted in 4.6.2.1 will apply.

4.6.2.4. Without in any way derogating from the a foregoing, the National Chairman, National Coordinator 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.

4.7. If at any meeting a Member or Members fails to complete a Nomads round for any reason not detailed in 4.4 and 4.5 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.

4.8. Any player who has not completed his round at the time that play is officially interrupted shall remain available to recommence their round awaiting the final decision by the relevant persons as to whether play shall be resumed.

4.8.1. Should a player then, or previously, opt not to complete the round he is required to hand in a properly signed card recording his scores on the holes completed. Any player failing to hand in a signed card shall be disqualified irrespective of his score for the day or the number of holes he has completed.

4.8.2. Based on the above a player's handicap may be cut accordingly but he shall not be accorded any benefit of receiving shots on his handicap nor shall the player qualify for any prize awarded on the basis of the worst score achieved on the day.

4.8.3. Where a Club awards such prizes as worst drawn fourball, worst playing fourball, worst playing pair etc. those persons with whom he is drawn or paired shall likewise not qualify to win any such prizes.

4.8.4. The player's playing record shall be increased accordingly to reflect that that player had played that game.

4.8.5. There shall be no additional penalty applicable to the player's withdrawal unless any issues of a disciplinary nature are indicated".

5. RECORDS

It is the responsibility of every NOMAD Club Executive Committee to ensure that a full and complete record of its Member's current membership details and records of play are timeously entered into the SAMSON (**S**coring **A**nd **M**embership **S**ystem **O**f **N**omads) computer system.

These records shall comprise:

5.1. PLAYING RECORDS

5.1.1. The data recorded shall include his Nomads Maximum Handicap, his Nomads handicap and his hole-by-hole score for each monthly NOMADS game he plays.

5.1.2. In cases where a Nomad competes in a monthly NOMADS game at a NOMAD Club other than that to which he is a currently a Member, it is the responsibility of the host NOMAD Club Executive Committee to ensure that the visiting NOMAD's Maximum Handicap, his Nomads handicap and his hole-by-hole score are recorded into the SAMSON (Scoring and membership system of Nomads) computer system.

5.1.3. The Member's playing record shall be made available from the completion of the initial game of the playing year and such record shall include the Member's handicap and score at every NOMADS monthly club meeting during the playing year.

5.1.4. After six monthly games have been concluded a schedule setting out the standings of the Members in the various Annual Club competitions shall be made available to each Member and thereafter the top ten monthly until the close of the playing year. This schedule shall include the Member's eclectic record card reflecting his eclectic points hole by hole as well as the eclectic handicap applicable at that time.

5.1.5. All Members' physical score cards for the current playing year shall be retained by the Nomads Club at which the game was played for reference and checking purposes and are to be disposed of at the close of said year.

5.2. MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

It is the responsibility of the Members initial Club to retain his original application form. The Nomads Club to which a Member is attached shall then from time to time make the necessary annotations into the SAMSON system of the following:

5.2.1. Each Members personal contact details and membership history including changes in membership category;

5.2.2. His overall performance in major annual competitions, including every prize or distinction he has achieved in Nomads;

5.2.3. Record of participation in National Tournaments both domestic and foreign;

5.2.4. Details of any executive offices held either at Club or National level;

5.2.5. Details of any disciplinary proceedings including charge and outcome;

5.2.6. Details of any Leave of Absence granted to or Suspension imposed upon any Member.

5.2.7. Upon receipt of a formal request for reinstatement from either a former Member themselves or the Club on behalf of a former Member, the National Secretary shall be empowered to call for any and all such records from whatever source to enable him to evaluate the request and make recommendation to the National Executive Committee for a formal decision thereupon. This decision shall be recorded in the minutes of a meeting of any of the National bodies and communicated to the Club concerned, the SA National Chairman and each of the International Nomads Club heads. The decision of the National Executive Committee shall be considered final and binding upon all parties.

5.3. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT CONSIDERATIONS

Every member club shall ensure that due consideration is given to the processing, maintenance, protection and security of member details and playing records as recorded in the SAMSON (Scoring and membership system of Nomads) computer system in line with the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act, No.4 of 2013.

