



WOMEN'S GOLF MURWILLUMBAH CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2026

A. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. **LOCAL RULES:** Please read the local rules board, the back of the score card and note any message on the score card before each game.
2. **PLAYING GROUPS:** A group for any single event **is not to exceed 4 players** unless organised by the starter – if making a 5 check with golf shop
3. **SEASON:** From Tuesday 3rd February to the end of November with Tuesday 27th October 2026 as the cut off for all point scoring competitions.
4. **COMPETITORS:** To be eligible to play in events, a player **must hold a Golf Australia Women's Handicap** and pay a competition fee. **A new player** who is submitting a card for handicapping, may play in a group of competitors to have her card marked by a GA handicapped player.
5. **CARDS:** It is each player's responsibility at the end of the round to submit their score immediately on completion of the game by either: **A. Enter the score into the computer** – check the score recorded on the computer screen aligns with the agreed score – leave card in tray **B. Enter the score using the clubs designated app** - With some events during the year Match has the authority to mandate that cards only be used eg Putting competitions, Mt Warning Classic & Championships.
6. **MOTORISED CARTS:** Motorised carts are permitted in all women's golf competitions, subject to course conditions.
7. **MEASURING DEVICES:** **Only distance** measuring devices are permitted.
8. **MOBILE PHONES:** A mobile phone may be carried on the course but **must be in passive mode**. First unauthorised use of a mobile phone on the course will result in a warning being given, followed by disqualification for any subsequent unauthorised use.
9. **SLOW PLAY-UNDUE DELAY:** An 18 hole match should take approximately 4 to 4 hours 20 minutes. **Players must read Appendix 1- Prompt Pace of Play (Rule 5.6b)** on the locker room notice board and in the Conditions of Play 2026.

ACTION TAKEN ON SLOW PLAY OR UNDUE DELAY will be at the discretion of the Match Committee. Action may be as follows: First offence - a group warning; second offence - a one stroke penalty for each player in the group; third offence - a two stroke penalty for each player; subsequent offence- disqualification (Rule 5.6a); or penalties may be issued to individuals in groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. **See Appendix 1 for further information**

10. MAXIMUM SCORE (Rule 21.2) LOCAL RULE:

Maximum Score is a form of *stroke play* where a player's or side's score for a hole is capped at a maximum number of strokes set by the Committee. (Rule 21.2a)

The Women's Match Committee has capped the maximum score for a hole at 15 strokes.

During a stroke round to assist with pace of play players are to stop playing a hole when the maximum score of 15 strokes has been reached.

This local rule must be read in conjunction with Rule 21.2 Maximum Score.

11. PROTESTS: A protest must be in writing and be lodged with the Captain before the presentation of trophies on the day of play.

12. COUNTBACKS: Scorecards are compared in the following order.

For 9,18 or 27 hole competitions: Compare totals for the last 9 holes, then the last 6 holes, then the last 3 holes, if scores are still equal, then hole by hole backwards till the winner is decided.

For 36 hole or more competitions: Compare totals for the last 18 holes, then the last 9 holes as above.

13. DIVISIONS: So that the spread of players across the divisions is as even as possible, depending on numbers, players are organised in 1, 2 or 3 divisions based on their daily handicap.

14. HANDICAPPING:

All single 18 hole events will be used for handicapping.

15. MATCH COMMITTEE: The Match Committee **has the right to alter or cancel, at any time: fixtures, conditions of play and commencing and finishing times of competitions.**

16. VISITORS: Visitors to the club who wish to play on an ordinary competition day are very welcome and eligible to win the daily trophy and must tee off in the designated time slots for the WGM competition.

17. PROFESSIONAL WOMEN GOLFERS: Professional women golfers are welcome to enter into our daily competition, and are eligible for the trophy for the daily event and the ball run down. **Exclusions are: The Nearest the Pin Trophies, Championship events, Mt. Warning Classic, Medal Rounds, Best Monthly Gross and any other State Amateur Events.**

18. **EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Unless a competition or match is officially stopped, **players must use their own good sense and discretion** whether to discontinue the golf round and leave the course or continue playing.

B. COMPETITIONS

1. EIGHTEEN HOLE COMPETITIONS Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday:

Includes **all Stableford, stroke, monthly medals and all other single events, eg Championships.**

a. ONE DIVISION: Minimum 8 competitors, up to 29.

Daily winner's trophy of \$50, Runner-up \$30, 2 NTP's: one on front 9, one on back 9. Ball run down (30%) of field, excluding winner & runner up.

b. TWO DIVISIONS: 30 to 44 competitors.

Daily winner's trophy of \$50, Runner-up \$30, 6 x NTP's:

First shot on 2nd & 10th. All competitors.

