



Club 19 Rules (Updated January 2019)

Club 19 is a registered Golf Club with the AGU.

The results of all games are processed by Golfink and returned to the home club of each player.

All games are played under the **Rules of Golf**.

Local Rules

From time to time the committee may introduce a local rule which will be highlighted in the draw.

At each course that we play any local rule/s in place on the day is in force. It is recommended that all players check for local rules at the pro shop before teeing off. It is the sole responsibility of the player to be aware of local rules and no protests after the event will be entertained.

Handicaps

Members of Club 19 who do not belong to another club:

1. **MUST** join Golfink via Georges River Golf Club or another means so that they can obtain an official handicap
2. Until such times that they receive an official handicap they will either
 - (i) play off the lowest handicap that they have previously had, or
 - (ii) play of 18 if they have never had a handicap or lower if they think they should
3. The committee reserves the right to adjust handicaps of players without official handicaps at any time. Any player without an official handicap that is eligible to win a prize may have their handicap recalculated using the Galloway system which takes their score from 6 random holes, multiplies it by 3 to obtain the handicap for the day.

To be eligible for prizes on any day players must hand in legible completed cards promptly at the end of the round with their home club and handicap listed.

Competitions

The maximum handicaps allowable in any Club 19 competitions are 35 for men and 44 for ladies unless an exemption has been obtained from the committee.

1. **Monthly golf days.** – Individual event and team event – usually stableford scoring.
2. **Club Championship**
 - (i) Any player entering the event must have an official Golfink handicap and be a Club 19 member before the registrations close.
 - (ii) Nomination for this event will close on or before the first game of the year and all players must ensure they will be available for the final golf day at NSW
 - (iii) It is a knockout stroke handicap matchplay competition played over the entire 12 months with the final at the last game each year
 - (iii) Each player plays off their handicap on the day (handicaps may change over the course of the year)
 - (v) The difference in handicaps is taken and shots allocated based on the match index on the card.
 - (vi) Club 19 Matchplay is played according to the Matchplay Index. If there are different match indexes for male & female players then the male match index is used in matches between a male & female player.
 - (vii) **Singles Match Play Matches: where a woman and man compete against each other. An adjustment in handicap will be made to account for the difference between the Scratch Rating of the tee position on the course for Women and Men.**
That is achieved as follows:
 - **Firstly, each player will calculate the Daily Handicap that is appropriate to the Slope Rating of the set of tees from which they are to play.**
 - **Secondly, the player with the lower Daily Handicap is reduced to a handicap of 0, and the other player's handicap is reduced by the same amount. For example, where Player L's Daily Handicap would be 16 and Player M's Daily Handicap would be 28 – Player L is reduced to nil and Player M is reduced to 12.**
 - **Thirdly, Player M's handicap for the match is then adjusted by the difference between the Scratch Ratings.**
 - **If the Scratch Rating for Player M's course is higher than the Scratch Rating of Player L's course, the difference between the two Scratch Ratings is added to the handicap off which Player M plays in the match.**
 - **If the Scratch Rating for Player M's course is lower than the Scratch Rating for Player L's course, the difference between the two Scratch Ratings is subtracted from the handicap off of which Player M plays the match.**

- **Note: If a subtraction would result in Player M's handicap being reduced to a negative number (because for example there is only a one shot difference between the Daily Handicaps of the two players), Player M will not play off a negative handicap. Instead, Player L will be credited with the strokes. For example, Player M's Daily Handicap would be 13 and Player L's Daily Handicap would be 12 so Player M is reduced to 1 and Player L to 0. If Player L's Scratch Rating is 74 and Player M's is 71, this means that Player L gets three strokes credited to his/her handicap. So Player L will play off a handicap of 2 in the match, and Player M will play off a handicap 0 in the match.**
- (viii) Matches must be completed by the dates set by the committee.
 - (ix) By mutual agreement between the two contestants matches may be played at another course and time apart from Club 19 events and the results transmitted to the secretariat. The only exception to this is the final.
 - (x) Failure to complete matches by the due date may result in disqualification of one or both players at the discretion of the committee. Where a player has played more of the relevant monthly events that relate to the round for the Matchplay than the opponent, then this will likely result in a determination in favour of the player who has played more of the rounds. In the absence of a clear basis for awarding the match to one or other party, the Committee may determine the winner by coin toss.
 - (xi) Any disputes should be fully documented and referred to the committee.
 - (xii) Matches are to be played under the official rules of golf and only local rules put in place by the host club at the time of playing can be applied.

3. The Cottom Cup.

The event is a 2 ball Stableford aggregate competition played over one round at The Lakes in June with the team with the best aggregate score from the day winning.

Before the start of the competition players will need to nominate which partner they wish to be paired with N.B – **the two do not have to play with each other in the round.**

The team with the highest aggregate score from the one round will be the winner. In the event of a tie, a count back will be done according to the rules of golf.

Both players must be members of Club 19 at the time of entering the event.

4. Brian Ireland Shield

This event is run over eleven months throughout the year (all except December) and the 6 best stableford scores are added to determine the winner. In the event of a tie the final game of the year in December will be a play off and the player with the highest stableford score on the day will be the winner.

5. Anzac Trophy

Played over Anzac day long weekend on the Gold Coast each year and is the best 4 of 5 stableford scores. To be eligible to win you must be a member of Club 19 before entering the competition.