

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT HANDED GOLFERS AUSTRALIA
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

As Amended following Council Meeting October, 2023

Part 1 - Instructions for Organising Committee

The Championships shall be named 'The (naming rights sponsor (if any)) (consecutive number of championship) Open Left Handed Golf Championships of Australia. Hosted by NALGA (Division).

APPLICATIONS AND PREPARATIONS

1. Divisions conduct the National Championships annually on a rotational roster basis. The roster is determined and updated by the Delegates present at the annual Meeting of Council.
2. Divisions are to establish the Course/s to be utilised, the dates and approximate cost for the event prior to the Championship that precedes their own.
3. At the annual meeting of Delegates prior to the conduct of the event, the organising Division shall table for distribution, a promotional leaflet giving details of the next Championship and its programme of events and activities. This may also be distributed at the current event.
4. Ancillary bookings for functions and other activities are to be arranged by the organising Division.
5. Sponsorships, naming rights, etc. are to be arranged by the organising Division.
6. Sponsors of National body are to be included in the published list of sponsors for the event. Sponsors obtained by the organisers should be seen to receive adequate recognition for their contribution. Sponsorships may be obtained in cash or goods. Information on sponsors who are national in coverage is to be passed on to all other Divisions.
7. Funding for the event shall be the responsibility of the organising Division. It is imperative that a budget be prepared, listing all anticipated costs and setting out sources of revenue, trophy donations, etc.
8. The organising Division shall establish a Tournament Committee to budget and run the Championship. Procedures for accounting and auditing the finances associated with the event are to be established prior to the receipt of entry fees or sponsorships. A minimum lead time of two years would appear essential. The Tournament Committee should consist of a minimum of five (5) persons.
9. Apart from the Championship, golf for spouses and other social activities should be included in the Programme. The welcoming function is to be held on the Sunday evening prior to the Championships and tournament dinner in the evening of the last day. The final programme should allow visitors opportunity to enjoy local attractions.
10. The entry forms must be free of ambiguity and present clearly and simply the requirements

for entry. The price for the golf is presently quoted separately, with itemised costs for functions, social golf, tours, clothing, etc. At the option of the Organising Committee, a package price for the cost of golf, welcoming function and tournament dinner may be shown. Other optional events should remain listed separately. The entry forms should be distributed to all Divisions at least three (3) months prior to the closing date. A sample entry form is at Annex 'A'

11. The Organising Division is responsible for the provision of tournament trophies and prizes. The provision of permanent plaques or trophies is the responsibility of the National Secretariat.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

(a) All players are allowed the use of motorised buggies if they wish to do so. If there is a shortage of supply of Buggies, players with medical certificates shall have priority over other players. Buggies that are hired at the club are to be arranged and paid for by the player. The Organising committee should clearly state each golf club's policy on the use of personal motorised carts in pre-event literature.

(b) The Men's and Ladies Championship is played over 72 holes of stroke play in three equal Divisions for Men and a Ladies Division. A Veterans' Championship and a Super Veterans' Championship is to be conducted in conjunction with the main event over 72 holes. Left handed players aged 55 - 69 are eligible for the Veterans event and left handed players aged 70 and over are eligible for the Super Veterans event.

(c) Play shall be conducted in groups of four (4) where possible and a draw for each day's play shall be issued by the Tournament Committee at registration.

(d) The draw for the Championships should be arranged so that players, where possible, have partners from different divisions for each round. Times should also be arranged so that all players have equal allocation of early and late starting times.

(e) On the day of the Annual Council Meeting, delegates are to be allocated an early morning start. Delegates names are to be advised to Tournament Committee a minimum of one (1) month prior to event.

(f) The final round draw may group the leading players in each grade or group all players in grades at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

(g) Where a Ladies' Championship is played (or lady players are included in the draw) they shall be drawn together in fours at a convenient time.

(h) The NALG Australia flag should be flown for the duration of the event if possible.

(i) Championship Programme is as follows:

Sunday	Registration and registration function
Monday	Championship Round 1
Tuesday	Championship Round 2

Wednesday	Rest day, organised activity day
Thursday	Championship Round 3
Friday	Championship Round 4 and presentation dinner.

(j) In the event of a tie for the Men's or Ladies Championship winner, a play-off shall be held over three (3) holes, such holes to be stipulated by the Tournament Committee. If the scores are still tied after three (3) holes, then a sudden death play-off shall be played over holes stipulated by the Tournament Committee.

In all other events (other Grades, Veterans, Super Veterans), the result shall be determined on the count back system currently used by the Australian Golf Union.