First shot on 8th & 14th (Handicap from 0 to 27)

Second shot on 8th & 14th (Handicap 28 to 54). Ball run down (30%) of field excluding winners & runners-up.

c. THREE DIVISIONS: 45 plus.

Daily winner's trophy of \$50, Runner-up \$30, 6 x NTP'S

First shot on 2nd & 10th. All competitors.

First shot on 8th & 14th (Handicap from 0 to 27)

Second shot on 8th & 14th (Handicap 28 to 45)

Ball run down (30%) of field excluding winners & runners-up.

d. Ties will be decided on a count back.

e. The process of dividing the daily competitions into near equal divisions will be at the golf shop's discretion.

f. No caddies on competition days.

2. MONTHLY MEDAL:

The best nett score in each division on a selected day of the competition including Saturday, from February to September. **All Monthly Medal winners are eligible to play in the Gold Medal playoff in October.** **Ties** will be decided on a count back

3. PUTTING COMPETITION:

A Putting competition will be played in conjunction with only the monthly medal stroke round excluding the Championships, Mt Warning Classic and other speciality stroke rounds at the discretion of the Match Committee and all ties will be decided on a count back. However, Best Putts at the end of year prize presentation will include ties.

a. One trophy will be awarded in each division.

4. **BEST MONTHLY STABLEFORD:** At the end of the month, **the best stableford score** for the month will be noted. Best score for the year will be awarded. Ties will be decided on a count back. When the Flood Nine is played, stableford scores are not counted in this competition.

5. **ECLECTIC COMPETITION:**

- a. To be conducted over the season from the 3rd February to the 31st October.
- b. **All players are eligible** to participate and the golf shop uses a computer program to record results on completion of each day's competition.
- c. Scores are to be taken from **18 hole single events** played on **Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday as part of Women's Golf Murwillumbah designated competitions in the 2026 fixture book. Scores cannot be taken when the Flood Nine is played.**
- d. **If a player changes division, her Eclectic scores go with her.** She is only eligible to compete for the Eclectic trophy of her final division.
- e. **Gross and nett trophies will be awarded in three divisions. In the event of ties,** in the nett or gross, all tied winning competitors will receive a trophy.
- f. **The eclectic nett** winners are decided by taking the **gross minus 3/8 of daily club handicap at the end of the season.**
- g. **Disqualified and incomplete cards are ineligible** for the eclectic competition.

6. **BIRDIE, ROYAL CHIP, AND SAND SAVER COMPETITIONS:**

- a. The rules for all these competitions are the same as Eclectics. Results are submitted via coloured sheets in the locker room. These scores **can** be submitted during Flood Nine competitions.
- b. A **Sand Saver** is based on **one shot out of the bunker plus one putt into the hole.**
- c. A **Royal Chip** is **any shot into the hole that was not hit from the putting green.**

7. **POINT SCORE COMPETITION (Tuesday & Thursday):**

- a. Taken on **all single events played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**
- b. Commences with the first 18 hole event in February to the 31st October.
- c. **Points are awarded for 1st to 10th position in the Overall Daily Results Rundown:** 1st=15pts; 2nd=10pts; then 9, 8, 7, etc. in descending order (with 10th position receiving 2 pts).

8. **POINT SCORE COMPETITION SATURDAYS**

Taken on **all single events played on Saturdays.**

Commences with the first 18 hole event in February to the last 18 hole event in October.

Points are awarded for 1st to 3rd position in the overall daily results rundown:

1st = 15pts, 2nd = 10pts, 3rd = 5 pts.

9. GOLF NSW WOMEN'S MEDALS: Played in conjunction with Murwillumbah

Monthly Medal events. Division winners will have lowest nett aggregate of three best scores over 6 stroke rounds, February to September. See also GNSW Web Site. (Entry fee paid by WGM).

C. DAILY TROPHIES:

All Women's Competitions daily winners and runners up excluded from the ball run down.

1. TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY:

18 hole single competitions

Number of players	WINNER: each division: \$50	Runners-up: each division \$30	NTP: \$10 per pin	Ball run Down: 30% of field
1 Division: Minimum 8 - 29	\$50	\$30	\$10	\$5
2 Divisions: 30-44	\$50	\$30	\$10	\$5
3 Divisions: 45 plus	\$50	\$30	\$10	\$5

Putting – MONTHLY MEDAL ONLY. Each division \$10

4. MEMBERS SPECIAL PRIZES:

Hole in one - \$100 Eagles – Par 5/Par 4 - \$50/\$60

5. NEAREST THE PIN:

a. **1st SHOT** on the 2 nominated holes of the day (8 – 29 players)

b. **1st SHOT** on the 2nd, 8th, 10th & 14th. (30 plus players) Handicap 0-27

2nd SHOT on the 8th & 14th. (30 plus players) Handicap 28 to 54

Equal nearest the pins and second shots will receive a \$10 each.