6. 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 as detailed in Rules 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 hereof even though he might otherwise have qualified for such competition.

7. GARY PLAYER KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

7.1. The competition is an annual event, run during the playing year, each round to be completed by dates determined by the Club Executive and terminating with the Final Round, which shall be played during the course of a club's annual 'Gold Cup' meeting, with the exception that, in the event that a player or players cannot play on that date, that, with the clear acceptance of all the participants, the GPKO and/or the Plate finals may take place before Gold Cup Day, and at the course on which Gold Cup is scheduled.

7.2. Any qualifying Member of NOMADS (see Constitution Clause 7) in good standing shall be eligible to enter this competition in partnership with any other Member of his own choice and by mutual agreement. A combined entry fee, as determined by the Club Executive, shall be payable upon entering.

7.3. 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.

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

7.5. 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 7.7 below.

7.6. 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.

7.7. 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.

7.8. 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.

7.9. Each individual handicap as well as the combined handicap for each pair shall be published for each round, and this handicap shall be added in full to the total Medal Stableford points scored during the match by each of the individuals in the pair. It shall be incumbent upon each player to check his current Nomads Maximum Handicap and if necessary, adjust his NOMADS handicap in terms of Rule 2.1.1 hereof before each match.

7.10. A match shall be won by the pair which achieves the higher combined score over the 18 holes.

7.11. 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.

7.12. The 'Gary Player 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.

7.13. The winning finalists and the runners-up shall also receive awards which they shall retain in perpetuity.

7.14. Should entries warrant it, the Club Executive may, at their sole discretion, run a Plate event.

7.15. Partners in the Gary Player Knock-out Competition and the Plate Competition, if such a competition be run, shall be at liberty to render assistance to one another at all times other than when their matches are played at a Club monthly meeting.

7.16. 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 7.3 will not apply.

8. THE ANDREW MENTIS COMPETITION

8.1. The competition shall be conducted annually within the handicap divisions as determined in Rule 2.1.2 and adjusted by the Club Executive and shall be for the highest aggregate score of a member's five best rounds during a playing year at monthly meetings of the NOMADS Golf Club.

8.2. The qualifying minimum number of cards shall be 6 in the playing year and once so qualified the Member's best 5 cards shall be selected to count for this competition.

8.3. In selecting cards of identical scores, that card shall be selected which was played off the lower handicap.

8.4. A Member's division shall be determined by the total handicap he received in his five selected cards.

8.4.1. In the case of there being three divisions for the playing year the divisional parameters shall be

'A' Division - 40 points and under

'B' Division - 41 points to 70 points

'C' Division - 71 points and over.

8.4.2. In the case of there being two divisions for the playing year the divisional parameters shall be

'A' Division - 55 points and under

'B' Division - 56 points and over.

The divisional parameters as detailed in 8.4.1, and 8.4.2 may be varied at the discretion of the Club Executive.

8.5. Any Member who misses his own NOMADS Club monthly meeting but plays during that same month in another NOMADS Club monthly meeting may count his card towards his Andrew Mentis qualification at his own Club but such scores shall not count towards his aggregate score.

8.6. In the event of a tie, the count-out shall be awarded to the player with the lower handicap total of his five cards; if these be identical then the count-out shall be awarded to the player having entered the greater number of cards during the year. Should the score still be tied, preference shall be given to the player with the 6th best score and so on. A further tie shall be decided by lot.

8.7. First, second and third prizes shall be awarded in each handicap division. Fourth prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Club Executive.

8.8. The Andrew Mentis Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner, irrespective of his division, and shall be held by that Member for a period of one year but shall at all times remain the sole property of the NOMADS Golf Club.

9. **ANNUAL ECLECTIC COMPETITION**

9.1. The competition shall be conducted annually within the handicap divisions as determined in 2.1.2 and adjusted by the Club Executive 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.