(k) The major prizes and trophies shall be presented at the Tournament Dinner at the conclusion of the Championships. Daily prizes should be awarded at the conclusion of play each day or at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

(l) Trophies shall be presented by prominent persons at the Tournament Dinner, such as the Executive Chairman, National President, guest of Honour, etc. The choice of trophy presenters is the responsibility of the Organising Committee.

(m) The Tournament Committee shall arrange seating at the Tournament dinner and shall ensure that a protocol is observed that properly recognizes important persons present.

(n) At the welcoming function, if a sit down meal is held, the main tables should include members of the Executive Secretariat in addition to sponsors and local dignitaries.

(o) The NALG Australia flag shall be passed on to the incoming National President at a suitable point during the Tournament Dinner.

Part 2 – Presentations

AWARDS AND TROPHIES 72 holes (or number of total holes completed by the field, where extra ordinary events such as weather requires the number of holes completed to be reduced)

Category 1 Major Awards

The following Major Awards shall be made at the conclusion of the Championship:-

National Men's Champion	-	Overall gross winner of eligible players
National Ladies' Champion	-	Overall gross winner of eligible players
National Men's Veterans Champion	-	Overall gross winner of eligible players
National Men's Super Veterans Champion	-	Overall gross winner of eligible players
National Ladies Veterans Champion	-	Overall gross winner of eligible players
Founders Shield		
Nettlefold Cup		

Category 1 Major Awards should be determined before any other award is determined.

Category 1 Major Awards should be presented in reverse order as listed above, as the final group of Awards at the Presentation Dinner.

Category 2 Awards

Category 2 Awards should be determined after Category 1 Major Awards are determined. They should be determined in the order as listed below.

Category 2 Awards should be presented at the Presentation Dinner in groups in the reverse order as listed below.

- A Grade Men's Gross Champion – Doug Bachlii Award
- B Grade Men's Gross Champion
- C Grade Men's Gross Champion
- National Men's Veterans Gross Runner Up
- National Men's Super Veterans Gross Runner Up
- A Grade Men's Nett winner
- B Grade Men's Nett Winner
- C Grade Men's Nett Winner
- Men's National Veterans Nett Winner (award at discretion of Committee)
- Men's National Super Veterans Nett Winner (award at discretion of Committee)
- A Grade Men's Gross Runner Up
- A Grade Men's Nett Runner-up
- B Grade Men's Gross Runner Up
- B Grade Men's Nett Runner-up
- C Grade Men's Gross Runner-up
- C Grade Men's Nett Runner-up
- Men's Veteran Nett Runner Up (award at discretion of Committee)
- Men's Super Veteran Nett Runner Up (award at discretion of Committee)

- National Ladies Runner-Up - Overall Gross runner up

Ladies' Nett Winner
Ladies' Nett Runner-up

Australia NZ Friendly Cup

Stableford 72 hole winner
Stableford 72 hole Runner Up

Note: at the discretion of the Organising Committee, awards for Ladies Grade's may be made depending upon numbers entered.

A player may win only one event as listed in the above Categories, Where a player has the best score in any of the events listed in Category 1 and/or Category 2, but has already been determined to receive an award in an earlier determined event, the award for that event should be made to the next best performing player, except in the case of:

The Winner of the Founders Shield (George Ewart Shield)

A Winner of the Nettlefold Cup

The relative value of the trophies/awards should be reflective of the order of determination of prizes as listed above. Equal value should be applied to the various prizes across Grades. That is, for example, the value of prize for C, B and A Grade Gross winners should be equal. .

Veterans' Championship (Terry Lennox Cup)

The Terry Lennox Cup shall be awarded to the left handed player aged 55 – 69 years who has the best gross score over the four rounds of the Championship.

Nett winner and runner-up prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Where Nett winners and runners-up prizes are awarded they should be regarded as Category 2 Awards and determined after all Grade Awards are determined.

Super Veterans' Championship (Doug Crosby Cup)

The Doug Crosby Cup shall be awarded to the left handed player aged 70 years and over who has the best gross score over the four rounds of the Championship.

Nett winner and runners-up prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Where Nett winners and runners-up prizes are awarded they should be regarded as Category 2 Awards and determined after all Grade Awards are determined.

Founder's Shield

The George Ewart Shield shall be awarded to the left handed player achieving the best overall 72 hole Nett score in the whole field over the four days of the tournament.

Note: The winner of this shield will be a major Category 1 Award winner.