6. BALL RUNDOWN:

The ball rundown will include the **top 30% of the field on the day. These competitors will receive \$5.** Winners of the daily trophies and runners up will be excluded from the ball run down prize list.

7. PUTTING:

Winners will each receive **\$10**.

8. EVENTS FOR TEAMS OF TWO, THREE OR FOUR:

a. All winners will receive daily trophy of \$50 each.

Other trophies plus BRD will be decided in accordance with the number of players.

9. OTHER SPECIAL TROPHIES: to be awarded at the end of the season:-

a. BEST GROSS SCORE: in three divisions.

b. BEST NETT SCORE: in three divisions.

c. BEST STABLEFORD SCORE: in three divisions.

d. BEST HANDICAP REDUCTION: in three divisions and is based on the reduction in a player's handicap from the start of February to the end of October when all competitions are completed. The division the player finishes is the division for which they are eligible. The winner must have played reasonably regularly in the women's competitions throughout the year.

e. BEST PUTTS: in three divisions

F. Championships

1. To be eligible members must play a minimum 8 competition rounds.

Reciprocal and Non-members are not eligible

2. Four 18 hole stroke rounds are to be played over two weeks on Tuesday and Thursday as per the Program Book

3. If the course is unplayable on any of the 4 designated Championship days the match committee will decide if:

- a. The Championship total number of rounds to be played are reduced**
OR
- b. The missed round(s) will be played at another time**

4. A player will stay in the division in which she commenced the Championships regardless of later increases or decreases in her handicap

5. The original handicap will apply for the 72 hole net events but reductions and increases in handicap will apply for daily competitions

6. Events being played for:

72 Hole Gross Winner Club Champion - Div 1	72 Hole Gross R/Up Division 1	72 Hole Nett Winner* Division 1
72 Hole Gross Winner Division 2	72 Hole Gross R/Up Division 2	72 Hole Nett R/Up Division 1
72 Hole Gross Winner Division 3	72 Hole Gross R/Up Division 3	72 Hole Nett Winner* Division 2
72 Hole Gross Winner Veteran (65-74 years)	72 Hole Gross R/Up Veteran	72 Hole Nett R/Up Division 2
72 Hole Gross Winner Senior Veteran (75 +)	72 Hole Gross R/Up Senior Veteran	72 Hole Nett Winner* Division 3
		72 Hole Nett R/Up Division 3

*** Overall Nett Champion – will come from one of these winners**

7. A tie in the 72 hole of ALL gross events will be decided by a play-off on the 10th hole until a decision is reached. In a two-way tie, the loser will become the 72 hole gross runner-up. In the event of a three-way or more tie, the runner-up will be the second place getter in the play-off.

8. Unless decided as in point 5, a tie in a 72 hole gross runner-up will be decided by a countback - the best score for the last 18, 9, 6 or 3 holes played as necessary, and if a tie still persists, then hole by hole from the last 18.

9. The 72 hole nett event winner will come from one of the Divisional winners.
Ties in 72 hole nett event will be decided by countbacks as in point 6.

10. Draws in the first and second rounds will be GRADED by the Match Committee. The third round draw will be SEMI-SEEDED by the Match Committee. The final round draw will be SEEDED by the Match Committee.

11. VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (ages 65-74) and SENIOR VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (ages 75+) will be held over 72 holes in conjunction. Ties in the 72 hole gross events will be decided as in point 5.

12. **Protests** are to be made in writing and lodged with the secretary before presentations are made on the day of play. **The MATCH COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS are final.**

G. Foursomes Championship

1. A member must play a minimum 8 competition rounds.

2. Foursomes is **STROKE event played with a partner, using only one ball**, with players alternating shots until the ball is holed. (i.e If Player A hits the Tee shot, Player B hits the 2nd shot, then Player A hits the 3rd shot, etc. until the hole is completed.)

3. The Foursomes Championships will be played over 27 holes with all partnerships playing from the 1st tee in a draw determined by the Match Committee.

4. The current Daily Handicaps of both players must be recorded on the score card. The handicap for this event is one half of the combined handicaps.

5. The event will be played in three divisions determined by $\frac{1}{2}$ of the combined handicaps as at the 11th June 2025. A divisional draw will be done by the Match Committee as of that date, with the field being divided as equally as possible in three (3) divisions.

6. **The Gross score** for each hole is to be recorded.

7. Partners are required to hit off from alternate tees. Prior to the game each partnership needs to discuss and make the initial decision about the order in which they wish to play. **Player A** will play the Tee shot on the **odd numbered holes** (1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17), leaving **Player B** to hit the Tee shot on the **even numbered holes** (2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18).

NOTE: If a penalty is incurred, **the order of play does not change**, including the playing of a provisional ball.