9.2. Entry for the 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. There shall be no minimum qualification.

9.3. A Member's division shall be determined by the average handicap he has received for the rounds played.

9.3.1. In the case of there being three divisions for the playing year the divisional parameters shall be

'A' Division - Up to 8.0

'B' Division - Over 8.0 to 14.0

'C' Division - Over 14.0

9.3.2. In the case of there being two divisions for the playing year the divisional parameters shall be

'A' Division – 11.0 and under

'B' Division – Over 11.0

The divisional parameters as detailed in 9.3.1 and 9.3.2 may be varied at the discretion of the Club Executive.

9.4. 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.

9.5. 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.

9.6. First, second and third prizes shall be awarded in each handicap division. Fourth prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Club Executive.

9.7. 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.

10. **JOHN HANDLEY COMPETITION**

10.1. The competition shall be conducted annually within the handicap divisions as determined in 2.1.2 and adjusted by the Club Executive and shall be for the highest aggregate score of a Member's three best rounds played on pre-selected dates as decided upon by the individual Club Executives.

10.2. The qualifying minimum number of cards to be entered shall be 3 cards during the playing year and once so qualified the Member's best 3 cards shall be selected to count for this competition.

10.3. In selecting cards of identical scores, the card played off the lower handicap shall be selected.

10.4. A Member's division shall be determined by the total handicap he receives in his 3 selected cards.

10.4.1. In the case of there being three divisions for the playing year the divisional parameters shall be

'A' Division - 24 points and under

'B' Division - 25 points to 42 points

'C' Division - 43 points and over.

10.4.2. In the case of there being two divisions for the playing year the divisional parameters shall be

'A' Division - 33 points and under

'B' Division - 34 points and over.

The divisional parameters as detailed in 10.4.1 and 10.4.2 may be varied at the discretion of the Club Executive.

10.5. 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 John Handley qualifications at his own club.

10.6. In the event of a tie, the count-out shall be awarded to the player with the lower handicap total of his three cards. If these be identical then the count-out shall be awarded to the player having entered the greater number of cards during the year. Should the score still be tied, preference shall be given to the player with the 4th best score and so on. A further tie shall be decided by lot.

10.7. First, second and third prizes shall be awarded in each handicap division. Fourth prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Club Executive.

10.8. The 'John Handley Trophy' shall be awarded to the overall 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.

11. ANNUAL 'GOLD CUP' COMPETITION

Eligibility

At a monthly meeting, in their respective divisions, the persons qualifying to compete in the Annual Gold Cup Competition must be home Club members each of whom is, as per the terms of the Constitution, in a category of membership which entitles them to compete in all annual competitions.

11.1. The highest scoring eligible home Club member of a division during the playing year at a monthly meeting shall automatically qualify for the annual ‘Gold Cup’ competition, as also, shall any other eligible home Club member who tied that score in the same meeting, but lost on a count-out.

11.2. In qualifying for the annual ‘Gold Cup’ competition, a member does so only in the division in which he qualified, and irrespective of the handicap division under which his current handicap may determine he plays at the Gold Cup Meeting. For example, a member may have qualified (or been counted out) for the ‘B’ division during the playing year, yet by the time the ‘Gold Cup’ Meeting is played his handicap may have been so adjusted as to place him in the ‘A’ division. He shall, therefore, compete for the ‘B’ Division ‘Gold Cup’.

11.3. If during a playing year a Member shall have qualified for the Annual Gold Cup Competition by virtue of having been highest scoring eligible member (or been counted out) for the division in two different divisions, prior to the ‘Gold Cup’ meeting, he shall elect in which of the divisions he wishes to compete. A member shall compete in only one division for the ‘Gold Cup’.

11.4. In the event of a tie the count-out shall follow the procedure as detailed in Rule 3.1 hereof.

11.5. 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 not qualify for the annual 'Gold Cup' of that club. If such visiting Nomad wins a division (but not on a count-out) or wins on a count-out from another visiting Nomad then the home club Member or Members scoring the next highest score in that division shall qualify for the annual Gold Cup in that division.