Nettlefold Cup

The Nettlefold Cup will be awarded to the Division who attains the lowest average net score as per the following specifications:

- Minimum team of 6 left handed players (men and women) representing a NALG division in the National Championships
- The minimum team number must complete all four rounds of the championships
- Results calculated on the average net score of all players representing the division
- No individual prizes awarded, only the winning divisions name engraved on the Len Nettlefold Cup

New Zealand Friendly Cup

The best ten (10) New Zealand scores and the best ten (10) Australian scores (or lower number if insufficient entries) shall be aggregated for the four (4) rounds of the championship, the team with the lowest number of strokes shall be the winner of the New Zealand Friendly Cup.

NOTES

The presentation of all prizes and trophies is the responsibility of the Tournament Committee. It is suggested that the winners of the Terry Lennox Cup, the George Ewart Shield and the Nettlefold Cup do not receive additional trophies except in the form of a permanent award of recognition.

Where gross and nett prizes are awarded the order of determination of prizes shall be Gross winner, Nett winner, Gross runner-up, Nett runner-up and the relative value of trophies shall reflect this order of priority,

Daily and 36 hole prizes for gross and nett in the various grades may be awarded at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to both winners and runners-up. The one trophy rule shall apply to each competition day separately (a player could win a gross or nett prize on more than one day).

Nearest the pin prizes and ball run downs may be awarded at the discretion of the Tournament Committee and do not come under the one trophy rule.

Trophy presentations for daily competition should be carried out on the day of competition to reduce the number of presentations at the tournament dinner.

Part 3 – Instructions for Players (Copy per player in registration Bag)

RULES AND CONDUCT

- (a) The Championships are played in accordance with the rules of golf in association with the local rules of the course being played and the special Rules herein.
- (b) Entrants must be members of NALG Australia or an overseas Association. Members of NALG must be have a current Golflink AGU or LGU handicap.
- (c) The Championships will be played over 72 holes Stroke play in three Men's Grades, a Ladies division, plus a Veterans' and Super Veterans Championship. Handicap Divisions will be determined according to the handicaps of entrants with approximately one-third of the field in each grade
- (d) All shots must be played left handed, except for trouble shots where it is not possible to swing left handed.
- (e) No right-handed club may be carried by championship players.
- (f) Players must report to the starter at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to hit off. A player arriving late shall be relegated to the end of the field (or fitted in at the starter's discretion) under penalty of two (2) strokes.
- (g) The Tournament Committee shall have power to re-handicap a player during the Championship for the daily competitions only.
- (h) All disputes or requests for rulings must be lodged with the Tournament Committee as soon as possible following the completion of the round so that they may be resolved before the next round commences. The Committee's decision will be final.
- (i) All players must carry a golf link card or a current handicap card verified by their home club. This shall be presented on request.
- (j) In the event of a tie in the Men's and Ladies Championships, a three (3) hole playoff followed by a sudden death if still tied, shall be held over such holes as are stipulated by the Match Committee. In all other events, including B and C Grade Championships, tied results will be determined by the count-back system currently in operation by the AGU.
- (k) Apart from the Founder's Trophy, , and the Len Nettlefold Cup, no competitor may win more than one major trophy in the 72hole Championships.

Apart from nearest the pins and ball run downs no competitor may win more than one trophy in each days competition Each days competition is treated separately i.e. A player may win gross or nett prizes on more than one day Under the one trophy rule the order of merit of prizes shall be Gross winner, Nett

winner, Gross runner-up, Nett runner-up.

(l) The use of motorised golf carts is permissible in the Championships. Organising Committee will advise policy of golf club regarding use of own carts.

(m) EVENTS

Open Men's 72 hole Championship
Open Womens' 72 hole Championship
Veterans Men's Championship (Terry Lennox Cup)
Super Veterans Men's Championship (Doug Crosby Cup)
Veteran Ladies Championship (at discretion of Organising Committee)
A Grade Men's 72 hole Championship – Doug Bachli Event
B Grade Men's 72 hole Championship
C Grade Men's 72 hole Championship

The Founders Shield (Best Nett 72 holes (George Ewart Shield)

Len Nettlefold Cup (Teams Event)
New Zealand Friendly Cup

Monday 18 hole Stroke (in conjunction with round 1 championship)
Tuesday 18 hole Stroke (in conjunction with round 2 championship)
Thursday 18 hole stroke (in conjunction with round 3 championship)
Friday 18 hole stroke (in conjunction with round 4 championship)

Place all local rules here

Dress

Spikes

Carts

Etc.