8. When playing the 3rd Nine, the order of hitting off the tee MUST BE REVERSED with Player B hitting off the odd numbered holes (1,3,5,7,9,) and Player A hitting off the even numbered tees (2,4,6,8).

9. Gross and Nett prizes will be awarded in 3 divisions.

10. TIES in the **GROSS EVENT** will be resolved by a Sudden-Death Play Off on the 10th hole if necessary. If the tie is still not resolved, repeating the 10th hole.

11. TIES in the **NETT EVENT** will be decided by the Australian Count-Back System.

12. Protests should be made in writing to the Match Committee immediately after the game. All decisions made by the Match Committee will be final.

H. SPECIAL COMPETITION RULES:

- 1. FLAG EVENT:** To be played to par of the course (73) plus Daily Handicap. Players must complete 18 holes to be eligible for the ball run down.
- 2. AMBROSE:** Balls must be placed within one card length of the chosen ball through the general areas and when on the green.
 - two person game - 6 tee shots each player must be selected during the round
 - three person game - 4 tee shots each and
 - four person game - 3 tee shots each are required.
- 3. HANDICAPS FOR FOURSOMES AND AMBROSES:**

Canadian Foursomes	½ combined handicap
Canadian Two Stroke	3/8 combined handicap
American Foursomes	3/8 combined handicap
Foursomes	½ combined handicap
Two person Ambrose	¼ combined handicap
Three person Ambrose	1/6 combined handicap
Four person Ambrose	1/8 combined handicap

- 4. IRISH 4BBB STABLEFORD (Team of Four)**

Holes 1,2,3,4,5,6 (on the card) select **ONLY the best score from the team**

Holes 7,8,9,10,11 (on the card) select **the TWO best scores**

Holes 12,13,14,15 (on the card) select **the THREE best scores**

Holes 16, 17 18 (on the card) **ENTER ALL SCORES FROM ALL PLAYERS**

- 5. HARTBALL:**

Number team members 1, 2, 3 &4. Each Player retains that number throughout the competition. Apart from the instructions for who tees off and who puts out, all team members play a normal Ambrose to the green, selecting the best ball, marking that position and all playing to the green. **Ball to be placed** by other team members.

Hole No	Hole No
1. 1&2 tee off 3&4 putt out	10. All tee off All putt out
2. All tee off All putt out	11. 3&4 tee off 1&2 putt out
3. 3&4 tee off 1&2 putt out	12. 1&3 tee off 2&4 putt out

4. 1&3 tee off	2&4 putt out	13. 2&4 tee off	1&3 putt out
5. 2&4 tee off	1&3 putt out	14. All tee off	All putt out
6. 1&4 tee off	2&3 putt out	15. 1&4 tee off	2&3 putt out
7. 2&3 tee off	1&4 putt out	16. 2&3 tee off	1&4 putt out
8. All tee off	All putt out	17. 1&2 tee off	3&4 putt out
9. 1&2 tee off	3&4 putt out	18. 3&4 tee off	1&2 putt out.

Divide the total team handicap by 8 and subtract from the gross score

Appendix 1 - PROMPT PACE of PLAY (Rule 5.6b)

YOUR PACE OF PLAY affects how long it takes other players to play their rounds, including your group and those behind. You should play at a prompt pace throughout your round including the time taken to:

- Prepare for and make each shot
- Moving from one place to another between strokes, and to the next teeing area after completing a hole.

When it is your turn to play:

- YOU must make a stroke in no more than 40 secs after you are (or should be) able to play without interference or distraction, and

YOU should be able to play more quickly than that - if each golfer takes 5 secs off each shot YOU will play in 25 mins less per round.

USE YOUR TIME WISELY when waiting to play, so YOU are ready to play when it is your turn

Ready Golf means:-

- The first player to get to tee hits off then marks their card after teeing off
- Hitting your shot when safe to do so if a player further away faces a challenging shot and needs time to assess
- Playing a provisional ball to save time if you think your ball is lost
- Hitting your shot before helping someone else look for a lost ball
- Hitting your shot if the person who has just played from a bunker is still furthest from the hole but delayed by raking the sand.
- Lining up your putt and getting set to putt while others are putting without breach of putting etiquette and putting out even if means standing close to someone else's line.
- Putting out in pairs sending the first 2 players to putt out to the next tee
- Leaving the putting green quickly when play has been completed and leaving carts on the side of the green nearest the access to the next tee
- Think about where you park your cart in relation to your next shot and taking more than one club with you if you are unsure which club to use
- PLAY SHOULD TAKE NO LONGER THAN 4 HOURS TO 4 HOURS 20 MINUTES
- Unreasonable Delay of Play (Rule 5.6a) – you must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes. There are penalties for the breach of this rule and players should familiarise themselves with all the elements of Rule 5 “Playing the Round”.