11.6. Where a player who scores highest in a Division at a monthly meeting does not meet the eligibility criteria to qualify for the Annual Gold Cup Competition then that qualification shall pass to the home Club member (or

members where a count-out situation pertains) who, at that meeting, scores highest in that Division whilst also meeting the eligibility criteria to compete in the Annual Gold Cup Competition.

11.7. In any 'Gold Cup' competition, qualifiers shall play off their average handicap in only the 'Gold Cup' competition itself [see Rule 2.2]. In all other competitions competed for on 'Gold Cup' Day the Member's current Nomad handicap shall apply.

11.8. 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 NOMADS Golf Club. There shall be no runners-up prize.

12. **SPECIAL AWARDS**

12.1. SILVER TRAY

Should any Member score 40 points or more at any NOMAD Club monthly meeting, or National Tournament he shall receive an award of a suitably inscribed silver tray and automatically qualify in perpetuity for the Arthur Ferneyhough Gold Salver to be competed for at the Annual National Tournament provided that if a Member has previously been awarded a silver tray he may be awarded an alternative prize.

12.2. 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.

12.2.1. When achieved at a monthly meeting a sum of R 1000 shall be set aside from host club funds to cover the cost of a single round of refreshments for members present.

12.2.2. When achieved at a National Tournament the sum of R 1000 shall be set aside by the member's home club to cover the cost of a single round of refreshments for those present at the next meeting of his home club attended by the achiever.

12.2.3. When achieved at a Special Meeting such as a Langham-Edward, Bordfree or Seaboard etc. the cost of a round of refreshments for those present will be met by the club organising the event.

The monies specified above are subject to review from time to time.

13. **NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TROPHIES**

13.1. BERT HUNT TROPHY

Presented for Inter-Club Competition at the Annual National Tournament. The scores of all completed rounds, and scores in terms 13.1.2, 13.1.3 13.1.5 and 13.1.6, of players from each of the twelve qualifying South African NOMADS Clubs, in terms of 13.1.7, shall be added and averaged each day, the Trophy being awarded to the Club whose Members achieve the highest average score over the rounds played.

13.1.1. Should a National Tournament entrant, for any reason, withdraw after the start of the tournament, but before the start of his first round, his entry will be excluded in its entirety.

13.1.2. The score of a player not completing his round due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances will not count for any individual competition which is based upon the lowest number of points achieved but counts towards the Bert Hunt Trophy.

13.1.3. If a Nomad does not play, is a “no show”, or has to withdraw during a round due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances, his handicap or his handicap plus score will nevertheless count as his score for that particular round for the Bert Hunt Trophy.

13.1.4. If, in the sole and absolute discretion of a majority of the National Executive Committee, the circumstances applicable to the Nomad’s failure to play, or his reasons for withdrawing during a round, or subsequent rounds, are deemed to be acceptable, that Nomad’s score will not be considered for that round, or subsequent rounds, as the case may be, in terms of the Bert Hunt Trophy at all - i.e. will not be included in the team average calculation as a score or a played round. The proposed withdrawal is to be submitted to the Tournament Disciplinary Committee plus the Captains from 2 independent Clubs for ratification and the merits of accepting such a withdrawal before prizegiving on that day.

13.1.5. If a player is disqualified as a result of a transgression of the Rules of Golf his score shall not count for any individual or team competition on the day but his remaining scores for the Tournament will count for the Bert Hunt Trophy.

13.1.6. Should a National Tournament be curtailed or interrupted by inclement weather only actual completed rounds played in the Tournament are to be counted for the Bert Hunt Trophy as per 4.6.2.1.2. above.

13.1.7. A Club shall not be eligible to compete for the Bert Hunt Trophy whenever its allocation falls below the *pro rata* amount as determined by the field size of each tournament from year to year (based on 12 for a field size of 360).

13.2. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TROPHY

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

13.3. 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. A player whose final score qualifies him to win any prize in a Division shall qualify in the Division determined by the total handicap he received throughout the National Tournament according to the ranges indicated below.

'A' Division - total handicap 32 or under

'B' Division - total handicap 33 to 56 points

'C' Division - total handicap 57 or over

13.4. 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)* 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. A player whose eclectic score

qualifies him to win any prize in a Division shall qualify in the Division determined by the average handicap he received for the rounds played throughout the National Tournament according to the ranges indicated below.

