

TERMS OF COMPETITION (W.E.F 1st January 2019)

The following conditions shall apply unless notified otherwise, to all tournaments held under the auspices of Karnataka Golf Association (KGA).

The Terms of Competition for any tournament shall include in addition to the conditions mentioned below, any additional conditions specified in the tournament notice/entry sheet.

1. Driving Club/Groove & Punch Mark Specifications (Rule 4.1)

The driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. The player must not use clubs that do not conform to the groove & punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules w.e.f 1st January 2010. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.

2. Specification of the ball (Rule 4.2)

The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.

3. Pace of play (Rule 5.6)

Players are required to follow the pace of play policy issued by KGA from time to time and put up on the notice board.

Upon observing a group which is adhering to the said policy or is out of position, designated referees/marshals will officially ask the

concerned group to speed up. If the group is still behind time, the referees/marshals will time individual members of the group and the group as a whole. The referees and marshals will submit their timing sheets to the Tournament Committee who will then consider all the facts and apply stroke penalties/disqualification penalty on individual players if they deem fit.

4. Suspension of play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Rule 5.7b)

There are two types of suspension of play that the Committee may make for a dangerous situation

(such as lightning or heavy rains)

A)Immediate Suspension (imminent threat of lightning etc): If the players in a group

are between the play of two holes, they may not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the

process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

B) Normal Suspension(Course Unplayable, darkness ,etc):If the players are between the play of two holes, they must suspend play immediately and not resume play unless the Committee resumes play. If the players in a group have started play of a hole, they may choose to either discontinue or play out the hole. If they chose to play out the hole, they must stop play after completing the hole or they may stop before completion of the hole.

The players must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

If a player fails to discontinue play as given above, the penalty is disqualification.

The siren signals for discontinuance and resumption of play will be as follows:

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of the siren

Discontinue Play: Three short notes of the siren, repeated.

Resume Play: Two short notes of the siren, repeated.

6. Practice (Note to Rule 5.5b)

Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any Practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball.

Penalty for breach of condition:

Match Play: Loss of next hole

Stroke Play: Two strokes at next hole

Match or Stroke Play: In case of a breach at the last hole of the round, the player incurs a penalty at that hole.

7. Spirit Of The Game/Serious Misconduct(Rule 12.2a) & Code of Conduct Policy.

The Committee may disqualify a player for serious misconduct and for acting contrary to the spirit of the game. The Committee will consider all aspects of the breach before applying the disqualification penalty.

The players must comply with the Code of Conduct policy of KGA that is put up on the notice boards.

8. Transportation

Players must not use any form of motorized transportation during a round unless authorized by the Committee or designated referee. The penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.

9. Method of Deciding Ties

In the event of a tie in a scratch & handicap stroke play

competition, the winner shall be determined by matching score cards over the last 9 holes (10 – 18), if the tie still persists over the last 6(13 – 18) and if the tie still persists, the last 3 (16 – 18) and if necessary the last hole (18).If this procedure does not produce the winner, the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin. In case of a tie in match play, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner. The extension of the match must always commence from the first hole irrespective of which hole the match initially commenced from.

10. Returning of Score Card

In stroke play/modified stroke play events, players must return their scorecards to the designated area/person without any delay after completion of the round. The penalty for delayed submission of the scorecard is disqualification. After handing over the scorecard to the designated person collecting scorecards, the player is deemed officially to have returned the scorecard.

In match play events, it is the player(s) responsibility to report the result of the match by entering the result and signing in the register kept for the purpose at the starter's desk.

11. Result of the Competition Closed

The result of the competition is deemed to be closed when the result sheet with the names of the winners duly signed by an authorized member of the Committee is put up on the notice board.

12. New Holes

The committee may provide in accordance with Section 5E of the Committee Procedures

that the holes and teeing grounds for a single round competition being held on more than one day may be differently situated on each day.

13. Tees

Players must only use the tees specified in the tournament entry sheet/notice.

14. Handicaps

Players participating in a tournament at KGA must have a valid handicap from KGA or any other IGU affiliated club.

The Committee may require a player holding a handicap from any other club to furnish a handicap certificate in writing from the issuing club. The Committee reserves the right to alter, modify or de-recognize the

handicap issued by other clubs if it has reasons to doubt the credibility of the handicapping system followed in the said other

clubs. In the event a player wishes to play from a tee different (if permitted under the specific conditions of a tournament) to which he /she holds a handicap, the handicap will be re-computed for the relevant tee as per the USGA handicapping system.

All disputes relating to handicaps will be resolved as per the provisions of the current USGA Handicapping System in force.

15. Rules of Amateur Status

Unless specified otherwise, entry to tournaments is restricted to persons holding amateur status as per the Rules of Amateur Status issued by the R&A.

16. Mobile Phones

Players are prohibited from using mobile phones during the play of a Tournament except for an emergency. However, they may use their phones during the break between nines at the half way house. Penalty for breach of condition: disqualification.

17. Committee's Decision – (Rule 20)

Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be final. If the committee cannot come to a decision, it shall refer the matter to the Rules of Golf Committee of the R & A whose decision shall be final. If the matter has not been referred to the R & A, the player or players may request that an agreed statement be referred through a duly authorized representative of the Committee for an opinion as to the correctness of the decision given.

18. Local Rules

All tournaments played under the auspices of Karnataka Golf Association will be governed by the Local Rules in force as on the date of the competition.