

# **Local Rule 16**

## **Code of Conduct**

**Adopted as a local rule under Rule 1.2 b of the Rules of Golf**  
**Bargara Golf Club**

1. Scorecards must be submitted within 15 minutes of completing a round and entered into the Bargara Golf Clubs Electronic card receiving system even if your card is an NCR
2. Slow play must be avoided. Play ready golf. The average time for 18 holes is approximately four and one quarter hours (4 ¼ Hrs). The average time to make a shot is 40 seconds
3. Before leaving a bunker, fill in and smooth over all holes and footprints. Bunker rakes must be left in the lowest access point with the handle left in such a position that stepping into the bunker is avoided. The rake is to be left pointing in the direction of play.
4. Repair divots through the course. Carry and use a sand bucket to fill in divot holes with sand. Do not replace the grass divot as it will not recover.
5. The use of the putter head for removing the ball from the hole is PROHIBITED
6. Only authorised golf shoes are to be worn on the course. Metal spikes are PROHIBITED.
7. Competition fees and any other applicable fees must be paid before commencing play.
8. When playing a Competition round of golf players have priority over Social Players.
9. Players may obtain distance information with the use of a Distance Measuring Device. If during a stipulated round a player uses a Distance Measuring Device to gauge or measure other conditions such as elevation or wind speeds the player is in breach of rule 4.3a
10. Players looking for a lost ball should signal the players behind to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found. Players must adhere to the 3-minute lost ball rule 18.2a.
11. When the play of a hole has been completed, the players should immediately leave the vicinity of the putting green. Marking of score cards should not be carried out till arrival at the next tee.

12. If a group fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should invite the group following to pass.
13. Avoid damage to greens caused by dragging feet, leaning on a putter or flagstick, or other careless acts.
14. Avoid damage to any part of the course when taking practice swings.
15. No more than 2 Balls to be used when practising on the course.
16. Conditions of play shall be determined and controlled by the match committees with compliance to the Rules of Golf and the Club's Local Rules as displayed on the local rules board.
17. Visitors and Honorary Members are not eligible to win club competitions other than on OPEN DAYS.
18. Notification by a player of the intention to lodge a protest or to dispute any happening connected with a competition is to be verbally reported to the Match Committee no later than 10 to 15 minutes after the completion of the players round and any written report of that protest or dispute must be lodged with the committee within a further 3 Days.
19. The minimum size of competition fields and the competition formats shall be determined by the Match Committees who reserve the right to alter the daily competition where the field falls below minimum numbers for that type of event.
20. Users of motorised carts (motorised ride on machines) are required to adhere to the following:
  - a. Carts are not to be driven within 6 metres of Greens or Tees unless (1) the player has been issued with a permit to do so and is clearly displayed on the buggy or (2) a cart path is provided
  - b. Cart speed is to be limited to 12kph which equates to 100 metres in 30 seconds.
  - c. Where cart paths are provided, they are to be utilised for their entire length – i.e. do not leave cart paths simply for convenience sake – they are there to protect sensitive areas of the course.
  - d. Drivers must hold a current driver's license to at least P-plate level (i.e. L-plate is not sufficient.) The owner of the motorised golf cart is at all times responsible to ensure that any driver of the cart for which usage permission has been granted, understands and adheres to these guidelines.
  - e. The Club will not accept liability for injury to people using golf carts on the course, nor damage to any privately-owned golf cart, howsoever caused.

- f. All course and Clubhouse surrounds signage relating to golf carts must be observed.
- g. Park to the side or rear of greens, not in front.
- h. Wet, muddy or soft areas must be avoided at all times.
- i. All Motorised Vehicles i.e. buggies, bikes, etc must have current Public/Legal Liability Insurance and shown on demand.
- m. Passengers are not permitted to stand on carts while cart is in motion.

**Penalties in relation to Breaches of Code of Conduct include but are not limited to**

**Warnings**

**Stroke penalties**

**Disqualification**

**Committee sanction**

**Dated: - 10/6/19 June 2019**

N.B. The code of conduct conditions will take precedence over any other printed matter i.e. Etiquette/ Rules of play in the programme book