'A' Division - Up to 8.0

'B' Division - Over 8.0 to 14.0

'C' Division - Over 14.0

13.5. These divisional splits indicated in Clauses 13.3 and 13.4 above may be varied at the discretion of the Club Executive.

If, in the interests of balancing the number of players in each Division at the start of the Tournament, it is deemed necessary to amend the B Division split the numbers relating to the total and average handicap shall be amended by the logical extension of the range as indicated.

Any person falling to the lower side of the range shall then be in the A Division and those above that range shall be in the C Division.

13.6. OVER 55's SALVER

All Members over the age of 55 at the commencement of the Tournament shall compete and the winner shall be the qualifier achieving the highest aggregate score for any two rounds he may have completed.

13.7. OVER 65's SALVER

All Members over the age of 65 at the commencement of the Tournament shall compete and the winner shall be the qualifier achieving the highest aggregate score for any two rounds he may have completed.

No-one may win both the Over 55 and the Over 65 Trophy at the same National Tournament. In the event that a player Over 65 achieves the highest score in both Trophy categories then he shall only win the Over 65 Trophy with the Over 55 Trophy being awarded to the next highest qualifier Over 55.

13.8. CAPTAINS CUP

This trophy shall be awarded to the club captain, past or present, with the highest aggregate score over the rounds played at the current National Tournament, regardless of division.

13.9. FERNEYHOUGH GOLD SALVER

All Members who have won a silver tray prior to the commencement of the National Tournament shall be eligible to play for this Trophy which shall be awarded to the qualifier achieving the highest aggregate score over the last two rounds played.

13.10. PROMETHEUS TROPHY

This Trophy shall be awarded to the winner of any Trophy listed under Rules 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.6, 13.7 or 13.8 above, at a previous National Tournament, achieving the highest score over the rounds played at the current National Tournament.

13.11. TWO-NATIONS TROPHY

Presented for Inter-Club Competition at the Annual National Tournament. The cumulative scores of all completed rounds of players from the Zimbabwean and South African NOMADS Clubs shall be added and averaged each day, the Trophy being awarded to the Club whose Members achieve the highest average score over the rounds played.

13.12. MIKE FLORANCE INTERNATIONAL TROPHY

Presented for Inter-Club Competition at the Annual National Tournament. The cumulative scores of all completed rounds of players from the following NOMADS teams/team combinations shall be added and averaged each day, the Trophy being awarded to the team whose Members achieve the highest average score over the rounds played:

- South Africa
- Zimbabwe
- New Zealand and Australia
- Botswana and Eswatini
- United Kingdom and Zambia

13.13. INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP

Presented for Inter-Club Competition at the Annual National Tournament. The cumulative scores of all completed rounds of all the players from the following NOMADS teams/team combinations shall be added and averaged each day, the Cup being awarded to the Team whose Members achieve the highest average score over the rounds played:

- South Africa (this shall be the twelve SA Club Captains plus the trophy donor and the National Tournament Coordinator, or their delegated representatives, should they be absent at the National Tournament)
- Zimbabwe
- New Zealand and Australia
- Botswana and Eswatini
- United Kingdom and Zambia

13.14. OTHER TROPHIES

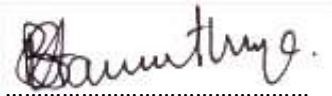
The rules governing the qualification and competitions played by Members for all other trophies shall be laid down by the National Council and/or National Management Committee as and when such trophies are presented.

14. **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

The above is a complete copy of the Rules of Play of the Nomads Golf Club – South Africa as it currently stands following the last meeting of the Nomads National Body held on **26 September 2026**.



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National Secretary

ANNEXURE A

HANDICAP ADJUSTMENT CHART

1st Round Score	Adjustment	Total after Two Rounds	Adjustment to starting Handicap	Total after Three Rounds	Adjustment to starting Handicap
As per our Rules of Play Clause 2.4.4 a player's handicap may not be adjusted outwards by more than 5 strokes. Consequently, any cumulative scores of less than the figures indicated in the row IMMEDIATELY below an allowance of a maximum of +5 may be added to the player's STARTING HANDICAP provided that that new handicap does not exceed that player's Nomads Maximum Handicap or 25.					
15	**+5**	**45**	**+5**	**75**	**+5**
16	**+5**	**46**	**+4**	**76**	**+5**
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**
45	**-7**	**75**	**-5**	**105**	**-6**
46	**-8**	**76**	**-5**	**106**	**-7**
47	**-8**	**77**	**-5**	**107**	**-7**
48	**-9**	**78**	**-6**	**108**	**-8**
Should the above chart not extend sufficiently to cover future requirements the deductions appropriate are a simple mathematical extension of the above numbers in the relevant columns.					

ANNEXURE B

NOMADS MAXIMUM HANDICAP CHART

HANDICAP INDEX						
CLUB (1.1)		FORWARD (1.0)		FRONT (0.9)		Nomads Max Handicap HI x Factor (÷ for negative HI)
From	To	From	To	From	To	
-4.9	-3.9	-4.5	-3.6	-4.0	-3.2	-4
-3.8	-2.8	-3.5	-2.6	-3.1	-2.3	-3
-2.7	-1.7	-2.5	-1.6	-2.2	-1.4	-2
-1.6	-0.6	-1.5	-0.6	-1.3	-0.5	-1
-0.5	0.4	-0.5	0.4	-0.4	0.5	0
0.5	1.3	0.5	1.4	0.6	1.6	1
1.4	2.2	1.5	2.4	1.7	2.7	2
2.3	3.1	2.5	3.4	2.8	3.8	3
3.2	4.0	3.5	4.4	3.9	4.9	4
4.1	4.9	4.5	5.4	5.0	6.1	5
5.0	5.9	5.5	6.4	6.2	7.2	6
6.0	6.8	6.5	7.4	7.3	8.3	7
6.9	7.7	7.5	8.4	8.4	9.4	8
7.8	8.6	8.5	9.4	9.5	10.5	9
8.7	9.5	9.5	10.4	10.6	11.6	10
9.6	10.4	10.5	11.4	11.7	12.7	11
10.5	11.3	11.5	12.4	12.8	13.8	12
11.4	12.2	12.5	13.4	13.9	14.9	13
12.3	13.1	13.5	14.4	15.0	16.1	14
13.2	14.0	14.5	15.4	16.2	17.2	15
14.1	14.9	15.5	16.4	17.3	18.3	16
15.0	15.9	16.5	17.4	18.4	19.4	17
16.0	16.8	17.5	18.4	19.5	20.5	18
16.9	17.7	18.5	19.4	20.6	21.6	19
17.8	18.6	19.5	20.4	21.7	22.7	20
18.7	19.5	20.5	21.4	22.8	23.8	21
19.6	20.4	21.5	22.4	23.9	24.9	22
20.5	21.3	22.5	23.4	25.0	26.1	23
21.4	22.2	23.5	24.4	26.2	27.2	24
≥22.3		≥24.5		≥27.3		25

Nomads play off whichever is the lower of his/her current/allocated Nomads Playing Handicap and his/her Nomads Maximum Handicap

Visitors playing handicaps are calculated, by first calculating their course handicap for the specific course for the day, and then adjusting it according to Rule 2.3 as follows:

Up to 6 Course Handicap - minus 2

Course Handicap 7 - 12 - minus 3

Course Handicap 13 to 18 - minus 4

Course Handicap 19 - 24 - minus 5

Course Handicap 25 or more - minus 6

Playing Handicap limited to 25

RULES of PLAY

VERSION CONTROL

VERSION	DATE & AUTHOR	AMENDMENTS
0	**March 2019** **Note:** Since 1966 there have been many previous versions of the Rules of Play but this is the first Version Control document involved.	Contents taken as being origination
1	September 2019	Insert added before Clause 1 – NOTE: Throughout these Rules of Play, where reference is made to handicaps this refers to the Nomads Base Handicap which is the maximum that a player can play off at a Nomads game, as calculated from the player's Handicap Index adjusted to cater for an average SLOPE-rating factor.
		Clause 1.6.4.4 – re FORWARD TEES amended to cater for player to revert back to NORMAL TEES
		Clause 2.1.4 – re 0-1-2 DEDUCTION SYSTEM removed
		Insert added before Clause 2 – NOTE: - Due to the very large number of changes required throughout the Rules of Play to cater for the changes arising from the incorporation of the SLOPE system adjustment to the players Handicap Index, where applicable, such generic terms as handicap or Club handicap should be taken to read Nomads Base Handicap.
		Clause 2 – added new section 2.1.4 to cater for SLOPE Handicap Indexation
2	March 2020	Clause 2 – added new section 2.18 re handicapping
		Clause 12 – Section 12.2.1 & 12.2.2 changed to read R 1000
		Clause 13 – added new section 13.7 – Over 65's Trophy All subsequent Sections renumbered accordingly
3	March 2021	Document numbering system changed – complete document.
4	October 2021	Clause 5.3 was deleted and replaced with Protection of Personal Information Act Considerations.
4	October 2021	The various handicap terms clarified including the changing of the term "Nomads Base Handicap" to "Nomads Maximum Handicap". The following clauses were altered: The general statement at the bottom of page 2, clauses 1.5, 2.1.1, 2.1.4, 2.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 7.9 and on the Handicap Adjustment Chart.
5	October 2022	Re-numbering of clause 4 to ensure administrative accuracy.
5	October 2022	Clause 2.3 amended to clarify the calculation of a Non-Nomads playing handicap. (limit corrected July 2024)
5	October 2022	Clause 13.1 expanded to allow for eventualities of withdrawals and curtailed play for Bert Hunt scoring calculations.
5	October 2022	Clause 2.1.9, and subclauses, added to include previous decisions on score capturing.

5	October 2022	Clause 2.1.4 amended to include a slope factor for the RED Tees used by Women Nomads. ANNEXURE B added.
5	October 2022	Clause 2.1.8 amended to only allow for losing handicap strokes after playing away monthly club games.
6	March 2023	Clause 1.6.4.4 added to clarify the definition of Forward Tees and clause numbering added to 1.6.4.5 and 1.6.4.6
6	March 2023	Clause 1.6.5.2 added to clarify the definition of official Women's Tee and clause numbering added to 1.6.5.1 and 1.6.5.3.
7	September 2023	Clause 13.1 amended to clarify scoring for the Bert Hunt Trophy and 13.1.7 added.
7	September 2023	Clauses 13.10, 13.11 and 13.12 added to record international trophy participation and scoring, and 13.13 numbering amended.
8	March 2024	Clause 2.1.8 amended to include all away monthly games in handicap calculation.
9	March 2025	Clause 1.6.4.1 amended to reduce the age to 60 years of age and include consideration for physiological or medical reasons. Clause 1.6.4.3 amended to clarify an earlier decision.
9	March 2025	Clause 13.8 CAPTAINS CUP added, Clause 13.10 renumbered and amended to include OVER 65's SALVER, and subsequent clause numbering adjusted.
10	September 2025	Clause 1.5 amended to clarify the pick-up rule and ensure consistency in score capture.
11	March 2026	Amendments to clause 1.6.4, 1.6.5, and 2.1.4. to allow for males that have reached the age of 75 to play off the Women's Tee. Tee designations changed.
11	March 2026	Clause 2.4.1 amended to average the last 12 allocated handicaps to calculate the National Tournament starting handicap.
12	September 2026	Clause 2.1.8 amended to only include home club scores for handicapping purposes.
12	September 2026	Clause 2.1.4 amended by changing Nomads Maximum Handicap factors for all three tees. NOMADS MAXIMUM HANDICAP CHART also amended.
12	September 2026	Subsections of clause 2.1.9 amended to clarify the application of the sanctions in terms of score capturing transgressions.
Note: Latest amendments are indicated in blue in the main text.		**Updated:** September 2026